



Kendriya Vidyalaya Chronicle

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Editorial

Yoga – India’s Timeless Gift to the World

The celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2026 once again demonstrated how an ancient Indian tradition has evolved into a global movement for health, harmony, and holistic well-being. What began as a visionary proposal by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, has today become one of the world’s most widely celebrated international observances. The United Nations adopted the proposal with the support of a record 177 co-sponsoring nations—the highest ever for any General Assembly resolution. From bustling cities to remote villages, millions of people across continents come together every year to embrace the timeless wisdom of Yoga.

Yoga is much more than a series of physical postures. It is a complete way of life that nurtures the body, calms the mind, and elevates the soul. In an era marked by stress, lifestyle disorders, and mental health challenges, Yoga offers a natural, accessible, and cost-free path to wellness. It instils discipline, mindfulness, emotional resilience, and inner peace while strengthening physical health. Truly, Yoga is a priceless medicine that requires no prescription and benefits every individual, irrespective of age, nationality, or background.



The spirit of Yoga was vibrantly reflected in Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country, where students, teachers, and staff enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. Particularly inspiring is the growing awareness among children. Today, students confidently identify various asanas, understand their benefits, and practise them regularly at school and at home. They are not only embracing healthy habits from an early age but are also becoming ambassadors of wellness, inspiring their families and communities to adopt Yoga as a way of life.

The success of the International Day of Yoga lies not merely in its annual celebration but in its ability to inspire lifelong habits. As Yoga continues to unite people beyond borders, cultures, and languages, it reinforces the universal values of peace, balance, harmony, and collective well-being.

The growing global embrace of Yoga is a reminder that true progress is measured not only by technological advancement but also by the health, happiness, and inner well-being of humanity. Let us resolve to make Yoga a part of our daily lives. By nurturing healthy bodies, peaceful minds, and enlightened souls, we can build stronger individuals, healthier communities, and a more harmonious world.

~Vikas Gupta, IAS
Commissioner, KVS

Building Better Foundations Shaping Smart and Safe KVs

Neelam
Joint Commissioner (Admin.), KVS (HQ)

A great school needs a strong foundation. At KVS, administration is the backbone of student success. Administration, as a base, works hard behind the scenes and assumes that every school is safe, clean, and modern.

Our main goal is to create the best learning spaces. We want our children to thrive every single day.

Upgrading Our Classrooms

Schools are being transformed into modern, engaging learning environments.

- Building modern science labs.
- Designing bright, happy primary rooms.
- Fixing playgrounds to keep sports safe.

Going Green and Clean

Sustainability is becoming an integral part of school campuses.

- Installing solar panels on school roofs.
- Setting up rainwater harvesting systems.
- Teaching kids to reduce waste.

- Our campuses are plastic-free zones.

Smart Governance

Paperwork is moving online (through e-office) to save time. We use digital systems to make decisions faster.

- School admissions are now transparent and online.
- Offices use less paper every day.
- Funds reach schools much more quickly.

Safety Comes First

Nothing matters more than student safety. We have strict safety checks in all buildings.

- Every school has working CCTV cameras.
- Regular fire safety drills are held
- Clean drinking water is checked constantly.

Good administration helps teachers focus on teaching. It helps students focus on learning. Together, we are building a better future for India.



13th KVS Deputy Commissioners’ Conference Embracing Quality Education: Equity, Excellence, and Empowerment

New Delhi: The 13th KVS Annual Deputy Commissioners’ Conference was inaugurated by Sh. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Secretary, DoSEL, Ministry of Education, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 22 to 24 June 2026. The three-day conference brought together Sh. Vikas Gupta, Commissioner,

KVS, senior officers from KVS HQ, Deputy Commissioners from all 25 KVS ROs, and the ZIETs. Held under the theme “Embracing Quality Education: Equity, Excellence, and Empowerment,” the conference served as a strategic platform to strengthen the role of KVS in advancing

school education. It focused on reviewing the progress made in implementing the NEP 2020, sharing best practices, addressing emerging challenges, and charting future strategies to further enhance the quality, equity, and effectiveness of education across Kendriya Vidyalayas.



Capacity Building at KVS: Training Teachers & Transforming Classrooms

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The NEP 2020 marks a transformative shift in Indian education, emphasizing competency-based, experiential, multidisciplinary, and technology-enabled learning. To achieve these goals, continuous professional development (CPD) of teachers is essential. KVS has established a robust training ecosystem to translate national policy objectives into effective classroom practices.

