

# Irani launches KVs' e-initiative

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In a bid to bring government schools at par with the private schools, Union human resources development (HRD) minister Smriti Irani today launched Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan's e-initiative, Shaala Darpan, which will provide all information about students electronically on a single platform.

"The government has completed one year and this programme launched by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its first year will define e-governance, good governance and Digital India and create a history. PM has dedicated his dream project Digital India to the nation. This is an initiative towards realising that dream," Ms Irani said.

"It is heartening that government schools (KVs) are making this initiative

which is historic", she said. Observing that there was a negative mindset towards government schools, she said the government was working towards changing it and this initiative was in that direction. Shaala Darpan would serve as a single platform in delivering services to students, parents, teachers and also the school administration for functions like admissions and examinations electronically. KVS plans to roll it out across its 1099 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country.

It will link all schools and provide an interface to the public and school administration. The HRD minister of State, Upendra Kushwaha, Commissioner of KVS, Santosh Kumar Mall, and that of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, G S Bothyal, and CBSE chairperson, Dr Satbir Bedi, were also present at the function.