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**EKAL ABHIYAN**

Enriching lives at India's grassroots since 30 years to ensure  
a promising future

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Ekal Abhiyan Trust, Central Executive Committee and key volunteers of Nagar Sangthans and field operations

## **Message from Sangthan Prabhari**

Bharat is on verge of new awakening – social, cultural and political, as was envisioned by Swami Vivekananda ji. There is strong sense of optimism in air shrugging behind the despotism, shame and despair of decades, rather centuries close to a full millennium. All social entrepreneurs are struggling to redefine their roles and relevance in the new era for the nation it has been ushered into.

Ekal has undergone deep soul search and analysis in some chintan sessions over past couple of years. Rededicating itself to its fundamental vision of contributing to take Bharat forward by bringing change in tribal and rural communities, it has redefined its programs and plans. Ekal is now poised to leap forward to make its reach wider and deeper, by making comprehensive plans to realize its cherished goal of reaching 100,000 villages. The time frame for the goal had to be shifted in past but it seems within realm of possibility this time, with high spirits I can clearly witness in its cadres – from cities as well as from villages. The goal has been driving them with new vigor and spirit which is bound to yield results, going by Karm Yoga taught to us by none other than Yogeshwar Krishna.

I have full confidence in the strong and capable teams emerging in all chapters – Bharat or abroad and in operational fields. The higher and active participation of Matri Shakti and Yuva has been galvanizing the teams to strive hard to realize the challenging goals set for themselves. They are focused, committed and equipped with requisite resources, to deliver the goals. The Seavavrati karyakartas need to be remodeled and empowered to face the new challenges and this is in process.

When I glance over journey of Ekal over three decades through tougher periods and the present state of rural communities, my confidence in its continued relevance and surety of achieving success enhances for the atmosphere is now rather congenial but challenges remain the same. I call upon all Ekalites to re-dedicate themselves with fresh vigor in the new era, with a zeal to make final assault on all problems our rural and tribal brethren have been facing. There cannot be a better service to Bharat Mata than taking its deprived tribal and rural children out of cycle of depravity in a sustainable manner.

Vande Matram.



**Shyam Gupt**



**Jitendra Bhai Bhansali**

## Forward by Chairman, **Ekal Abhiyan Trust**

Dear Friends,

It gives me profound pleasure and pride to present the report of our activities for the year 2016-17. It has been a landmark year in many ways in the noble journey of Ekal.

Ekal - a dream, a vision, a conviction of compassionate few, started as a primary education model about 30 years back but has gradually matured into a model of holistic social change aimed to transform and empower the life of the last man in the row.

As streams from all directions join together to form a vast ocean, Ekal movement – ‘a people’s movement’ culminated into a force to reckon with the coming together of volunteers from all walks of life, sharing passion and commitment to the cause of nation building at the grassroots.

Ekal is a one of its kind movement wholly owned and managed by volunteers, represented by affiliate vertical organizations, each with a specific role and mandate towards the common vision. The apex umbrella body EKAL ABHIYAN TRUST coordinates and guides all affiliates in policy matters.

Ekal Abhiyan through its current reach in more than 61,000 villages, connects the most neglected tribal and rural brethren not only to their affluent counterparts residing in cities in Bharat but also the vast Indian Diaspora spread around the globe, making them all partners in change.

Ekal Abhiyan has added a new feather in its cap by establishing a new chapter in Thailand this year.

Aligning with nation’s Digital India mission, Ekal Abhiyan had developed an innovative concept ‘Ekal On Wheels’- a mobile van transformed into a computer lab to take computer to the doorstep of villages. Three such digital vans are already in operation in the current year and five more are in the pipeline. An independent Impact Study of this program at GRC Karanjo verifies that the program has been a big success.

To transform a block of 30 villages into a model block or sanch, Ekal has introduced the innovative concept of ‘Nayee Udaan’, one of the striking components of which is the pilot teacher development program with the use of TABLETS in a block in Uttarakhand.

The real success of our movement lays in every life that is transformed with Ekal in the role of a facilitator. This year, history was made when 9 kathaakaar tribal brothers and sisters travelled for the very first time to USA to showcase their latent talent and potential in a series of performances scheduled over a period of time titled- ‘Ekal Sur Ekal Taal’ over 4 months, a live testimony to Ekal’s efforts in empowering the remotest segment of society and making them shoulder the responsibility of development.

I firmly believe that the long cherished goal of reaching 1 lakh villages is definitely achievable with the support of all our patrons and supporters who till date have not only extended their valuable contribution but their time and skills to keep the fire burning...

A big thank you to all Ekal Family! Together let's strive together and stop not till the goal is reached...

## **Report from President, Central Executive Committee**

India has been facing multiple challenges on all fronts: social, economic and security- both internal and external, ever since its independence. Most such challenges are legacy of its colonization by foreign powers for almost 800 years. Subjugation for much lesser period than such a long one has made several global civilizations to vanish but it is resilience, of Indian culture and ethos that has supported its survival albeit marred by several evils which have crept in its social and economic fabric.

Ekal charted its path to help meeting these challenges through empowering tribal and rural masses. The year gone by has been a significant one in its journey over close to three decades, in several ways. The exercise of consolidation before taking off for another phase of rapid growth was started two years ago and concluded during the year. The process has ensured improving quality of field operations, as a result of several measures, which included reviewing training syllabus and methodology, induction of technology in training, empowering field volunteers through specific training in management and in use of technology, activating Samities etc. Experiment of use of technology in teaching is worth mention. These measures will go a long way in enhancing sustainability of Ekal operations.

The Ekal Operating Manual, popularly referred as Ekal System, was updated during the year incorporating various modifications made over last 4 years. Similarly, the volunteers' responsibilities (KRA) were reviewed and published in a book form which is expected to enhance their proficiency and output. A system of performance evaluation and grading of volunteers has also been introduced.

Abhiyan aligned itself to best global governance practices by adopting policies related to child labor protection, conflict of interest, prevention of sexual harassment of women, whistleblower, anti-bribery and anti-corruption and donor reporting.

The year also saw consolidation of Gram Sangthans, called SVOs earlier, by consolidating 39 of them into 11 which is expected to bring in better transparency and efficiency in their working towards self-reliance in funding.

Ekal has prepared a solid foundation for rapid growth in its key intervention of village education. In addition, it has started harnessing its deep and wide reach for focused interventions in fields of rural health and development. In order to cater to needs of communities, greater emphasis has been placed on skills, organic farming and empowerment which will go a long way in realizing its cherished goal of providing opportunities of sustenance to rural youth without uprooting and resorting to migration to urban areas. The popularity and impact of Ekal on Wheels in remote areas is a testimony to success of new endeavors.

Plans have been made to move faster towards the goal of reaching 1 lakh villages, a goal cherished for long. The whole EKAL is adequately geared, urban and village volunteers, in India and abroad, to strive achieve the goal by growing at a rate not seen or imagined in past. It may sound boasting, but doubling an achievement of three decades in next three years is incredible and that is what Ekal has set on to strike.

Continued confidence of supporters coupled with commitment and dedication of volunteers has been the basis of impactful services to communities and Abhiyan remains grateful to them all. With proverbial invoking blessing of Supreme for the noble cause, I pray for support and cooperation of all in serving the deprived humanity of the region.



**Bajrang Lal Bagra**

# 01

## EKAL MODEL - A CATALYST FOR SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

"Ekal" stands for one and manifests the power of one. Ekal is a story of the social dreamers who believed that change for the better was possible, and that education can be the medium to bring the envisaged change in the life of the last man in the row in the remotest parts of India. Hence, the pioneer leaders of Ekal movement envisioned empowering the most neglected rural population, particularly tribal and others located in remote areas, who have escaped fruits of change and development of nation, with education.

Ekal with more than 30 years of experience of working with tribal and rural communities evolved into a model for integrated and holistic development of villages with special interventions in areas of health and development. The structure developed over three decades providing deep access to remotest areas has been further harnessed for the purpose.

The starting point in Ekal Model is Ekal Vidyalaya. The genesis of the word EKAL lies in the concept of 'One Teacher School' run in remote rural and tribal villages which have remained deprived mostly due to their location disadvantage. These schools provide free, non-formal education to the children in the age group of 6 to 14 years and they



“By education I mean an all-round drawing of the best in child and man in body, mind and spirit.

operate for 2.5 hours to 3 hours a day, for about 22 days a month through the year.

### 1.1 Vision & Mission

Ekal movement started, as a single teacher school movement in 1988-89 and since then has been working in the field of education having wide presence all over India and some parts of Nepal except in urban and town areas. The movement has successfully been able to reach 55,646 villages with one school per village, spread over 22 states in India and Nepal as on 31st March 2017. In the year under consideration, 14,79,375 students were enrolled in Ekal Vidyalayas covering basic functional literacy in language, maths, science and social sciences along with moral education and Yoga. In past years, more than 16 lakh children have undergone such education from Ekal and most of them have moved to formal schooling.

#### VISION

To facilitate the process of empowering rural and tribal communities based on the concept of social, economic & gender equality.

#### MISSION

Holistic development of nation through empowerment of Tribal and Rural communities with Education and Skills, Health, Agriculture and Non-Farm Rural Entrepreneurship.

## 1.2 Concept of Ekal Vidyalaya

### Salient features of Ekal Vidyalaya

- One Village, One Teacher.
- 25 - 35 students of 6 to 14 years age group.
- Flexible 2.5 to 3 hours school timing.
- Learning with the help of books, crafts and games.
- Pedagogy used in terms of activity based learning through games, songs, dances.
- Medium of teaching is local dialect.
- Ownership taken by Village Committee which makes school functional and sustainable.
- School runs in chaupal/under a tree/in community premises/ in village courtyard or at teacher's home.
- Teacher - a local youth preferably a female, with minimum 10th grade education.
- Teacher is imparted training, undergoes monthly evaluations and refresher courses.
- Provides support education to the children who are enrolled in formal schools.



We want that education, by which character is formed, strength of mind is increased, the intellect is expanded and by which one can stand on one's feet.

