



Kendriya Vidyalaya Chronicle

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Editorial

Exams, Expectations and the Meaning of Success

As Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026 approaches, the nation once again turns its attention to an issue that quietly shapes millions of young lives every year—exam-related stress. Despite repeated conversations and awareness campaigns, reports of student suicides after board exam results, or from coaching hubs like Kota and premier institutions, continue to shock society. This raises a fundamental question: why are our students under such immense pressure?

One of the core reasons is the growing obsession with early and extraordinary success. Students and parents alike are constantly exposed to news stories of exceptionally high salary packages from institutions like IITs, IIMs, Harvard, and other global universities. These stories, often highlighted without adequate context, create a powerful illusion—that success must come early, be grand, and be measurable only in monetary terms. Young students in Classes X and XII are lured into this narrative at an age when they are still discovering their interests, strengths and limitations.

Parents, driven by genuine concern for their children's future, sometimes unknowingly add to this pressure. Comparisons with peers, societal expectations and fear of falling behind push them to demand outcomes without fully understanding the child's capacity, temperament or long-term happiness. Rarely do we pause to reflect on the actual lives of those who achieve such early success. Are they truly content? Are they emotionally fulfilled? Social media, with its curated images of foreign vacations and luxury lifestyles, is a poor measure of inner peace or family harmony.

This brings us to a deeper and more uncomfortable question: what is real success? In today's times, success is often defined as a high-paying job or business, a strong bank balance, a luxurious home, expensive cars and frequent foreign trips. While these are not inherently wrong, reducing success to only these markers is deeply problematic.

History offers us alternative and more meaningful definitions. Take the example of Swami Vivekananda. By modern standards, he had no conventional job, no wealth, no family life and no material possessions. Yet, society unanimously recognises him as one of the most successful and influential figures in Indian history. His success lay in his ideas, character, purpose and contribution to humanity. This contrast forces us to rethink our benchmarks.

It is precisely here that Pariksha Pe Charcha, initiated and led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, plays a transformative role. Over the past nine years, this unique annual interaction has brought students, teachers and parents onto a common platform



to openly discuss exam stress, fear of failure and societal pressure. What appears to be a simple conversation is, in reality, a powerful intervention into the national mindset.

The Prime Minister's consistent engagement signals that examinations are important, but life is larger than marksheets. Gradually, positive changes are becoming visible—greater openness about mental health, a shift towards holistic education and growing acceptance that every child's journey is unique.

As we look ahead to Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026, the message is clear: exams should test knowledge, not break confidence; success should be meaningful, not merely material; and education must prepare students for life, not just for competition.

~Vikas Gupta, IAS
Commissioner, KVS

PRERANA in Kendriya Vidyalayas Learning Values by Living Them

Chandana Mandal

Additional Commissioner (Acad.), KVS (HQ)



For Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, education has always been about more than completing a syllabus. We believe that some lessons cannot be taught through textbooks or examinations. They are learnt in moments of reflection, shared silence, meaningful conversations, and real-life experiences. The PRERANA Programme of the Ministry of Education brings this idea to life across Kendriya Vidyalayas.

PRERANA, School of Experiential Learning, offers selected students of Classes IX to XII a week-long residential learning experience at Vadnagar, Gujarat, inspired by the vision of NEP 2020. Over 110 students from Kendriya Vidyalayas have already participated, supported by trained KV mentors and guardian teachers who guide students through dialogue, cultural immersion, and reflective practices.

The impact of PRERANA does not remain limited to Vadnagar. Kendriya Vidyalayas have carried their spirit back into their schools.

KVS has organized District-Level PRERANA Utsavs in several regions, including large-scale implementation across Tamil Nadu, ensuring that its values reach many more learners. To deepen this engagement, several KVs now observe a monthly PRERANA Day, focusing on core values such as integrity, empathy, creativity, dialogue, and collective effort through assemblies, classroom activities, and community service.

