

KVS National Sports Meet (Swimming and Diving) –

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Venue – PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya ASC Centre(S), Bengaluru

1st to 6th August, 2025

REPORT

The 54th National Sports Meet for Swimming and Diving (Boys and Girls) got off to a rousing start at the ASC Centre (S) Swimming Pool at Bengaluru, hosted by the Venue Vidyalaya PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bengaluru on the 2nd of August, 2025.

The day started with a welcome to the visiting dignitaries who graced the occasion and inaugurated the event. A colourful cultural programme of dances set the mood for the occasion.

Brig. Rohit Sethi, Chairman of the Vidyalaya and the Chief Guest of the event, declared the Meet open. He was accompanied by Lt. Col. A. Chibber, Nominee Chairman, Jitendra Naik TMO and Major T.B. Thapa, PTO at ASC Centre(S).

Shri Shaik Tajuddin, newly joined Deputy Commissioner of KVS, Bengaluru Region, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. He was accompanied by Shri Anil Kumar, Principal PM SHRI KV Malleswaram. The Venue Principal, Smt. M. Bhagyalakshmi joined them as they gave away the medals and certificates to the winners of the first few events.

The events for the day included 800 mtrs.Freestyle,50mtr.Butterfly Stroke, 100 mtr Individual Medley, Diving etc. for both girls and boys.

With the arrival of a slightly overcast Day 2 of the Meet, it commenced with continuation of the swimming events at the pool. In the morning, an ever-involved Major T.B. Thapa, PTO at ASC Centre(S), paid a quick visit to the Pool, to oversee the events. He graciously consented to honour the medal winners of the events of the previous day and spoke highly of their efforts.

He also encouraged the young and budding Phelps, Spitzes and Bula Choudhurys to keep at their swimming attempts, besides aiming for a career in sports with the Indian Army. As a talent scout for the Army, he encouraged the girl swimmers to pursue their interest in swimming with the support of the Indian Army as an employer.

The events continued for the day, with a brief interlude of a Medal ceremony graced by the presence of Mrs. Hema K, Assistant Commissioner, KVS Bengaluru Region, who had encouraging words for the winners and the participants. The highlights of the day included Individual Medleys, Relay Races and a few individual events.

Day Three of the 54th NSM dawned as another pleasant day of the famed Bangalore weather, with a host of events lined up. Major T.B. Thapa, PTO at ASC Centre(S), paid a quick visit to the Pool, to check on the arrangements and oversee the events. The venue continued to play host to another set of visiting dignitaries. It was led by Shri Manoj Pandey, Assistant Commissioner (IT and Sports Cell), KVS Head Quarters, accompanied by Shri R. Pramod, Smt. Hema K., Shri R.M. Sokalla, all three Assistant Commissioners of KVS Bengaluru Region. Smt. M.Bhagyalakshmi, the Incharge Principal of the host Vidyalaya, accompanied them for the visit. Shri Manoj Pandey, AC, graciously consented to honour some of the winners of a few events, by giving away the medals and the certificates.

The events of the day continued briefly, followed by an elaborate medal ceremony, which commemorated the success and outstanding performances of the swimming and diving participants. While Individual achievements were duly recognised and applauded, it was the 4x100 mtr. Relay Teams for both Boys and Girls of different Age Groups, that cornered most of the applause.

With the skies threatening to open up, it was time to call it a day and move on to the host Vidyalaya, to enjoy an evening of cultural programmes, before resting in preparation of the next day's competition.

Day Four of the Meet dawned as a wet, pleasant day, with the events half-way through to the total number of competitions, but the wet weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the participants. Besides the PET of the host Vidyalaya, Mrs. Bharti Kumari, the admirable and diligent team of ASC Centre swimming officials led by Mr. Santanu and Mr. Sam, continued with the job at hand in a professional manner.

The day continued to see the untiring efforts of the champion swimmers as they competed with each other and even with themselves, as they strove to better their own records. It concluded with an elaborate medal ceremony which honoured and acknowledged the efforts of the cream of the champion swimmers. With the best to come on the final day - the 6th of August, 2025, the penultimate day's events proved to be a befitting precursor to the final edition. With palpable excitement for the final day and in anticipation of the Championship Trophies, the sports stars retired for the day, heading back to the Vidyalaya for a colourful cultural programme.

The final day of the NSM was a culmination of the efforts of the champion swimmers and divers of various regions from all over the country as they played along, with emotions running high in every competitor's mind. It was a day of the untiring efforts of the swimmers, a day of final selection for the SGFI and of talent-spotting from the selected batch of school kids.

To honour their efforts, medals and certificates were handed over to them by the visiting dignitaries comprising of top officials of the Army Centre and the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Regional Office, Bengaluru during the Valedictory function in the afternoon. The gathering was honoured by the presence of Col.Sanjeev Singh Jamwal, Veer Chakra and Dy. Commandant at ASC Centre (S), who was accompanied by the illustrious Col. Jitendra Naik, TMO, besides the Nominee Chairman, Lt. Col. Ankush Chibber and Major T.B.Thapa, PTO, all serving at ASC Centre (S). Bengaluru Region was represented by Mrs. Hema K., Assistant Commissioner

and Mrs. Bhagylaksmi, the Incharge Principal of the Vidyalaya. A vibrant cultural programme was the highlight of the day and encouraging words of the dignitaries were a boost for the participants and the winners. The crowning glory moment came when Bengaluru Region team won the Championship Trophy for both Boys and Girls, which was followed by Ernakulam Region for Boys and Guwahati Region for Girls in the second position. Bringing up the third position, was the Chennai Region for Boys and the Kolkata Region for Girls.

It was a fitting finale to the National Sports Meet, 2025, as the officials, participants, staff members and support staff, brought the curtains down on a successfully staged event.

With sweet memories and great experiences, the visiting teams headed homewards for their respective destinations.