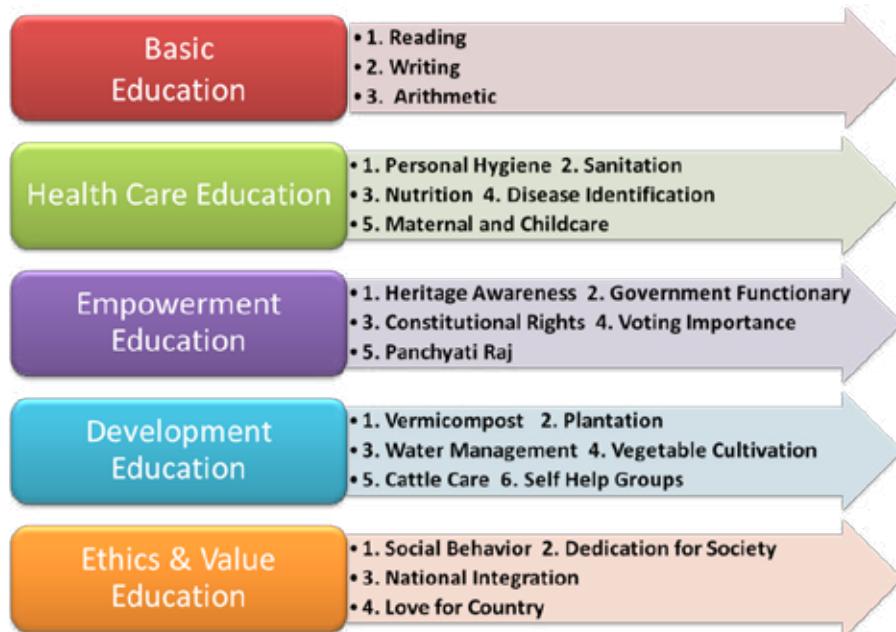
- Students join formal schools in standard 4 to 6.

In Ekal Vidyalaya the motive is not only to make children literate but to educate a child; hence apart from imparting basic education, the syllabus includes awareness towards health and hygiene, cultural and ethical values, sustaining development and empowerment for self-reliance.

Ekal Vidyalaya aims to impart basic education to children of remote areas and at the same time also inculcate human values in them. These children would in turn become 'change leaders' in their respective families and village communities by spreading the importance of education, removal of social evils like alcoholism, encouraging environment conservation by tree plantations, inculcate sensitivity towards maintaining the village surroundings clean and hygienic.

The school operations are carried out on shoe string budget with administrative overheads

### Ekal's Five Fold Education Program



restricted to below 10 percent. This is possible as the manpower resources deployed are mostly on voluntary basis, with reimbursement of travel and out of pocket expenses being the only expenditure on them. The present cost of running each of these non-formal schools is ₹ 20,000 per annum. In fact, this is one of achievements of Ekal Movement that has pioneered and developed spirit of volunteerism both in urban and rural communities.

Ekal Vidyalayas provide free education to the village children. The contributions come from the community - individuals and corporate, under corporate CSR and from NRIs settled abroad. Presently, close to one third schools are supported by contribution from overseas NRIs. No support from Govt., State or Central, is availed for these schools.

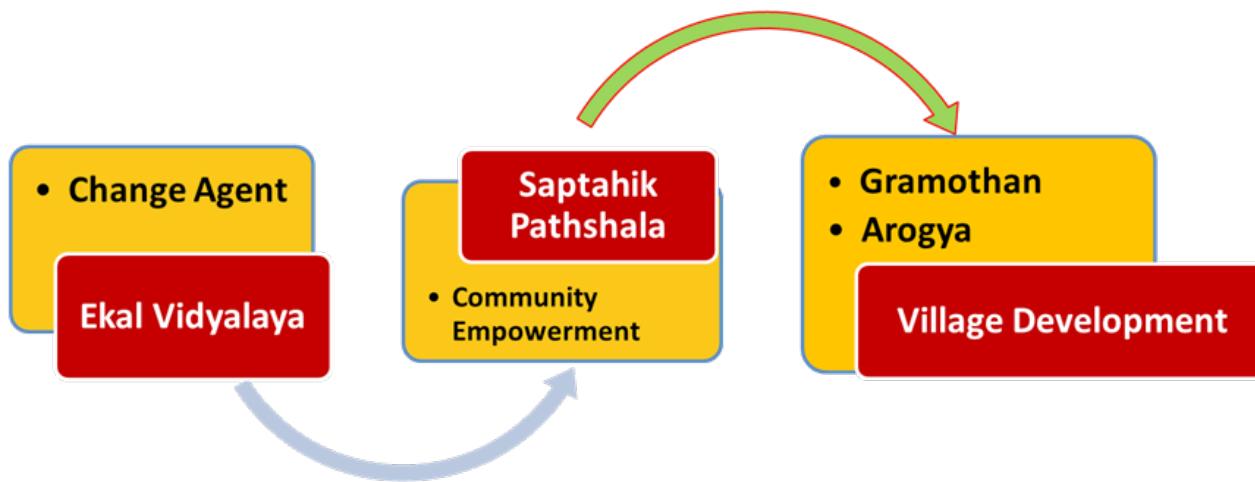
### **1.3 Model of Social change**

A vision for integrated and holistic development of rural/tribal Bharat emerged in the form of Ekal Vidyalaya Movement which gradually got

transformed into "Ekal Abhiyan". Ekal has extended its vision gradually from being an institution merely for providing non-formal primary education to deprived segments of community, to a movement engaged in transformation of vast rural and tribal areas in a holistic manner covering all social, cultural, educational and economic aspects.

Ekal Model for Social Change is inspired by the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, principles of social harmony and equality of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and village development model of Mahatma Gandhi. Drawing inspiration from these great souls, Ekal evolved into a model for social change emphasizing on education, health, ethics, values and livelihood and aimed at arresting urban migration.

In Ekal Model, Ekal Vidyalaya is the entry point in a village to ensure functional literacy among all children and further link them to formal schooling. Once this is achieved, Vidyalaya becomes the central point of many interventions to ensure multi-dimensional outcome on more parameters apart from literacy.



The smallest administration unit in Ekal Model is "SANCH" (Block or Cluster) which comprises of 30 villages. Ekal plans to establish one Gramothan Resource Center covering three SANCHS which make a cluster of approximately 100 villages. The idea is similar to the idea of PURA (Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas) shared by Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. Ekal's intent is to develop such clusters in a way that they become economically self-sustained clusters.

### **1.4 Rationale and Impact**

Close to 70% of Indian population is rural. India grew fastest among major economies worldwide at over 7.5% in 2016 and will continue to drive global growth in next few years with its share in the world GDP expected to rise to 17% as per PWC study but the facts clearly indicate that there is a low trickle-down effect of development at the grassroots leading to huge gaps in growth story. The reality check shows:

- ❖ High poverty levels and low literacy rate coupled with poor quality of education
- ❖ Poor Health Indicators – High infant mortality and Anaemia rate
- ❖ Urban migration
- ❖ Soil erosion and farmer suicides

**Ekal Vidyalayas:** Filling the Gaps in Education in Remote Rural & Tribal Pockets of Bharat

Government through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and RTE has increased both the number of schools and enrolment of children. The moot point is output of these initiatives and factual situation on ground.

- Distance from nearest Government school: Govt. Primary school situated in Panchayat HQ village is still far away, from 1 km to 4 km, for students in age group of 5 to 10. This distance becomes obstacle in cases of hills and forests in tribal areas. The Govt. has limitations in providing schools to such small hamlets or commuting facilities for children.
- Availability of teacher: Teachers' posting in Government schools is very low. Those with teachers on roll have teachers' presence in school in range of 5 to 15 days a month for they do not stay there and commute from towns. Mid-day meal is mostly the only attraction for children to come to schools.
- Ekal is either the only source of schooling or provides supplementary schooling: Availability of teacher in Govt. school, where it is Nil to lesser than 10 days a month, Ekal is only source of regular education. In other cases, where Govt. school functions in normal manner, Ekal provides base for supplementary schooling for home work or free tuition.
- Inflexible school timing leading to dropouts: Involvement of rural children in household and economic activities like cattle rearing, taking care of siblings, fetching water and wood, participation in agriculture or other economic activities make them eventually drop out of school owing to inflexible timings of formal schools.

The poor quality of education is substantiated year after year by ASER (Annual Status of Education Report). The report for 2016 related to rural areas, brings out following, for Std V students:

- Half of children can read at Std II level. Situation is same over last 5 years.
- Maths - 21.1% can do division
- Know numbers till 9 but not till 99 = 18.7%
- Can do subtraction but not division = 23.2%
- Know numbers till 100 but cannot do subtraction = 32.1%
- Cannot as yet recognize numbers till 9 = 5%
- Basic math levels remain low. By Std VIII, about half are still struggling with division.
- 1 out of 4 children leaving Std VIII without basic reading skills.

Third Party Impact Assessment Study of Ekal Vidyalayas by a leading international agency, ASPIRING MINDS brought forward following key observations relating to quality of education in Ekal in its report:

- 58% of Ekal students in the age 6-10 yrs. demonstrate learning expected in a Class 2nd student.
- 52% of Ekal students in the age 10-14 yrs. demonstrate learning expected in a Class 4th student.
- Ekal students score above 55% marks even in General Awareness which isn't covered in formal schooling system, better than Govt. & private schools.
- Females at Ekal schools do as well as males and are more in number than males.

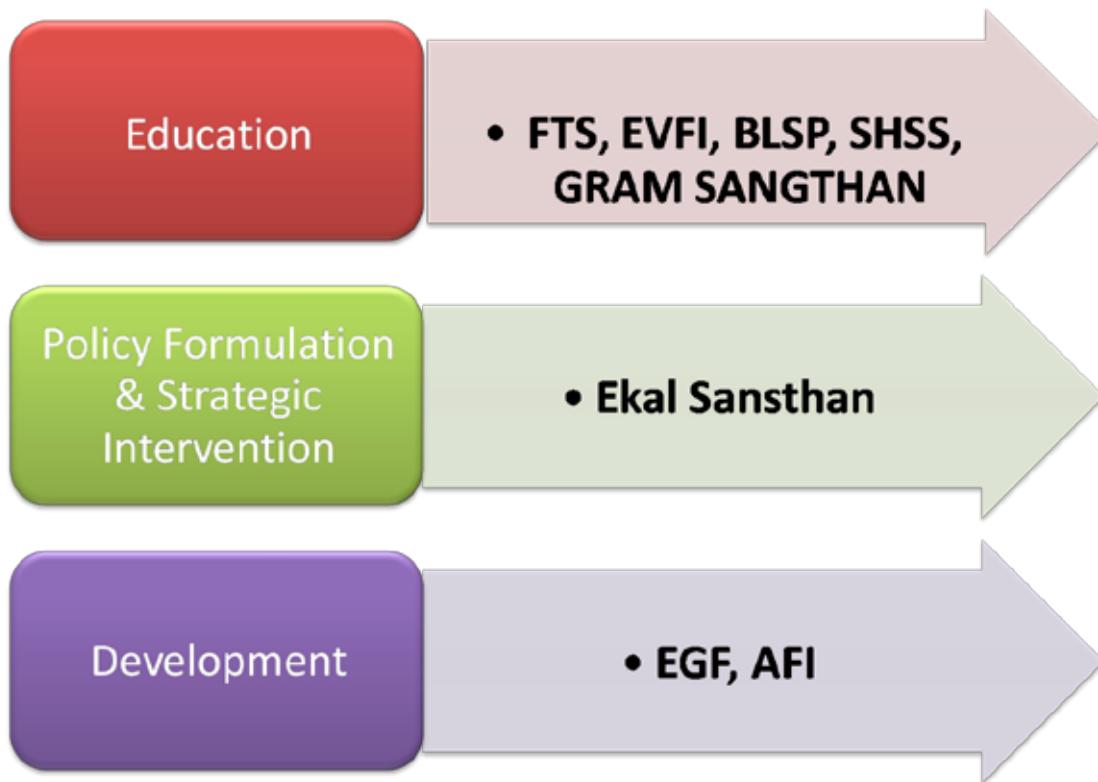
## 1.5 Organization Structure

Ekal Abhiyan Trust (ABT) is the apex body, registered under Indian Trusts Act, laying down policy and planning framework. The field operations are undertaken by affiliates which are independently registered autonomous bodies under Societies Act or Indian Trusts Act, driven

by principles of Ekal Movement. These follow the curriculum designed by experts together with the

protocol on training, supervision, management, accounting and compliances as decided by ABT.

