

Model School

Schemes Details

Department	Education Department
Objective	To improve the quality of secondary education (Classes 6-12) by establishing model day-type schools in underserved areas, particularly the approved tribal blocks. To ensure access and equity by providing essential student support like two meals a day, uniforms, books, and free transportation to reduce financial barriers. To deliver intensive academic development through a 10-hour daily academic activity schedule, including supervised homework, in both Science and General Streams. To ensure financial and infrastructural sustainability through fixed recurring and capital grants with a defined 50:50 Center-State contribution mechanism.
Purpose	The central purpose of the Model School Scheme is to significantly elevate the standard and accessibility of secondary education (Classes 6-12) by establishing high-quality, fully-supported model schools in specific underserved regions, such as the approved tribal areas. This goal is achieved by removing financial barriers through the provision of meals, uniforms, and free transport, and by offering an academically intensive 10-hour daily schedule (including in-school homework) to ensure comprehensive student development and mastery of subjects.
Benefits	The core objective of the Model School Scheme, launched by the MHRD to enhance secondary education quality , was to establish high-standard day-type schools in areas like tribal regions . These schools aimed to provide comprehensive support, including meals, uniforms, books, and free transport , while offering an intensive 10-hour academic program spanning both Science and General Streams (Classes 6-12). Financially, the scheme ensured sustainability through recurring and capital grants (initially ₹3.02 crore capital grant with a 50:50 Center-State sharing norm). Ultimately, it sought to create a model for quality, accessible, and fully supported secondary education .
Eligibility	The core Eligibility Criteria for the Model School Scheme are defined by location and age: students must reside in the area served by one of the 12 approved Model Schools, which were established primarily in tribal areas, and they must be eligible for admission to Classes 6 to 12 to receive education in the Science or General Streams. Once admitted, all students automatically receive the scheme's benefits, including the intensive 10-hour program, meals, uniform, books, and free transportation (GSRTC mini-bus service). The schools themselves must meet the initial approval criteria and adhere to the stipulated 50:50 Center-State financial norms.
Documents Required	The documents typically required for the Model School Scheme admission include: Residence/Domicile Proof confirming the student lives in the tribal/local area and a valid Birth Certificate for age verification. Additionally, the Transfer Certificate (T.C.) and Mark Sheets from the previous class, often paired with a relevant Caste/Community Certificate (e.g., ST), are needed.