TALASH (Tribal Aptitude, Life Skills and Self-Esteem Hub)

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Why in News?

- It is a ***national- program to support the all-round development*** of students in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs).
- **Launched by -** The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in partnership with UNICEF.
- **Aim -** To improve both the education and personal growth of tribal students across India.
- The name TALASH, reflects a focused search for self-awareness, life skills, and career clarity among tribal youth.
- The first initiative of its kind in India is aimed specifically at tribal students.
- **Coverage -** It is expected to benefit the students enrolled in EMRSs across 28 States and 8 Union Territories.
- **Features** - TALASH is an innovative digital platform designed to equip EMRS students with essential tools for self-discovery and career planning.
- It promotes self-awareness, helps students make informed career choices, and builds essential life skills.
- By focusing on both academic and personal development, TALASH prepares students to face the challenges of a competitive world and aims to create a strong foundation for their future success.
- **The initiative offers - Psychometric Assessments** - Inspired by NCERT's ***'Tamanna' initiative,*** TALASH offers a common aptitude test to help understand each student's strengths and interests.
- Based on the test results, students receive Career Cards that suggest the best career options suited to their skills and abilities.
- **Career Counselling -** The platform guides students toward informed career decisions, helping them align their aspirations with their aptitudes.
- **Life Skills & Self-Esteem Modules** - TALASH has special sections that help students learn important life skills like solving problems, communication skills, and handling emotions. These build confidence and self- value of students.
- **E-Learning for Teachers -** A specialized portal equips educators with resources and training to effectively mentor and support students in their academic and personal journeys.

Reference

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