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I am delighted to share with you the significant achievements made by Ekal Abhiyan in the year gone by. Ekal has achieved new milestones as it progresses towards the close of covering 100,000 villages in rural and tribal areas. We continuously try to move our goalpost every year. Not only we focus on primary education but we are aggressively pursuing the holistic growth through Integrated Village Development program.

I wish to share with you the phenomenal growth of 26% in Primary schools, 80% on Ekal on Wheels, 30% in Gramothan Resource Centers and over 100% in Skill Development Centers in one year.

Gramothan Foundation has brought a new concept of Integrated Village Development Program which focuses on upliftment and improvement of underprivileged section of the society to an integrated project. The activities include Ekal Vidyalaya, Skill Development Center, Arogya Foundation, Ekal on Wheels, e-Shiksha and Sanskar Shiksha. I firmly believe that with this fine model, we could bring the concept of Gram Swaraj to the tribal population.

Under the empowerment program, over 14000 RTI applications have been filed, over 2,00,000 villagers got Aadhaar cards, 3,50,000 new bank accounts opened, 1.77 million trees planted and over 1200 farmers trained for nutrition gardens. With the Government Policy of increasing digital literacy, we have focused on Ekal on Wheels program along with E-Shiksha. We have already trained over 4800 students on Ekal on Wheels, provided e-tablets to 180 villages. In the coming year, we intend to cover 100 villages with tablets in schools.

In the field of Arogya, we have already started 33 Arogya Research Centers. A pilot batch of telemedicine was initiated in Odisha at Angul Block. Over 800 patients got the benefit of this project. In the field of Sanskar Education, we have increased the number of Raths from 30 to 39 during the year. Our reach will significantly increase due to this.

Any organization, albeit social or commercial needs succession planning. At Ekal Abhiyan, this need was highly felt and Ekal Yuva was launched on 25th October, 2018 at Indore in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Defence Minister Mrs. Nirmala Seetharaman. The intention is to open Chapters in various cities of the Country.

Ekal Abhiyan is creating a paradigm shift in the rural and tribal landscape. No NGO has been able to impact these areas as we have done. In recognition of this hard work and dedication, Government of India bestowed the highest civilian honor, Gandhi Peace Prize to Ekal Abhiyan for the year 2017 on 26th February, 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Film fraternity has also accorded Zee Cine Award to Ekal Abhiyan on 19th March, 2019.

Although these awards are given to the organizations, the effort has been made by all partners in service, financial supporters, individuals and corporates from the world over, Nagar Sangathans, Samitis and Seva Vrati Volunteers, Board of Trustees and many other unknown volunteers across and length and breadth of the country and overseas chapters.

We are thankful to all our overseas chapters for their stupendous contribution in serving the organization with their time and contribution to organize various Galas in North America for bringing laurels to the organization from important citizens in those countries. Our head bows to them for their excellent work.

Finally, we could not have achieved all these without the constant persuasion and guidance of our mentor Shri Shyamji Gupt. His effort and untiring travel is unmatched. I am thankful to the organization for giving me the opportunity to lead. I thank my predecessors for creating the building block, on the strength of which we are succeeding.

Pradeep Goyal
Ekal reached zenith of social recognition of its three-decade long efforts during the year when it was bestowed upon with coveted Gandhi Peace Prize, akin to Nobel prize of India in institutional category. Inspired by Gram Swaraj concept of Gandhi ji and based on voluntary model, it is a matter of deep satisfaction and somewhat pride too for its volunteers, to be recognised with the Prize. Ekal has set its complete focus, like Arjuna’s on eyeball of the bird, on its objective of empowering tribal and rural communities and not caring, rather mostly ignoring, the issues of publicity and recognition. Yet, when this Prize came its way, all organs of the Movement got moved with humility, be it Nagar Sangathan, Gram Sangathan and the operational volunteer force on the ground.

