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Editorial

KVS Rashtriya Ekta Parv 2026

Celebrating the Spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

India's greatest strength lies in its diversity, and its greatest achievement is the unity that binds this diversity together. Reflecting this spirit, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) organised Rashtriya Ekta Parv 2026, bringing together selected students from all 25 KVS regions on a common platform to celebrate India's rich cultural heritage, artistic traditions and national integration.

A distinctive feature of Kendriya Vidyalayas is that every Vidyalaya is, in itself, a Mini India. With students from different states, regions, languages and cultural backgrounds studying under one roof, KVs are living examples of India's unity in diversity. This unique environment encourages children to appreciate different traditions, respect diverse perspectives and develop a shared sense of belonging to the nation. It enables KVS to nurture not just academic excellence but also the values of Indianness, mutual respect, inclusiveness and national pride.



Rashtriya Ekta Parv brings this ethos to the national stage through the convergence of two significant initiatives—Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) and Kala Utsav. While EBSB provides students an opportunity to explore the cultural traditions, languages, art forms and lifestyles of different states, Kala Utsav offers a platform to showcase their artistic abilities and creativity. Together, these initiatives transform cultural learning into a vibrant experience of participation, interaction and discovery.

The gathering of talented students from across the country makes the event particularly special. Beyond dance, music, art and cultural performances, it provides young minds an opportunity to connect, build friendships and discover the common cultural threads that unite our nation. Every performance and exhibition becomes a window into India's extraordinary diversity.

The initiative also resonates with the vision of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasises holistic education, experiential learning, art integration, cultural awareness and the development of values. Rashtriya Ekta Parv gives meaningful expression to this vision by bringing learning, culture and creativity together.

The true success of the Parv lies not merely in performances or awards, but in the values students carry back to their schools. It reflects the KVS commitment to all-round development, nurturing confident and creative individuals who are rooted in Indian values, proud of their heritage and respectful of diversity.

Rashtriya Ekta Parv is much more than a cultural event; it is a celebration of the idea of India and a reflection of the enduring spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

~Vikas Gupta, *IAS*
Commissioner, KVS

Finance Officers' Meet 2026

Advancing Towards Technology-Enabled Accounting in KVS

Satya Narain Gulia
Joint Commissioner (Finance), KVS (HQ)

The Annual Finance Officers' Meet 2026 was organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) at ZIET Gwalior from 26 to 28 October 2026, wherein Regional Office and ZIET Financial Heads attended the programme. The meet focused on strengthening financial management practices, enhancing professional understanding, and promoting technology-driven accounting across the organisation.



The central theme of this year's meet was the transition towards the generation of Annual Accounts through Tally, moving beyond the traditional Excel-based system. In line with the Gwalior Proclamation, the Finance Officers reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring that every rupee received and spent by KVS is properly accounted for, every transaction is traceable, and every expenditure is supported by complete documentation and timely reconciliation.

A distinctive feature of the programme was the presentation of PowerPoint Presentations by Finance Officers on various aspects of accounting and financial management. The officers participated enthusiastically, sharing their knowledge, practical experiences, and insights on different accounting-related subjects. This initiative promoted peer learning, encouraged active participation, and helped develop a deeper understanding of the subjects among the participants. The programme also witnessed the release of a booklet on FAQs on Procurement and Other Financial Matters, providing a useful reference for addressing common financial and procurement-related queries.

In addition, in a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Best Award for the financial year 2025–26 was presented to KVS FC-1 Financial Collective 1, comprising RO Guwahati, RO Silchar and RO Tinsukia. The Best FC was adjudged on the basis of an objective 13-point assessment of the collective's progress in finance and accounting matters.

A significant outcome of the deliberations and practical learning was the generation of half-yearly Accounts through Tally, first of its kind in KVS, thus marking an important step towards the adoption of a more systematic and technology-enabled accounting process.

The meet provided a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, resolving practical challenges, and strengthening coordination among Finance Officers. It also highlighted the importance of accuracy, transparency, financial discipline, and standardisation in accounting practices across KVS.

The Finance Officers' Meet 2026 was thus a meaningful step towards modernising the accounting system of KVS and building a more efficient, transparent, and accountable financial management framework.

