

# Teachers gift learning 'platform' to students who never board a 'train'

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**Bhopal:** They may have not seen a real train in their entire life but 96 tribal students of a government school in a remote village of Dindori district are now studying in one, so as to say.

At the Government Middle School in Khajri village of Dindori's Amarpur block, teachers pooled in money together to transform the entire school to look like a train. As there are no railway lines in the entire district, Dindori has no trains or railway stations. The move, the teachers say, was aimed at making the school a more exciting place for the students.

The school is located on a remote hill top at a distance of around 12km from the district headquarters. There are 96 students and three teachers including the headmistress Santosh Uike, tea-



Khajrigaon Junction School in Khajri village of Dindori painted as a train

chers Prakash Kumar Chandrawansi and Sanjay Chandel.

Speaking to TOI, teacher Chandrawansi said, "We get around Rs12,000 for maintenance of the school from the education department. But to do such a paint job, the total expenditure is between Rs35,000 and Rs40,000. We are contributing the remaining amount on our own. Most of the work

is already done, some of it is still left." He added that the topography of Dindori is such that it does not allow transit of trains. "None of the 96 children at the school have seen a real train so far. At the time we did this, painting at the school was due and the idea came to us. We then hired painters from Dindori district headquarters," he said.