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# **Turning a new page!**

*t* is with a deep sense of purpose and great excitement that we present to you the first issue of our monthly bulletin, 'Kendriva Vidyalaya Chronicle'. It is a step towards nurturing awareness, expression, and deepening connection with our schools spread across the country and even abroad!

With every column, feature, and photograph, we aim to celebrate the milestones of our schools, analyze events, or share students' and teachers' perspectives to inform, engage, and empower each one of us.

Each month, we intend to present the voices of 'Team KVS' that will inspire, achievements to be proud of, and thoughts that provoke reflection to make our school community more vibrant and engaging. And what better way to begin than by reflecting on a journey that has reshaped the fabric of our educational landscape- five transformative years of implementing the National Education Policy 2020. From our focus on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy to integrating competency-based learning in classrooms, from promoting digital and skill education to encouraging holistic development through sports, art, culture, and values, from

encouraging teachers to adopt innovative pedagogies to continuous capacity building exercises, KVS has made significant strides.

One of the most transformative steps has been the gradual integration of Balvatikas in our schools, promoting the emotional and cognitive development of children at a very tender age through play and activity before the start of formal schooling. The Vidya Pravesh module further ensures a joyful and structured transition to Grade One, establishing a strong foundation for learning. Under the NIPUN BHARAT Mission, KVS has prioritized Foundational Literacy and Numeracy through engaging pedagogies and continuous observation and assessments guiding learning. KVS has adopted Competency-Based Learning and Assessment across classes, shifting focus from rote learning to understanding.

In the middle stage, pre-vocational education introduces students to AI while 'Bagless Days' offer experiences and skills. The spirit of experiential learning is encouraged, and students learn, explore, experiment, and innovate through Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), PRAYAAS, and with increasing participation in programmes like YUVIKA, INSPIRE Awards MANAK, reinforcing curiosity and creativity.

*KVS* has embraced digital integration, with most of the classrooms equipped with Smart classrooms, making learning more engaging and meaningful. While inclusivity has been a priority in KVS, focused capacity building of teachers with 50 hours of Continuous Professional Development (CPD) with the help of domain experts and knowledge partners remains central to support learning. As most of the KVs have transitioned into PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalayas, the attempt is to transform them into exemplar schools showcasing NEP 2020- blending innovation, inclusion, excellence, and promoting 'Indianness' into everyday schooling.

As we continue our journey, the launch of this e-monthly is an effort to provide a humble platform to our schools to celebrate and strengthen our collective efforts towards excellence. Let this monthly publication be a reflection of ethos, learning, and meaningful practices across all our schools.

Happy Reading!

~Nidhi Pandey Commissioner

# Record Revolution: Learn to Read and Read to Learn through AI initiative

#### **R. Senthil Kumar** Dy. Commissioner, KVS RO Bhopal

Kendriya Vidyalayas across India have achieved a record by completing Oral Proficiency Tests for 7.13 lakh students of Classes 3 to 8 between 14 February and 6 March 2025 using the TARA (Teacher's

Assistant for Reading Assessment) app. The app records students' reading, analyses their pronunciation, fluency, modulation, and comprehension, and

provides explicit indicators of their reading abilities.

Each student receives an individualized report card detailing metrics like WCPM (Words Correct Per Minute), errors, omissions, pauses, and suggestions for improvement, along with audio clips. Students are categorized into

four proficiency levels and given QR-based practice materials for targeted learning.

assessment and support at scale.

Efficient reading builds vocabulary, confidence, and comprehensionskills crucial for academic success and competency-based assessments. TARA is user-friendly, and previous implementations show teachers can easily record and upload student responses.



As the saying goes, "What is not measured cannot be managed." TARA provides detailed analysis for students, teachers, and educational ministrators, helping monitor progress at all levels-class, school, region, and national. These insights inform focused interventions in language learning.

By engaging lakhs of students in guided reading improvement, TARA has become a game-changer in KVS, driving a silent revolution of confident young readers. With continued use and practice, this initiative promises lasting impact.

