

REPORT ON VISIT TO KHILLIGANDA VILLAGE EDUCATION CENTRE RUN BY MAHILA VIKAS

I have started my visit at 8.30 AM on 10th February, 2011 along with the staff of Mahila Vikas on the hired Mahindra Jeep. At around 10.45 AM we could able to reach to Tala Bonda using the Jeep, from there we have to go by walking. We walked around 4 Kms to reach to the village Khilligonda at around 11.45 AM. The villagers were present there to receive us. Then we have an interactive meeting with the villagers and parents. We have discussed around 15 mins. And started walking again to visit the centre which is ½ Km from there. We reached the centre at around 12'O clock.

There I found an Education centre displaying a board of '**SANJUKTA VIDYALAYA**' (in Oriya) running with the support from 'ASHA FOR EDUCATION' and managed by MAHILA VIKAS. The centre has 22 (Twenty-two) dropout girl students and a lady teacher. The villagers and parents also accompanied with us. I advise the parents to send their child regularly to the school and to teacher to teach in a play mode.

I verified the records and registers maintained by the teacher there. I also asked some of the children present in the centre some questions, and they are also well answered. During my interaction with the villagers I observed that their livelihood condition compelling the parents to restrict their children from higher education. When I asked the coordinator of Mahila Vikas, they told that they are planning to sensitize the community on mobilization of Govt. Resources particularly using the *Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)*.

I also advised the parents to send their children to the centre for their bright future, and also advised to the teacher to use more play methods in the centre.

I also request the Mahila Vikas team to support the community in enhancing their livelihood through mobilization of resources.

We returned back at around 1.00 PM and went to Jeerango junction (around 20 Kms) by 2.30 PM to have our lunch. By 3.00'O clock we finished our lunch and returned back to Parlakhemundi at 5'O PM.

(Mr. N. N. Panda)
Centre Coordinator
A.I.D. India, Ranadevi