

## “Cementing Dream into reality”

### Middle School Kalamati, Village – Kalamati, Panchayat- Fhudi, District – Khunti, Jharkhand.



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Jharkhand Education Project Council has visualized the school building construction not as mere physical structures of bricks, sand and mortar. But each school component and space, existing as well as new, was visualized from the angle of right of the child and their learning needs. The existing school buildings needs to be revisited and re developed from the perspective of the mandatory provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act 2009.

JEPC took up the challenge to develop the existing school building constructed decade before into model school with the support of community and teachers. 10 schools in each district were selected for this initiative. Some urban schools were adopted by government officials but the major challenge was to cement this idea with reality in naxal effected rural areas.

Middle School Kalamati in Fudi panchayat of Khunti district was one such school which was to be developed as model school. The structure of school building was in safe condition but due to lack of proper maintenance the school and its surrounding was in bad state of affair. The attendance with respect to enrollment was nearly 40%. The challenge was to make the schools and its surrounding clean and pedagogically enriched, using innovative ideas and available resources, so that the schools attract and retain more and more children’s

Series of consultative meeting was held with the teachers, SMC members, local villagers and eminent people for the development of the school. Work was started with limited resources available under SSA. But the resources were negligible for making the school anywhere near to model school. The local MLA & MP was approached for support. The SMCs members and the parents were requested to send their ward to school regularly. Slowly people started believing and attendance started improving but the infrastructure part was still a grey area.

The SSA team met the mukhiya of the panchayat. Series of meeting was conducted between Mukhiya, Villagers and SSA officials. Mukhiya Sri Hermon Toppo, was young, dynamic and hardworking man with strong determination to do something new for the upliftment of his panchayat. Various innovative ideas and plan was shared with mukhiya. Finally a blue print for development of the school was finalized. Banks and other commercial firms were approached. Mukhiya Sri Hermon Toppo took up the challenge and called a meeting in the village. Each and every family were directed to send their children regularly to school and report to him on monthly basis. He also requested the villagers to for two hours free labour in the making and development of school into model school. The inertia was broken and the ball of development started rolling. The mukhiya started giving time in the school and within 15 days time the total scenario changed and the school become exemplary in the area. M.S.Kalamati turned from simple school to model school and the panchayat become Zero Dropout panchayat in the district.

**Renovation started  
with the help of  
Community in  
M.S.Kalamati, Khunti,**



**M.S.Kalamati renovated  
as Model School in the  
leadership of Sri Hermon  
Toppo.Mukhiya**