### **Ekal Abhiyan Partner Organizations**



# 02

## DRIVERS OF EKAL MOVEMENT

### 2.1 Ekal Vidyalayas managed by FTS, BLSP, EVFI and GS

#### Friends of Tribals Society (FTS)

FTS was formed in Kolkata on January 15, 1989 and today functions through 32 chapters in 15 states in India in North East, East, South and West. The number of schools looked after by FTS in March, 2017 is 22,306 from its own resources. The total no. of schools managed by FTS is however 31,479 including those funded by other Ekal institutions. Besides the present chapters, process has started to open new chapters in at least 4 cities in near future. During the year the chapters improved their collections. The growth in collection was more than 25% during the year 2016-17.

#### New Initiative:

FTS has developed an application named Connect App, ready to be launched soon. This App has



many uses. It determines location of school, uploads the photographs of school on Google Map, links allotment of schools, key reports of the village, has provision of resource screen which will hold all important documents such as training manual and videos. It also has the directory of functionaries.

#### Training

At the national level, continuing from last year 'SAKSHAM' training was organized by FTS, with dedicated sessions for enhancing the technical and managerial skills of volunteers.

It entails a 10 days residential course, 16-20 trainees per batch, 24 batches in a year. The faculty is from Nagar Sangathan, Field, Institutes covering 3C's: Computer, Communication, Confidence. In the year under consideration 211 volunteers were trained and up till 31st March 2017 374 volunteers have been trained since inception in June 2015.

#### Impact study by under graduate students of St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

98 students from St. Xavier's College associated with FTS during the year for an impact study. Most of them visited villages and submitted their reports based on a questionnaire given to them. Eight of them, studying Marketing, were engaged in placement of Seva Patra in supporters' houses. In all 143 Seva Patra were placed by them. The association entitled them to earn social work credit. Similar internship programmes were undertaken at other chapters as well.

## **Feedback of students:**

Obaid Khan pursuing B.Sc. 3rd year in Mass Communication -"Ekal children have amazing talent in different arts of dancing, singing and sketching and are also good with their studies. They were not only taught the subjects, but also values and manners like touching elders' feet."

Ms. Tannistha Mondal pursuing B.Com (Hons.) quoted-"Villagers said that Ekal Vidyalaya have helped their children progress a lot. They are sending their children to Ekal Vidyalaya even before they reach Class I in order to form a better understanding of basic concepts."

## **Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad (BLSP)**

BLSP was founded in Delhi in the year 2000 to spread the Ekal Movement in Northern parts of the country. The number of schools being looked after by BLSP was 6,952 in March, 2017 from its own resources. The total no. of schools managed by BLSP is however 9,533 including those funded by other Ekal institutions. BLSP's reach is in UP, Uttarakhand and Himachal operating through 12 chapters.



### **❖ EKAL DEEP SETU YOJNA - A unique Initiative by Prayaag Chapter**

A special project was undertaken to light the lamp of 'Svavlamban' or self-dependence and self-respect in the hearts of people of remote villages. It partly supports the education provided Ekal Vidyalaya and provides a bridge between the urban populace and rural brethren. Members of Ekal got together to train the Acharyas on the diya making techniques. The Acharyas imparted the knowledge to villagers and students. With funds raised from this yojna,



Prayag Chapter adopted a 'Sanch'.

The yojna nurses the ambition of converting Chaka into a model sanch(block), to present it as an example worth emulating by others.

## **Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India (EVFI)**

EVFI was established in New Delhi in December 1999 with the objective to mobilize funds from vast spectrum of NRIs settled abroad.



Towards achievement of this goal, EVFI approached the relevant Diaspora residing in various foreign countries. EVFI has support groups in 17 countries, with 52 chapters in USA alone. It has been able to garner support and receive contributions from more than 7,200 donors worldwide in 2016-17. Total number of schools being funded by EVFI was 20,272 in March, 2017, of which it was managing 8,488 schools itself.

### **❖ Connecting back with Indian roots- Ekal field visits or 'Vanyatraas'**

Total 101 Vanyatras were conducted for visit to Ekal schools by supporters from abroad during the year.

### **Some feedback excerpts:**

Geeta Chabba from Dubai "Ekal standard in these schools has been improving from the fundamentals to higher levels as well"

### **Bipin and Veena Mehta from USA**

"Finally we see the good results of what we are working for in USA."

### **NayanTara Mallubhotla fom USA –studying in 7th grade**

"I saw many little and big children all coming together with minds and hearts open, ready to learn and succeed in life. I really liked how much respect they had for parents, and in the US, I wouldn't have seen those manners."

## **Abinash Acharya from USA**

"I was very much happy and surprised to see the discipline and courtesy of students. I interacted with many of them and I could see the impact of Ekal movement in their daily life. I am looking forward to my next visit and follow up with local volunteers with some potential volunteering opportunities for me that we discussed during my yatra. I will also share my experience and will encourage my friends to be a part of this movement."

## **Gram Sangthan**

### **Restructuring of SVO into Gram Sangthan**

Several organizations called State Voluntary Organization (SVO) were set up across India to mobilize small contributions from villages and

small cities and towns. To make their working more efficient and effective, these organizations have been re-structured during the year. These are now called Gram Sangthan and their number stands reduced from 39 to 10 with branches in different locations.

In the year under consideration total 6,116 schools were looked after by Gram Sangthans from their own resources.

### **Purpose of Gram Sangthan**

- To instill the sense of ownership and pride for EKAL ABHIYAN among the villagers.
- To make the villagers self-reliant and develop a sense of belonging.
- To form dedicated teams in the village for ensuring quality and social change.

## **2.2 Ekal Global**



**Linking Indian Diaspora from across the globe with grassroots in Bharat**

### **Global Chapters & Support Groups:**

Australia, Canada, USA, UK and Thailand are chapters. Support groups exist in Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, South Africa, Spain,

Singapore and UAE.

- ❖ **Key highlights of global events**
- **Ekal touches ASEAN shores**

EKAL has set foot again in ASEAN region



in Bangkok, Thailand on 9th July 2016 after Hong Kong. The event was graced by the Indian Ambassador in Thailand as the Guest of Honor, addressed by Ekal Global Chairman- Dr. Subhash Chandra, Ekal CEO Bajrang Bagra

and Mentor Shyam Gupt. Susheel Saraaf took on himself the onerous responsibility to launch Ekal in Thailand. An Executive Committee has been set up to take the chapter forward in regular manner heralding Ekal presence in ASEAN region in a sustainable manner.

- **Pravasi Bhartiya Samman awarded to Ekal Volunteers**

Ramesh Shah from USA and Susheel Saraaf from Thailand, the senior Ekal volunteers were bestowed upon the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman at the 15th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention, held in January 2017 in Bengaluru, by Hon'ble President of India



**Dr. Subhash Chandra donated Can \$ 50,000 awarded to him by CIF to EVF Canada**



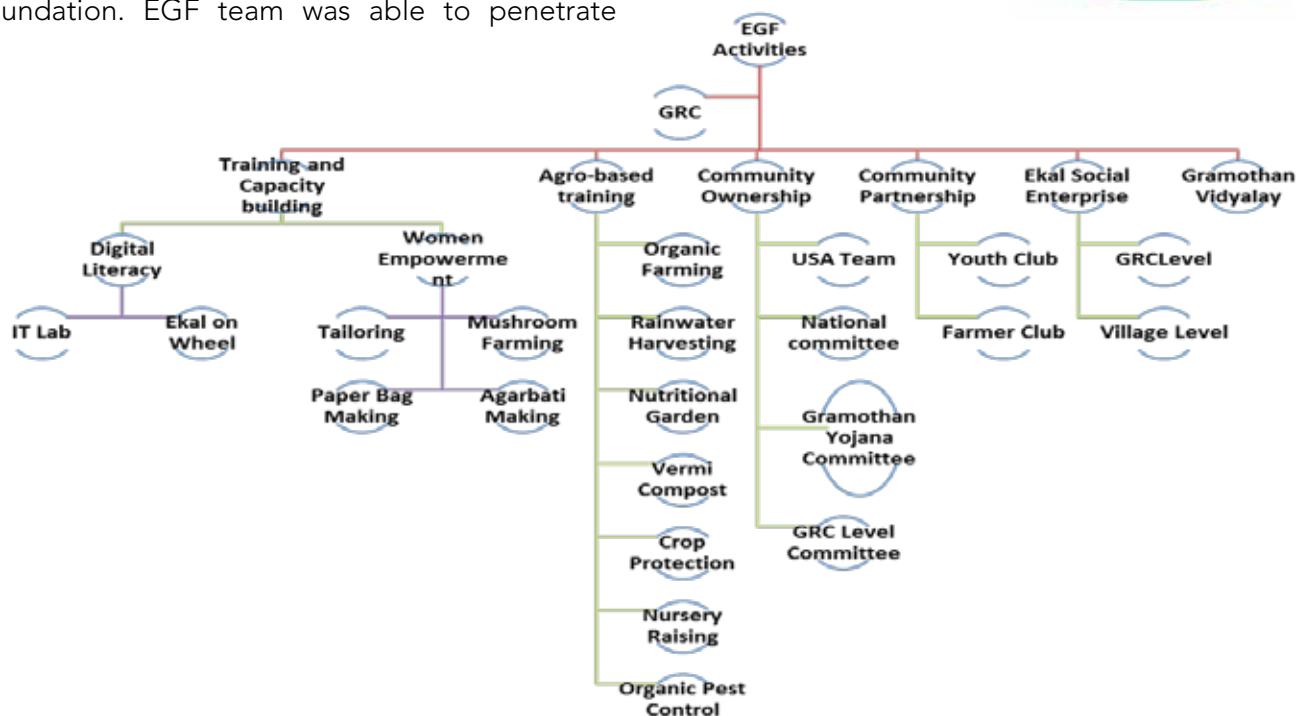
**Ekal Tableau In NYC 'India Day Parade' slogan: 'Sponsor a school, Dollar a day'**

## 2.3 Ekal Gramothan – Managed by Ekal Gramothan Foundation

'Gramothan' has emerged as Ekal Abhiyan's next logical step in empowering rural and tribal villages of Bharat to become 'AtmaNirbhar Gram'. Ekal Gramothan Foundation (EGF) was established for the purpose, in 2014.