# A Catalyst for Academic Excellence

Transforming Education in KVS DCs' Conference

**B.K. Behera** Dy. Commissioner (Acad.), KVS HQ



The Deputy Commissioners' Conference 3 to 8. The Oral Reading Fluency (ORF) of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is an important annual forum that fosters academic leadership, collaboration, and innovation across all Kendriya Vidyalayas. Rooted in the principles of review, analysis, implementation, and empowerment, the conference aligns academic planning with national priorities outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) and National Curriculum Frameworks (NCFs).

The conference serves as a platform to review academic performance from the previous year, including classroom practices and student learning outcomes. It also sets the agenda for the current academic year by discussing targets, strategies, and best practices aimed at academic excellence.

programme, developed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai, aims to enhance reading skills in English and Hindi.

By equipping Deputy Commissioners and their academic teams with policy updates, tools, and a space for sharing innovations, the conference strengthens regional leadership in mentoring schools and supporting teachers. It promotes teacher autonomy, encourages remedial interventions, and recognizes school-level innovations to ensure inclusive and equitable education for all students.

Reading is a foundational skill that supports learning across subjects. While KVs have always promoted reading, assessing each student individually was challenging. To overcome this, KVS collaborated with IIT Mumbai to develop the TARA app, enabling effective reading

Wishing all students and teachers the joy of reading-and leading!



This year's conference focused on academic outcomes in both Board and Non-Board classes. It reviewed findings from the Learners Achievement Tests (LAT) conducted for Grades 3, 5, and 8, and introduced a new initiative to promote reading fluency among students in Grades

During the conference held at IIT Mumbai, the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, interacted with the Deputy Commissioners and commended KVS for its consistent efforts in providing quality education across the country. He acknowledged the significant progress made and encouraged KVS to strive for even greater heights of academic excellence in the future.

## Ek Ped Maa ke Naam 2.0 **10 Crore Saplings Targeted Across Schools**

Hon'ble Environment Day, Education Minister Sh.

New Delhi, June 5: On World Naam 2.0' campaign by planting a sapling at PM SHRI KV, Gole Market. The drive aims to plant 10 Dharmendra Pradhan launched crore saplings across schools this the nationwide 'Ek Ped Maa ke year. A dedicated microsite and

Eco Club portal were also unveiled to track green initiatives in over 14 lakh schools, strengthening India's mission toward net zero by 2070.

**Best Practices of KVS** 

# **Summer Vacation Academic Initiative at PM SHRI KV Narela**

Summer Break Transformed into Academic Booster Leading by Example: Principal Covers 60% of Physics Syllabus

#### Neeraj Kumar Tyagi Principal, PM SHRI KV Narela



As Principal of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Narela, believe true leadership in education begins with personal

involvement. During the summer vacation

of 2025-26, we turned the break into an opportunity for academic reinforcement for Class 12 students.

Concerned by students' reliance on unverified sources, I began teaching one to two academic periods regularly to understand their needs better. With support from our dedicated teachers and parents, we launched summer academic classes focused on key subjects.

I personally covered 60% of the Physics

textbook, addressing high-weightage topics and important board-level questions. Mrs. Renu Bhati, PGT Chemistry, also volunteered her time, teaching three crucial chapters and guiding students through probable exam questions.

What made this initiative special was the collective spirit. Nearly 90% of our students attended the sessions, showing great enthusiasm and discipline despite the holidays. Regular mentoring and motivation helped build their confidence and academic drive.

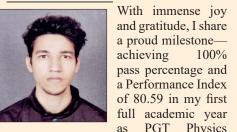
This initiative reflected our shared commitment to excellence and the values of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. It was a proud reminder that when teachers, students, and parents come together, even a vacation can become a stepping stone toward success.

