



Kendriya Vidyalaya Chronicle

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Editorial

Strengthening NEP 2020 Vision 57 New KVs Approved Nationwide



In a landmark decision on 1st October 2025, the Government of India approved the opening of 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) under the civil sector across 17 States and Union Territories, marking a major step towards the realisation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 vision.

With an estimated outlay of ₹5,863.55 crore, this expansion underscores the government's focus on ensuring quality education, better infrastructure, and strong foundational learning across the country.

Currently, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan serves around 13.62 lakh students through 1,290 schools nationwide. The addition of these new KVs will benefit nearly 86,640 more students, extending the reach of affordable and standardised education, especially in educationally underserved regions.

Aligned with NEP 2020's emphasis on early childhood care and education, all newly approved KVs will feature Balvatika classes (1, 2, and 3) to strengthen foundational learning. Each school will function as a two-section KV and provide education up to Class XII, ensuring a seamless learning continuum from the foundational to the secondary stage.

The project will also generate employment opportunities for around 4,617 teachers and staff, thereby contributing to both educational and socio-economic growth. The construction of permanent school buildings will be carried out in a phased manner from 2026–27 to 2030–31, integrating modern infrastructure and technology-enabled learning environments envisioned under NEP 2020.

The opening of these 57 new Kendriya Vidyalayas reaffirms the government's commitment to transforming school education—making it more inclusive, equitable, and future-ready. It represents a decisive move towards building a nation where quality education reaches every child, nurturing capable and confident citizens of tomorrow.

~Prachi Pandey
■ Commissioner

KVS Leads the Digital Way in Financial Management!

Satya Narain Gulia

■ Joint Commissioner (Finance), KVS (HQ)

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has taken a major stride in digital transformation by efficiently managing fee payments of over 1.3 million students across India through the UPI-based payment system, operational since 1st January 2024.

KVS: The Digital Pioneer

In January 2024, KVS integrated its fee collection system with the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), a unified platform for secure and seamless digital transactions. This enabled parents to pay school fees easily via BHIM UPI, Google Pay, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, and over 400 BBPS-enabled platforms, including banks and NBFCs.

The initiative has expanded payment options, bringing transparency, convenience, and digital empowerment to the entire KVS community. It reflects KVS's vision of making fee payment simple, secure, and accessible to all.

Journey of Digital Transformation

Until the academic year 2013–14, fees in Kendriya Vidyalayas were collected manually by class teachers. From 2014–15, KVS introduced an online banking-

based fee payment system across all schools in India. With the integration of BBPS, the process has now become completely digital and user-friendly, marking a milestone in the financial digitisation of one of India's largest school networks.

This forward-looking move showcases KVS's commitment to innovation and good governance, proving that central educational institutions can lead India's Digital India mission from the front.



Other Digital Milestones by KVS

KVS has also launched an e-Pension Portal (1st April 2023) to automate pension processing and ensure the timely, transparent disbursement of retirement benefits. Additionally, it has adopted a cloud-based Tally Accounting System across all KVs,

Regional Offices, and ZIETs, enabling real-time, online financial management and monitoring from 1st April 2024.

Together, these initiatives highlight KVS's unwavering commitment to efficiency, transparency, and digital excellence in administrative and financial operations.

Special Campaign 5.0

Strengthening Efficiency & Cleanliness

From 1 to 31 October 2025, Special Campaign 5.0 was specially organized across KVS offices and schools to promote cleanliness and good governance. A collective resolve was taken to transform cleanliness into a mass movement (Janandolan) through public participation and awareness. The campaign focused on record management, office cleanliness, and the disposal of unnecessary items. Old and irrelevant documents were systematically categorized and disposed of, ensuring order and efficiency. Emphasis on digitalization and the e-office system further enhanced transparency and productivity, as every department contributed commendably toward creating a "Clean, Orderly, and Responsible Workplace."



PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Gomoh

Mental Health Week 2025 KVS Stepping Towards Healing Minds

Vinod Kumar

■ Deputy Commissioner (Acad.), KVS (HQ)



Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan observed Mental Health Week 2025 from 4th to 10th October under the flagship initiative 'Manodarpan' of NCERT, reaffirming its vision of nurturing well-rounded, value-driven, and emotionally resilient learners. The week focused on integrating self-awareness, empathy, and emotional balance into everyday school life, reflecting KVS's belief that true education goes beyond academics to build confident, compassionate individuals.

Across the country, Kendriya Vidyalayas organized diverse and creative activities,

such as Gratitude Walls, Happiness Corners, Yoga and Zumba sessions, mindful breathing, fireless cooking, art therapy workshops, storytelling circles, and peer counseling, all promoting mindfulness and positivity. Younger learners in Blavatikas engaged in 'Joyful Me' craft and emotion-recognition games, while senior students curated Gratitude Boxes and short films on kindness, stress management, and emotional balance.

The highlight of the week was "Therapy Thursday – Healing with Happiness" (9th October), which was marked by the visit of

Shri Ananadrao V. Patil, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Education, to Dr Rajendra Prasad KV, accompanied by Ms. Chandana Mandal and Mr. Vinod Kumar Sanwal, Professor & In-charge, Manodarpan Cell, NCERT. In his address, Shri Patil, IAS and Addl Secy, MoE, commended the efforts of KVS in implementing Manodarpan and emphasized nurturing mental health from an early age through open communication, empathy, and peer support. His encouraging words left a lasting impact on students and staff alike.

"The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."

- William James.



Best Practices & Success Story



KVS Students Represent India at Global Youth Institute 2025 in the USA

New Delhi: In a proud moment for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, four students have been selected to represent India at the Global Youth Institute (GYI) 2025, held from October 21–23, 2025, in Des Moines, Iowa, USA. The international event, organized by the World Food Prize Foundation, brings together outstanding young scholars from across the globe to exchange ideas and present innovative solutions for global food security and sustainability.

The students were selected through the NAAS-YUVA Selection Drive 2025, conducted by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India’s premier body for agricultural policy and education. After a highly competitive three-stage process, including a quiz, research presentation, and expert interview, the following students emerged as India’s representatives:



Shruthi K. P.
PM SHRI KV
Coimbatore
(KVS RO Chennai)



Tanuja Premanand
PM SHRI KV
Chhatrapati
Sambhajnagar Cantt.
(KVS RO Mumbai)



Sanyukta Dalal
PM SHRI KV Vayusena
Nagar, Nagpur
(KVS RO Mumbai)



Rajeev
PM SHRI KV
Harsinghpura, Karnal
(KVS RO Gurugram)

At GYI 2025, more than 185 student delegates from around the world engaged in discussions with scientists, policymakers, and changemakers. The event began with the Borlaug Dialogue, featuring inspiring talks by Doc Hendley, Valerie Guarnieri, and Rodrigo Santos, followed by addresses from global leaders, including Hon. Henry Musa Kpaka, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Republic of Sierra Leone, and a closing remark by Mashal Husain, President of the World Food Prize Foundation.

The students participated in breakout sessions, research presentations, and interactive learning experiences on biotechnology and sustainable agriculture.

This achievement stands as a testament to KVS’s commitment to nurturing innovation, research aptitude, and global citizenship among its learners, preparing them to lead India’s journey toward a sustainable and self-reliant future.

One Minute – One Mission
Ek Minute Swachhata Ke Naam

Neelam Sharma

PGT Commerce, Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Guwahati



What can you really do in a minute? Read a short poem, rehearse your coffee, or tie your shoelace. But those sixty seconds are gone before you even notice.

But at Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Guwahati, that same minute is being used for something far more meaningful, cleanliness. One single minute that turns ordinary classrooms into lessons in responsibility, teamwork, and care.

Every day at exactly 2:09 pm, the Swachh Bharat Song echoes through the corridors. The chatter fades, eyes lift towards the front, and all students, teachers, and staff come together for “Ek Minute Swachhata ke Naam.” In that short span, dustbins fill with waste papers and wrappers, desks are cleared, lights and fans switched off, and windows neatly shut. By 2:10 pm, when the bell rings, classrooms stand spotless, fresh, bright, and ready for a new day.