Teachers observe students becoming more thoughtful, collaborative, and self-aware. Through PRERANA, Kendriya Vidyalayas are shaping not just informed learners, but also reflective and responsible citizens ready to contribute to the nation.

MoE Tableau Features KVS Students

KVS Correspondent

KVS (HQ)

New Delhi: The Ministry of Education's tableau at the Republic Day Parade offered a captivating display of India's educational advancements and transformation, themed "NEP 2020: Rocketing Indian School Education – The Path to Viksit Bharat." The presentation highlighted the nation's commitment to nurturing an educated and empowered society, laying the foundation for a developed India.

Students of KVS mesmerised the audience with vibrant dance and martial arts performances, reflecting the spirit of NEP 2020 and Viksit Bharat. The tableau marked a landmark moment for KVS, symbolising the evolving role of schools in shaping India's future.

Blending heritage with modernity, the tableau portrayed India's timeless knowledge legacy through Aryabhata's Shunya blessing young learners, alongside students embracing digital tools, skills, and sustainability. The theme "Ancient Roots, Digital Wings" resonated throughout.

Under the arch of PM SHRI Schools, it showcased joyful foundational learning through Jaadui



Pitara, experiential education in arts, sports, and yoga, skill development, Mission LiFE's environmental stewardship, and the fusion of tradition with cutting-edge technology.

Culminating at the Viksit Bharat 2047 Tower, smart classrooms and tinkering labs symbolised NEP 2020 as the rocket accelerating school education reforms toward a knowledge-driven, Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Department of School Education & Literacy won the Popular Choice Award among Central Ministries & Departments for its tableau.



Republic Day Celebrated in KVs Across the Nation

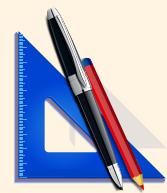
Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour across all Kendriya Vidyalayas nationwide on 26 January 2026. The occasion witnessed cultural programmes and patriotic messages inspiring students. At KVS HQ, the National Flag was unfurled in the presence of senior officials and employees, with a proud salute to the nation's spirit, unity, diversity, and democratic strength.



Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026

KVs Gear Up for Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026

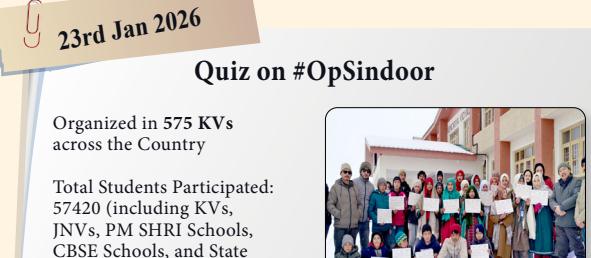
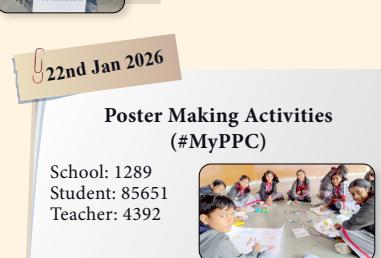
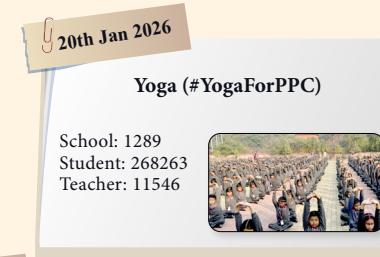
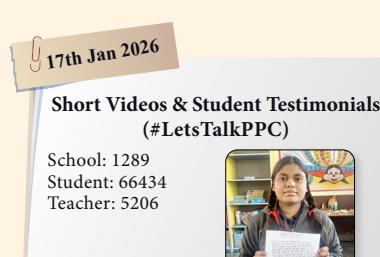
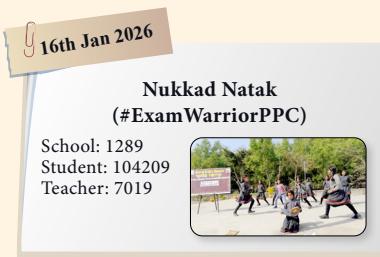
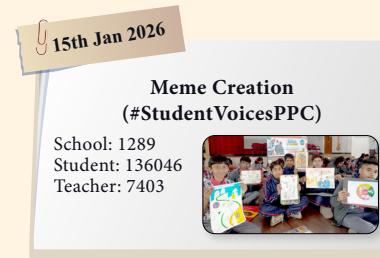
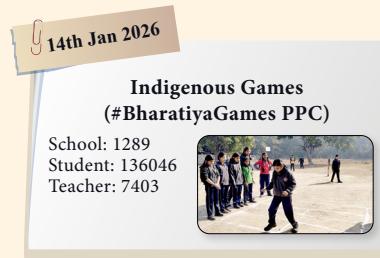
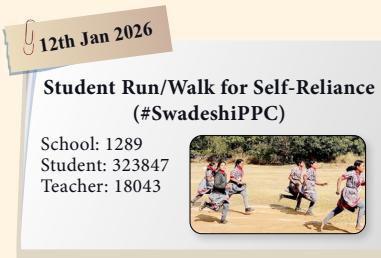
Preparing Minds, Easing Stress, and Empowering Students for Exams