#### **Every Lesson Counts**

### More than Marks: A Journey of Purpose, Passion, and 100% Success

#### **Ravindra Bhatt**

PGT Physics, PM SHRI KV No. 2 SVN, Visakhapatnam



pass percentage and a Performance Index of 80.59 in my first full academic year as PGT Physics

100%

at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, SVN, Visakhapatnam.

Appointed through direct recruitment in November 2023, I approached this role with a deep commitment to make a meaningful impact. From day one, I focused on individualised academic support, relating concepts to real-life contexts for better understanding. I conducted remedial and enrichment classes, remained available after school for doubts, and made sure students felt supported emotionally as well as academically.

I paid close attention to both high achievers and late bloomers-challenging the former with critical thinking tasks and uplifting the latter through focused practice and motivation. I leveraged technology

With immense joy and digital resources to simplify complex concepts and ensured all students completed the 20 model papers issued by KVS RO, Hyderabad.

> Parental involvement was encouraged for students needing extra support, and every strategy was aligned with the academic vision of the Regional Office and my school leadership. The classroom became a space of consistent engagement, care, and high expectations.

> The result was not just academic success, but a visible transformation in student confidence and attitude toward learning. This journey reaffirmed my belief that consistent effort, empathy, and collaboration can unlock extraordinary results.

> KVS is more than a workplace-it is a mission I am proud to serve with heart and purpose.

> (Performance Index (PI) is a metric that reflects both pass percentage and overall quality of student performance.)

# **Reversing the Decline: A Story of Enrollment Revival and Transformation at KV NHPC Chamera-2**

#### Harjeet Raj Principal, KV NHPC Chamera-2



When I took charge as Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya NHPC Chamera-2 on 29th September 2023, I found great potential paired with urgent challenges. The school, nestled in the hills of Chamba, needed stronger direction, improved infrastructure, and closer community engagement-

especially in line with NEP 2020.

#### **Fostering Teamwork and Ownership**

We began by building a culture of collaboration and shared decision-making. Regular staff meetings and open dialogue empowered every team member. The school's leadership aligned closely with NEP's vision of participative governance.

Infrastructure Revival through NHPC Support

With consistent help from NHPC, major upgrades were

made-classroom renovations, sanitation improvements, and campus beautification. These enhancements boosted morale and community perception, laying the foundation for growth.

#### **Reversing the Decline: A Remarkable Enrollment Boost**

One of our proudest achievements was reversing a worrying decline in student enrollment. Through a focused VMC meeting and continuous engagement with NHPC and local families, we rebuilt trust in the school's vision. This led to a 15%+ increase in admissions. Career counselling sessions were introduced to support holistic development as envisioned in NEP 2020.

#### **Inclusive Education for CwSN**

Special attention was given to Children With Special Needs (CwSN). Under the "Special Minds, Unique Paths" initiative, 28 students were tracked with tailored interventions. A Mobile Van, supported by NHPC, visits twice weekly with specialists. 25 students showed significant improvement, highlighting the success of inclusive, structured support.

#### Sports, Wellness, and Cleanliness

We overcame geographic constraints to develop sports facilities-a cricket net, basketball, badminton courts, and indoor games. The "Dustbin-Free Classroom" campaign encouraged student-led cleanliness, promoting responsibility and environmental awareness.

#### **Strengthening the Foundation Years**

A key milestone was becoming the first project school in the KVS Gurugram Region to launch all three Balvatika classes, aligning perfectly with NEP's vision for foundational learning.

The transformation at KV NHPC Chamera-2 reflects what purposeful leadership, teamwork, and community support can achieve. Increased enrollment, inclusive practices, and student success are not just outcomes-they are signs of a Vidyalaya moving steadily toward excellence.