Year 2016-17 proved to be very crucial for the foundation. EGF team was able to penetrate

the remotest villages, mobilize the target beneficiaries and deliver the impact. The scope of activities is depicted in the diagram below:



### ❖ GRC

Gramothan Resource Centers (GRCs) serve as resource centers for about 100 villages surrounding the center. The main aim of these GRCs is to make village community economically self-reliant and develop villages. Initially it was started with GRC Karanjo which came into existence years back. Many initiatives were piloted at GRC and village level. In the subsequent years,few more GRCs came into effect. Over the years, Ekal has been able to set up 12 Gramothan Resource Centers (GRCs) in different remote places in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, U.P, Tamilnadu, Assam and Maharashtra.

Infrastructure available in various GRCs is not complete and was taken up for upgradation at Karanjo and Giridih during the year.



### ❖ Training and capacity building

Programs involving training and capacity building enable people, communities and villagers to strengthen their capabilities to develop,

implement and maintain their skills through different activities run at GRC and village level.

- **Digital literacy**

- a) **Through IT Lab-**

EGF runs Computer Labs at GRCs to provide working knowledge of computers to the rural youth and kids. The curriculum has been designed with the help of the IIT Mumbai, which grants certificates to successful trainees. Till now, 63 batches have been trained and 2105 certifications done in total till 31st March 2017. There were total 686 trainees during the financial year 2016-17.

- b) **Ekal on Wheel - IT Literacy Skills at Door Step**

Ekal on Wheels (EOW)-a mobile computer training lab reaches out to the remotest villages and conducts computer training there. This program was tried out on an experimental basis at GRC Karanjo in 2015. Encouraged by the results, EGF has plans to replicate the program at all the GRCs. 2 new EOWs were launched in 2016-17- Girdih and Nemisharnya. In total 3 EOWs were operational by end of 31st March 2017. EOW for Jaranglo and Wada are in final stages of fabrication and shall be soon inaugurated in coming months. EOW for Malda, Tinsukia and Gajraula are planned to be executed during ensuing year.



Total 963 trainees were certified by EGF based on 3 month duration training. At other GRCs, batches were in progress.

- ❖ **Impact Study on 'Ekal on Wheels'**

EGF, through a third party – Asian Development Research Institute, conducted an Impact Study

of Ekal on Wheels program at GRC Karanjo. The study showed that the program is a big success. Computer Literacy and Self-confidence were two major drivers for the rural kids and youth. The study found out that 25% of the learners wished to enroll for the advance courses too.

- **Women empowerment**

Women's economic empowerment refers to the ability for women to enjoy their rights to control and benefit from resources, assets, income and their own time, as well as the ability to manage risk and improve their economic status and wellbeing. Some of the activities across the GRCs include:

- a) **Tailoring**

In India, female workforce participation rate (WPR) is 31.8%, which is almost half of the male WPR at 73.2%. In many States, female WPR is around 15% only. As per McKinsey Global study, India could boost its GDP by \$2.9 trillion by 2025, if female workforce participation rate is improved by 10% points. This will require bringing 68 million more women into the non-agriculture labor force. In the above background, EGF is committed for women empowerment and is establishing Tailoring Centers in the rural and tribal villages. These centers work as training cum resource centers and follow the Hub and Spoke model. Hub centers are established at GRCs while spoke centers are being established in the villages.



The no. of master trainers trained at various GRCs during the year was 352. The Master trainers trained in turn 868 trainees in 40 villages.

- b) **Paper bag making:**

Women were trained in making bags out of waste newspapers at a few GRCs.

### ❖ Agro - training

There are varied kinds of trainings related to agriculture like organic farming, rain water harvesting, mushroom cultivation, vermin-compost, organic pest control, nursery raising crop protection and nutritional gardens. Apart from building capacity in cow based agriculture and nutrition garden, farmers will be trained in skills like marketing, networking linkage, crop safety and protection. Nutrition Gardens are playing a revolutionary role in ensuring sufficient, safe and nutritious food to the rural/tribal households and is the way forward to fight the problem of malnutrition.



2,119 farmers were trained at GRCs in producing organic manure and pest controller. The no. of Poshan Vatika (Nutrition Garden) established during the year was 1,273.

### ❖ Community Partnership

#### • Youth clubs in villages

Youth Club is the new initiative by Ekal Gramothan Foundation to next level of moral leadership in villages aimed at creating groups that are conscious about the development of their villages and understand their responsibility to achieve the same. 50 Clubs were established with 869 members in total during the year.

#### • Farmer clubs

As a next step, EGF has started to mobilize farmers to form various clubs. Organic Turmeric Club, Basmati Rice Club and Organic Mustard Club with member strength of 350, 300 and 150

respectively were formed by the farmers who got trained at GRCs. EGF has started exploring the options to form Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) that can prove to be a real game changer.

### ❖ Ekal Social Enterprise

An initiative has been taken to raise rural entrepreneurs at village level so as to augment the economic status of the villages. The motive is to check urban migration by providing opportunity to earn and grow in their own village and block. EGF will train the youths and will support them to raise their business.

### ❖ Gramothan Vidyalaya

Gramothan Vidyalaya has been initiated by EGF with a prime motive to ensure functional literacy among children of the village. The main purpose is to impart primary education, skill based training and education such as computer literacy, carpentry, agro based training, animal husbandry etc.

### ❖ Partnership with CIDC

EGF has been building crucial partnerships to achieve its stated objectives. These partnerships bring expertise and vibrancy and help in excelling. EGF has partnered with Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) to provide industry level training to EGF beneficiaries.

Successful trainees received certificates from CIDC which are of high value. Total of 13 trainees were trained under this initiative with 5 from Giridih, 5 from Jaranglo and 3 from Nemisharanya during 2016-17.

## 2.4 Ekal Arogya – Managed by Aroygya Foundation of India

### Overview

As Ekal Arogya Yojana entered into the year under report, it had firm field experience of 17 years in preventive health including related to hygiene, sanitation and first



aid. In addition, it had two years' experience of pilots on anaemia control which has now been adopted as its flagship program. Medical camps across India and Chikitsa Sahayata Kendra (CSK) at a few locations have provided a good experience for resolving problems of ailing tribal and rural Indians. In addition to all this, a unique experience has been gained with herbal remedies in Jharkhand and Tamilnadu which has reinforced the confidence in ancient Indian traditional and effective systems of treatment.

#### ❖ Arogya Resource Centre (ARC)

Amalgamated all above objectives and experience into one, ARCs have been operated with five pronged thrust of (a) Anaemia control, (b) preventive initiatives (including hygiene & sanitation), (c) first aid, (d) herbal remedies and (e) curative supports (medical camps & CSK).

ARCs operated in 29 blocks (sanchs) during the year, covering about 1,500 villages of 8 states.

One ARC is a cluster of 30 villages in which Arogya Sevikas implement the Arogya Plan of Ekal.

About 104,000 women have been covered under the anaemia project in above villages, enhancing their Hb% in blood by 2 to 3 percentage points. The ARCs have been operated on ground with one health worker (Arogya Sevika) in each village supported by one supervisor (Arogya Sanyojika) for every 5 such workers. All of them have been subjected to intensive induction training and refresher training. Field level volunteer force was supported by HFRI of USA while training and administrative support was funded by local resources.

#### ARCs - 2016-17

In 938 villages (of 28 blocks), 8863 soak pits, 30,080 waste pits, 798 wall writings, 6644 toilets, 871 nutritional gardens (poshan vatikaas) were made. Besides, 5478 Jaagran programs involving 1,17,571 people and 9,085 home remedies programs were conducted. The 29th ARC in Maharashtra commenced post March 2017.

#### ❖ Swachchhata (Cleanliness) Project

Under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the project was run for a year and half, in Gola and Bhandra sanch



of Ramgarh and Lohardaga districts respectively of Jharkhand and was completed by end of the year.

#### ❖ Medical Camps

Series of Medical Camps were organized in Assam, UP, Jharkhand and Jammu and Kashmir, besides normal camps in various districts all over India. AFI received support under CSR plans in organizing Rishi Kashyap Swasthya Seva Yatra in J&K. In total, 336 medical camps were organized in which over 57,000 villagers were attended.

Besides health awareness camps & eye camps for cataract are the ongoing program for last 3 years.



#### Medical Camps held during the year

CATEGORY	NO. OF MEDICAL CAMPS	NO. OF PATIENTS
Under ARC blocks	156	25,352
Non ARC blocks	372	42,720
Total	528	68,072

## ❖ Pre-Medical Internship

This year AFI successfully conducted Premedical Internship Initiative for 5 USA students, in succession to last year for 9 interns. This project has been fully funded by HFRI of USA.

## ❖ Training of Ekal teachers in home remedies

School health program and home remedies training to Ekal Acharya was undertaken in Coimbatore.

## ❖ Financial Support

Key supporters have been HFRI and EVFUS for Anaemia and Swachchhata projects respectively. The other projects of medical camps, awareness, eye camps and central support have been funded from local support from within India, under CSR and individuals.

❖ **Bio-degradable Pads:** A project aiming to teach perennial hygiene to the rural masses through use of bio-degradable sanitary pads was initiated in Jharkhand under EVFUSA support.



**Soak Pit**



**Vermin compost pit from Waste**



**Safe Drinking Water – Encouraging water filter use**



**Training of home remedies**

**MANAGING ANAEMIA AND MALNUTRITION THROUGH HOME REMEDIES FOR  
ADOLESCENT GIRLS OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES**  
**CONSOLIDATED REPORT NOVEMBER 2016 TO MARCH 2017**

S.No.	Particulars	Schools	Colleges
1	No. of school and college covered (Nov'16 - Jan'17)	3	6
2	No. of girls benefited	715	854
3	No. of teachers attended	45	91
4	Total No. of participants benefited	Students	Teachers
		1569	136
5	Total No. of books distributed	1787	

## 2.5 Ekal Sanskar Shiksha managed by CST, SHSS and VRPF

Value education had been a key component in Ekal Vidyalaya since beginning for a dire need of integration of tribal communities culturally and socially into the national main stream was recognized. It was noticed that tribal were deeply affected with bad habits like addiction to liquor and tobacco. Accordingly, a fresh approach was taken to instill the pride in rich cultural heritage in tribes and emphasis was laid to address these issues related to adults. The objective was to make tribal self-confident and self-independent individuals by improving their intellect through moral and cultural education, inspiring them towards their role for the community and nation building and also to create an atmosphere of social harmony in villages.