Ahead of Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC) 2026, KVs across the country conducted a series of student-centric activities from 12 to 23 January to build enthusiasm and strengthen student participation.

The activities coincided with Swami Vivekananda Jayanti (National Youth Day) and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti (Parakram Diwas), continuing efforts to promote a positive and festive approach to examinations. PPC 2026 was proposed to be held in the last week of January 2026.

Key activities conducted included:



The campaign successfully engaged students, teachers, and parents, reinforcing the spirit of Pariksha Pe Charcha as a Jan Andolan and encouraging learners to view examinations with positivity and confidence.

The Quiz Competition organised by KVS in Vidyalayas across the country was widely publicised on social media. The impact was significant, with the event trending at No. 1 in Today's News on X (formerly Twitter) for several hours.



Transformation Stories of KVs in Gurugram Region

Varun Mitra

Deputy Commissioner, KVS RO Gurugram

Education, which shapes the future of the nation, flourishes best when society comes forward as an active stakeholder in its growth. The collective support of institutions and communities strengthens schools and enriches learning environments. In this context, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) serves as a meaningful bridge through which societal resources and expertise are channelised for public good—going beyond compliance to create sustainable improvements in access, quality, and equity in education.



Infrastructural Reforms at PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Matanhel

With proactive efforts by PM SHRI KV Matanhel, District Jhajjar, Haryana, the vidyalaya witnessed a significant infrastructure upgradation under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives during 2025. Jhajjar Power Limited (JPL), Village Khanpur, undertook comprehensive development works amounting to approximately ₹25 lakh, substantially strengthening student welfare and campus sustainability. Key interventions included the installation of a commercial RO water purification plant with a capacity of 1,000 litres per hour, a 2,000-litre water storage tank, four large water coolers, a 7.5 HP submersible pump, and a 1,600-foot-long water pipeline system. The initiative also focused on environmental enhancement through extensive landscaping, including the plantation of 250 saplings, grass carpeting across 91,000 square feet, and hedge plantation extending over 2,200 feet.

In a further major support, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Singh Saini, gifted the vidyalaya a dedicated three-kilometre clean drinking water pipeline, completed free of cost in a record time of just 10 days—significantly strengthening the school's capacity to meet its clean drinking water requirements in a sustainable manner.

