**Brief History of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)**

In Mizoram Ministry of Tribal Affairs introduced Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) and the first Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) Lunglei was started in the year 2008 to impart quality education to Scheduled Tribe (ST) children in remote areas in order to enable them to avail of opportunities in high and professional educational courses and get employment in various sectors. The schools focus not only on academic education but on the all-round development of the students. Hitherto, grants were given for construction of schools and recurring expenses to the State Governments under Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution. EMRS Lunglei was undertaken by Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram.

In the Year 2015, EMRS Serchhip was established at Kawlritlang, Serchhip. However, it may be mentioned that Eklavya Model Residential Schools Lunglei and Serchhip were managed and control by State Level Board of Directors under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Mizoram. Which was later replaced by the Mizoram EMRS Society.

Due to a change in the management of EMRS at the Ministry level where a society called NESTS was constituted on 2nd April, 2020 took over the administration and management of EMRS. Hence, as per the direction of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, Mizoram Eklavya Model Residential School had to be managed by a Society under the aegis of Social Welfare and Tribal Affairs Department hence Mizoram EMRS Society was constituted on Dt. 16th April, 2020 under Registrar of Firms & Societies, Government of Mizoram and notification was issued on 16.04.2020 having a registration Number MRS. 1158 of 16.04.2020.

The Mizoram EMRS Society, an autonomous organization/Society has been set up and MoU with National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), was executed. Mizoram EMRS Society has now taken up all the management of Mizoram EMRSs.

In the year 2020, 4 new EMRS namely, Ngopa, Lawngtali, Chawngte and Tuipang were made functional. Regarding CBSE, it is mandatory that all EMRSs in Mizoram be affiliated to CBSE and follow CBSE syllabus upto Secondary Level. At present, six schools have been functioning i.e. EMRS Lunglei, EMRS Serchhip, EMRS Ngopa, EMRS Lawngtai, EMRS Chawngte and EMRS Tuipang.