

# Nod for more KVs in state

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It's good news for parents, especially central government employees, seeking admission for their children to quality schools, as the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) is expected to sanction more schools in the state by September.

This has become possible now that a regional office has started functioning in Kochi. The first of the new KV schools will be at Ernakulam (Erumbanam near Kakkannad) and Kottayam.

"We're taking a special look at the applications though there around 140 of them from the state pending before us. We hope to give sanction to the two cases by September when the centre is expected to give the nod to the 12 the Five Year Plan," said KVS commissioner Avinash Dikshit who was here on Wednesday to lay the foundation stone of the new four-storey building of the



KVS commissioner Avinash Dikshit arrives at KV, Kadavanthra in Kochi, to lay the foundation stone of the new regional office building on Wednesday.

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regional office.

The 12th Plan proposes to set up 500 KVs across the country, with a hundred every year.

"We'll try to start the KV at Kakkannad this year itself. To start new schools we look at two factors...the number of central government employees with potential wards and the willingness of the state government to hand over the

required land," he said.

The capacity of the existing KVs in the state is also likely to be increased without affecting the student-teacher ratio. For instance, the KV, Ernakulam (Kadavanthra) is setting up a new block to facilitate the functioning of an additional division of every class from 1 to X. It will help in the intake of 40 (ideal strength) additional stu-

dents in each class.

Meanwhile, after the school uniform revolution, the KVs are all set to go hi-tech. "Till now, computers have been provided only in the labs. Now we're providing them in classrooms. The teachers too will be given computers so that their work can be eased. The increasing use of technology will help them to focus more on teaching", he said.