"Every Rupee Accounted,
Every Transaction Traceable,
Every Paisa for the Purpose."

'Shram Daan' Organised under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026

A 'Shram Daan' activity was organised at PM SHRI KV Masjid Moth under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, led by Secretary, DoSEL, Sh. T.K. Anil Kumar, with KVS Commissioner Sh. Vikas Gupta.



Officials from the MoE and KVS, along with teachers and students, actively participated in the cleanliness drive, reinforcing the importance of collective responsibility towards maintaining clean and sustainable surroundings. The programme also featured a tree plantation activity to promote environmental conservation and a quiz on solid waste management to enhance students' awareness of responsible waste disposal and sustainable practices.

The Pen That Outlives Its Purpose



Gopalan T
Principal, PM SHRI KV INS, Ezhimala

We live in an age where convenience quietens our conscience, and the temptation to buy something new has gradually replaced the habit of reusing things. There was a time when a pen was something we kept for years. Ink pens were carefully refilled, nibs were cleaned, and running out of ink never meant the end of a pen's life. Today, that simple habit has quietly disappeared. We no longer refill. We replace.



Throwing away a finished pen feels insignificant, a tiny, seven-gram piece of plastic tossed into a bin without a second thought. After all, why bother searching for a refill when a brand-new pen costs just a few rupees?

Yet, this culture of convenience is not entirely a matter of personal choice. Many modern ballpoint pens are designed without even the basic mechanism to replace an empty refill. Cheap to buy and easy to discard, they have turned an everyday writing instrument into another disposable commodity.

And somewhere between the ink pens we once preserved and the plastic pens we now discard, we have stopped valuing what lasts and started celebrating what is new.

"The ink runs out. We buy another pen. But the planet keeps the cost of everything we throw away."

The Weight of a Daily Habit

Recognising this overlooked problem, PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya INS Ezhimala, Kerala, introduced the 'Pen Friend Box' Programme. The Eco Club led the initiative to collect discarded ballpoint pens.

Students from Classes V through XII were encouraged to deposit their empty ballpoint pens into dedicated collection boxes instead of discarding them. Over the course of a single year, the collection accumulated an astonishing 5.8 kilograms of spent plastic pens.

When the Eco Club analyzed the numbers, the true scale of the issue emerged:

- A single student uses approximately 12 ballpoint pens per year.
- Each disposable pen weighs around 7 grams.
- Across Kerala alone, school children in Classes V to XII can generate approximately 250 tonnes of plastic waste annually, just from ballpoint pens.

A Refillable Solution for the Next Generation

Recognizing that awareness must be paired with action, PM SHRI KV INS Ezhimala took a decisive step to break the cycle. The school initiated a drive to distribute traditional fountain ink pens to all Class V students, instilling eco-friendly habits at an early age.



By returning to refillable ink, these young students are discovering that true progress isn't about how easily we can discard our tools, but how thoughtfully we choose to preserve our environment.

Best Practices

The Art of Learning

Redefining Early Education Through Creativity

Ajai Kumar Mishra
Deputy Commissioner, KVS RO Patna

What happens when art becomes a teaching tool rather than just a creative activity? At PM SHRI KV No. 2, Bailey Road, Patna, Art-Integrated Pedagogy is redefining foundational education by weaving drawing, origami, craftwork and storytelling into everyday lessons. This innovative practice transforms abstract concepts into engaging experiences, allowing children to explore, understand and express ideas through hands-on activities.



The underlying philosophy is simple yet profound: children learn more meaningfully when they become active participants in the learning process.

Making Every Subject an Experience
Mathematics moves beyond numbers as children explore symmetry, shapes and patterns through origami and colourful geometric arrangements, turning abstract concepts into hands-on learning.

Language lessons come alive through illustrated vocabulary cards, puppet shows and interactive displays, strengthening communication, storytelling and everyday expressions.

Similarly, seasonal illustrations, nature-



inspired artwork and festive crafts nurture environmental awareness and cultural appreciation, connecting classroom learning with everyday life.

