

Establishment and Growth of the Vidyalaya

PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Balasore, has a rich and distinguished legacy dating back to the year 1972. The Vidyalaya was established under the sponsorship of the Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE), Balasore, with the noble objective of fulfilling the long-cherished educational aspirations of defence personnel and their families. The establishment of the Vidyalaya was envisaged as an important step towards providing uniform, quality and holistic education to the wards of defence employees, who, owing to the transferable nature of their service, frequently move from one part of the country to another.

The frequent transfers of defence personnel often posed challenges in ensuring continuity and consistency in the education of their children. The Kendriya Vidyalaya system was conceived to address this very need by providing a common educational framework, a uniform curriculum and opportunities for the seamless continuation of studies across the country. In keeping with this vision, the Vidyalaya at Balasore began its journey with a limited number of classes in a temporary building, modest in its infrastructure but strong in its purpose and commitment to education.

Over the years, the Vidyalaya has witnessed remarkable growth and transformation. What began as a small educational initiative primarily intended to cater to the wards of PXE personnel gradually developed into one of the premier educational institutions of the district. With the passage of time, its educational services extended beyond the children of PXE personnel and embraced the wards of employees of the Integrated Test Range (ITR), other Central Government departments, State Government establishments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and other eligible categories, in accordance with the admission provisions of Kendriya Vidyalayas.

The journey of the Vidyalaya has been marked by continuous progress in the fields of academics, co-curricular activities, sports, cultural programmes, innovation, technology and value-based education. Its emphasis has always remained on nurturing students into confident, responsible and well-rounded individuals. The Vidyalaya has consistently strived to create an educational environment where academic excellence is complemented by character building, creativity, discipline, leadership and a sense of social responsibility.

The institution has earned a distinguished reputation through the commendable academic performance of its students and the achievements of its alumni, many of whom have gone on to pursue higher education and establish themselves successfully in diverse fields. The accomplishments of its students in academic, cultural, literary, sporting and other spheres have added significantly to the prestige of the Vidyalaya. The continued success of its students, both during their schooling and in their subsequent professional lives, stands as a testimony to the quality of education and values imparted by the institution.

With its sustained academic performance and commitment to excellence, the Vidyalaya has gradually become a preferred educational institution among parents and the general public of Balasore and its surrounding areas. The trust and confidence reposed in the institution by successive generations of parents have played an important role in its growth. The increasing demand for admission is itself a reflection of the Vidyalaya's credibility, academic standards and enduring reputation.

From its humble beginning in a temporary building with a limited number of classes, the Vidyalaya has grown into a large and vibrant educational community with a student strength exceeding one thousand. Its growth over the decades reflects not merely an expansion in numbers and infrastructure, but also an evolution in its educational vision and institutional capabilities. Today, the Vidyalaya stands as a significant centre of learning in the district, carrying forward the ideals of quality education, equity, discipline, inclusiveness and excellence that form the foundation of the Kendriya Vidyalaya system.

The growing popularity of the Vidyalaya has also resulted in a substantial number of parents aspiring to secure admission for their wards. However, owing to the administrative constraints, limited available seats and the prescribed admission guidelines and policies of Kendriya Vidyalayas, it is not possible to accommodate all aspiring students. Nevertheless, the continued demand for admission reflects the high esteem in which the institution is held by the community.

As the Vidyalaya moves forward, it remains committed to preserving its rich heritage while embracing the changing needs of education in the 21st century. From its modest beginning in 1972 under the patronage of PXE, Balasore, the institution has travelled a long and inspiring journey of growth, achievement and excellence. Its history is a story of dedication, perseverance and collective endeavour, and its legacy continues to inspire generations of students, teachers, parents and alumni.

The Vidyalaya proudly looks back upon its glorious past while looking ahead with renewed determination to provide quality, holistic and meaningful education, thereby preparing its students to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world and contribute positively to the nation and society.