Success Story

# From KV to AIR 36: My NEET 2025 Journey

#### **Muktesh Tanmay**

#### Student, PM SHRI KV Gomtinagar, Lucknow



Muktesh I'm Tanmay, a Class XII Science student (Session 2024–25) from PM SHRI KV Gomtinagar, Lucknow. I secured All India Rank 36

(General Category

- 28) in NEET UG 2025, topped Uttar Pradesh, and also scored 98% in Class **XII Board Examinations.** 

My father, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, is a Principal at PM SHRI KV OEF Hazratpur, and my mother, Smt. Nirmala Mishra, is a homemaker. The disciplined, academically rich environment of KV Gomtinagar shaped my preparation. Teachers guided me consistently and provided emotional support throughout Classes XI and XII. Regular assessments, self-study habits, and problem-solving focus were key contributors to my performance.

#### **Preparation Approach**

My strategy revolved around NCERT books, previous years' papers, and mock tests. I prioritised concept clarity over rote learning. Daily revision, error analysis, and structured time management helped me stay on track.

#### **Overcoming Challenges**

Balancing NEET with board exam preparation was tough. Managing time and dealing with pressure wasn't easy. I stayed motivated with short breaks, self-belief, and encouragement from my family and teachers.

#### After the Exam

I felt confident but never expected a top-50 rank. Seeing AIR 36 was a surreal moment-full of joy and gratitude.

#### My Advice to Juniors

- Stick to NCERT and revise regularly
- Practice mock tests and analyse mistakes
- Stay consistent and calm
- Don't hesitate to ask doubts
- Trust your preparation and stay positive

I thank my school, teachers, Principal, and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for being the backbone of my success. KVS gave me the space and support to grow.



# Pustakayan Released at KVS Deputy Commissioners' Conference

Mumbai, June 2: Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India, unveiled 'Pustakayan' — a publication on best practices in promoting reading, by the KVS Training Branch during the 12th Annual Deputy Commissioners' Conference of KVS.

Special Story ———

# Each One—Reach One Mentorship that's Changing Lives in KVs of Guwahati Region

Over 2,000 struggling students mentored back to confidence and success A regional initiative that's inspiring Kendriya Vidyalayas Nationwide

#### Chandrashekhar Azad

Dy. Commissioner, KVS RO Guwahati

In a quiet yet transformative move, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) Guwahati Region has launched a deeply human-centred initiative that is rewriting the educational journey for students who had once begun to slip through the cracks.

Titled **"Each One–Reach One"**, the programme is not a mass-scale mentoring scheme, but a focused intervention. It identifies students—right from **Balvatika to Class XII**— who are grappling with academic setbacks, emotional stress, or behavioural issues, and offers them personalised guidance by pairing them with a teacher or principal as a dedicated mentor.

#### A Ray of Hope for Struggling Students

These are children who were often seen as underachievers, some had slipped into the background of busy classrooms, and others were labelled as inattentive, disruptive, or indifferent. Many were burdened by fear of failure, domestic challenges, emotional insecurity, or lack of motivation. Some feel abandoned or lonely; they suffer from anxiety or panic attacks. Recognising these invisible struggles, the Kendriya Vidyalayas of Guwahati Region undertook a soulful identification process. Children showing signs of academic decline, behavioral issues, or emotional withdrawal were brought under the nurturing scope of the Each One-Reach One initiative.

#### **Turning Points in Young Lives**

In the academic year 2024–25, out of 41,541 students enrolled in the Guwahati Region, 2,026 (5%) students were selected for mentorship—each receiving focused, consistent, and compassionate support from a teacher or principal committed to their holistic

growth. An approach where every child feels seen, heard, valued and appreciated for what they are.

Through regular phone calls, classroom check-ins, motivational sessions, and even heartfelt home visits, mentors created a net of care and consistency. The intent was simple yet profound:

To ensure every child feels seen, supported, and capable of reclaiming their path to success and live their lives to the fullest.

#### **Transforming Challenges into Confidence**

Common issues among the mentored students included poor academic performance, exam anxiety, low self-esteem, peer pressure, and emotional isolation. Through this



#### programme, they received:

- Support in closing learning gaps
- Help in developing communication and conceptual clarity
- Encouragement to set small, achievable goals
- Emotional reassurance and positive reinforcement (empowerment)
- Bond of love, light and connection

The impact has been profound. Among students from Classes IX to XII, the initiative has shown a 99.9% success rate, measured through academic improvement, transformed behaviour, and enhanced classroom participation.