### Organization

The operations related to Sanskaar Shiksha are managed by Cultural Society for Tribals- Mumbai, Vanvasi Raksha Parivar Trust (VRPF), Delhi and Shri Hari Satsang Samiti (SHSS) at Kolkata and a few other centres. National Co-ordination Committee set up by these institutions coordinates the operations.

### Model

A weekly gathering of villagers is organized in village center called 'Sanskara Kendra' in 'Saptaahik Pathshala', through chanting of collective bhajans. Once the gathering attains size, Ekal volunteer addresses the assembly on cultural and social issues awakening harmony in the society, resorting to de-addiction and imbibing patriotic spirit. The regular leading volunteer every week is usually a villager trained in such chanting and addressing gatherings.

Motivational assemblies are organized at regular intervals by trained volunteers who are drawn from the same tribal communities, trained for long duration at training centers located in Vrindavan, Ayodhya and Nabdweep. A new training center was inaugurated at Nasik in November 2016.

- **Key Activities during the year**

During the year under report 49,419 sanskaar kendras were run on weekly basis, where attendance was 12,95,325 adults.

3,689 motivational assemblies were organized in total during the year on a monthly basis, attended by 6,53,095 people.

The mobile motivational Rath has been in operation for over a decade fulfilling the gap where volunteers are not able to reach for various

reasons. Such 25 Raths were in operation during the year going from village to village on daily basis covering 1185 villages.

- **Key Highlights during the year**

- **"Ek Shaam Sanskaro Ke Naam"**

On the Eve of Indian Nav Varsh "Ek Shaam Sanskaro Ke Naam" was organized on 28th March 2017 in Kolkata to usherin Vikram Samvat 2074. The programme was telecast live on Sanskar channel and webcast globally. It included recitation of Samuhik Hanuman Chalisa in which millions joined through TV, all over the world.

- **Discourses organized in Assam Prisons**

Special 3 days and 5 days discourses were organized in each of Shivasagar and Udaguri prisons in Assam where more than 250 persons gathered, including prisoners and jail authorities to hear recitation by Ekal kathakar - Smt. Rupali Hazarika. It was an initiative taken by Ekal to instill good values and encourage personal transformation in each inhabitant of prison.

- **Special project - "Aadarsh Sanskaar Kendra" in Jharkhand**



A new concept of Adarsh Sanskar Kendra was initiated in Jharkhand covering 3 Anchals (districts) and 1020 Sanskar kendras. The objectives include to make village liquor free, to establish social harmony among villagers (by eradicating untouchability and differences among society). Further to protect and conserve Indian tradition and culture and instill patriotic values.

Out of targeted 1020 villages, in 828 villages the differences on basis of caste etc. were eliminated

totally to achieve harmony. In total 47 villages total de-addiction was achieved and in 800 villages more than 80% de-addiction has been materialized in the year under consideration.

- **Ekal Concert in USA- "Ekal Sur Ekal Taal"**

The Ekal Concert Season is to be organized in over 50 cities in the USA to raise funds for eradicating illiteracy from rural India, between February 24 and June 15, 2017. A team of intrinsically trained 9 Kathakars over a period of 18 months, accompanied by Ekal seniors were warmly welcomed to perform at various scheduled fund raising events across America.

It is a historical journey indeed for these tribal brethren to have been moulded and empowered by Ekal to showcase their latent talent and potential on a global platform, otherwise occupied by Bollywood celebrities and artists.



## **2.6 Ekal Jagran (Empowerment)**

Various programmes are undertaken towards nature conservation, cultural heritage, making rural people aware of various Govt. schemes for their welfare and tools to realize best of them etc. These are:

- Tree plantation
- Tulsi planting
- River rejuvenation
- Awareness of Govt. welfare schemes
- RTI
- Awareness for higher participation in democratic processes
- Gram Swaraj

## 2.7 Ekal Sansthan (ES)

### Overview

Ekal Sansthan was formed in 2008. Presently Ekal Sansthan is an organization to support Ekal Abhiyan Trust in formulation of policies, research & development, training & capacity building of volunteers, strategic interventions and to bring new Urban Volunteers to bridge the gap between rural and urban communities.



#### ❖ Key Highlights of the year:

##### • Ekal Learning Yatra

'Ekal Learning Yatra' is a practical exposure to the working of Ekal model to sensitize volunteers and supporters with the ground working and ignite the spirit of our movement. As they say- 'Seeing is Believing'.

A three day learning yatra was organized by Ekal Sansthan in June, 2016 to Nanakmatta in Uttarakhand. The volunteers visited Ekal Vidyalayas, witnessed the 'saaptahik satsang' and the annual cultural programme of a vidyalaya. They interacted with the Gram samiti members and learnt usage of soak pit, poshan vatika, vermin compost and pest repellent.



##### • Ekal Study Circle Meet

It is an open platform for exchange of ideas, debate & discussion, sharing of best practices from different corners, creating a bank of ideas & rural Innovations directly from the grass-roots.

During the year under consideration three Study Circle meets were organized based on various themes, including one large scale Annual meet.

- 'Ekal Arogya Yojna – An Initiative For A Healthful Bharat' in June, 2016.
- Annual Ekal Study Circle Meet: 'Integrated Village Development' in November, 2016.



**Release of Synopsis of past 11 Study Circle meets  
Panel Discussion**

- "Volunteering For A Better India" in March 2017.

Ekal Volunteering Model and recent initiatives namely Ekal Dream India were highlighted. Certificate of Participation was awarded to five ISBF students for volunteering under first Ekal Dream India tour.

- Project Launch of Teacher Development Programme under 'NAYEE UDAAN'– Flagship Project of Ekal Sansthan to Develop Nanakmatta into a Model Sanch (Block).

**'Nayee Udaan'** – a new initiative of Ekal to develop Nanakmatta block in Uttarakhand into a Model Sanch (block) based on Ekal principles



of Pragat Sanch and elements of PURA except physical connectivity was formally launched on 2nd October 2016. Program is designed to develop and introduce a continuous teacher development program with the use of TABLETS or TABS. TABS were initially given to each teacher with motivational video message from Shri Shyam Gupt, E-Content of Ekal Books and training videos of Ekal National Trainers. 30 tablets were distributed to Nanakmatta block Acharyas and were given hands-on training relating to tablet operation, hardware and software. A follow up training session was organized in December 2016. 30 new educational videos were uploaded on the tablets, including awareness videos on Health & Hygiene, Cleanliness. Ekal children of 2 Vidyalayas were shown some educational videos on importance of cleanliness and hygiene etc. The children responded with great enthusiasm and joy.

- Launch of Ekal Dream India Tour (DIT)- bridging the gap between Rural & Urban India**

A team of 5 students from Indian School of Business and Finance (ISBF) accompanied by Professor Anant and Dr. Sushma pioneered the Dream India Ekal tour in February, 2017 to Nanakmatta. During the course of this rustic expedition the students were allowed to live, dine and debate with the villagers regarding the issues faced by them and the plausible solutions. The gamut of activities included Ekal school visits, preparation of Sokhta Gadda, manure, keet niyantrak and finally satsangs.

- Ekal-CII partnership for 'Meraa Gaon Swacchha Gaon Campaign'**



Prabhaat Pheri in villages with Campaign Banner

Ekal conducted a nationwide cleanliness campaign between 18th-24th Jan 2017, supported by CII- India@75 initiative, during the National Volunteering Week (NVW) of CII in 1401 villages covering activities of Prabhat Pheri, cleaning of streets and sanitation involving school children, Ekal Acharyas, volunteers and village community.

"Mera Gaon Swaccha Gaon" Campaign was conducted in 19 states, 47 districts, 47 sanchs (blocks) in 1401 Ekal villages spread across the map of Bharat.

More than 42,000 Ekal children and more than 39,000 Ekal volunteers participated in the campaign.

All together they contributed more than 2,35,000 volunteering hours over 3 days of the campaign.

More than 2,32,000 pledges were taken jointly by Ekal children, volunteers and village community together.

More than 1,93,000 village people, including Ekal children got impacted and benefitted by the cleanliness campaign.

Sansthan represented Ekal in panel discussion at the concluding event of National Volunteering Week (NVW) organized on 24th January at New Delhi themed-' Volunteerism: Key Enabler for Nation Building.'

- ❖ National Training Workshop**

The workshop continuously organized for the second year in Delhi in August, 2016 attended by all the master trainers. The highlight of the same this year was the recording of some videos as pilot experiment.

- ❖ Ekal Publications**

A regular bi-monthly, bi-lingual publication named 'Ekal Prayas' is published to showcase the cause and activities within Ekal during that period. Every issue has a peculiar cover story and is getting the attention of the people across supporters both within India and abroad and corporate. Besides this key publication, a Hindi monthly Ekal Varta and



an English e-monthly newsletter Ekal News is also published from Ranchi and Coimbatore respectively.

❖ **Managing Social Media:**

A campaign on Facebook and Ekal's presence on social media like Twitter are handled by Sansthan. Presently, the Facebook page is having more than 60,000 likes from initial 13,000 likes with great engagement with users in spite of real time data from the field.



❖ **Research oriented Internship Programs under Sansthan**

A programme for interns is evolved with an outcome based approach within a frame-work set-out in the first 10 days of the programme which include the scope, filed data collection formats, daily schedule and outcome.

There were two Internships under Sansthan in the year. First Internship: Study on Scope of Women empowerment model by Miss Allison from USA. Second Internship: Teacher Development Program in context of Ekal Five-fold Education by Neha Bagga from Netherland.

# 03

## CSR THROUGH EKAL

Corporate Social Responsibility is not a new concept in India. CSR spending has become obligatory in nature for certain categories of companies in India under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013. Ekal has also geared itself to derive benefits from the statutory provision for the upliftment of the tribal and rural population and approached several PSUs and companies, covered under CSR obligations both in private and public sector.

**Ekal Organisations** got empaneled on the Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN). ISRN offers membership to Corporate and Voluntary organization and it is a CSR and Sustainability Management Platform with more than 600 NGOs and Companies in 28 State across the country. ISRN is also an associate partner of SAMMAAN-an initiative by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), BSE and Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA). In addition, FTS and BLSP are empaneled with IICA for Implementing Agencies Hub for CSR Projects.



