Jharkhand school sets example on cleanliness

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The Dulsulma Middle School in the Palamu district has set an example of cleanliness and overall development before the country, even as many schools in the state are deprived of basic facilities. Niti Aayog on Twitter shared the pictures of this school and appreciated their efforts made for cleanliness, health and overall development in the school.

In the tweet, the Aayog said: "Clean as well as healthy.....The method adopted by this school is very good and as a mass movement for the advanced future of the district."

The Aayog has appreciated the way the school has made efforts to reach out to all sections of the students. The Hindi - English alphabet is colourfully depicted on the walls of the classroom so that the little children learn it the fun way. The school has special arrangements for disabled students too, keeping in view of their seating and toilet needs.

The school also has maintained clean tap-water, library, and regular electricity, besides focus on maintaining green cover on the premises.

The credit for this rejuvenation of the school goes to Anita Bhengra, the headmistress of the school.

Bhengra, who has served for nearly 15 years in the school, has vowed to develop this school on the lines of a private school. She has made health and cleanliness the priority.

Though over the years, the number of teachers in the school has declined, this has not affected her spirit. "Colleagues like Anil Kumar Gupta retired, Arpan Kumar Gupta was sent to another school and then the Principle Mrityunjay Pathak was transferred. But, a team of students was prepared and they have kept the work on," said Bhengra.

She said that English was introduced in the school, and activities involving the students like group songs, solo songs, painting, etc. were added. "With the help of the senior students, we started teaching smaller students as only two employed teachers and one assistant teacher were left in the school."

The school gained prominence when a senior teacher, Arpan Kumar Gupta, who has now retired, uploaded the pictures of some innovations and experiments being done in the school on social media

The efforts for a clean and good education has been appreciated by the Palamu district administration also.

Deputy Commissioner of Palamu, Shantanu Kumar Agarhari told IANS: "District administration would honour Anita Bhengra by giving her a citation. I hope other schools too would learn from this school and do the same."