#### **Nationwide Inspiration**

What began in the misty hills of the North-East Region has now caught national attention. Several other KVS Regions have initiated steps to replicate the **Each One–Reach One** model, seeing in it a scalable, sensitive way to support the students who need it most.

#### **Real Stories, Real Change**

"I had almost given up on myself after failing in two subjects," said a Class VIII student, KV Itanagar. "But my mentor never gave up on me. I started trying again because someone believed I could."

"This programme has taught me that behind every struggling child is a story—and sometimes, a simple conversation can be the start of a breakthrough," shared **TGT English**, **KV Dibrugarh**.

#### **Mentoring the Mentors**

To guide the guides, Guwahati Region has also initiated "Mentors of Mentors", a support

system where teachers are trained to mentor with SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Time-bound) goals, empathy, and regular progress reviews.

#### A New Chapter in Inclusive Education

At its heart, *Each One–Reach One* is a reminder that education is not just about results it's about relationship. By ensuring that every struggling student is personally supported, the initiative is not only transforming lives, but **redefining what it means to teach, lead, and care** in today's educational landscape.

Because sometimes, it only takes one person to believe, connect and care enough— And a life is forever transformed.

# Latest Publications

Video of the Month

## Yoga Day in KVS

# **Thought to Ponder**







Scan the QR Code to watch!

Special Video on PM SHRI Activities in Kendriya Vidyalayas Celebration of 11th International Day of Yoga in across KVS

Scan the OR Code to watch!

We are shaped by our thoughts, we become what we think. When the mind is Pure, Joy follows like a shadow that never leaves.





Scan the QR Codes to read!

# Highlights of June 2025

#### Grand Celebration of IDY 2025 in KVs across the country



Delhi, New June 21: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the ountry organised impressive events to

mark the 11th International Day of Yoga. Commissioner, KVS, Smt. Nidhi Pandey, along with senior officials, participated in the programme at PM SHRI KV, Sector 12, Dwarka. Together with students and teachers, they practised yoga and encouraged all to adopt it for a stress-free, disciplined, and healthy life.

# Jootball for Schools Launched at PM SHRI KV Jort William



Kolkata, June **29:** Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the

Football for Schools (F4S) initiative at PM SHRI KV Fort William, Kolkata. 2,487 FIFA footballs were distributed to 349 schools in Kolkata, as part of a larger state-wide distribution of 88,113 footballs across West Bengal, benefiting over 15-16 lakh students. The event featured a symbolic match between KV Fort William and Birla High School, with KV Fort William emerging victorious.

#### Kendriya Vidyalaya Bundi Moves to Modern Campus, Doubles Capacity

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Bundi, June 17: Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker and MP of Kota Shri Om Birla inaugurated the new building of Kendriya Vidyalaya Bundi today. The school, which had been functioning from a temporary setup, now shifts to a modern facility equipped with advanced amenities. This transition boosts the school's capacity from 400 to over 900 students, promising enhanced educational opportunities for the region.

#### Kendriya Vidyalaya Launched in **Bijnor, Classes to Begin This Session**

**Bijnor, June 21:** Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary inaugurated the temporary campus of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Bijnor today and performed the groundbreaking

ceremony for its permanent building. The new KV is set to open doors this academic session, promising quality, nationally benchmarked education for the region's students and bright prospects for coming generations.

> New Delhi, June 2025: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country

> organised the Bhartiya

Bhasha Summer Camp

2025, a flagship initiative

of the Ministry of

Education, inaugurated

by Hon'ble Union

Education Minister Shri

Dharmendra Pradhan.