In KVS, training is viewed as a strategic investment rather than an occasional administrative activity. It equips teachers, school leaders, and administrators with the skills required to address the needs of 21st-century learners. Through regular capacity-building programmes, educators are encouraged to adopt inquiry-based teaching, inclusive practices, and innovative assessment methods aligned with the NCF-SE 2023.

The five Zonal Institutes of Education and Training (ZIETs), located at Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Gwalior, Mumbai, and Mysuru, serve as the backbone of professional

development across KVS’s 25 regions. These institutes support holistic faculty development by strengthening pedagogical practices, leadership capabilities, awareness of mental well-being, and inclusive classroom management.

National Policy Directives > ZIET Capacity Building >
RO level mentorship > Future-Ready Classrooms

ZIETs contribute significantly by developing engaging learning resources, integrating emerging educational trends such as Artificial Intelligence, digital platforms, and STEAM education, and creating digital repositories of best practices, lesson plans, and innovative teaching strategies. They also support the effective use of PM SHRI funds by developing and disseminating high-quality learning materials, visual resources, and experiential learning kits.

The synergy between ZIET-led capacity building and PM SHRI initiatives helps operationalize NEP 2020 by converting

policy goals into practical classroom interventions. Through continuous training, digital innovation, and resource optimization, KVS empowers educators to become future-ready professionals and ensures quality education for all learners.

This sustained focus on professional development strengthens KVS’s role as a leader in public school education and contributes to the development of knowledgeable, skilled, and responsible citizens.

Training materials are updated frequently to include:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools
- Digital Platforms & EdTech
- STEAM & Interdisciplinary Learning

Number of training programmes conducted by ZIETs in the last 5 years:

ZIET	ZIET Bhubaneswar		ZIET Chandigarh		ZIET Gwalior		ZIET Mumbai		ZIET Mysuru	
	Courses Conducted	Participants	Courses Conducted	Participants	Courses Conducted	Participants	Courses Conducted	Participants	Courses Conducted	Participants
2021-22	17	1548	14	540	7	154	17	695	4	195
2022-23	22	1337	30	1908	26	833	27	1596	13	427
2023-24	30	1157	31	1273	29	960	25	993	26	348
2024-25	45	2113	47	2325	46	1886	45	2287	81	4608
2025-26	65	3045	53	2610	76	3665	31	1399	90	3263

Best Practices

Aarohan: Reimagining Assessment Beyond the Classroom

Academic Assessment & Reporting Online Hub for Analysis and Nurturing



Dr. R. Senthil Kumar

Deputy Commissioner, KVS RO Chennai

In classrooms across 54 Kendriya Vidyalayas of the KVS RO Chennai, a digital transformation is steadily changing how students’ learning is tracked, nurtured and strengthened. At the heart of this change is **Aarohan: Academic Assessment & Reporting Online Hub for Analysis and Nurturing**. The platform has emerged as a powerful companion to classroom teaching. Designed as a supplementary assessment system, Aarohan enables continuous competency-based evaluations while keeping traditional examinations firmly in place.

Learning at Scale

More than 60,000 students and nearly 2,000 teachers are connected through the platform, which has already recorded over 4.76 lakh examination attempts. Whether from school or home, students regularly engage with timed assessments built around competency-based multiple-choice questions that promote analytical thinking, speed, and exam readiness.

Indicator	Cumulative Nos.
Kendriya Vidyalayas Active	54
Registered Students	60,212
Teachers on Platform	1,983
Total Exam Attempts (Regular Exam + Practice Exam)	4,76,750
Unique Students Attempted ≥ 1 Exam	60,473

Turning Data into Academic Support

Aarohan can convert assessment into actionable insight. Teachers receive instant performance data, allowing

them to identify learning gaps early and plan targeted interventions. Parents, too, can monitor their children’s progress, creating a stronger learning partnership between school and home.

The platform has also fostered academic collaboration. Standardised assessments developed across the region ensure consistency while enabling teachers to contribute to an expanding repository of digital question banks.