The recognition has not only meant a motivational force but has set greater responsibilities on the Movement for the expectations of the society have grown for greater contribution in nation building. It is therefore apt to have a glance on efforts and progress made during the year towards the goals set in Ekal’s vision. The first and foremost goal of spreading the reach of services to 100,000 villages was pursued vigorously after a couple of years of consolidation followed by preparatory ground for rapid growth made in preceding year. The year witnessed the highest growth in terms of new villages covered with schools in any one year, from 68,348 schools at beginning to 86,401 schools at end of the year, a giant leap by any standard. Numbers apart, it is significant that most of the new schools started were in conflict zones on borders and within.

Moving steadily towards comprehensive rural development aimed at Gram Swavalamban, the economic aspect of Gram Swaraj, various activities under Gramothan vertical have picked momentum in the year under report. The momentum covers all its programs like developing infrastructure in Resource Centres (GRC) – new locations as well as at old ones, Ekal on Wheels- the most popular and visible activity and skill development, both in terms of number, almost doubled, and improved quality of delivery. After the pilot for a couple of years proved its utility, the concept of Pragat Sanch was adopted as regular program titled Integrated Village Development (IVD) at level of cluster of 30 villages, covering primary education, health and skills. It picked imagination of supporter groups, particularly in USA and IVD is likely to be at centre of making the spread of reach deeper in terms of impact once the goal of reaching 100k villages is accomplished.

Sanskar vertical moved steadily towards its objectives of social harmony, de-addiction and value orientation by adding the largest number of Rath in recent years, swelling the fleet from 30 to 39. This has made the reach of the program much larger and more impactful.

Arogya, the health vertical of the Movement, continued to operate almost at the scale equal to previous year. The initiative of Tele-Medicine started last year in a cluster in Odisha stabilised and motivated to cover new clusters in Jharkhand and UP. A program was at drawing board with new kind of intervention, the mobile diagnostic vans which is planned to start operations next year.

Empowerment program continued its journey in making the rural communities aware of governance issues. The program is expected to get boost in coming years with setting up a formal Trust during the year to focus and support it.

Another highlight of the year was formalising the Ekal Global which was functioning as an informal platform for growth and coordination of chapters abroad. A Trust was registered and Board put in place.

Innovative approach to improvise its processes has been a hallmark of Ekal journey. It was witnessed during the year in growth of E Shiksha, the project for enhancing quality and value of primary education through technology. The project gained impetus in that it reached to 180 schools with firm plans to multiply almost 10 times next year.

Past achievements motivate yet put onus to perform better. The Movement has set eyes on cherished goal of reaching One Lakh schools within next year it self, apart from making further strides in all other programs. With the inspiration gathered from the recognition and achievements, the whole organisation is fully geared to meet the expectations of society.
Ekal Model for Integrated Rural Development towards "Gram Swaraj"

Ekal Abhiyan- a movement started three decades ago has been successful in reaching out to most deprived tribal and rural brethren in remotest villages of India. The movement embarked upon five pronged programs to achieve Gandhi’s vision of Gram Swaraj: literacy, health & hygiene, rural entrepreneurship, cultural values and empowerment.

Manifold contribution of Ekal Abhiyan has been recognized with Ekal Abhiyan having scaled an important milestone in its journey. It is a matter of pride that the Hon’ble President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind along with the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, presented the ‘Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2017’ to Ekal Abhiyan Trust, on February 26th, 2019, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, for its contribution in providing Education for Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender and Social Equality.

Gandhiji’s principle of basic education- ‘Buniyadi Shiksha’ has found place in ‘Ekal Vidyalayas’- Ekal’s key program for primary education, started in 1988 from Jharkhand, which has now spread all over India. ‘Ekal Vidyalayas - One Teacher Schools’ ensure functional literacy among all children and further link them to formal schooling. These schools provide free, non-formal education to the children in the age group of 6 to 14 years, operate for 2.5 hours to 3 hours a day, for about 22 days a month throughout the year. Acharya (Teacher) is essentially from the same village who teaches 25 to 30 students. Ekal imparts informal primary education to 23, 40,902 students enrolled as on 31stMarch 2019 in 86,401 villages in 25 states of India & Nepal. It has more than 50 percent girl-child participation.

