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Odisha KGBV Girl's Success Story to Feature in National Magazine

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In the remote tribal district of Malkangiri, Odisha, a young girl is rewriting the narrative of perseverance and passion. Bibhuti Mundagadia, a Class 10 student at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Sindhrimala, has emerged as a national-level handball player, defying all odds stacked against her.

Born into a humble lower-middle-class tribal family, Bibhuti's life has been shaped by grit and resilience. Her father, a mason, and her mother, who cultivates mushrooms to support the family, have always encouraged her dreams despite their limited means. Growing up in such challenging circumstances, Bibhuti developed a deep love for sports—particularly handball—which she pursued with unwavering dedication.

At her residential school under the KGBV scheme, Bibhuti not only excelled academically but also began making a mark in district and state-level handball tournaments. Her hard work bore fruit when she was selected to represent Odisha in the Junior National School Sports Handball Championship held in Madhya Pradesh—a moment of immense pride for her school, family, and state.

Now, her inspiring journey is set to reach a national audience. The Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of India, has chosen to feature Bibhuti's story in an upcoming issue of its prestigious national magazine, which showcases the achievements of outstanding students from across the country.

Bibhuti's dream is to play handball at the international level. Her story is more than just a tale of individual triumph—it's a symbol of hope and possibility for thousands of girls across India, especially from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and other marginalized communities.

The KGBV scheme, launched in 2004 to promote education among disadvantaged girls, finds a true ambassador in Bibhuti. Her success is a powerful reminder that with the right support and unyielding spirit, even the most remote corners of India can produce national champions.

As her story reaches homes across the country, Bibhuti Mundagadia becomes not just a name but a beacon of inspiration—a testament to the power of dreams, determination, and the transformational impact of education.



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