Month	Scheduled Assignments	Recorded No. of Attempts
November 2025	198	1,04,666
December 2025	118	76,078
January 2026	36	67,248
February 2026	14	38,482
March 2026	3	250
April 2026	18	43,916 * Summer Reading Challenge
May 2026	—	53,354 * Summer Reading Challenge
June 2026	—	25,633 * Summer Reading Challenge

Keeping Learning Alive Beyond the School Year

Its impact became especially visible during the Summer Connect Reading Challenge 2026. Through bilingual Hindi and English reading activities, thousands of students continued learning during the vacation period, engaging with hundreds of passages and comprehension exercises designed to strengthen literacy and vocabulary.

The academic resource breakdown built into the campaign includes:

- Class-wise Papers:** 18 total papers (12 English, 6 Hindi)
- Reading Passages:** 431 total passages provided (280 English, 151 Hindi)
- Comprehension Questions:** 2,807 total items (1,946 English, 861 Hindi)

Student Engagement till 07.06.2026

Reading Challenge Metric	Count of Students Attempted till 07.06.2026
Unique Students Attempted (≥ 1 Reading Challenge Exam)	36,309
With Submitted / Finalised Attempts	20,373
With In-Progress (Partial) Attempts	18,730
Total Attempt Records (Cross-Stream, e.g., English + Hindi)	55,690

The Road Ahead

In an era where education increasingly demands personalised learning and timely feedback, Aarohan demonstrates how technology can support, not replace, the teacher's role. More than a digital assessment tool, it represents a shift towards continuous learning, informed teaching, and data-driven academic support, helping every learner climb a little higher on the ladder of success.

KV IIT Kharagpur’s ‘Smart Study’ Drive Turns Exam Fear into Learning Power

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Principal, PM SHRI KV No. 1 IIT Kharagpur

For generations of students, examinations have often arrived with a familiar companion: anxiety. The pressure to perform, the fear of forgetting have long been part of the academic experience. Initiatives such as *Pariksha Pe Charcha* have encouraged students to approach examinations with confidence and a positive mindset.

Inspired by this vision, PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Kharagpur launched *Adhyayan Kaushal Abhiyaan*, an innovative school-wide programme to equip students with essential self-study and self-directed learning skills.

Launched in the weeks leading up to the session-ending examinations, the initiative transformed morning assemblies into vibrant learning spaces through a “Smart Study Series.” Instead of routine announcements, students were introduced to practical, research-backed study techniques that could make learning easier, faster, and more meaningful.

From memory tools such as mnemonics and flashcards to mind mapping, note-making, keyword triggers, and one-page summaries, students explored strategies that helped them organise information and revise effectively. They also learned reading techniques like skimming, scanning, and blurring, along with methods to analyse examination blueprints and prioritise topics wisely.

A unique feature of the campaign was its inclusivity. Every student in the Vidyalaya participated, creating a shared culture of smarter learning. The introduction of “study buddies” further encouraged collaboration, peer support, and collective growth.

The impact soon became visible. Students reported feeling more organised, prepared, and confident in their approach to examinations. The school also observed encouraging improvements in academic performance.

More importantly, the initiative shifted the focus from marks alone to lifelong learning skills. By helping students take charge of their own learning journey, Adhyayan Kaushal Abhiyaan has emerged as more than an examination-preparation programme; it is a step towards nurturing self-reliant learners equipped for success far beyond the classroom.

- Most students work hard but don’t know *how* to study smartly. The Smart Study Drive bridges that gap.
- Students reported feeling more confident & organised.
- Teachers observed improved performance in exams.



Success Story



KV's Excel at National Youth Parliament



New Delhi, 25 June 2026: The Award Distribution Ceremony of the 36th National Youth Parliament Competition 2025–26 for Kendriya Vidyalayas was held at the GMC Balayogi Auditorium, Parliament Library Building, Parliament House Complex, New Delhi. The ceremony was presided over by Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice, and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. On the occasion, he felicitated the Kendriya

Vidyalayas that delivered outstanding performances in the competition.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad KV, President Estate, Delhi, (North Region) secured First Position at the National Level, winning the prestigious Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Running Parliamentary Shield and Trophy.

Four other Kendriya Vidyalayas that demonstrated outstanding performance at the national level were also honoured with Zonal Winner Awards.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad KV bags Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Running Parliamentary Shield & Trophy

Zonal Trophy Winners

Name of Kendriya Vidyalayas	KVS RO	Zone
KV Mathura Cantt	Agra	West
PM SHRI KV No.1 Madurai	Chennai	South
PM SHRI KV No.2 Bhopal	Bhopal	Central
PM SHRI KV AFS Borjhar	Guwahati	East

The achievement reflects KVS's continued commitment to empowering young minds through democratic values by nurturing parliamentary awareness, leadership, critical thinking, and responsible citizenship among students.