What began as a small experiment soon became a cherished ritual. Students no

longer see cleanliness as a chore but as a reflection of self-respect and collective responsibility. The initiative has quietly transformed the school’s atmosphere, orderly rooms, happy students, and cleaning staff who now work with greater ease and appreciation.

That one minute has become more than an act of cleaning; it’s a lesson in discipline, empathy, and teamwork. It reminds everyone that change doesn’t always need grand gestures; sometimes, all it takes is sixty seconds of shared intent.

At KV IIT Guwahati, that minute isn’t ordinary anymore. It’s a daily promise, one minute today, a cleaner tomorrow.



Stress Drop Pot
Where Worries Drop and Smiles Bloom!

Kalyani Chowdhury

PGT English, PM SHRI KV Masimpur



What does stress look like? An invisible weight hanging over your head, maybe something dark, heavy, and engulfing your mental health.

At PM SHRI KV Masimpur, Silchar Region, stress doesn’t overpower you, but here students learn to lighten the weight on their minds and care for their mental health. An amazing initiative called the “Stress Drop Pot” requires only a folded slip and the courage to face the problem.

Students from senior classes take a few minutes to write down what’s bothering them: exams, parental expectations, or personal issues, then fold and drop the paper into a beautifully decorated pot on the teacher’s desk. It’s anonymous; no one judges them, and this is how teachers become silent listeners.

That’s not it; what happens next is even more important. The teachers lead a brief conversation, helping students see that everyone, from the class topper to the quiet one, carries some form of stress. Each drop is symbolic: a small rebellion against silent stress.

Over time, this simple act has turned into something bigger: a culture of openness. Students look forward to the ritual not as a complaint session but as a gentle reminder that emotions aren’t weaknesses, they’re just signals asking for attention.

How does Stress Drop Pot Work?

- Students write their worries or fears on a slip of paper.
- Anonymous slips are dropped into a decorated pot.
- Teachers act as silent listeners and work on coping with the stress.

And that’s the beauty of the “Stress Drop Pot”. It doesn’t promise to erase stress. It just teaches students how to drop it, at least for a while, to acknowledge their worries, name them, and then let them go.

Maybe that’s all emotional well-being really is: not living a life without stress, but learning when to fold it, drop it, and move on.



KVS Signs MoU with IIT

KVS and IIT Delhi to Collaborate on Strengthening STEM Education in Schools for Students and Teachers

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (HQ)



New Delhi, 24th October 2025: Taking a leap, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance STEM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, and Mathematics) education among school students and provide professional development opportunities for teachers. The MoU marks the first-ever collaboration between KVS and any IIT for STEM outreach.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Ms. Prachi Pandey, IA & AS, Commissioner, KVS, and Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT-D. The MoU was signed by Shri Deepesh Gehlot, ISS, Additional Commissioner (Admin), KVS HQ, and Prof. Dhanya, Dean (Academics), IIT Delhi.

Dignitaries from IIT Delhi and KVS also discussed several existing initiatives of IIT Delhi’s Office of Academic Outreach & New Initiatives that align closely with the MoU’s objectives.

This partnership marks a crucial step in IIT Delhi’s efforts to raise curiosity among learners at an early age and equip them better for STEM subjects. While working alongside KV teachers, this initiative aims to build upon their strong foundation, addressing emerging needs in modern teaching approaches to further enhance classroom learning.

Ms Chandana Mandal, Additional Commissioner (Acad), Shri Vinod Kumar, Deputy Commissioner (Acad), Shri S.S. Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner, KVS, RO Delhi, and Shri Manoj Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (IT) were also present during the signing ceremony along with other officials.



Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

KVS Students stepping towards Atmanirbhar Bharat

Manoj Kumar Pandey
Assistant Commissioner (IT), KVS HQ



The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), has launched the Viksit Bharat Buildathon (VBB) 2025 to spark innovation, creativity, and critical thinking among students of Classes VI to XII. This nationwide initiative is a cornerstone in realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, aligning closely with the ideals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

With themes such as Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local, and Samridh Bharat, the Buildathon moves beyond a competition; it is a movement to nurture problem-solvers and innovators who will lead India toward a self-reliant and technologically empowered future.

