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Strengthening Educational Opportunities for OBC Students through Dedicated Hostel Infrastructure

CHENNAI – 21 Nov, 2026 Access to safe and affordable accommodation plays an important role in enabling students, particularly those from rural and socially and economically weaker backgrounds, to continue their education. The proposed hostel seeks to address accommodation-related challenges by providing essential boarding facilities and a healthy environment conducive to learning, personal development and academic advancement.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has initiated the establishment of a 150-seat hostel for students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) community at Alagapur Gram Panchayat in North Tripura. The initiative aims to strengthen educational opportunities by providing suitable residential infrastructure and creating a supportive environment for students to pursue their academic aspirations.



Starting during the financial year 2025–26, the hostel project has a planned accommodation capacity of 150 students. Once completed and operational, the hostel is expected to provide accommodation for up to 150 eligible OBC students and contribute to improved access to educational opportunities in North Tripura. This will also provide them facility of a structured and supportive living environment.

The project is being implemented by the Rural Development Department, Government of Tripura, on behalf of the OBC Welfare Department, with funding support from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. This collaborative initiative reflects the importance of Centre-State coordination in expanding educational infrastructure and promoting inclusive socio-economic development.

The proposed hostel will provide essential amenities, including electricity, proper sanitation and hygiene facilities, safe drinking water and adequate security arrangements. These facilities are intended to ensure a safe, healthy and supportive residential environment, allowing students to concentrate on their educational pursuits.

Beyond residential accommodation, the hostel is envisaged as a space for nurturing academic excellence, leadership qualities and skill development among OBC students. The initiative also seeks to encourage participation in refresher programmes and skill-orientation courses, helping students develop competencies that can support their future educational and professional aspirations.

The initiative reflects the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's continued commitment towards inclusive education, equitable access to opportunities and the development of supportive educational infrastructure for disadvantaged communities, contributing to the broader vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.