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'PATHARGARHI' INDICATES AWAKENING OF TRIBAL: AGNIVESH

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Social activist Swami Agnivesh had termed the Pathargarhi movement by tribal of state as a process of awakening. He also criticized the BJP government of the state for crushing the movement of tribal and raising the allegation that it was motivated by the Maoists.

Addressing a press conference here at Press Club on Sunday, Agnivesh said the Pathargarhi movement of the tribal in state was a fight by them for their rights. He also denied that it was movement of missionaries for conversion. Agnivesh further lambasted the state government for their action against the tribal in the matter. Further talking about tribal issues, he also criticized the liquor policy of the state government and said it was ruining the tribal in state.

Agnivesh advocated for increasing the reservation for Other Backward Class of the society in the state citing the recommendation of Mandal Commission that of being 27%.

He, however, made an appeal to the creamy layer of the society enjoying reservation to surrender their reservation on their own as the people had surrendered the LPG subsidy.