Nurturing Skills Beyond Academics
Beyond conceptual understanding, cutting, folding and assembling enhance fine-motor skills and spatial reasoning, while group activities foster patience, teamwork and mutual respect. Artistic expression also makes learning inclusive, encouraging children of diverse abilities and learning preferences to participate confidently.

Where Innovation Shapes the Future
What sets this practice apart is its integration of creativity with clear learning objectives. Teachers assess not just the finished artwork but also the reasoning, participation and originality behind it.

By replacing passive instruction with active exploration, the initiative demonstrates that meaningful innovation lies not in sophisticated resources but in the understanding they inspire.



Beyond the Right Answer

Teaching Students the Art of Questioning

Jyoti Meena
PGT(English), PM SHRI KV No. 1 Kota

An innovative classroom practice where students learn to think critically, speak confidently and respect differing perspectives.



Knowing the answer is one thing. Defending it with reason, evidence and conviction is another. While classrooms traditionally emphasise acquiring knowledge, the ability to question, analyse and articulate that knowledge is equally essential. After all, education must prepare students not merely to answer examinations, but to engage thoughtfully with the world.

Recognising this, PM SHRI KV No. 1, Kota, has introduced Structured Class Debates, an innovative pedagogical practice that transforms classroom discussions into exercises in critical thinking, communication and intellectual independence.

From Passive Learning to Active Reasoning
Under this initiative, senior secondary students participate in organised debates on contemporary issues, literary themes and curriculum-related subjects.
Divided into teams representing opposing viewpoints, students assume responsibilities as speakers, rebuttal experts, moderators and evaluators. Each debate progresses through opening statements, evidence-based arguments, rebuttals and concluding remarks.
A preparatory *Think-Pair-Share* exercise encourages students to exchange ideas before presenting their arguments. Teachers facilitate discussions, ensuring balanced participation and constructive dialogue.

Learning to Disagree, Respectfully
Perhaps the most valuable lesson extends beyond public speaking. Students discover that disagreement need not become confrontation, and that a convincing argument rests on evidence rather than volume.

Peer assessments, teacher observations and self-reflection journals help evaluate fluency, reasoning, confidence and teamwork.

The practice has contributed to improved English communication, stronger analytical abilities and greater classroom participation, while addressing initial hesitation among learners.

Aligned with the experiential and competency-based learning envisioned under NEP 2020, this resource-efficient initiative can be adapted across subjects and Kendriya Vidyalayas.



> Its greatest contribution lies in a fundamental shift: students are no longer encouraged simply to know what to think, but empowered to discover how to think.

ATAL INNOVATION MISSION

National Recognition for KVians

Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

Three teams from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan earned national recognition at **Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025** and were felicitated by the Union Minister of State for Education, Sh. Jayant Singh.
The Buildathon entered the Guinness World Records as the
"Largest Innovation Solution Competition",
with **2,87,967** project submissions. The initiative aimed to foster creativity, problem-solving, and innovation among students.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Adoor
National-level winning team: Maelstrom Minds



Prize (Prototype): ₹2,50,000

PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya Tinsukia
National-level winning team: Prime Incredibles



Prize (Idea Track): ₹1,00,000

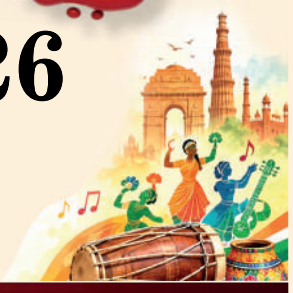
PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 Surat
National-level winning team: GenViksit



Prize (Idea Track): ₹1,00,000

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When India Came Together on One Stage



Dr. Ritu Pallavi
Assistant Commissioner, KVS (HQ)



India's diversity is its greatest strength. Its languages, folk traditions, music, art, and customs may differ from region to region, but together they form a shared cultural identity. At KVS Rashtriya Ekta Parv 2026, this diversity found a common stage, as students from across the country came together to celebrate the many expressions of being Indian.

Organised by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan on 30 and 31 October 2026 at Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Auditorium, Delhi Cantt, the two-day celebration commemorated the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose contribution to India's unity remains an enduring inspiration. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Prachi Pandey, Joint Secretary, DoSE&L, MoE, GoI, and Vice-Chairperson, KVS.

