

Odisha,

SANJU



Ask 17 year old Sanju about school and she will enthusiastically tell you how smoothly her Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya functions. She loves the discipline and focus that the hostel allows her to have. KGBVs were instituted to empower girls exactly like Sanju, and the confidence it has given her matched her T-shirt - "She believed she could", it said.

Sanju however, couldn't read this.

We can continue to build infrastructure and provide resources, but if the youth are not finally equipped with basic functional skills, how much are we really empowering them?