

# KVs add colour to uniform, do away with the blue & white

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**T**HE 50-year-old school uniform design of Kendriya Vidyalayas is in line for a makeover. Starting this academic session, the blue-and-white dress will be replaced by a brighter red, blue and white check shirts and grey trousers or skirts.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Commissioner Avinash Dikshit released the uniform during the annual deputy commissioner's conference on Wednesday.

The new uniforms have been

designed by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

"The makeover was long overdue," Dikshit said.

He said the new look must also translate into a new outlook for all academic endeavours of the Sangathan, which turns 50 next year.

There are approximately 10.6 lakh students enrolled in 1,086 KVs across the country.

The current batch of Class XII students have been exempted from the mandatory change in uniform, as this is their last year in school.



KVS Commissioner Avinash Dikshit checks the new uniforms on Wednesday.

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**New uniform set to cost around Rs 2,500**

#### GIRLS HAVE THREE OPTIONS

- Checkered tunics with red collars
- Checkered shirts with grey divided skirts
- Kurtis/kameez with a trouser-salwar
- Junior boys will wear shirts and shorts
- Boys in senior classes will dress in half-sleeve shirts with trousers
- Neck-tie removed, new shirts have mandarin collars with red taping
- New accessories, like scarf and turban, added.

Dikshit also asked for more autonomy for the principals and a "world-class learning experience" for the students. He said the time has come for consolidation of the expansion by the Sangathan over the past two years.

"There should be a sense of encouragement and not victimisation among the stakeholders in the system," Dikshit said.

NIFT took around six months to work on the new design, which does away with neck-ties.

KVs plan to do away with the old uniform gradually over two years.