

# **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya**

Launched on July 2004

The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya or KGBV is a residential girls' secondary school run by the Government of India for the weaker sections in India.

## **Benefits**

The scheme provides for:

- Free Text Books
- Free Uniform
- Monthly Scholarships
- Food & Accommodation facilities along with Medicare, sports equipments and necessary toiletries
- Physical & Self-defence training to girl students
- Stipend for girl student Rs 100/- per month
- Supplementary learning material, stationery and other educational material costing Rs 1,000 per girl student per annum
- A reservation of 75% of the seats for girls belonging to SC, ST, OBC or minority communities
- 25% of the seats are accorded to the girls from BPL families

The objective of KGBV is to ensure access and quality education to the girls of disadvantaged groups of society by setting up residential schools at upper primary level.

## **Objective**

Gender disparities still persist in rural areas and among disadvantaged communities. Looking at enrolment trends, there remain significant gaps in the enrollment of girls at the elementary level as compared to boys, especially at the upper primary levels. The objective of KGBV is to ensure that quality education is feasible and accessible to the girls of disadvantaged groups of society by setting up residential schools with boarding facilities at elementary level.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

3,609 *Balika Vidyalayas* (as per 2014 reports) are operational in the country enrolling 3.64 lakh girls. The Scheme is open for:

- A girl aged 11 and above
- A Drop-out or Out-of-school girl child particularly from low literacy habitation
- Under exceptional cases girls in difficult circumstances who are unable to complete primary education can be enrolled
- Also, she should either be :
  1. Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) Child
  2. Child from Other Backward Classes (OBC)
  3. Child from a minority community
  4. Child from a BPL family

(Girls from educationally forward communities with no real disadvantage are not to be admitted under KGBV even if they belong to educationally backward regions)

## **Documents Required**

- Birth Certificate
- Relevant Caste Certificate
- BPL Card of the girl child's family
- Pass result of primary classes
- Sufficient proof shall be given to rule out the possibility of artificial break after primary schooling

## **How to Apply**

The admissions to Balika Vidyalaya begin every year in the month of May. For admissions parents must contact the nearest **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya** and fill up the registration form. Complete registration form must be submitted with necessary documents.

## **Link**

List of schools providing such education to girls can be found here: <http://ssa.nic.in/girls-education/kasturba-gandhi-balika-vidyalaya/Lists%20of%203609%20KGBVs%20upto%2030.6.2014.xlsx/view>

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