Aligned with the vision

of NEP 2020, the week-

#### Secretary, DoSEL Applauds PM SHRI Implementation at KU INS Hamla



Mumbai, June 2: Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, visited PM SHRI ΚV INS Hamla on the sidelines of the 12th

Annual Deputy Commissioners' Conference of KVS. He praised KVS for effectively implementing the PM SHRI scheme and NEP 2020, calling it a milestone in transforming school education. Students performed a creative Qawwali on PM SHRI, and an exhibition featured innovative projects from KVs across the Mumbai Region.

# Sanskrit Corner

हिरण्मयेन पात्रेण सत्यस्यापिहितं मुखम्। तत्त्वं पूषन्नपावृणु सत्यधर्माय दृष्टये॥

#### Meaning

The truth is hidden by a golden vessel. O Nourisher, please reveal it to me so that I may see the truth!



long camp aimed to nurture multilingualism and cultural harmony by encouraging students to learn Indian languages other than their mother tongue. The camp featured engaging activities like storytelling, folk dances, art, and regional cuisines, turning classrooms into vibrant spaces of intercultural learning. Students gained a deeper appreciation of India's rich heritage. Certificates were awarded to all participants, symbolising their role in furthering the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat.'

Bhartiya Bhasha Summer Camp 2025 Promotes Unity in Diversity



#### KVian shines in Moscow Vihan Raj of PM SHRI KV Jalore, Jaipur won the gold medal at the Moscow Wushu Star Championship 2025, held in Moscow Russia.

# **Achievers of the Month**



Cadet & Junior Taekwondo Championship, Dehradun. Selected for the 6th Asian Cadet Taekwondo Championship in Malaysia.



**Malaysia Calling** Km. Prachi Sarkar of KV IIT Guwahati won Gold in the POOMSAE category at the 4th India Taekwondo National Championship 2025, Dehradun. She was selected for the Asian Championship 2025 in Malaysia.



### From Classroom to Captaincy

Ananya Swain of PM SHRI KV No. 2 CRPF BBSR selected as the Captain of U-18 (G) Kabaddi Team of Odisha State.



### Selected for IESO, China



#### 576 Suryanamaskar



Navani plants 257 saplings



#### Kripali in Japan



Gold Medal in Taekwondo Divyana Dorothy Haloi of PM SHRI KV Khanapara won Gold at the 4th national

Apam Nidhi Pandey of PM SHRI KV No. 1, Jaipur is selected among India's top 4 students to represent the nation at the 18th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO-2025) in China.

Akshara Kale of PM SHRI KV Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar Cantt. performed 576 Survanamaskars, won ₹21,000, and is recommended for the Guinness World Record!

Km. S. Navani of PM SHRI KV Ananthapur personally planted 257 saplings and distributed over 2,500 seeds- a true Brand Ambassador of the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. Salute to her great efforts!

Km. Kripali Sunil of PM SHRI KV, Payyannur, was selected for the prestigious SAKURA Science High School Program and visited Japan under the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme.



Ticket to Russia

Km. Asmee Inamdar of PM SHRI KV, IIT Powai got selected to represent India at the International Junior Science Olympiad 2025 in Russia.



#### **First Prize in Painting**

Pardisha Sarkar of KV BSF, Gokulnagar won 1st prize in a state painting contest and was honored by Hon'ble Minister of Forest, Science & Technology, Govt. of Tripura, Shri Animesh Debbarma.



#### Power of Pen

In the UPU 2025 Letter Writing Competition, Krishnendu of PM SHRI KV No. 2, CRPF Bhubaneswar won I place with ₹25K, while Sanjushree of PM SHRI KV INS Chilka secured III place with ₹5K.



#### Harit Vidyalaya Samman

PM SHRI KV No. 2, Bhopal received the state-level Harit Vidyalaya Samman with ₹50,000, a silver memento, and a certificate from Hon'ble CM Shri Mohan Yadav for excellence in environmental conservation.

Patron: Nidhi Pandey, Commissioner, KVS Editor in Chief: Dr. P. Devakumar, Additional Commissioner (Acad.)

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