Special Story



KRITI Initiative Inspiring Next Generation of Scientists and Innovators

Six-Week Residential Programme at IIT Kharagpur

Bandana S. Kumar

■ Assistant Education Officer, KVS (HQ)

For the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas, the journey from school classrooms to the lecture halls of IIT Kharagpur became a transformative learning experience through a six-week offline residential programme for Classes XI and XII (Science Stream). The Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, via its KRITI Initiative, featured two flagship programmes for students—RISE (Research and Innovation Summer Experience) and i-KITES (Introduction to Technology, Engineering and Sciences)—held from 16 May to 26 June 2026. 127 students from Kendriya Vidyalayas across the nation were selected for this programme to nurture scientific curiosity and innovation. The programme offered students early exposure to cutting-edge research, technology, and interdisciplinary learning.

Learning Beyond the Textbook

Under the mentorship of IIT Kharagpur faculty, scientists, doctors, and engineers, students engaged in hands-on experimentation, prototype development, and problem-solving activities. They worked in advanced laboratories, explored emerging technologies, and completed projects in IoT, robotics, water purification, home automation, 3D printing, and engineering design. These experiences fostered inquiry, collaboration, critical thinking, and innovation while demonstrating how scientific concepts become practical, real-world solutions.

■ 127 KV Students Participated in the IIT Kharagpur's KRITI Programme

■ Six-Week Residential Programme from 16 May–26 June 2026

■ Hands-on Learning through RISE & i-KITES in Research, Technology and Innovation

■ Early Exposure to Cutting-Edge Science, Interdisciplinary Learning, and Scientific Research



A Journey of Growth

The residential experience fostered independence, discipline, and responsibility. Living and interacting with peers from diverse backgrounds promoted cultural understanding, collaboration, and lasting friendships. Combined with hostel life, laboratory visits, campus interactions, and cultural activities, the programme created an enriching environment that supported both academic excellence and holistic personal growth.



Voices from the Participants

Student feedback highlights the programme's success in providing meaningful learning beyond the classroom. Many described it as their first exposure to scientific research, where inquiry, experimentation, and critical thinking guided learning. Participants valued interactions with renowned faculty and research scholars while working in world-class laboratories. Presenting projects before mentors and peers strengthened their confidence, communication, teamwork, and presentation skills. The experience also inspired many to pursue careers in research, engineering, and innovation, while motivating them to study at premier institutions.

The KRITI Initiative exemplifies experiential learning by connecting school education with advanced scientific research. It nurtures scientific temperament, creativity, and innovation among gifted learners, reflecting KVS's commitment to excellence. Through meaningful opportunities, the programme empowers students to think critically, dream ambitiously, and grow into future scientists, engineers, innovators, and nation-builders.

What Students Explored

Robotics
Internet of Things (IoT)
3D Printing
Smart Home Automation
Water Purification Technologies
Engineering Design & Prototyping
Advanced Laboratory Experiments

Sanskrit Corner

शनैः पन्थाः शनैः कन्था शनैः पर्वतलङ्घनम्।
शनैर्विद्या शनैर्वित्तं पञ्चैतानि शनैः शनैः॥

Meaning

The path is traversed slowly, the cloth is woven slowly, Mountains are climbed slowly, knowledge and wealth are acquired slowly; all these five things happen slowly.

Publication of the Month



Developing Language Across Curriculum



Launched at the KVS DCs' Conference 2026

Also available on the KVS Website
under the Training Tab

Thought to Ponder

*"India of the ages is not dead
nor has she spoken her last
creative word."*

~Sri Aurobindo Ghosh



Highlights of June 2026

Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 3.0 Launched at Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan



New Delhi, 5 June 2026: Hon'ble Education Minister, Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan launched Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 3.0 at PM SHRI KV No. 1 Delhi Cantt, by planting a sapling, reaffirming the commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability.

