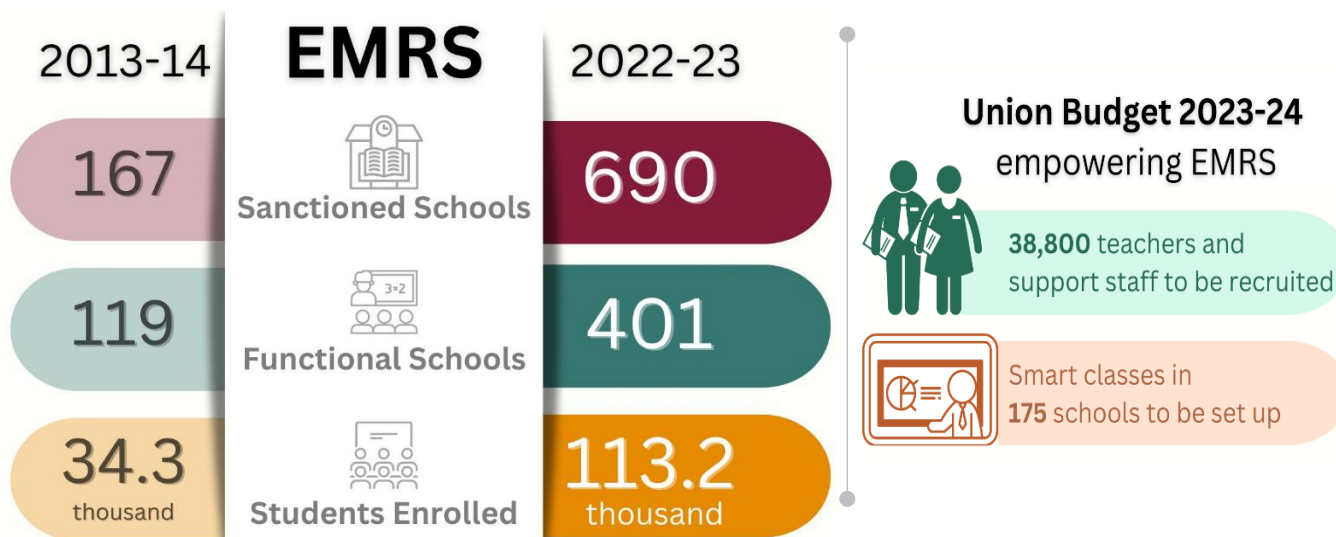


## Eklavya Model Residential Schools Empowering Tribal Students

*Over 3-fold increase in number of Functional Eklavya Model Residential Schools since 2014*

Government of India has placed significant emphasis on ensuring that Tribal students receive access to quality education. Recognizing that educational development acts as a pivotal catalyst for economic and social progress, Central Government has decided to establish Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) in every block with 50% or more Scheduled Tribe (ST) population and atleast 20,000 tribal persons. A total number of **740 EMRSs are proposed to be established across the country by the year 2025-26 to benefit 3.5 lakh ST students.**

Prior to 2014, 167 EMRS were sanctioned out of which only 119 were functional. However, in the past nine years, the number of **sanctioned schools has significantly increased to 690.** Out of these, **401 EMRS have been made functional** throughout the country, providing education to **over 1.13 lakh students.** Notably, this includes a significant enrolment of **girls (51% of students)**, ensuring their access to educational opportunities.



In the Union Budget 2023-24, the Government of India has announced the **recruitment of 38,800 teachers and support staff** over the next three years for the 740 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), serving 3.5 lakh tribal students. Additionally, the government has planned to establish **technology-enabled classrooms (Smart Classrooms) in 175 schools.**

In conclusion, EMRS scheme has been instrumental in providing quality education and holistic development opportunities to ST students. These efforts collectively aim to bridge the educational gap and empower tribal students with the necessary skills and opportunities for a brighter future.

**Source:** [EMRS Achievements Post 2019](#), [EMRS Sanctioned & Functional Schools and Students Enrolled](#), [EMRS Budget 2023-24](#)