Sustainable Energy and Student-Centric Development at PM SHRI KV Rewari

With the proactive efforts of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Rewari, the school infrastructure has been significantly upgraded under CSR initiatives. The project, undertaken by POSCO India Pvt. Ltd., Bawali, in collaboration with Toyota Boshoku, involved a total investment of approximately ₹53.50 lakh. Major interventions included the installation of 10 kW off-grid and 15 kW on-grid solar power systems, a 10 kVA inverter, and 15 solar streetlights, promoting clean energy use and reducing electricity costs. These initiatives not only enhance the reliability of the school's power supply but also align with national goals of renewable energy adoption and environmental sustainability.

Additional infrastructure upgrades included the installation of a stainless steel visitor shed at the main gate, covering of the open space in front of the office, renovation of the assembly stage and ground, upgradation of toilets, and installation of lighting on the basketball court. Complementing physical infrastructure, free JEE coaching classes are being conducted for students who are unable to afford private coaching, reinforcing the vidyalaya's commitment to equity, sustainability, and academic excellence.



'Kahani Se Kalam Tak': From Story to Script

S. V. Joglekar

Deputy Commissioner, KVS RO Ranchi

In many classrooms, children speak fluently but hesitate when handed a pencil. Their thoughts are vivid, their stories animated, yet the page often remains blank. It is this quiet gap between voice and writing that 'Kahani Se Kalam Tak' seeks to address.

Introduced as an innovative pilot initiative by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Ranchi Region, the programme focuses on strengthening foundational literacy among Class II learners. Rooted in the vision of NEP 2020 and the NIPUN Bharat Mission, and aligned with the NCF-FS 2022, it places the child and the learning process at the centre.

The approach is simple and deeply engaging. Children are being introduced to familiar stories from Panchatantra and Jataka traditions, which naturally draw them into listening and speaking. Storytelling and art integration are being used as key pedagogical tools, helping learners express ideas through discussion, drawing, and role play before moving towards reading and writing. Gradually,

students are transitioning from scribbling to writing four or five meaningful sentences with growing confidence.

The month-long programme, started from 16 January to 16

February 2026, currently engages 3,102 Class II students across 79 sections in 42 KVs of the Ranchi Region. Four stories, two in Hindi and two in English, are being explored over four weeks, with

structured classroom interactions spread across eight periods each week. The use of the mother tongue alongside Hindi and English ensures inclusive and confident participation.

Assessment in 'Kahani Se Kalam Tak' remains continuous and formative. Each child is developing a 'story portfolio' that captures progress from listening to independent writing. Parents are active partners, supporting storytelling at home and valuing early writing attempts. As the programme continues, it is steadily nurturing attentive listening, meaningful expression, and joyful engagement with language.



Special Story

AI VidyaSetu 1.0: Code for New Bharat

When Classrooms Met Code, and Curiosity Found a New Language

IT Cell

■ KVS (HQ)

The room filled with the power of technology and curious minds; teenagers from 913 PM SHRI KVs, their eyes bright, handed tools that matched their ambitions and told to solve problems they cared about.

AI VidyaSetu 1.0, organised by IHFC (Technology Innovation Hub, IIT Delhi) in collaboration with KVS under the PM SHRI Scheme, aligned with NEP 2020 and the vision of Digital India and Viksit Bharat @2047. AI VidyaSetu opened doors for students of Classes VIII to XII to step into the world of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and App Development, not as spectators, but as creators.

AI VidyaSetu 1.0 was not just a hackathon. It was KVS asking its students a simple, brave question:

Can you use technology to change what needs changing? And the students answered. **Loudly. Creatively. Fearlessly.**

The Numbers That Tell a Deeper Story

More than 17000 students formed 3652 teams. They weren't competing for medals. They were learning to think like builders, of apps, of solutions, of systems that might one day shape how India works. And behind every team stood a teacher, 1700 of them, guiding, mentoring, believing. Junior and Senior groups worked side by side, learning computational thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork,



discovering that technology is not only about machines, but about mindset.

From Bootcamps to Breakthroughs

The hackathon was conducted in both online and offline phases.

Online Phase

Bootcamps, assessments, advanced learning, and regional rounds shaped skills slowly and steadily.