Despite several villages now having Government primary schools under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Right to Education Act(RTE), the Ekal schools continue to be the only or the main source of basic education, for reason of other schools either not having teachers at all or if posted, the poor attendance of teachers in such remote areas. Almost 90% of Ekal students further...
pursue education in nearby Government Schools, taking admission in class 4th or 5th. The dropout rate of Ekal students is relatively very low compared to other students. Several students enrolled in Govt. schools in higher standards attend Ekal schools too for reasons of relatively lower quality in Government schools. In addition to reading and writing, Ekal children are taught basic arithmetic, general knowledge, science, ethics, health and hygiene, crafts, culture and even functional digital knowledge. Emphasis is given on making the children a complete man or woman, having their mind both analytical and creative with a strong physique with the help of Yoga and sports. Ekal’s goal being to make responsible citizens aware of rich cultural heritage with a sense of nationalism, patriotism and self-respect earned through self-reliance.

Other projects of Ekal besides education are as follows:

**Ekal’s Arogya Yojna** is actively engaged in spreading awareness for cleanliness through prabhat pheris, wall-writing, counselling and training for maintaining waste pits and soak pits in each household. It also involves counselling of villagers for healthy life style, cordial living with nature and preventive methods for health and hygiene. Healthcare education has considerably reduced the occurrence of diseases in general and improved maternal and child health in particular in the villages where Ekal works. All these have been achieved through spreading awareness about usage of easily available herbs and spices under the home remedies program empowering rural women to attend most minor ailments promptly and without cost with preventive and curative measures.

Special project to eradicate anaemia was taken up with women in age group of 12 to 45 years and children of 2 to 10 years age and covered 990 villages with a trained health worker functioning in each of these villages. Recently, telemedicine project was started in Odisha and Jharkhand. Close to 3,000 medical professionals support these services as volunteers.

**Ekal’s Gramothan Yojna** aims to develop ‘agriculture based on cow, local industry based on agriculture’. Ekal is engaged in empowering rural communities in developing rural entrepreneurship so as to check urban migration. This is achieved through empowering the farmers by training them in producing organic compost and pest repellants and avoiding use of harmful chemicals and fertilizers. Gramothan runs several centers imparting various skills to youth with orientation to become entrepreneurs in their own areas. The noteworthy initiative is digital education in the centers for those who can come and through mobile vans visiting village to village, for those who cannot afford to come at the centers for whatsoever reasons.

Ekal also runs various programs under its **Shri Hari Satsang wing to impart ‘Sanskar’** (values) and to make the tribal communities aware of their cultural heritage and values, social harmony, social and gender equality and self-reliance.

**Empowering** rural communities with knowledge of constitutional duties and rights, democratic process, Govt. schemes for their development and welfare, tools to ensure good governance, encouraging for 100% polling and participating actively in all community affairs are activities undertaken by **Gram Swaraj Manch of Ekal**.

‘**E-Shiksha**’ - education by tablets in Ekal Vidyalayas, uses the technology in full measure for enhancing quality of education and simultaneously preparing rural students for digital usages.
Women Empowerment through Ekal

Females constitute:
- 50% of students in Ekal Vidyalaya
- 72% Ekal teachers
- 100% health workers
- 22% of whole time volunteers
- 40% IT literacy trainees in GRCs
- 30% trainees under Ekal on wheels
- 100% students in tailoring
- 15% of farmers trainees for organic farming
- 60% trainees of nutritional garden
- 35% of Sanskar volunteers
- 40% of participants in weekly pathshala
- 60% of participants of Sanskar Rath and Katha

Ekal model of volunteerism is the core strength of Ekal. The team of Seva Vrati Karyakartas devoting full time for a period ranging from 5 years to 30 years are backbone of Ekal operations. Such team has now swelled upto 8,110 as on 31st March, 2019. Besides, Vaanprasthi, Gram and Nagar Sangathan Karyakartas in large number, crossing 2 lakh, sacrifice their resources of time and funds regularly. Financial support for all Ekal activities comes from community and none from the Government. All these put together denote development of Trusteeship in a more practical and sustainable manner.

