

## **Awareness Program on Right to Quality Education at Kharagpur**

The one day awareness program at Kharagpur, on right to quality education was inaugurated by Mr. Om Prakash Chowrasia, the principal of Dr. Jose Kananaikal High School, Govadda. At the start of the program, the regional office in charge, Mr. Raj Kumar made a short presentation on the status of Education Scenario in Bihar, focusing on government schools. The participants were very sad and concerned about the data presented. This initiated a natural discussion among the people and they came up with certain action plan to improve the situation of education in government schools. They were unanimous in saying that a mass movement has to take place based on the following action plan:

- Village committees to monitor and work out action plans
- Closure of liquor shops
- Take out torch march to sensitize people
- Cycle march by youth to promote quality education
- Prepare and submit a letter demanding quality education to the block officer

About fifty people participated in the program. Some of the prominent people from the village who actively participated in the program were; Krishnadev Paswan, Deepnarayan Bind, Jaiprakash Bind, Sakaldev Hembrom, Lakshman Darri, Rajkumar Manjhi, Sateesh Mandal, Sadanand Mandal, Paro Devi, Suma Devi, Praveen Kumar, and Poonam Kumar.

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