National-level KVS Hackathon (Offline Phase)

As part of this initiative, a National-level KVS Hackathon was organised on 8th and 9th January 2026 at PM SHRI

Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Delhi Cantt., New Delhi. 290 finalists from five zones stood not just with projects but with confidence on stage that tested their skill, imagination, collaboration, and teamwork.

Activities included:

- 8-hour coding challenge
- Team presentations before an expert jury
- Knowledge sessions by IIT professors and jury members
- Final presentations by winning teams

Awards and Recognition

Junior Category



Winner
PM SHRI KV IIT Powai (KVS RO Mumbai)
Team Members
Karthik Baskar
Aarya Rajesh Patkar
Nimrit Gambhir
Tanay Mishra
Amaan Adi Ahmed Sayed
Mentor
Ms. Swati Sharma
Award of ₹ 25000/-

1st Runner-up
PM SHRI KV No. 1 Sagar Cantt. (KVS RO Jabalpur)
Team Members
Mehul Kumar Ansh
Abhinav Gautam
Tanish Nandwar
Shourya Satyarth
Mentor
Mr. Alok Tiwari
Award of ₹ 15000/-

2nd Runner-up
PM SHRI KV Dumka (KVS RO Ranchi)
Team Members
Yash Raj Gupta
Roshan Bharti
Anup Raj
Mentor
Mr. Abhishek Upadhyay
Award of ₹ 10000/-

Best Presentation Award
PM SHRI KV No.1 Amritsar Cantt. (KVS RO Chandigarh)
Most Innovative Idea
PM SHRI KV No.1 Sagar Cantt. (KVS RO Jabalpur)
Best Problem Identification
PM SHRI KV Dumka (KVS RO Ranchi)
Best Teamwork
PM SHRI KV Gomti Nagar (KVS RO Lucknow)
Judge's Choice
PM SHRI KV IIT Powai (KVS RO Mumbai)

Senior Category

Winner
PM SHRI KV Dhar (KVS RO Bhopal)
Team Members
Lakshya Thakur
Yuvraj Singh Thakur
Keshav Naroliya
Mohit Pandagre
Parth Savdekar
Mentor
Mr. Satyendra Kumrawat
Award of ₹ 25000/-

1st Runner-up
PM SHRI KV Churu (KVS RO Jaipur)
Team Members
Ajit Singh Rathore
Ashish Radhika
Monika
Vishesh Kaswan
Mentor
Mr. Rajesh Kumar
Award of ₹ 15000/-

2nd Runner-up
PM SHRI KV Badwani (KVS RO Bhopal)
Team Members
Aadeesh Jain
Naman Thakur
Gracy Gupta
Mentor
Ms. Abha Jain
Award of ₹ 10000/-

Best Presentation Award
PM SHRI KV Uttarkashi (KVS RO Dehradun)
Most Innovative Idea
PM SHRI KV Panagarh (KVS RO Kolkata)
Best Problem Identification
PM SHRI KV Santragachhi (KVS RO Kolkata)
Best Teamwork
PM SHRI KV Churu (KVS RO Jaipur)
Judge's Choice
PM SHRI KV Ballygunge (KVS RO Kolkata)



Sanskrit Corner

चैरेवेति चैरेवेति चरन्वै मधु विन्दति।
सूर्यस्य पश्य श्रेमाणं न मामार न जीर्यति॥

Meaning

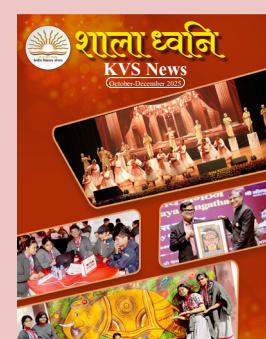
One who remains constantly in action alone attains madhu (the finest reward).

Behold the excellence of the Sun—ever in motion, it neither withers nor perishes.

In the same way, a human being too should remain ceaselessly engaged in action.