Ekal has synthesized the social aspects of Gandhian development into its processes and programmes, as summarised here under:

Gender Equality: Ekal has made woman a change agent at the grassroot as depicted by the statistics.

Social harmony: It is one of the major subjects for 'Weekly Pathshala' in villages. All gatherings, in schools, skill centres, Weekly Pathshala, Rath, Katha and others are strictly without any discrimination based on one's caste, tribe or creed. Sanskar Karyakartas mostly come from so called backward classes and enjoy high respect like a preacher when delivering Katha and leading weekly Pathshala.

Respect for all faiths: Ekal emphasises through its school curriculum, student enrolment, volunteers' selection and other operating practices on equal respect for all religious faiths. Due emphasis is placed on local cultural heritage to consolidate sense of pride and self-respect. The fact that Ekal Vidyalaya has been running in close to 500 villages of Kashmir valley, which is exclusively inhabited by Muslims and also in several villages of Tamil Nadu and Kerala which are predominantly Muslim or Christian, is testimony to such true secular practice.

Non-Violence: Most of heartland of Bharat in tribal belt is infected with left extremism waging violent war against society. Ekal's most operations are located in those areas and other conflict zones on international borders and waning influence of the extremists is testimony to Ekal's efforts over three decades. True that there have been several other factors responsible for such improvement like efforts by Government and other civil organisations, but it is Ekal only which has been present on ground in each village on daily basis and working in tandem with communities taking them away from violence. All above is a true testimony to such a prestigious honour being bestowed on Ekal- the true follower of Gandhian philosophy for Integrated Rural Development.

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Ekal Abhiyan: Organizational Overview

Ekal Abhiyan Trust is the apex body, registered under Indian Trusts Act, laying down policy and planning framework. The field operations are undertaken by its organizations which are independently registered autonomous bodies under Societies Act or Indian Trusts Act. These follow the curriculum designed by experts together with the protocol on training, supervision, organization, accounting and compliances as decided by the Trust.

Functional structure of Ekal Abhiyan comprises of its affiliate bodies

Friends of Tribals Society (FTS)
Formed in January, 1989. Raising resources and running Ekal schools in Eastern, Western and Southern regions of India.

Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad (BLSP)
Formed in year 2000. Raising resources and running Ekal school in Northern regions of India.

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India (EVFI)
Formed in year 2000. Raising resources and running Ekal schools in some parts of Northern India. Schools in other parts are operated through FTS & BLSP.

Gram Sangthan (GS)
5 local organisations duly registered. Raise resources from villages and towns. Carry out field operations to inculcate ownership of local communities.

Shri Hari (SHSS, VRPF)
Raising resources for imparting value and moral education. Aimed at de-addiction, social harmony and promoting cultural heritage.

Arogya Foundation of India (AFI)
Raising resources and running rural health services.

Ekal Gramothan Foundation (EGF)
Raising resources and running and skill development, organic farming and empowerment activities.

Ekal Sansthan (ES)
Research and Development wing on policy and project executed under Abhiyan.

Ekal Global (EGL)
Set up, promote and strengthen Ekal chapters globally. Link diaspora to Bharat.