BLSP and Petrofac sign CSR agreement

### A FEW CSR PARTNERS



### ❖ CSR SUPPORT FOR AROGYA

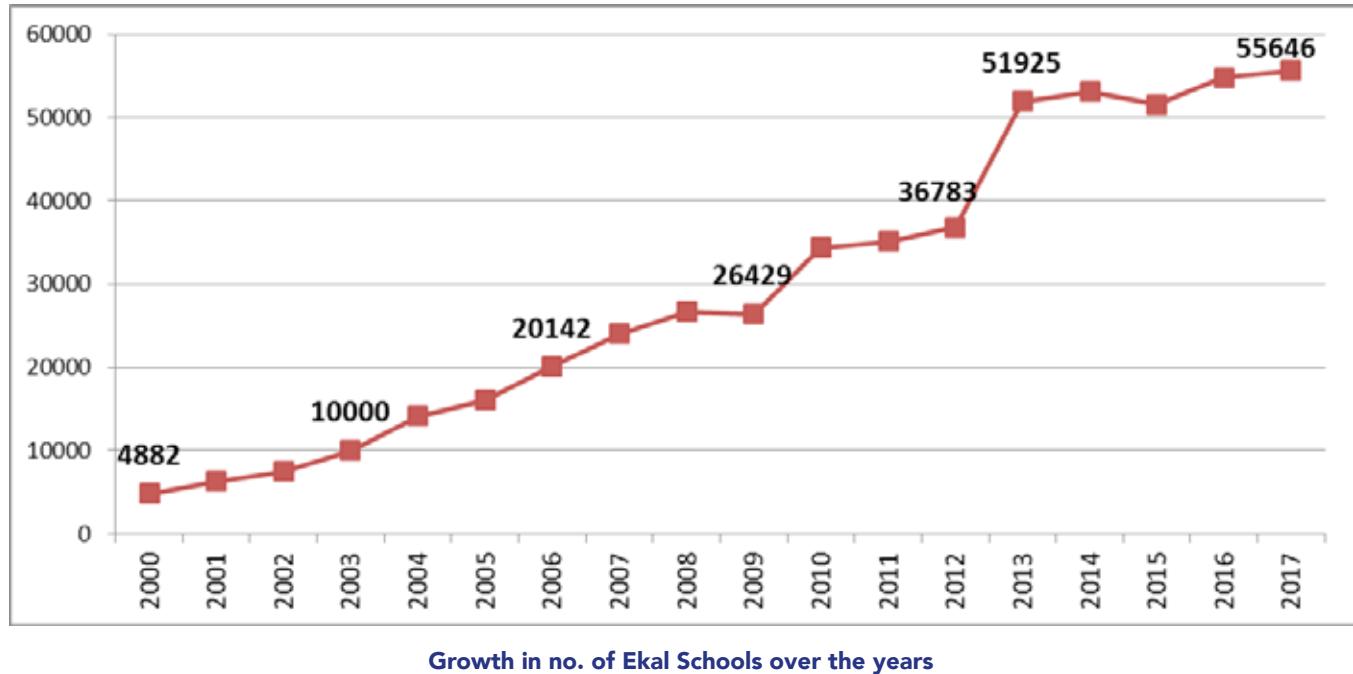
Arogya Foundation of India organized 33 Health Awareness Medical Camps on 6, 7th& 8th September 2016 in distant villages of 11 districts in Jammu & Kashmir with support of Rs. 7lakhs from IRCON International Limited. AFI has also received Rs. One Lakh from Ram Kripal Singh Construction Pvt. Ltd to develop 5 villages of Silli Sanch in Jharkhand.

# 04

## SNAPSHOT OF EKAL ABHIYAN

### No. of Schools:

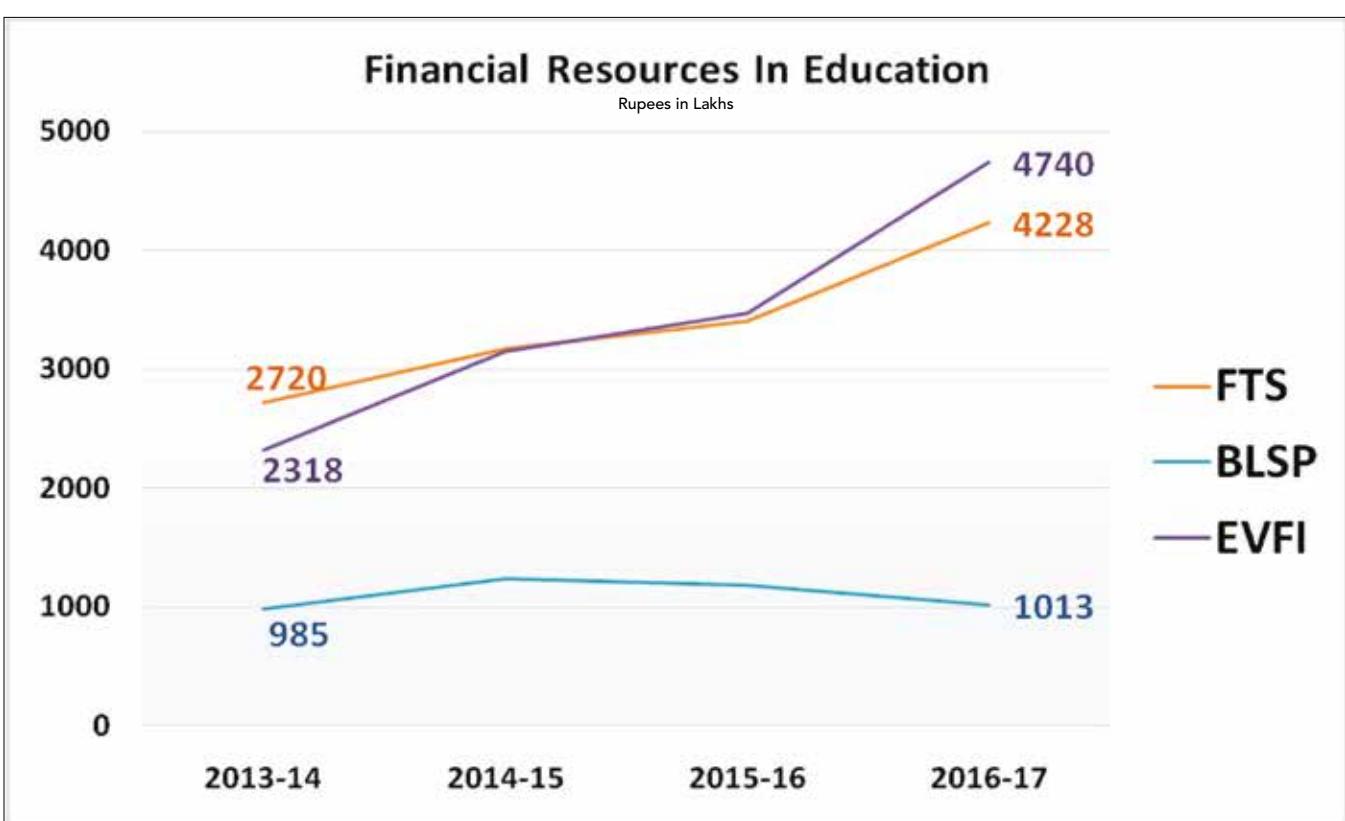
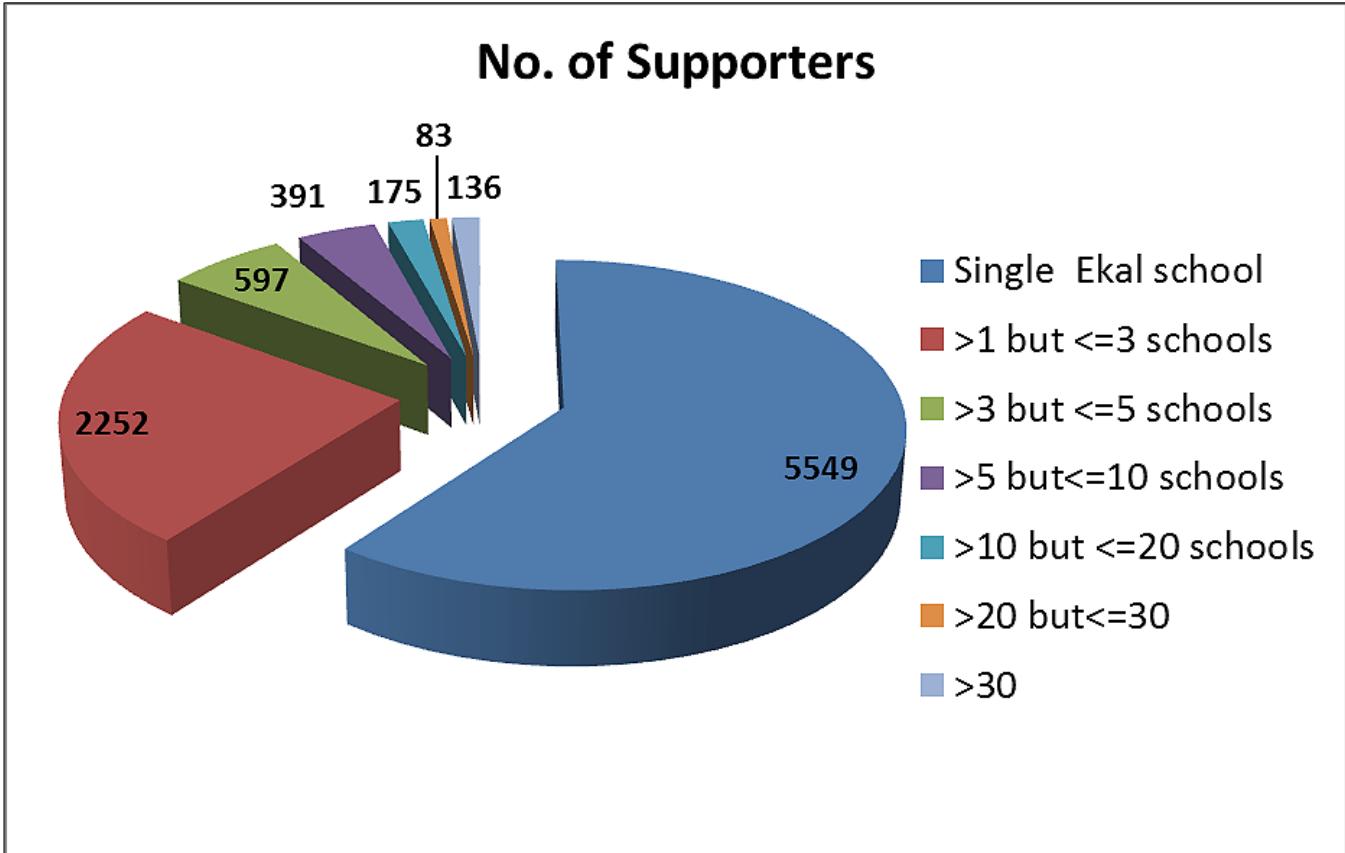
Year	2016-17		2015-16		
	Organization	Funded	Managed	Funded	Managed
FTS		22,306	31,479	20,885	28,729
BLSP		6,952	9,533	5,489	8,519
EVFI		20,272	8,488	18,717	7,843
GS		6,116	6,146	7,406	7,406
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>55,646</b>	<b>55,646</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>52,497</b>

