

❖ **Educational Program**

Education is one of the essential tools for development of any Community or Society. It is more important, when we talk about the tribals, who are socio-culturally and linguistically backward. Tribal Welfare Department spent about 80-90% of funds towards Educational Schemes. The major schemes are:

1. Pre-Matric Scholarship

Under this scheme, scholarship is provided @ Rs 40/- per month to the ST students from Class VI to VIII and @ Rs 150/- per month for Day Scholars and Rs.350/- for Hostellers to the students of Class IX and X under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for a period of 10 months in an academic year.

2. Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS)

Post-Matric Scholarship is provided to the students of Class XI and above for continuing higher studies for 10 months. The ST students whose annual family income is not more than Rs.2,50,000/- are eligible for maintenance allowance and fee for all courses (higher studies). The rates of the stipend provided in the following table:-

Table: Post-Matric Scholarship

Groups	Hostellers (in Rs.)	Day Scholars (in Rs.)
I	1200.00	550.00
II	820.00	530.00
III	570.00	300.00
IV	380.00	230.00

3. Merit Award

The meritorious ST students are encouraged for their excellence in studies. Students, who secured 60% and above marks in their Annual Examination from Class VI to IX & XI and Madhyamik / School Final / HSLC Examination and H.S (10+2) Examination from any recognized Board are awarded in cash together with a certificate.

Rate of Merit award in various level are given in the following table:

Sl	Class	Rate of stipend (in Rs.)	
		ST Boys	ST Girls
1.	Class VI to next higher class	400	500
2.	Class VII to next higher class	500	600
3.	Class VIII to next higher class	600	700
4.	Class IX to next higher class	700	800
5.	Madhyamik or equivalent	1,400	1,500
6.	Class XI to next higher class	1,400	1,500
7.	H.S (+2) Stage	3,500	4,000
8.	Special Merit Award for Madhyamik Examination or equivalent examination securing 80% marks in average	5,000	5,000
9.	Special Merit Award who passed H.S. (+2) or equivalent examination securing 80% marks in average	10,000	10,000
10.	Special Merit Award, who secured 1 st to 10 th rank in merit position in the Madhyamik/ H.S (+2) Excellence	50,000	50,000

4. Boarding House Stipend

At present Boarding House stipend @ Rs. 54/- per day per student & @Rs.1/- per day per student for sweeping & cleaning of boarding house is being provided for maximum number of 322 days in an academic year for the students from Class – I to Class – X.

5. Supply of Free Text Books

Under this scheme financial assistance grant in lieu of textbooks is given to the students of Class IX and above classes by Tribal Welfare Department. Books for the students of Class I to VIII are being supplied under Sarva Shiksha Abhijan (SSA) by Education (School) Department, Govt. of Tripura.

Rate of cash award in various level are given in the following table:

(in Rs.)

Sl. No.	Class wise rate of Cash Award	Boys	Girls
1.	Class IX and X	300	300
2.	Class XI	350	350
3.	Class XII	400	400
4.	Degree Courses	500	500

6. Special Coaching in Core Subjects

Under the scheme, tutorial guidance is given to the ST boarders attached to the Government run High/ Higher Secondary Schools reading in Classes VI to XII under Education Department, Government of Tripura. Coaching is given in English, Mathematics & Science subjects for the period of 6 (six) months. The teachers are provided honorarium @ Rs.4,000/- and Group-D @ Rs. 500/- per month.

7. Coaching Center for Madhyamik Drop out ST students

Special efforts have been made to provide coaching for the unsuccessful Madhyamik students who could not succeed due to various reasons of inconveniences. Stipend @ Rs. 55/- per student per day is provided to the hostellers for a period of 210 days (maximum). The honorarium for Teaching staff is Rs. 3000/- p.m, In-charge of the centre shall be entitled Rs 2,500/- p.m and honorarium shall be paid to Class: D staff @ Rs.1,000/- p.m. The scheme is implemented through NGOs.

8. Coaching for Joint Entrance Examination

The Tribal Welfare Department has taken special initiatives for Scheduled Tribes students of the State so that they can do outstanding performance in all India basis Joint Entrance Examination for Technical, Medical and various courses. Special coaching is being given to the Scheduled Tribes students by the Govt. Colleges and Private Institutions for excellent performance in these examinations.

9. Coaching for Civil Service, Banking & Miscellaneous Examinations

To achieve success in various Civil Service, Banking and Miscellaneous Examinations under all India and State level basis, the Scheduled Tribes students are being given coaching by the reputed educational institutions.

10. Establishment of Ashram School (Class III to V)

With the aim to provide quality and value based education among the children, hailing from poor tribal families, 3 (three) nos. Ashram Schools at were constructed namely Dakshin Karbook Ashram School (Established on 30-07-2007), Karbook under Gomati District; Ratanmoni Memorial Ashram School (Established on 05-06-2004), Kanchanpur under North Tripura District and Radhamohan Memorial Ashram School (Established on 12-09-2003), Ambassa under Dhalai District. Medium of education in these schools is English. In these schools ST students were admitted for Class III and read up to Class V. These schools are run under the control of Tripura Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS).

11. Establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential School (Class VI to XII)

With the aim to provide quality and value based education, 4 nos. Ekalavya Model Residential (EMR) Schools were constructed at Khumulwng, West Tripura; B. C. Nagar, South Tripura; Kumarghat, Unokoti and Rajnagar, Khowai. The Medium of education in the EMR Schools is English and the curriculum is CBSE. The schools are funded under 100% grant from Government of India under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of the India. Ekalavya Model Residential Schools run under the control of Tripura Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS).

12. Inter hostel sports competition

Besides normal programmes of Youth Affairs & Sports Department and Tripura Sports Council, the tribal students are provided additional care for making optimal use of their excellence in sports and games. Inter hostel competitions are conducted every year in order to provide them wider exposure and scope for improving skill.