Latest Publication



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Shala Dhwani
KVS News
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Video of the Month



Scan the QR Code to Watch!

Vivan

An Educational Film on CwSN
by: PM SHRI KV Khanapara

Thought to Ponder

"In human life, moral values should count more than anything else."

~Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



Highlights of January 2026

**SOAR – Skilling for AI Readiness**

An initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) aims to build an AI-literate generation through early exposure to AI and inclusive access to future-ready digital skills. 8 KVians were formally awarded by the Hon'ble President of India on 1st January 2026 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Awarded KVians:

1. Swastik Roy 3. Sarah Shams Shabbir 5. Mansi Negi 7. Chakshu Bhardwaj
2. Sukhjot Singh 4. Tejas 6. Jiya Patel 8. Manvi Sahu

**A Journey of Inspiration with the Hon'ble PM**

17 January 2026: Students of KV Malda were honoured with a memorable experience as they had the privilege of travelling with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, during the inaugural run of India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train on the Howrah-Kamakhya route, inaugurated from Malda. A total of 100 students of KV Malda attended the historic inaugural ceremony, of whom 12 students travelled with the Hon'ble Prime Minister up to Barsoi Junction. Students from KV IOC Noonmati and KV IIT Guwahati also witnessed the virtual flag-off of the Kamakhya-Howrah Vande Bharat Express by the Hon'ble PM through video conferencing. The students further participated in a quiz competition organised by the Northeast Frontier Railway.

One Venue, Two National-Level Meetings**Administrative Officers' Meet**

AO Meet

The KVS organized the **1st Administrative Officers' Meet – 2026** from January 9 to 10 at Srijan Mandapam, KV No. 2, Bhopal. Administrative Officers from 25 Regional Offices across the country participated in the two-day programme focused on review & capacity building in administration & establishment matters. The meet commenced with an inaugural session & keynote address by Sh. Deepesh Gehlot, Additional Commissioner (Admn.), KVS, followed by thematic sessions on digitization, transparency, & operational efficiency led by senior KVS officials.

Mental Health Awareness for School Leaders

A workshop on Mental Health and Well-Being for Principals and Vice-Principals of the Bengaluru Region was held from 15th to 16th January 2026. The workshop was organised by KVS RO Bengaluru in collaboration with NIMHANS, Bengaluru, at KVS ZIET Mysuru. Ms. Chandana Mandal, Additional Commissioner (Acad.), KVS (HQ), delivered an insightful session on 'Mental Health Awareness and Prevention in Schools'. The workshop aimed to sensitise school leaders to students' mental well-being and preventive measures. Key factors such as academic pressure, social stress, digital exposure, bullying, and emotional support were discussed. Emphasis was laid on a Whole School Approach aligned with NEP 2020, NCF-FS 2022, and NCF-SE 2023.

**Finance Officers' Meet**

At the same venue, KVS also conducted the **Annual Finance Officers' Meet** from January 9 to 10, 2026. Finance Officers from across the country deliberated on strengthening financial governance in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The meet reaffirmed a collective commitment towards teachers' welfare and facilitation, with emphasis on timely financial transactions, simplified and transparent procedures, positive redressal of teachers' issues, and prudent resource management to support the KVS mission of quality education, national integration, and nation building.



FO Meet

Foundational Numeracy Workshop

Bengaluru: Ms. Chandana Mandal, Additional Commissioner (Acad.), KVS (HQ), New Delhi, visited the Workshop on Foundational Numeracy held at PM SHRI KV MEG & Centre, Bengaluru, on 15 January 2026. The workshop was organized by Jodo Gyan Education Foundation in collaboration with KVS to strengthen primary education through innovative and inclusive practices. The programme focused on nurturing young learners, building strong foundational skills, and ensuring that language is not a barrier in teaching mathematics. Emphasis was laid on a bilingual approach, use of regional languages, joyful learning, contextualized teaching, and strategies to enhance mathematical abilities among primary students, empowering educators to adopt learner-centric methods.

