Now, a Sainik School for STs

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Tribal welfare school in Warangal set for transformation; admission to start from class 5 with intake of 80 students

Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS) has decided to have a school exclusively to prepare students from Scheduled Tribes for a career in the armed forces.

An existing tribal welfare school in Ashoknagar of Warangal district has been earmarked for transformation into a Sainik School with all the necessary infrastructure facilities to be set up. Admission for the students will start from Class 5 with an intake of 80 students and another 80 students in Intermediate first year with 75% of the seats reserved for the STs and 25% for other communities.

This development comes close on the heels of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TSWREIS) choosing to form a Sainik School from a social welfare school at Rukmapur in Karimnagar district.

The announcement led to several public representatives and others demanding more such preparatory schools to be established to enable students from the marginalised sections to have better representation in the officer level cadre in the armed forces — Army, Air Force and Navy.

Both prep schools are to be modelled on the Union Defence Ministry’s Korukonda Sainik School in Vizianagaram and will become operational from the forthcoming academic year, said Secretary of TTWREIS and TSWREIS R.S. Praveen Kumar.

CM’s nod to school

“Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and our Minister Jagadeeshwar Reddy gave their consent to establish the schools. A team from our societies will be visiting the Sainik School later this month to firm up modalities of the academic syllabi, extra-curricular activities and infrastructure to be put in place,” explained Dr. Kumar, an IPS officer.

Recruitment of retired officers from the armed officers is being done and the entire effort will be to prepare the SC/ST students and others who get admission in the schools through an entrance exam for entry into the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA) at Khadakwasla, Pune, after Plus Two level, and academies like the Naval Academy (Kerala), which will enable them to join as officers straight away.

Mr. Kumar said the idea of such preparatory schools was conceived after noticing that his wards have been gaining admission on merit to prestigious private universities across the country, but unable to crack NDA exams over the years.