The auditorium came alive with vibrant cultural performances, music, dance, theatre, traditional storytelling, and visual arts. Each presentation offered a glimpse into the traditions and artistic expressions of different parts of the country. The performances were more than displays of talent; they were opportunities for students to experience cultures beyond their own, appreciate unfamiliar traditions, and discover the connections that bind them together.



The quiz competition added another dimension to the celebration, taking students beyond familiar facts and encouraging them to explore India's rich knowledge traditions and cultural heritage. Through these varied activities, the event brought together artistic expression, cultural understanding and the spirit of learning.

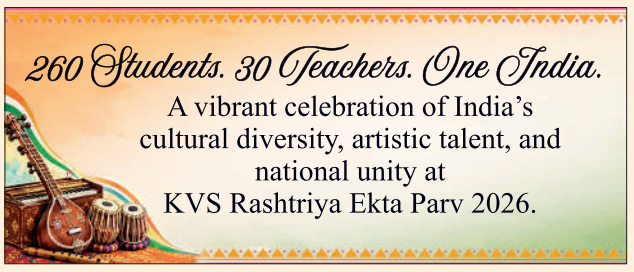
The national-level celebration was the culmination of a journey through Cluster, Regional and Zonal levels. Around 260 students and 30 escort teachers participated in the event, representing the enthusiasm, creativity and cultural richness of Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. For the students, the journey was as meaningful as the performances themselves. Preparing and presenting alongside peers from different regions offered opportunities to build friendships, develop confidence, strengthen teamwork, and learn to value perspectives different from their own. The accompanying teachers played an important role in guiding and encouraging the young participants throughout this experience.



Rashtriya Ekta Parv brings together two important KVS initiatives: Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and Kala Utsav. The spirit of Samriddhi further strengthens this vision of holistic student development. Together, they reflect the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023, which emphasise experiential learning, cultural understanding and the integration of arts into education.



Ultimately, the spirit of Rashtriya Ekta Parv lies in a simple yet powerful idea: India does not need to be the same to stand united. Its strength lies in the ability of its people to respect, embrace, and celebrate their differences. And when young minds discover this through shared experiences, the idea of national unity becomes more than a lesson. It becomes a lived experience.



Sanskrit Corner

उत्तरं यत् समुद्रस्य हिमाद्रेश्चैव दक्षिणम् |
वर्षं तद् भारतं नाम भारती यत्र सन्ततिः ||

Meaning

The land that lies to the north of the ocean and to the south of the Himalayas is called Bharat, and the descendants inhabiting it are known as Bharati (Bhartiya).



21 KVs Selected under PRAYAAS 2026

Projects from 21 KVs have been selected under PRAYAAS - 2026 (Promotion of Research Attitude in Young and Aspiring Students). An initiative by NCERT, to nurture scientific curiosity and research skills among school students.

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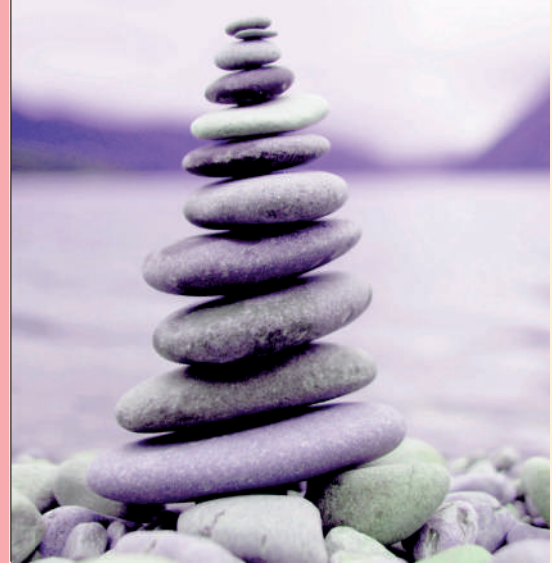
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Shala Dhwani
KVS News
(July- September 2026)

Thought to Ponder

"One can take the path of revolution but the revolution should not give a shock to the society. There is no place for violence in revolution."

~ Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



Highlights of October 2026

KVS Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026



Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 commenced with the administration of the Integrity Pledge by KVS Commissioner Sh. Vikas Gupta to officials at KVS Headquarters on 26 October 2026.

Observed under the theme "Probity for Prosperity," the week aims to promote integrity, transparency, accountability and ethical practices in public administration. As part of the observance, a capacity-building training programme was organised on 30 October 2026 to strengthen awareness of vigilance-related matters and reinforce ethical conduct and accountability in official functioning. Through these initiatives, KVS reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a culture of integrity, transparency and responsible governance across the organisation.

KVS Organises Scouts and Guides Testing Camps



Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan organised State-Level Testing Camps for the prestigious President's Award under Bharat Scouts and Guides from 4 to 8 October 2026 at seven locations across the country. The camps witnessed the participation of 635 Scouts and 542 Guides from 23 KVS regions.

The camps aimed to assess the participants' scouting and guiding skills while promoting discipline, leadership, teamwork, and a spirit of service. The initiative provided an opportunity for young Scouts and Guides to demonstrate their abilities and commitment to the core values of the movement. Through these camps, participants also strengthened their sense of responsibility, self-reliance, and readiness to serve society.

KVS Signs MoU with SECI for a Sustainable Future



A significant step towards promoting renewable energy in schools was marked by the signing of an MoU between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) on 28 October 2026.

The MoU was signed and exchanged by Sh. Deepesh Gehlot, ISS, Additional Commissioner, KVS, and Sh. Manas Ranjan Mishra, AGM and HoD (Solar), SECI, on behalf of their respective organisations. The collaboration aims to promote solar energy adoption across Kendriya Vidyalayas nationwide, encourage sustainable practices, and reduce dependence on conventional energy sources. The initiative marks an important step towards greener school campuses and India's clean energy transition.

KVians selected for Global Youth Institute 2026

Five students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan were selected through the NAAS-YUVA Selection Drive for the prestigious Global Youth Institute (GYI) 2026, held from 20–22 October 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

The students were selected through the NAAS-YUVA Selection Drive 2026, 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 are the selected students:



S.S. Saadrusya
PM SHRI KV No. 1, Uppal
KVS RO Hyderabad



Aparna Ganesan
PM SHRI KV No. 2, Puducherry
KVS RO Chennai



Khushi Rajput
PM SHRI KV SPM, Hoshangabad
KVS RO Bhopal



Shikhar Kumar Singh
PM SHRI KV O F Chanda
KVS RO Mumbai



Shubhanshu Ranjan
PM SHRI KV SPG Dwarka
KVS RO Delhi

The programme provided an enriching opportunity to interact with international experts and young innovators, exchange idea's and gain insights into global challenges and sustainable solutions. This achievement reflects KVS's commitment to nurturing scientific temper, innovation and a global outlook among its students.

Two KVians selected under INSPIRE-MANAK

Two students of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan have been selected for the 12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) under the INSPIRE-MANAK Scheme (2023–24 and 2024–25). They were awarded at the felicitation ceremony of NLEPC held from 12 to 14 October 2026 at the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Both the students have been selected to represent India in Japan, earning recognition among 60 selected candidates.



Hiranmaya Pati

Student of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 3, Bhubaneswar, under KVS Regional Office Bhubaneswar, was selected for the innovative project *"Purpose Walking Stick for Mountain."*



Latongkumla

Student of Kendriya Vidyalaya Tuli, Nagaland, under KVS Regional Office Tinsukia, was selected for the project *"Eco-Friendly Foldable Bamboo Umbrella."*

KVS Wall of Fame!



Golden Glory for KVian
Ansh Sandeep Sonkar, a student of PM SHRI KV NAD Karanja, won a Gold Medal at the Maharashtra State kickboxing championship.



KVian Shines with Gold!
Praviir Solanki, a student of KV Gail Jhabua, won a Gold medal at the 14th Junior National Pencak Silat Championship 2026, held in Nashik. The title was secured in the Junior Male Tanding Class L 83–87 kg weight category.



Asian Para Games 2026
Satwik Patil, an alumnus of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, AFS Sambra, Belagavi, won a Bronze Medal in Para Swimming at the 5th Asian Para Games 2026, held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

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