Operational structure of Ekal Abhiyan

Kendra - (Centre)
Prabhag - (Zone) 6
Sambhag - (State) 27
Bhag - (Division) 67
Anchal - (District) 327
Sanch - (Block) 2,984
Each with 30 villages
Ekal Vidyalaya - 86,401
Villages
Ekal's Impact at a Glance

BENEFICIARIES OF EKAL VIDYALAYAS
Direct (in remote rural & tribal villages)
- 2.3 Mn children enrolled currently
- 3.8 Mn Ekal pass out students
Indirect (village family size of five)
- 12 Mn family members of present enrolled
- 16 Mn family members of passed out

EKAL'S COMMUNITY REACH
- 8,110 Whole time field Volunteers
- 62,000 whole time professional city volunteers
- 3,37,560 Part-time volunteers in committees.
- 593 Part-time volunteers outside India

EKAL'S GEOGRAPHICAL REACH
86,401 Villages | 2,984 Blocks
327 Districts | 27 States

EKAL'S EXPANSION IN NEW AREAS
(Tribal, Border & Sensitive) during 2018-19
18,053 Villages | 524 Blocks | 23 Districts

Ekal Vidyalaya reach as on 31st March, 2019

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Ekal Abhiyan is a people’s movement based on the fundamental principle that the solution to linking the deprived man in the last row to nation’s progress lays in education. Basic primary education to children in remote villages manifested in the form of ‘Ekal Vidyalayas’, form the foundation stone for all Ekal interventions in the village.

‘Ekal Vidyalayas’ or ‘One Teacher Schools’ are run in remote rural and tribal villages to provide free, non-formal primary education to children in the age group of 6 - 14 years and they operate for 2.5 hours to 3 hours a day, for about 22 days a month throughout the year.

**KEY FEATURES OF EKAL VIDYALAYAS**

- One School, One Village, One Teacher
- 25 - 30 students of 6 to 14 years age group
- Flexible 2.5 to 3 hours school timing
- School runs in Chaupal/under a tree/in temple/in village courtyard or at teacher’s home
- Teacher- a local youth preferably a female, with minimum 10th grade education
- Students divided into three gats (groups) based on their capability on basis of primary evaluation
- School curriculum covers reading, writing, arithmetic, general knowledge, basic science, health and hygiene awareness, moral education, local sports, yoga, craft and creativity
- Activity based learning through games, songs and dances
- Children imbibe ethical values & Indian ethos
- Ownership taken by Village Committee which makes school functional and sustainable
• Ekal acts as a facilitator, management and control lies in hands of local community
• Local youth as teacher reduces the risk of absenteeism, faced otherwise in Government schools
• Local teacher teaches in familiar dialect, easy for village children to relate to
• Teacher attends training sessions every month, undergoes monthly evaluations and refresher courses
• Provides support education to the children who are enrolled in formal schools
• Students join formal schools in standard 4 to 5

Ekal Vidyalayas provide five-fold education to ensure the holistic development of a child and not merely make them literate. Inculcation of 'Sanskar' - good human values in children is the essence of Ekal's education model. The values include respect for their parents, teachers and elders, care for nature and surroundings and pride for the culture. 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 alcohol addiction and superstition, encouraging environment conservation by tree plantations, inculcating sensitivity towards maintaining the village surroundings clean and hygienic.

Primary objective of Ekal Vidyalaya is to ensure functional literacy among children of the village. Functional education is imparted to village community through weekly adult schools or 'Saptahik Pathshalas' which covers health care education, empowerment, development and value education.

**RATIONALE OF EKAL VIDYALAYAS**

*Filling The Gaps In Education In Remote Rural & Tribal Pockets*

Government through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and RTE has increased both the schools and enrolment of children. There are however still remote rural areas, especially forest and hilly regions where there are scattered hamlets, still not having access to education, the Government school being located in Panchayat Village only at a distance from these hamlets and unapproachable locations. There are serious issues relating to the quality of education and school dropouts in areas where Government has managed to reach.

Where formal schools do exist, they are either irregular or non-functional due to non-availability or poor attendance of teachers, as most are not from the nearby locality. This in turn results in poor quality and performance of children. Mid-day meal is mostly the only attraction to come to schools. Involvement of

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**ACTIVITY BASED PEDAGOGY (3 HRS. DAILY)**

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rural children in household 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. Ekal fills in these gaps.