Officially launched on 23rd September 2025 by Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the programme witnessed overwhelming participation from Kendriya Vidyalayas across the nation. As of 28th October 2025, over 1,63,207 students have registered, forming 35,405 teams under the mentorship of 27,617 teachers, an achievement that reflects the collective spirit, innovation, and coordination of team KVS.

On this day, the Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan visited PM SHRI KV No. 2, Delhi Cantt, interacting with young innovators and appreciating their creativity and confidence. He was accompanied by Ms Prachi Pandey, Commissioner, KVS; Sh. Deepak Bagla, Mission Director, AIM, NITI Aayog; Dr Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, MoE; Sh. Deepesh Gehlot, Addl. Commissioner (Admn.), KVS; and Ms Chandana Mandal, Addl. Commissioner (Acad.), KVS, along with other officials of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Additionally, to celebrate this momentum, a nationwide live-streaming event was held on 13th October 2025 across



all Kendriya Vidyalayas. Fourteen KVs were selected as "Spotlight KVs," including PM SHRI KV NAD Aluva (Ernakulam Region), PM SHRI KV Jamalpur (Patna), and PM SHRI KV Kargil (Jammu), which interacted live with AIM officials.

The Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 stands as a vibrant example of KVS's unwavering commitment to fostering an innovation-driven ecosystem, one that empowers every student to think, create, and contribute to a self-reliant India.



Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan's visit to PM SHRI KV No. 2, Delhi Cantt, showcased student innovations and reaffirmed national commitment to fostering creativity and critical thinking through KVS.

KVS Participation Facts

(As of 28th October 2025)

- Registered Participants: 1,63,207 students
- Teams Formed: 35,405
- Teachers Involved as mentors: 27,617

Sanskrit Corner

विद्या ददाति विनयं, विनयाद् याति पात्रताम्।
पात्रत्वात् धनमाप्नोति, धनात् धर्मं ततः सुखम्॥

Meaning

Knowledge gives humility, humility brings worthiness, worthiness earns wealth, wealth enables righteousness, and righteousness brings happiness.



Latest Publication



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Shala Dhvani July-Sept. 2025!

Video of the Month



Scan the QR Code to watch!

'Kachra' — a short film created by the talented staff & students of KV S.E.C.L. Jamuna Colliery, Anuppur (M.P.)

#SpecialCampaign5.0

Thought to Ponder

"There is something unique in this soil, which, despite many obstacles, has always remained the abode of great souls."

~Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Highlights of October 2025

KVS Celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas



On 31 October 2025, Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to honour the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who unified the nation. Students and staff fondly remembered his courage and contribution to nation-building. The Unity Pledge (Ekta Pratigya) was recited with the resolve of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. A spirited ‘Run for Unity’ saw enthusiastic participation from students, teachers, and KVS family members. The programmes collectively reinforced the message

of national unity, integrity, and patriotism among all participants.

Poshan Maah in Kendriya Vidyalayas

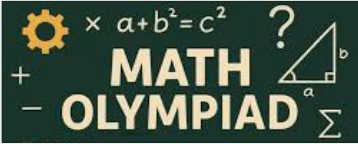


Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country successfully organized the “Swasth Naari, Sashakt Parivar Campaign and Poshan Maah” from 17 September to 16 October 2025. Organized under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the campaign operated with the theme “Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi”.

Students and teachers took oaths to adhere to balanced diets and cleanliness, resolving also to reduce sugar, salt, and oil intake. Focus was placed on proper nutrition for pregnant women and newborns, and encouraging the use of local, traditional,

and nutritious food items. The month included workshops for parents on preventive healthcare and exhibitions featuring local women artisans and entrepreneurs.

290 KV Students Qualify for RMO



In a remarkable academic achievement, 290 students from Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) have qualified for the Regional Mathematics Olympiad (RMO) through the Indian Olympiad Qualifier in Mathematics (IOQM) 2025. The examination, conducted by the Mathematics Teachers’ Association of India (MTA), is recognised as one of the most rigorous and prestigious assessments of mathematical talent in the country.

