

LEARNING AND CAPABILITY

# Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)

## WHAT THIS INSTITUTION IS

A Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) is a free residential institution for girls from Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), minority, and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. KGBVs are sited in Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) where rural female literacy is below the national average (46.13%, Census 2001) and in Aspirational Districts. Within eligible blocks, 75% of seats go to SC/ST/OBC/minority girls and 25% to BPL girls, with priority for areas with high concentration of these communities and out-of-school girls. KGBVs follow four types under Samagra Shiksha – Type I (Classes VI-VIII), Type II (VI-X) and Type III (VI-XII) are residential schools with hostel; Type IV is a Girls' Hostel for Classes IX-XII attached to existing schools. KGBVs provide full board – tuition, hostel, meals, textbooks, uniforms, and stationery – at zero cost. They serve girls who would otherwise drop out due to distance, safety, poverty, or family pressure. Each KGBV operates as a direct component of Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan.

### WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU

If you are a girl from a marginalised family in a backward block and need a place where you can study with free boarding, this is the institution designed for that. If you know girls who dropped out of school, KGBVs accept out-of-school and never-enrolled girls.

## GOVERNANCE

LAW / POLICY	SCOPE
Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (KGBV component)	Dedicated component funding residential girls' education in backward blocks
Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009	Constitutional mandate for free education Classes 1-8; KGBVs deliver this for the most marginalised girls
National Education Policy (NEP), 2020	NEP 2020 Para 6.9 mandates strengthening and extension of all KGBVs up to Class XII; operationalised through Samagra Shiksha
Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	KGBVs are convergence points for Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) activities

- **Centre:** Ministry of Education (DoSEL – Department of School Education and Literacy) → funds via Public Financial Management System (PFMS) to State Implementation Society
- **State:** State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha
- **District:** District Education Officer (DEO)
- **Institution:** Warden (on-campus head)
- **Funding:** 60:40 Centre:State



## KEY POSITIONS

POSITION	RESPONSIBILITY
Warden	Head of the KGBV; manages hostel, coordinates teaching, handles admissions
Full-time Teachers	Typically 5-6 per KGBV; teach state board curriculum
Part-time Instructors	Vocational subjects, self-defence training, life skills
Accountant / Clerk	Financial records, data entry on PRABANDH (Project Appraisal, Budgeting, Achievements and Data Handling) and UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus)

## MANDATED SERVICES

- Free residential education with full board at zero cost to the family, covering Classes 6-12
- Admission priority: 75% seats for SC/ST/OBC/minority girls, 25% for BPL families, with focus on out-of-school girls and dropouts
- Self-defence training under Rani Laxmibai Atma Raksha Prashikshan
- Menstrual hygiene management including sanitary pad vending and hygiene education
- Bridge courses for out-of-school girls to reach grade-appropriate levels
- Scholarship facilitation through the National Scholarships Portal (NSP) for pre-matric and post-matric applications
- Health check-ups and counselling on continuing education and career options
- National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF)-aligned vocational courses for Classes 9-12 with employability-skill modules (communication, Information & Communication Technology (ICT), self-management, entrepreneurial, green skills), extended to KGBVs under the Vocationalisation of Secondary Education component of Samagra Shiksha
- Monthly stipend for each girl student (as a KGBV recurring-cost line item under Samagra Shiksha; rupee amount set through state Annual Work Plan and Budget)
- Safety, security and living conditions per Samagra Shiksha KGBV strategy: minimum living space for each girl approximately 40 sq ft excluding kitchen, toilet and other common space; warden, teaching and support staff all female; child safety posters, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) E-Box details, School Safety Pledge and Child helpline number on display in prominent locations of the hostel; guest register recording every visitor; watchman present 24 hours

## LINKED SCHEMES

- **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan** – entire operational funding including construction, salaries, materials, and meals
- **Pre-matric / Post-matric Scholarships (NSP)** – financial assistance for SC/ST/OBC/minority girls
- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** – awareness and re-enrolment drives for girls at risk of dropping out
- **Rani Laxmibai Atma Raksha Prashikshan** – self-defence training funded through Samagra Shiksha

## HOW TO LOCATE

**Portal:** [udiseplus.gov.in](http://udiseplus.gov.in) – filter by school management type and category for KGBVs with Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) codes



**Also:** Ask the Block Education Officer in any Educationally Backward Block for the KGBV address and warden contact

## KEY FACILITIES

A functioning KGBV should have: dormitory space with beds and storage for each student, one classroom per grade, a kitchen with Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)-based cooking and dining hall, separate toilet blocks with running water, a sanitary pad vending machine, an incinerator for menstrual waste, a complete boundary wall with lockable gate, a laboratory covering Science, ICT, Maths, Social Science and Language; a separate computer room with internet; a Head Master room; an Art and Craft room; a Recreation room (per Samagra Shiksha KGBV minimum requirements); a playground, a library or reading corner, a sick room with first-aid supplies, and on-campus warden quarters.

## WHAT A FUNCTIONING KGBV LOOKS LIKE

- Girls are physically present on campus and classes are underway during school hours
- The warden lives on campus and is available for daily management
- Self-defence training has been conducted in the last quarter with a qualified instructor
- The sanitary pad vending machine is functional and stocked
- Meals are being served per schedule with visible menu variety
- Scholarship applications for the current cycle have been processed through NSP

## GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL

**During service delivery.** The first point of contact is the Warden on campus. Issues around hostel conditions, meal quality, bridge-course enrolment, self-defence training, or menstrual hygiene supplies are raised here first.

**After service.** Escalation is to the District Education Officer (DEO) and the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha. For cases involving safety, abuse, or discrimination, the District Collector and Child Welfare Committee have direct jurisdiction.

**External.** The Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) at [pgportal.gov.in](http://pgportal.gov.in) handles complaints against the Ministry of Education. The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) / National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) accepts complaints on girls' educational rights and safety. The National Commission for Women (NCW, [ncw.nic.in](http://ncw.nic.in), helpline 7827170170) handles gender-specific grievances. Cases involving girl-child safety can be escalated through the POCSO / Juvenile Justice infrastructure.

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