**EKAL VIDYALAYA OPERATIONS & FUNDING**

Ekal serves tribal and rural communities sans any consideration of caste, creed, faith, religion, sex or any other classification. All Ekal schools in Kashmir valley, in close to 500 villages, have local teachers, trainers and students exclusively from local community. Most, up to 90%, of students in Ekal Schools are from SC/ST/OBC categories. About half of Ekal schools are located in areas affected by various kinds of extremism like Maoists in Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Naga, Bodo and Kuki extremists in north-east, separatists in Kashmir. Large parts of the remaining villages too lie in conflict zones being in international borders.

![Map of India showing the distribution of Ekal Vidyalayas](Image)

**86,401 Ekal Vidyalayas educating 23,40,902 Children**

As on 31st March 2019

Map not to scale
Ekal Vidyalayas have grown at CAGR of 16% over last 20 years

- **BASIC EDUCATION**
  1. Reading
  2. Writing
  3. Arithmetic

- **HEALTH CARE EDUCATION**
  1. Personal Hygiene
  2. Sanitation
  3. Nutrition
  4. Disease Identification
  5. Maternal and Childcare

- **EMPOWERMENT EDUCATION**
  1. Heritage Awareness
  2. Government Functionary
  3. Constitutional Rights
  4. Voting Importance
  5. Panchyati Raj

- **DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION**
  1. Vermicompost
  2. Plantation
  3. Water Management
  4. Vegetable Cultivation
  5. Cattle Care
  6. Self Help Group

- **ETHICS & VALUE EDUCATION**
  1. Social Behaviour
  2. Dedication for Society
  3. National Integration
  4. Love for Country

**GLOBAL OPERATIONS & KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Ekal has global presence in 15 countries with Ekal Vidyalaya Foundations set up in USA, UK, Australia and Canada under their local laws, in addition to support groups formed in other countries namely Norway, Muscat, Dubai, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Egypt, Thailand, Italy, Sweden and Germany. All these foundations and groups abroad provide resource support to the Movement apart from linking Indian Diaspora to their roots providing them a platform to serve country of their origin. Ekal Global Foundation was set up during the year to coordinate & provide impetus to growth of Ekal chapters abroad.

**Ekal's Five-Fold Education Model**

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   - Writing
   - Arithmetic

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   - Love for Country

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Ekal Vidyalayas have grown at CAGR of 16% over last 20 years

The school operations are carried out on shoe string budget with administrative overheads restricted to below 10 per cent. This is possible with the manpower resources deployed being mostly on voluntary basis, with reimbursement of travel and out of pocket expenses constituting the only expenditure on them. The cost of running 2.5 to 3 hours a day school, for about 270 days a year, catering 30 students on average, is presently 22,000 per annum.

The cost of school operations are mostly met by contributions from community in India (with a small but growing portion from CSR) and from NRIs/PIOs settled abroad. Presently, close to one third schools are supported by contribution from overseas NRIs and PIOs.

**NUMBER OF EKAL SCHOOLS UNDER AFFILIATES**

Friends of Tribals Society (FTS) has 35 chapters pan India and BLSP has 13 chapters in Northern India. New chapters in Faridabad, Gurugram, Jammu, Central Delhi and Muradabad were added by BLSP during the year. FTS added new chapter at Jodhpur.

**GLOBAL OPERATIONS & KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Ekal has global presence in 15 countries with Ekal Vidyalaya Foundations been set up in USA, UK, Australia and Canada under their local laws, in addition to support groups formed in other countries namely Norway, Muscat, Dubai, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Egypt, Thailand, Italy, Sweden and Germany. All these foundations and groups abroad provide resource support to the Movement apart from linking Indian Diaspora to their roots providing them a platform to serve country of their origin. Ekal Global Foundation was set up during the year to coordinate & provide impetus to growth of Ekal chapters abroad.