During the visit, he interacted with students and reviewed key initiatives being undertaken under the NEP 2020 and the PM SHRI Scheme. Sh. Vikas Gupta, Commissioner KVS, along with other dignitaries, was present on the occasion. The event highlighted the importance of environmental stewardship among students while showcasing KVS's efforts towards holistic and sustainable education.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Celebrates International Yoga Day



New Delhi, 21 June 2026: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country celebrated the 12th International Day of Yoga with great enthusiasm, reaffirming their commitment to health, wellness, and holistic development. This year's observance was based on the theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing."

Sh. Vikas Gupta, Commissioner, KVS, along with senior officials from KVS HQ, participated in a yoga session with the students and staff of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Andrewsganj. The event highlighted the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life for physical fitness, mental well-being, and healthy ageing.

10 Kendriya Vidyalayas Earn National Recognition SHVR 2025–26

Ten Kendriya Vidyalayas have emerged as winners in the Swachh and Harit Vidyalaya Rating (SHVR) 2025–26, a national initiative that recognizes schools demonstrating excellence in cleanliness, sanitation, waste management, water conservation, and environmental sustainability. The winning Vidyalayas were evaluated on various parameters, including hygiene practices, campus greenery, resource conservation, student participation, and innovative eco-friendly initiatives.



Winner KVs:

1. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Khatima
2. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya BSF Panisagar
3. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Tuting
4. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya AFS Uttarlai
5. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Dinjan
6. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Kanker
7. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya ITBP Karera
8. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya ITBP Joshimath
9. PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Ottapalam
10. Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 ONGC Agartala

New Beginnings

Hon'ble MoS for Education Inaugurated Kendriya Vidyalaya Shamli



Shamli, 28 June 2026: Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, GoI, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, inaugurated the temporary building of the newly established Kendriya Vidyalaya Shamli. The occasion was also graced by Sh. Nagendra Goyal, Joint Commissioner (Pers.), KVS HQ, along with other dignitaries. The Hon'ble Minister expressed confidence that the new Vidyalaya would provide students with an excellent academic environment while equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and spirit to meet national and global challenges.

Minister of Women and Child Development Inaugurated KV Dhanwar



Dhanwar, 17 June 2026: Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development, Government of India, and Member of Parliament, Koderma, Smt. Annpurna Devi inaugurated Kendriya Vidyalaya Dhanwar in Jharkhand on 17 June 2026. During the visit, the Hon'ble Minister participated in the Vidya Pravesh activities with the young learners and conveyed her best wishes for their bright future, highlighting the importance of a strong foundation in early education. She extended her blessings and best wishes to the young learners as they embarked on their educational journey. This event marks a significant step towards strengthening access to quality education in the region and nurturing the aspirations of future generations.

New Chapter Begins in Darbhanga as KV No. 3 AIIMS Inaugurated



Darbhanga, 29 June 2026: Expanding the reach of quality education in Bihar, Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 3 AIIMS, Darbhanga was inaugurated by Hon'ble MP Dr. Gopal Ji Thakur. The new Vidyalaya will initially operate from the temporary premises of Government Higher Secondary School, Kolhanta Patori. With all academic and administrative arrangements in place, the Vidyalaya is set to commence classes for Balvatika and Classes I to V. In the first phase, admissions for 320 students have been successfully completed, ensuring a smooth start to the new academic session. As the third Kendriya Vidyalaya in Darbhanga district, it stands as a testament to the Government of India's continued commitment towards making accessible, inclusive, and quality education available to every child.



KVS Wall of Fame!



KVian Wins at the International Yoga Championship

Adrit Kashyap, a student of KV ONGC Jorhat, won a Gold Medal at the International Yoga Championship held in Ahmedabad. His remarkable achievement has brought pride to the Vidyalaya.



KVian Makes TV Debut in Hastinapur Ke Veer!

Mayank Yadav, a student of PM SHRI KV Koliwada, is selected for the lead role of **Sahadev** in the television serial Hastinapur Ke Veer, which is being telecast on Sony Entertainment Television.



KVian Selected for India's Best Dancer Season 5

Garima Chaudhary, a student of PM SHRI KV Vigyan Vihar, got selected for 'India's Best Dancer Season 5'. Her selection is a testament to her passion, hard work, and artistic excellence, showcasing the vibrant talent nurtured at the Vidyalaya.



KVian at the Asian Wrestling Championship

Rajveer Singh, a student of PM SHRI KV AFS High Grounds, Chandigarh has been selected for the Asian Wrestling Championship in Wrestling U-15 (Boys) to be held from 25 June to 05 July, 2026, in Thailand.