Out of 6,583 students selected nationwide, the exceptional performance of KV students highlights the strong analytical and problem-solving abilities nurtured across Kendriya Vidyalayas. It also reflects the culture of academic excellence consistently promoted by KVS.

It is noteworthy that a total of 28,772 KV students from across the country appeared for this year’s IOQM, making this achievement a matter of great pride for the KVS fraternity.

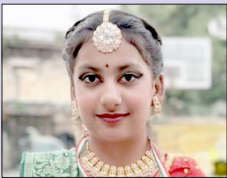
Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 in KVS



New Delhi, 27th October 2025: Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 with a renewed emphasis on transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct. On this occasion,

Ms. Prachi Pandey, Commissioner, KVS, administered the Integrity Pledge to officers and staff at the KVS (HQ), inspiring all to uphold honesty and fairness in personal and professional life. Through collective resolve and awareness, KVS continues to strengthen the ethical foundation that supports its vision of an efficient and transparent education system, fostering integrity not just within offices, but in the minds of future citizens as well. Together, we stand for a corruption-free and responsible nation.

Achievers of the Month



Dance - Language of the Soul

Pratyaksha Joshi, a talented student of PM SHRI KV, Khargone, brought laurels to her school by winning the Gold Medal in Classical Dance at the Baal Rang State Level Competition 2025. Her graceful performance and artistic expression captivated the judges, earning her top honours and showcasing the school’s vibrant cultural excellence.



Be Kind to Your Mind

Gurumayum Nilbir Sharma, a student of KV No. 2, Imphal, won the first prize of ₹10,000 in the “Mental Health Matters: A Voice from the Youth” Silver Jubilee Essay Competition organized by Share and Care Manipur on 11th October 2025. His insightful writing highlighted youth perspectives on mental well-being.



Stretch to find your Strength

Salman Likar and Mega Ruku of PM SHRI KV Along won Silver (Sub Junior Category) and Bronze (Junior Category) Medals respectively in a State Level Yogasana competition, organised by Arunachal Yogasana Sports Association (3rd - 5th Oct 2025).



Visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan

Bhavana Jagdale, a student of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Barwani, had the honour of meeting the Hon’ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan as one of 20 young innovators selected for Mission ShakthiSAT by Space Kids India. Trained under ISRO’s 120-hour program, she will work on satellite technology and research.



Imagine and Write

Dibyangana Devi, a talented student of Kendriya Vidyalaya Ambasa, secured first place in the Universal Postal Union 2025 International Letter Writing Competition organized by the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, GoI. Her outstanding essay on the theme “Imagine you are the ocean” earned her a ₹25,000 prize.



Earning the Gold

Praveer Solanki, a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya Gale, Jhabua, showcased exceptional skill by winning gold in the 13th Junior Pencak Silat National Competition held in Karnataka. Competing in the 80 kg weight category, he broke his four-year streak of bronze wins with this remarkable triumph.

KVs Shine in NCERT’s PRAYAAS Initiative



New Delhi: Showcasing their research potential, students from 18 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been selected among 20 government schools nationwide under NCERT’s prestigious PRAYAAS (Promotion of Research Attitude among Young and Aspiring Students) initiative. Aimed at nurturing scientific curiosity among Classes IX–XI, the scheme supports STEAM-based projects addressing real-world challenges. Each selected project receives a ₹50,000 grant along with expert mentorship to promote innovation and collaboration among young researchers.

KV IIT BBSr Wins 2nd Prize

KV IIT Bhubaneswar achieved 2nd position in the Science Exhibition organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in collaboration with IIT Bhubaneswar on the occasion of World Standards Day. The school’s innovative project impressed the judges, reflecting students’ scientific curiosity and creativity.



KV student bags bronze at Kudo National Tournament

Akshyaransh Balbant Roy of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 Bhubaneswar secured a bronze medal in the 16th Kudo National Tournament (U-14, 46 KG category) held in Surat from 24th to 26th October 2025. It is organised by the KIFI Association - Kudo International Federation India.