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CSR support for Ekal Vidyalayas

CROWD FUNDING
NEW WAY OF FUND RAISING

A new initiative of Crowd funding has been started by BLSP, which involves the practice of funding a project by raising small amounts of money from a large number of people, typically via the Internet. Crowd funding workshops were conducted under the guidance of Sh. Praveen Khandelwal in corporate like Deepwater Drilling, SMC, Crystal Crop and Suncity etc. BLSP raised a sum of Rs. 6,11,425/- under crowd funding from corporate employees and online funding.
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Key Feedback from Ekal Vidyalaya visits (Vanyatras)

‘Vanyatra’ is an important tool for propagating the cause of Ekal. It provides an insight to the donors both existing and prospective – regarding the actual working of Ekal System at the ground level.

“Experience of Ekal can only be understood by visiting one.”
Ajay from Germany

Ajay from Germany visited Ekal Vidyalaya Nagargali, a small village in Khanapurtaluk in Karnataka. He observed, “It is really inspiring how beautifully Ekal is shaping the young minds and building the skills of the villages. Ekal is trying to help villages reinvent themselves by identifying their strength- education oriented towards the practical world of farming, mathematics, basic science, conserving and protecting environment.”

“The kids & villages stole our hearts!”
Sh. Vivek Aggarwal from Tampa, Florida

Shri Vivek Aggarwal visited two Ekal Vidyalayas - Saatkashi and Pagadh Dhuva, roughly 3 hours’ drive from Surat with his family. They were amazed by the love and dedication of the teachers and were impressed by Ekal’s emphasis on overall village development. They also visited the district Ekal center where tailoring, organic fertilizers and farming techniques were taught.

“The more we got involved the more we feel connected to the Ekal community”
Mr Vivek & Smt. Vandana Sharma from Boston, USA

She comments on her Ekal journey as- “We have been associated with Ekal for some time and are grateful to Ekal for an amazing opportunity to holistically develop the 30 villages in rural Mathura!” Apart from money, it’s just the people in the Ekal community that keeps them coming back to it.

KEY CSR SUPPORTERS
During the year 18,655 Ekal Vidyalayas received contribution under CSR from PSUs and corporates

MOU Signing with Petrofac
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4. Karanjo Jharkhand
5. Jarangloi Odisha
6. Jharsuguda Odisha
7. Nemisharanya Uttar Pradesh
8. Gajraula Uttar Pradesh
9. Songarh Gujarat
10. Wada Maharashtra
11. Kumbhkonam Tamil Nadu
12. Ucchain Rajasthan
13. Hoshangabad Madhya Pradesh
14. Khargone Madhya Pradesh
15. Birganj Nepal

### GRCs AT VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT
- Existing being upgraded
- New Under Construction

### HANDICRAFT/ PAPER BAG MAKING TRAINING

**Key Features**

- Create women micro-entrepreneurs in rural and tribal villages
- Designed in the hub-and-spoke structure –main centre at GRC, spoke centre at village
- Production centres are set up at GRCs through self-help group (SHG)
- SHG are formed by the master trainer at GRCs, women in SHG group are trained and selected from the common training batches
- Production centres incubate interested group of women micro-entrepreneurs
- Also provide on-job training to fresh graduates of training programs
- Training provided at 16 women empowerment centers (at GRCs /at satellite skill development center/under IVD)
- Master training is conducted at GRCs, IVDS & satellite centres
- Master trainers train the females in villages

**IMPACT**

- 1494 Rural Women trained during the year
  - 894 at Master Tailoring center
  - 600 at Spoke center

### SUSTAINABLE FARMING: “COW BASED AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE BASED ECONOMY”

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SATELLITE SKILL CENTRES

Besides the GRCs, there are standalone skill centres where two skills like WEC (Women Empowerment centre) for tailoring, handicraft training and CTL (Computer training lab) are imparted or can be any one skill.