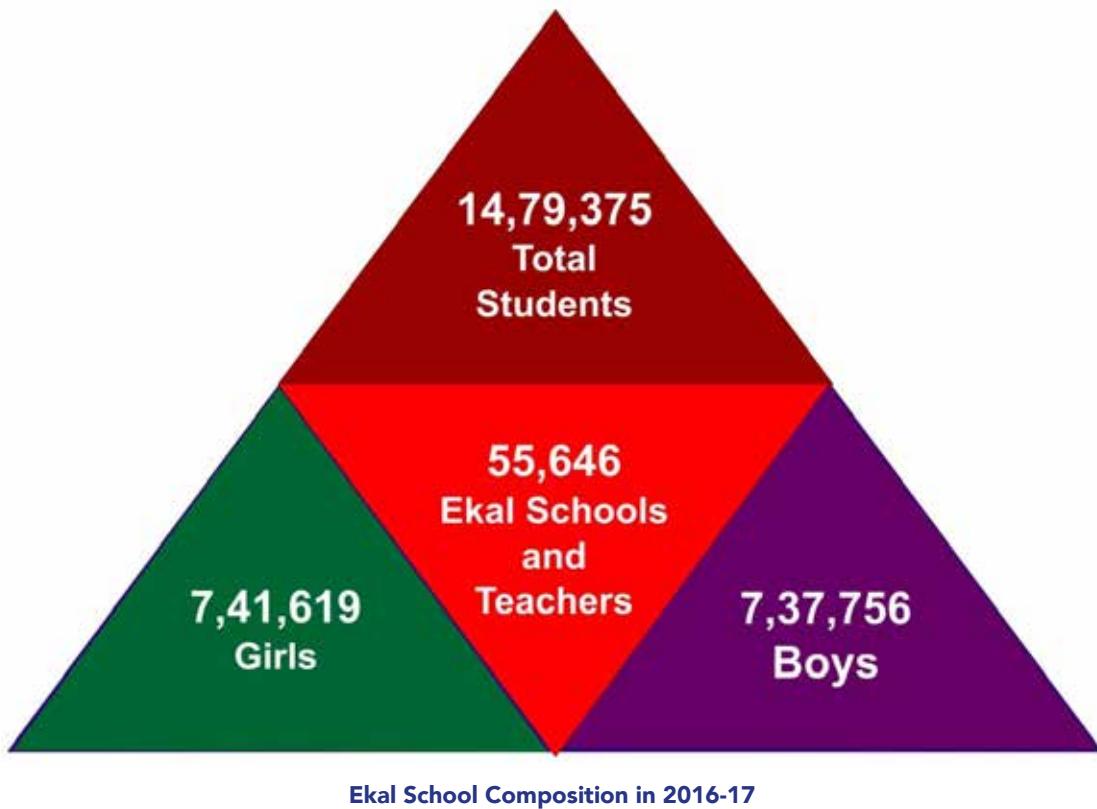


**55,646 Ekal Vidyalayas educating 14,79,375 children**



State Wise map of Ekal schools as on 31st March 2017





### **Strengthening the base of pyramid in Ekal**

The number of volunteers at sanch (block) level has been increased from 1 to 3 with responsibility of Vidyalaya, Gatividhi and Sanskaar. Gatividhi includes arogya, jaagran and gramotthan.

### **New areas of expansion in 2016-17:**

Ekal's geographical spread extended to total 120 new sanchs (blocks) with each block comprising of 30 villages. Out of total 120, 54 were added under FTS, 26 under EVFI, 21 under BLSP and 19 under Gram Sangthan.

# 05

## IMPACT STORIES, AWARDS & RECOGNITION, SPECIAL EVENTS

### 5.1 Impact Stories

- **Ekal student doing B Tech**

Kalpana from Karyade Village, Jharkhand, Ranchi had a fine tryst with the destiny traversing from Ekal to B.Tech (Electronics and Telecommunication). Hailing from a poor background (with a disabled father and mother- who is a vegetable vendor), she studied in Ekal Vidyalaya for five years after which she joined a senior school, to finish her school studies. In 2010 she was a topper in her school and a third topper in the Silli Assembly constituency. She is now studying B.Tech and thanks Ekal Vidyalaya which has motivated her, despite her insurmountable hurdles owing to her appallingly poor economic and social background.



- **Cutting and Stitching – A Source of Income**

Few years back, Rukmani Prajapathi got an internship in cutting and stitching in Ekal Abhiyan's Bisra Seva Sansthaan – Karanjo, West Singhbhum,



Jharkhand. She is now completely trained in cutting and stitching and this has now become a source of income for her. With the help of Ekal Abhiyan, she has set an example of how ladies from rural villages can live a happy life without going to cities.

- **Dairy & Organic Farming - A Low Cost Micro - Project for Self-Reliance**



Swarn Mitra Parija a resident of a village near Cuttack and wife of Ekal volunteer built up one organic compost bed in her house. She soon picked up the technique and extended the work with the help of cow dung and cow urine produced by the 3 cows in the house. Besides compost and Keet Nyantrak, she started making Go-ark, Agarbatti, Toothpaste and Phenyle etc. also, from the cow urine. She grew a nutritional garden in her 20 decimal backyard. Her income increased to several thousand per month. Soon her performance and popularity made her the Secretary of several SHGs in block inspiring and guiding the female folk.

- Ekal work helps in prohibition in villages, ensures impact of Government schemes**

Durga Prasad Katare joined Ekal movement and held a responsible position in Sivni Anchal in Madhya Pradesh. He came to know that one of the villages is addicted to alcohol, cannabis and gambling, due to which there were fights every day. He took action, formed a committee in the village. A large anti drug-addiction campaign was organized, which was attended by 5,000 people. 1500 persons resolved to give up drugs. Due to the change in the village, the collector declared Lath village as the best village in the district.

In Mandawa village in Chhapara in the name of power connection Rs 500 were collected per connection from 22 persons by field officer. Durga Prasad educated the villagers and encouraged them to submit a written complaint. Case was investigated. Circle Field Officer personally apologized to every one and all 22 people were given back Rs 500.

- Reaping the benefit of farming from GRC training**

Chandradev Verma from village Chakradaha, Giridih has 3 brothers with 36 family members in all. He was trained for 3 days at GRC. After his experiential learning at GRC enriched with ground experience and practical training knowledge in agricultural sector he started planting many green vegetables along-with the traditional crops like potato, rice and wheat on his 8 acres land

with the help of his 3 brothers. Prior to this, his brothers were working as labour residing outside the village. He has total earning of INR 5 to 6 lakhs per annum which he feels is more than sufficient to feed his family and lead a comfortable life in their own village.

## 5.2 Awards & Recognitions

- Recognition Award for Services, CSR Conclave**



CSR Team participated in a "CSR Conclave" organized by CSR Research Foundation from 28-30 August, 2016. Various NGOs and companies participated in the event such as Hero Motocorp, ICAI, MSME, ONGC. Ekal also won award under the title "Recognition Award for Services, CSR Conclave, 2016".



- Trailblazers Award, Digital India Conclave**

Ekal Gramothan Foundation won the Digital Trailblazers Award at Digital India Conclave, 2016 for its innovative interventions in Digital Literacy viz. Ekal on Wheels. Conclave was organized by HP India, India Today and KPMG.



### 5.3 Special Events

- **Vanvasi Vivah Samaroh: Spreading awareness and harmony**

Ekal Abhiyan and Sri Hari Satsang Samiti organized a mass wedding of 51 tribal couples on 20th November 2016 at Ranchi. This historic event was solemnized with traditions and customs with Jharkhand Governor Smt. Draupadi Murmu gracing the occasion. The bridegrooms took a collective pledge to have a consecrated life and remain free from any kind of addiction and promise to work for the betterment of all in their villages. Measures such as this will go a long way in bringing awareness and harmony in the country.

On 5th March 2017, FTS and Sri Hari Satsang Samiti, organized a mass wedding of 50 tribal couples on similar lines, at Hamiragachhi near Kolkata.

- **International Yoga Day**



Preserving the rich cultural heritage of Bharat in the hearts of rural and tribal brethren, Yoga is already an essential ingredient of holistic functional education for children in Ekal Vidyalayas.

Aligning with the spirit and essence of International Yoga Day designated on 21st June, Ekal held a nationwide yoga campaign across all Ekal villages involving the village community.

- **Release of Ekal Song by Union HRD Minister**



Sri Prakash Javadekar- Union Minister of HRD released the song 'Apna Ekal' in New Delhi in presence of Ma. Shyam Gupt ji and Shri B.L. Bagra. The song is sung by Shri Hariharan and Ms. Anuradha Pakakurthi. The Minister applauded Ekal's efforts, calling it the largest and the most meaningful social impact work in the education space in India.

# 06

## MEDIA SPEAKS

Ekal movement and key dignitaries of Ekal from time to time have been extensively covered and lauded for the credentials and remarkable work for tribal and rural brethren in leading regional and national newspapers like Times of India,

Hindustan Times, Telegraph, Pioneer, Dainik Jaagran, Dainik Bhaskar, Sanmarg, Uday India, Prabhaat Khabar, Ranchi Express, Khabarmaltra to name a few.



# 07

## WAY FORWARD

Ekal plans to reach 1 lakh villages in next three years. Growth plan would include all other activities like Arogya, Sanskar, Gramothan, Jagran etc. The strategy to achieve the mammoth target, including which areas to expand, managed by which lead Ekal organization and how funds shall be arranged is already in place.

### **Future roadmap of EGF**

- Targets to open one GRC in each Bhag (division), totaling to 50 GRCs in years to come. In next one year EGF targets to add at least three more operational GRCs – Gajraula (Uttar Pradesh), Tinsukia (Assam) and Songarh (Gujarat) in 2017-18.
- Total 10 Ekal on wheels are planned to be made operational by next one year.
- Conceptualizing a Social Enterprise that will connect rural and tribal producers to urban consumers, to skill, train and incubate potential micro-entrepreneurs, providing them access to best practices and latest technology.

- Focusing on Special Projects in regions where GRCs are not available. These will focus on one sanch i.e. a cluster of 30 villages and will have specific activities. Women Empowerment Centers started during the year under report, in Beawar, Bharatpur and Hindaun are in this direction only.

### **Future roadmap of AFI**

Project of Telemedicine is taking shape in Odisha with the help of HFRI and John Hopkin's Bio Engineering Department.

