

Tamil Nadu chief minister M Karunanidhi urged the government to mark 50 per cent of the seats in central universities for students from rural areas.



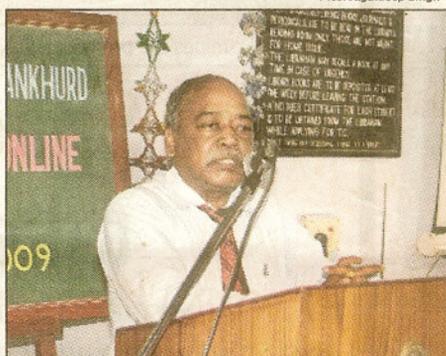
Student Edition

Online library excites students

With one of a kind, online library set up by Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mankhurd, the students can now easily access any book which is on the shelf. *Debashree Sarkar* reports...

With the initiative of Ajaya Kumar, principal of the KV, Mankhurd and Ankush Ingole, Librarian more than eleven thousand books will be accessible to all the students. The inauguration of the online library at KV, Mankhurd on September 24, was attended by P R L Gupta, Asst Commissioner of KVS, Mumbai Region as the chief guest. "With such initiatives taken up by the schools, our students will be benefited. I appreciate the efforts put in by the school in creating such database and provide it to all its students", PRL Gupta opines.

With the support from National Informatic Centre (NIC), a Govt of India initiative, 'E-Granthalaya' a digital agenda for library automation and networking was installed in the school. "This will definitely evolve the read-



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P R L Gupta, asst commissioner of KVS, Mumbai region, chief guest of the function addressing the students



(from left) Laxman Singh, Cmde D P Kulkarni, PRL Gupta, Dr Ashok Kumar, Ajaya Kumar at the inauguration of Online Library at K V, Mankhurd

ing habit in the students. I am sure the technological advancement will attract the students to make use of the library books for their studies", says Ajaya Kumar. "The students will be given login IDs through which they can access the online library. Thus, they can search for apt book to read among thousands of books available to them. Parents and teachers will also get the benefit from this", says Shivani Arora, teacher, KV, Mankhurd.

Also, present during the inauguration function were, Commodore D P Kulkarni, chairman of the school; Laxman Singh, general manager of NAD; Dr Ashok Kumar, secretary AECS; Commander Sanjay Pathak, nominee chairman. "I am thankful to the school for their utmost support, especially the principal, teachers and the dignitaries from NIC", says Ankush

Ingole, Librarian. The program was also graced by Suman Bakshi, director of NIC; K Suresh, Vijay Kumar, senior scientists of NIC who have been the backbone of the entire project. Principals of Atomic Energy Central Schools; librarians of various schools, Prof Subramanian, from Homi Bhabha centre for science education; research scholars from Homi Bhabha centre; Rakhi Banerjee, asst prof at Tata Institute of Social Sciences; VMC members of KV, officers of HPCL, BPCL and IOC, and principal of KV, Bhandup were present during the function to share their views. "I thank all the dignitaries present for the function. Especially officials from NIC who have been a great help to make our dream library", says Ajaya Kumar, principal of KV, Mankhurd.

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