**1st National Rover Ranger Jamboree**

The 71- member KVS contingent participated in the 1st National Rover Ranger Jamboree held from 9 to 13 January 2026 at Doodhli, District Balod, Chhattisgarh. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Chhattisgarh, Shri Ramen Deka. The contingent took part in camps, adventure activities, and cultural programmes, reflecting the spirit of scouting through discipline, service, and leadership. The jamboree focused on promoting all-around development of Rover Rangers through national-level engagement.

**KVS has recorded an outstanding performance at the**

69th National School Games (2025-26)

56 Medals Won... and Counting!

Gold - 13

Silver - 22

Bronze - 21

Excellence | Discipline | Sportsmanship

Kendriya Vidyalaya at Aerofest

PM SHRI KV Khanapara emerged as an All India Winner at Jigyasa Aerofest 2025, outperforming the top 20 schools nationwide. Jigyasa Aerofest 2025, an initiative of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) National Aerospace Laboratories, held at CSIR-NAL, Bengaluru, connects school students with aerospace research through drone building, aviation projects, lab visits (NAL, DRDO), presentations, and competitions—promoting hands-on STEM learning and innovation in UAVs, clean energy, and sustainable aviation under CSIR scientists' mentorship.

**National Voters' Day celebrated in KVs**

The 16th National Voters' Day was celebrated across Kendriya Vidyalayas nationwide with enthusiasm under the theme "My India, My Vote." Various activities such as debates, discussions, essay writing, drawing, and painting, competitions were organized to promote electoral awareness among students. Students took the Voters' Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to democratic values and ethical participation in the electoral process. The Principal, teachers, and students collectively took an oath to uphold and strengthen democratic ideals, highlighting the importance of informed and responsible citizenship among the youth.

VEER GATHA PROJECT 5.0**KVS Students Win Awards at Veer Gatha 5.0**

Students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have won national-level awards at **Veer Gatha 5.0**, a flagship initiative under the Gallantry Awards Portal that promotes awareness of the bravery and life stories of India's Gallantry Awardees among school students.

Project Veer Gatha, aligned with Republic Day celebrations, has seen participation grow into crores nationwide, reflecting its wide reach among students.



Name: Aradhy Krishna S
School: PM SHRI KV No.1 Calicut, Kozhikode
KVS RO: Ernakulam
Activity: Short Video



Name: Vaishnav Raj
School: PM SHRI KV, CRPF Thiruvananthapuram
KVS RO: Ernakulam
Activity: Short Video



Name: Alina
School: PM SHRI KV Sector 5 Dwarka
KVS RO: Delhi
Activity: Drawing

KV Students in Top 100 ATL Tinkerpreneur 2025

Five KV students have featured among the Top 100 ATL Tinkerpreneur 2025 winners for their innovative ideas contributing to India's AI-enabled future. ATL Tinkerpreneur, organised by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with NITI Aayog, is a digital skills and entrepreneurship programme for Classes 6 to 12 that provides mentorship, hands-on training, and a final pitch contest to develop solutions for societal needs.

Sreedatta Karthikeya Gorthi
School: KV IISc, Bengaluru
KVS RO: Bengaluru
Product Title: Kinetic Flywheel Pulse Pump (KFPP)

Jagdeep Sivakumar
School: KV No. 2 Pondicherry
KVS RO: Chennai
Product Title: Women's Safety Device – Silent Strength, Instant Protection

Urvashi Agrawal
School: PM SHRI KV No.1, Bhopal
KVS RO: Bhopal
Product Title: Adorn Meksha

Deepanshu Jha
School: Dr. Rajendra Prasad KV
KVS RO: Delhi
Product Title: Sanket Vision

Richit Bhat
School: PM SHRI KV No. 2 Jammu Cantt.
KVS RO: Jammu
Product Title: AI-Based Traffic Lights