One more Sanch (of 30 villages) has been planned to be covered under ARC, with emphasis on Anemia control, in next one year.

### **Future Plans under Ekal Global:**

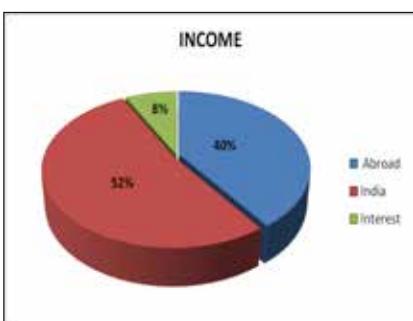
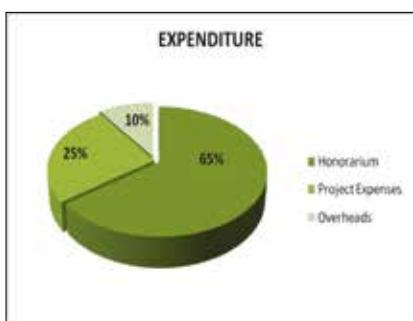
- Opening a branch of EVFI in Dubai.
- Launching a new Chapter in UK.
- Visits to Norway, Netherlands, Gulf and Hong Kong planned over next one year.

# 08

## FINANCIALS

### CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

PARTICULARS	(IN RS. CRORES)	
	2016-17	2015-16
<b>Incomes</b>		
Contributions		
From Abroad	53.62	38.75
Local	67.84	65.78
Interest	9.74	8.01
Others	3.87	0.24
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>135.07</b>	<b>112.78</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Project Expenses		
Honorarium	64.04	63.07
Training	4.79	4.38
Travel	6.08	4.92
Materials	2.95	3.18
Field Office Exp.	4.85	2.91
Others	7.01	4.57
	<b>89.72</b>	<b>83.03</b>
Overheads		
Management	5.45	5.59
Depreciation	0.41	0.57
Programmes	2.51	1.71
Others	0.96	0.91
	<b>9.33</b>	<b>8.78</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>99.05</b>	<b>91.81</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>36.02</b>	<b>20.97</b>



#### Notes:

1. Inter-unit transfers between institutions of Abhiyan have been ignored.
2. Various sponsorships in kind have not been evaluated, hence not accounted.
3. Contributions received include for various Gramotthan projects, expenditure for which span over more than one year.

## **ANNEXURE**

# **KEY VOLUNTEERS**

## **EKAL ABHIYAN TRUST**

### **Trustees**

1. Shri Jitendra Bhai Bhansali, Chairman
2. Shri Sajjan Kumar Bansal, Working Chairman
3. Shri Bajrang Lal Bagra, Secretary
4. Shri Rameshwar Lal Kabra
5. Shri Mangi Lal Jain
6. Shri Sajjan Kumar Bhajanka
7. Shri Pradeep Goyal
8. Shri Satya Narain Kabra
9. Shri Naresh Jain
10. Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
11. Shri Vijay Maroo

12. Shri Arun Kumar Bajaj
13. Shri Shyam Sunder Damani
14. Shri Arun Kumar Khemka
15. Smt. Manju Srivastava
16. Shri Madhwendra Singh
17. Shri Sapan Kumar Mukherjee
18. Shri Nand Kishor Agarwal
19. Shri Rajesh Goyal
20. Shri Avineesh Mata

### **Invitees**

1. Shri Shyam Gupt
2. Dr. Surya Prakash Sharma
3. Dr. Mukul Bhatia
4. Shri Lalan Kumar Sharma
5. Shri Praveen Arya



**Ekal Abhiyan Trust**  
**(Those who attended meeting on 10th June 2017)**

### **Central Executive Committee**

1. President Shri Bajrang Lal Bagra
2. Vice President Shri Nikhil Mundle
3. Vice President Shri Natwar Bang
4. Vice President Shri Amar Nath Joshi
5. Vice President Shri Uday Khardikar
6. Secretary Shri Madhwendra Singh

### **Members**

7. Shri Virendra Sharma
8. Smt. Manju Srivastava
9. Shri Ramesh Bhah Shah
10. Shri Lalan Kumar Sharma
11. Shri Sapan Kumar Mukherjee
12. Dr. Surya Prakash Sharma
13. Shri Khemanand Sapkota

### **Invitees:**

1. Shri Shyam Gupta
2. Sh. Om Prakash Sharma

## **Nagar Sangthans**

### **Friends of Tribals Society**

1. President Shri Sajan Kumar Bansal
2. Working President Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
3. General Secretary Shri Ramesh Kumar Maheshwari

### **Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad**

1. Chairman- Trust Shri Laxmi Narain Goel
2. Chairman- Working Committee Shri Ghanshyam Dass Goel
3. President- Working Committee Shri Nand Kishore Aggarwal

### **Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India**

1. Chairman Shri Pradeep Goyal
2. President Shri Suman Dhir
3. General Secretary Shri Ravidev Gupta

### **Ekal Gramothan Foundation**

1. Chairman –Trust Shri Laxmi Narain Goel
2. President Shri Inder Mohan Aggarwal
3. Working President Shri Naresh Jain
4. Secretary Shri Lytha Mallikarjuna

### **Arogya Foundation of India**

1. Chairman Shri Bijay Kumar Agarwal
2. President Shri Avineesh Mata
3. Secretary Shri Surendra S. Gupta

### **Shri Hari Satsang Samiti**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. NCC President      | Shri Satya Narayan Kabra |
| 2. NCC Secretary      | Shri Gopal Kandoi        |
| 3. President-Delhi    | Shri Manoj Arora         |
| 4. President-Mumbai   | Shri Vinod Lath          |
| 5. President- Kolkata | Shri Bulaki Das Mimani   |

### **Ekal Sansthan**

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Chairman          | Dr. P.L. Chaturvedi   |
| 2. President         | Smt. Manju Srivastava |
| 3. General Secretary | Shri Praveen Arya     |

### **Ekal Global Team**

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|-------------------|---|
| 1. Chairman:      | Dr. Subhash Chandra   |
| 2. Co-ordinators: | Shri Pradeep Goyal<br>Shri Ramesh Bhai Shah<br>Shri Naresh Jain<br>Shri Sajjan Bhajanka<br>Shri Bajrang Bagra |

## **Field Operations**

### **Gram Sangthan**

- |              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 1. Prabhari  | Shri Rajesh Goyal      |
| 2. President | Shri Gyan Brahm Pathak |
| 3. Secretary | Smt. Anand Wadhera     |

### **Operations**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Shri Madhawendra Singh | Abhiyan Pramukh (COO) |
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### **Education**

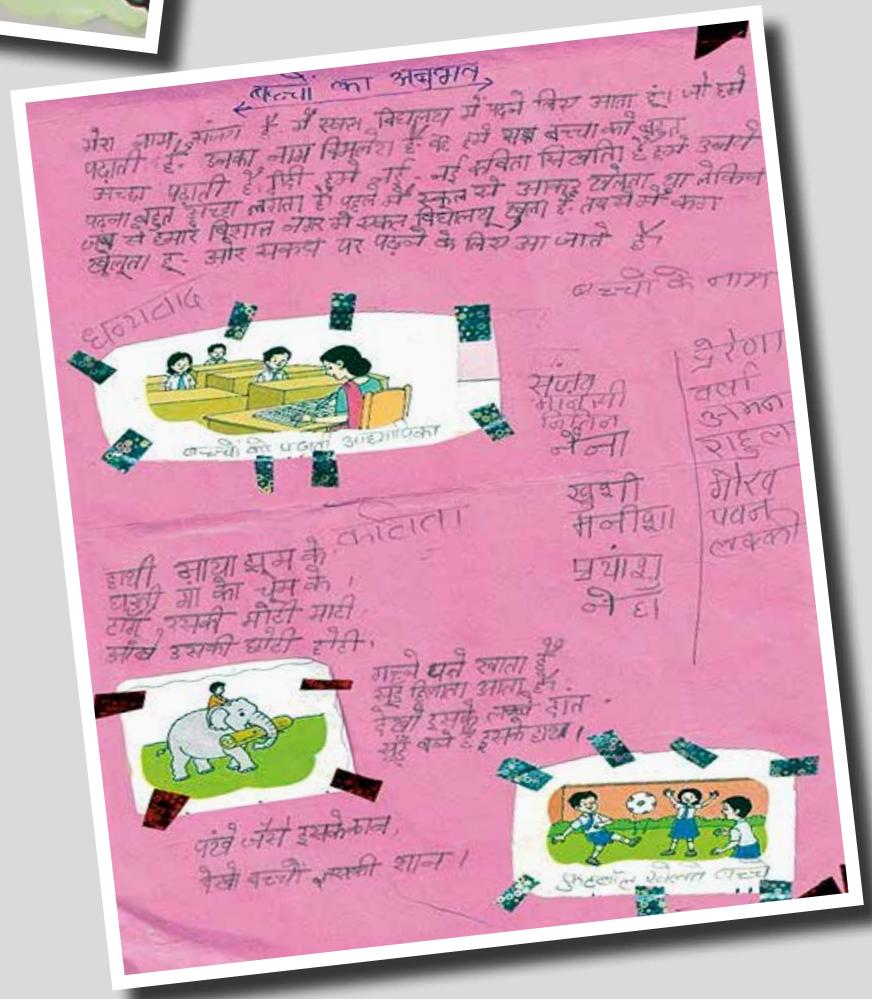
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| 2. Shri Sapan Mukherjee | Sanskar Shiksha Pramukh (Moral and Ethics Education)              |
| 3. Shri Shrinibas Panda | Prathmik Shiksha Pramukh (Primary Education)                      |
| 4. Shri Navneet Karma   | Prathmik Shiksha Prashikshan Pramukh (Primary Education Training) |
| 5. Shri Pradeep Swain   | Gatividhi Shiksha Pramukh (Health, Empowerment & Develop. Edu.)   |

### **Projects**

- |                      |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 6. Shri Lalan Sharma | Gramothan Yojna Pramukh (Development) |
| 7. Dr. Mukul Bhatia  | Arogya Yojna Pramukh (Health)         |

### **Central Support**

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|------------------------------|---|
| 8. Shri Virendra Sharma      | Gram Sangthan Vibhag Pramukh (Field Organisation)   |
| 9. Shri G. Anil Kumar        | Nagar Sangathan Vibhag Pramukh (City Organisations) |
| 10. Shri Khemanand Sapkota   | Sah- Abhiyan Pramukh-Vistaar (Growth)               |
| 11. Dr. Surya Prakash Sharma | Karyakarta Pramukh (HRD)                            |
| 12. Shri Kameshwar Sharma    | Arth Vibhag Pramukh (Finance)                       |
| 13. Shri Deep Kumar          | Gram Swaraj Manch Pramukh (Empowerment)             |



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