

Hon, Minister speech on the occasion of the signing of the MoU Between KVS and MMB

I am extremely happy to be here on the occasion of signing of the memorandum of Understanding between the Goethe Institut Max Mueller Bhavan and the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

The KVS , as you know , is a huge of chain of 1060 school located all over India and abroad. The KVS essentially caters to the educational needs of the children of transferable government employees including defence and paramilitary personally by providing a high standard of education. We all know that through an ideal and update methodology KVS Strives to maintain excellence in academic pursuits and thus has been a pace setter in the field of school education

I am happy to know that KVS Provides not only for teaching of Indian Languages but also introduced foreign languages . Keeping in mind the interest expressed by the students to learn these languages. This step was also Taken to give the students a global exposure. It is heartening to hear that as many as 200 Kv's have opted for teaching of German language

I am equally gratified to know that the max Mueller Bhavan is supporting the KVS by assisting them with the teacher training programmes and also in engaging competent teachers

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I am please to see that the heads of the concerned parties are present here on this momentous occasion and I hope that the initiative will go a long way in providing opportunities for the KV students to utilize the facilities for studying in Germany

BRIEF ON MOU

1. In today's age of globalization it has become essential for us to interact with people from different cultures and in different walks of life. In order to understand how a society functions and how education, business and everyday life works in a country it is essential to know the language of the country. It is only through multilingualism and knowledge of foreign languages that we help our students connect with their peers in other countries and become aware global citizens.
2. Therefore learning of foreign languages has become desirable in the age of globalization when the corridors of learning have been thrown open to the students also opportunities for studying and seeking jobs Abroad have attracted the young students to look for learning foreign languages.
3. KVS, with the futuristic view, not to leave its clientele behind in having access to opportunities for studies and jobs, had a survey done to assess the number of schools/ students desirous of learning foreign language and the result was very encouraging.
4. Foreign languages were introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas in 2009 as per the decision taken in 32nd Academic Advisory Committee of KVS held on November 28, 2008 in view of growing demand for foreign languages. Foreign languages have been introduced as an additional subject from class VI upwards.
5. As many as 300 schools have expressed their keenness to introduce the German language and presently about 200 schools have opted for German language as the third language from class VI onwards. Some of the schools have also introduced the language as a hobby course.
6. About 1,800 students are at present learning the German language and some more students the learning language as a hobby course.
7. About 50 teachers across the country have been trained in teaching German language. However, the main problem in the implementation of the language has been with regard to the availability of teachers in remote areas.

8 As per the decision taken in the 36th AAC meeting held on 08.10.2011 it was decided that:

- a. In classes VI to VIII the foreign language would be offered as an option to Sanskrit.
- b. In all other classes it would be available as an additional language or as hobby course. Classes VI to VIII would not however be barred from this option as well.
- c. Contractual Teachers would be appointed as per KVS rules and in audit attract and retain good quality teachers they would be appointed on a longer period of contract of 3-5 years. The contractual teachers would be paid a consolidated salary calculated as basic pay of PRTs of KVS at initial stage with GPNDA at the rate of 45%. The payment of contractual teachers would be done from the Vidyalaya Nikas Nidhi at a consolidated salary of Rs.19,575.
- d. The qualification for German teachers is as follows:
 - a. B2 level of the Common European Framework for languages. B1 level teachers may also be appointed with the condition that they would upgrade within a year. In long run all teachers would be expected to be of C1 level.
 - b. Bachelor's degree /diploma in German for teachers who have learnt German from Indian universities.

9. Since the inception of the programme the Goethe Institute Max Mueller Bhavan has supported the KVS in its efforts to introduce German in all its schools.

10. Training support for teaching German language is being provided by the Goethe Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi as also by its other branches. Some of the teachers have also received training in Germany.

11. Language training was provided to KVS teachers at various regions like Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune and Hyderabad. Teachers who successfully completed the modules in India were sent for further training to Germany.

12. Two KV schools, KV Noida and KV JNU Campus were made a part of the Schools: Partners for the Future programme. Many meritorious students from these schools have attended youth courses in Germany as also youth camps in India.

13. Officials from KVS have represented the organization at the "Schools: Partners for the Future" annual conference in Colombo for the past three years.

14. A delegation of KVS officials headed by the Commissioner visited Germany for 10 days. During their visit they had an opportunity to visit various kinds of schools and universities giving them a good insight into the German school education system and the opportunities Indian students have to study at universities in Germany.

15. The Goethe Institute has assisted in the recruitment of contractual teachers in KVS schools from 2011. The newly recruited teachers were provided with an orientation programme in foreign language teaching. This is a continuous education programme that will continue right through the academic year.

16. All KV schools that started German were provided with 'Starter kits' - a set of books for both students and teachers to support the teaching of German in the schools.

17. The road map ahead is seen as taking teaching of the German language to classes IX and X as also classes XI and XII for those students who are desirous of learning the language further thus, providing them with opportunities for study and jobs in Germany and other countries.

18. To create our own pool of teachers through regular recruitment and in-service programmes.

19. To give opportunities to teachers and students for having an experience of the culture and heritage of Germany.

20. To create library resources in each of the KVs that have implemented teaching German language.
