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NESTS Organizes Capacity Building Workshop for Hostel Wardens of EMRS in Odisha

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The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Odisha Model Tribal Education Society (OMTES) of the ST & SC Development Department, has launched a four-day Induction-cum-Capacity Building Workshop for hostel wardens of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across Odisha.

The program, being held from 19th to 22nd August at the Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Bhubaneswar, has brought together 60 hostel wardens, both male and female, working in various EMRS of the state.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Manasi Goswami, Principal In-charge of RIE Bhubaneswar, who also delivered the keynote address. In her inaugural remarks, she described hostel wardens as the “soul of the residential school system,” stressing their crucial role in ensuring holistic management, discipline, and the overall well-being of students.

Following the inaugural session, Ms. Pranati Patro, Joint Director, SC & ST Department and in charge of OMTES, interacted with the participants. She highlighted the significance of nurturing the emotional and psychological well-being of students in hostels, recognizing it as an integral component of their academic and personal growth.

The workshop is being coordinated by Shri B. K. Mahanti, Consultant, and is designed to strengthen the professional capacity of hostel wardens, enabling them to create a more supportive and nurturing environment for tribal students in residential schools.



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