Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan launches digital initiatives

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News

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Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Vidya Samiksha Kendra + "Samiksha" AI bot	Real-time dashboards on attendance, learning, infrastructure, admissions; flags gaps, suggests action (samiksha.kvs.gov.in)
KVS-Samvaad	Parents see attendance, syllabus progress, results, digital ID; apply online for certificates and leave (samvaad.kvs.gov.in)
KVS Alumni Connect	Links former students with their schools

Background

- KVS was set up in 1963 as "Central Schools" for children of transferable central government employees; it is under the Ministry of Education and follows the CBSE syllabus. Navodaya Vidyalayas came from the 1986 education policy.

- NEP 2020 replaces 10+2 with 5+3+3+4 (foundational, preparatory, middle, secondary) and pushes technology use in schools.
- DIKSHA is NCERT's national digital learning platform; Vidya Samiksha Kendras were started under Samagra Shiksha to monitor school data.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu released its own State Education Policy in 2025, keeping its two-language policy (Tamil and English). The State's EMIS (Educational Management Information System) tracks students in government schools.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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What are the key facts to remember for the exam?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which Union Education Minister launched three digital initiatives of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)?

A) Dharmendra Pradhan

B) Pralhad Joshi

C) Annapurna Devi

D) Sukanta Majumdar

Answer: B – Explanation: Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched them on 12 Nov 2026; KVS headquarters' IT cell built them in-house.

2. In which year was the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan set up?

A) 1956

B) 1975

C) 1986

D) 1963

Answer: D – Explanation: It began in 1963 as "Central Schools" for children of transferable central employees. Navodaya Vidyalayas came from the 1986 education policy.

3. Who is the "KVS-Samvaad" app launched by KVS meant for?

A) Parents

B) Alumni

C) Teacher recruitment

D) School inspectors

Answer: A – Explanation: Parents can see attendance, syllabus progress, results and digital ID cards, and apply online for certificates and leave. Alumni have a separate Alumni Connect portal.

4. What is the name of the AI bot integrated into KVS's Vidya Samiksha Kendra?

A) Saarthi

B) Diksha

C) Samiksha

D) Sahayak

Answer: C – Explanation: The "Samiksha" AI bot reads attendance, learning and infrastructure data, flags gaps and suggests action. DIKSHA is NCERT's digital learning platform.

5. Which school structure does the National Education Policy 2020 recommend?

A) 10+2

B) 5+3+3+4

C) 4+4+4

D) 8+4

Answer: B – Explanation: 5 (foundational, ages 3–8) + 3 (preparatory) + 3 (middle) + 4 (secondary). Tamil Nadu released its own State Education Policy in 2025.

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