## KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA LUMDING CLASS: BALVATIKA-III

Class Balvatika-III was inaugurated by Mrs. & Mr. Prem Ranjan Kumar, DRM NFR LMG & Chairman VMC at Kendriya Vidyalaya Lumding on 31.07.2023.



## **About Balvatika:**

Over 85% of a child's cumulative brain development occurs prior to the age of 6, indicating the critical importance of appropriate care and stimulation of the brain in the early years in order to ensure healthy brain development and growth. Universal provisioning of quality early childhood development, care, and education must thus be achieved as soon as possible, and no later than 2030, to ensure that all students entering Grade 1 are school ready.

As part of the visionary National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has introduced an innovative early childhood education initiative known as "Balvatika." This program, designed to align with the principles of the NEP, focuses on nurturing the holistic development of young learners, laying the foundation for a lifetime of curiosity and knowledge.

Balvatika is an early childhood education initiative that goes beyond traditional classroom settings to create an enriching environment for children aged 3 to 6 years. Emphasizing play-based learning, the program aims to foster cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development in the crucial early years of a child's life.

## Key Features of Balvatika:

1. Play-Based Learning: Balvatika places a strong emphasis on learning through play, recognizing that young children learn best when engaged in hands-on, interactive activities. The program incorporates educational games, storytelling, music, and creative arts to make learning enjoyable and meaningful.

2. Holistic Development: The curriculum is designed to address all facets of a child's development, including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical domains. Balvatika activities promote language development, motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and emotional intelligence.

3. Inclusive Environment: The initiative is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all children. Activities are designed to accommodate diverse learning styles and abilities, ensuring that every child can participate and benefit from the program.

4. Parental Involvement: Recognizing the crucial role of parents in a child's early years, Balvatika encourages active parental involvement. Parents are provided with insights into their child's learning experiences and are given guidance on how to support their child's development at home.

5. Transition to Formal Education: Balvatika acts as a bridge between informal early childhood education and formal schooling. The program aims to make the transition to formal education smoother, preparing children with foundational skills and a love for learning.