

# WOMEN ACHIEVERS OF THIS DISTRICT

**Ramadevi Choudhuri:** The legendary freedom fighter and a social reformer who actively participated in the freedom struggle and inspired the women in Odisha to step into the public sphere. She occupied a unique and unparalleled position playing an outstanding role in the freedom movement of the state. Rama Devi dedicated herself to the cause of Bhoodan and Gramdan movement of Acharya Vinoba Bhave. Along with her husband she traveled on foot about 4000 kilometres across the state to propagate the message of gifting land and wealth to the landless and poor. In recognition of her services to the nation, Ramadevi was honoured with the Jamnalal Bajaj Award on the 4th November, 1981 and the Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris causa) by Utkal University on the 16th April, 1984.



Rama Devi

**Aruna Mohanty** (born 4 April 1960) is an Odissi dancer, choreographer and guru. She is currently the Secretary of the Orissa (Odisha) Dance Academy. She has received a number of awards for her work, including the [Padmashree](#) award.



**Dr. Pratibha Ray:** A profession and a writer Ray undoubtedly is a Odisha and in most her translated works. leading fiction writers in been a long journey for obscure lanes of her place she enjoys in the hearts of her avid readers.



professor by by choice, Pratibha household name in parts of India through She is one of the India today. It has Pratibha from the village to the secure

She is the first woman to receive the coveted National Moorti Devi Award by Bharatiya Jnanpith for the year 1991 for her widely acclaimed novel Jainaseni. In December, 2012, Padmashri Pratibha Ray was selected for the country's most coveted literary honour, the Jnanpith Award, for the year 2011 for her excellent contributions to the field of Indian literature.

### **Padma Shri Tulasi**

Munda is a noted social done a lot of work to among the tribal people hundreds of tribal future as exploited daily setting up a school in



**Munda:** Tulasi activist who has spread literacy and released children from a labourers by mining area.

She has triggered a silent revolution in Serendra – a village about 30 km from the mines city of Joda in Orissa and its vicinity. The mission started by her in 1964 has borne fruit. The village once under the grip of illiteracy and poverty now boasts of a model school which has served as a catalyst for the over-all development of the area.

**Mamta Chandrakar** (born 3 December 1958) is a [Padma Shri](#) Awarded [folk singer](#) of [Chhattisgarh](#). She is referred to as the Nightingale of Chhattisgarh. Mamta Chandrakar has her post graduation degree in singing from [Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya](#).<sup>[5]</sup> Mamta Chandrakar has started singing from the age of 10 years and professionally took it as folk singer in 1977 with Aakashvani Kendra Raipur. She is a Padmashree Awardee in 2016 for her work, she has bagged several other state-level awards. Her husband Prem Chandrakar is a producer and director in [Chollywood](#).



**Sruti Mohapatra** was born in 1963. She lives in [Bhubaneswar](#), the capital city of [Odisha](#), India. In 1987, she wanted to become an [Indian Administrative Service](#) officer after passing the [Union Public Service Commission](#) examination but she injured her [spinal cord](#) in a car accident. Mohapatra is a wheelchair user who campaigns for [disability rights](#). She has chaired the Odisha State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights and is a member of the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Sruti Mohapatra receives [Nari Shakti Puraskar](#) from President [Ram Nath Kovind](#)



**Shanti Parmar**- Smt. Shanti Parmar is a Craftperson who has kept alive the tradition of making Adivasu Dolls. She has been awarded the PADMA SHRI 2023 for her contributions to the field of Art.



**Dr. Krishna Patel**, a renowned musician, and vocalist has been conferred with The prestigious PADMA SHRI AWARD for her song Rangabati, She has made outstanding contributions to Sambalpuri Folk Music



**MALINI AWASTHI** For 2020, the Ahilya Samman Award was given to the folk singer Malini Awasthi, whose songs in Bundelkhandi, Bhojpuri and Awadhi are very popular.