Location & Type

- Bharatpur (Rajasthan) : WEC
- Hindaun (Rajasthan) : WEC
- Beawar (Rajasthan) : WEC
- Rani Pokhri (Uttarakhand) : WEC
- Anantpur (Andhra Pradesh) : CTL
- Titron (U.P) : CTL + WEC
- Ayodhya (U.P) : CTL + WEC
- Jharsuguda (Odisha) : CTL + WEC

INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT (IVD)

For holistic development of the rural & tribal villages, Gramothan has come up with a concept of integrated village development (IVD) which focuses on upliftment and empowerment of the underprivileged sections of society through an integrated approach. The IVD model focuses on a cluster of 30 villages collectively, focusing on a wide range of activities for youth, women and farmers.

Interventions under IVD comprise of:

1. Ekal Vidyalayas
2. Skill Development
3. Arogya (General Healthcare, Pregnancy Care, Anaemia Removal, Training on Herbal and Natural Home Remedies)
4. Organic Nutrition Gardens

NUTRITIONAL GARDEN (POSHANVATIKA): A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION OF MALNUTRITION

Gramothan has developed a novel & sustainable concept of ‘Organic Poshan Vatikas’ to end the menace of malnutrition and anaemia in villages.

Key Benefits:

- Cultivation of nutrient-rich vegetables, fruits and herbs for a regular balanced diet of family
- Three Tier & Three Rotation Integrated Farming System to ensure sufficient supply round the year
- Organic compost & Pest Repellent made from cow waste
- Water holding capacity of soil increased and less consumption of water for farming
- Zero dependence of outside input- own seeds, own manure
- Soil is full of micro nutrients, is healthy, as a result the taste of food also increases
- Input cost of farming reduced considerably as against chemical farming
- Economically empowered farmers
- Led to revival of traditional wisdom and practise of Indian agriculture

IMPACT

- 1215 farmers trained
- 2600 nutritional gardens planted
**Additional optional interventions:**

1. Ekal on Wheels
2. E-Shiksha
3. Sanskar Shiksha

The pilot project was started in ShikharJi and Parasnath sanchs (blocks) in Giridih district of Jharkhand. Within a very short span of time, the project has expanded to reach a number of total 9 IVDs by March, 2019 at following locations:

- ShikharJi (Jharkhand)
- Parasnath (Jharkhand)
- Dang (Gujarat)
- Dahod (Gujarat)
- Dedhiapada (Gujarat)
- Tinsukia (Assam)
- Prayag (U.P)
- Chhata, Mathura (U.P)
- Khargone (M.P)
**EKAL GRAMOTHAN UTPAD FOUNDATION (EGUF)**

EGUF is a Social Enterprise to connect rural and tribal producers to urban consumers. GRCs play a crucial role to skill, train and incubate potential micro-entrepreneurs. EGUF started its 1st pilot project on collection, processing and providing markets to farmers growing organic turmeric in Karanjo, West Singhbhum district, Jharkhand. The organic turmeric being processed by EGUF has very high curcumin value of 6.39%. A modest beginning has been made by processing 20 tonnes of turmeric during the year.

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KEY FEATURES OF AROGYA INTERVENTIONS
• Bridge the gap between remote areas and modern health facilities
• Create health care awareness – emphasis on Sanitation, Nutrition, Personal Hygiene, Mother & child Healthcare
• Create awareness about the National health program
• Provide preventive and curative health services
• Preventive Health initiatives include:
  ✓ Propagate safe disposal of degradable waste by converting it into organic fertilizer in vermin compost pit
  ✓ Encourage the drainage of waste water into soak pits to prevent breeding of mosquitoes
  ✓ Inculcate habit of drinking safe water by promoting use of filter
  ✓ Facilitate construction of Govt. sponsored toilets
  ✓ Lower incidence of communicable diseases by disease specific awareness
  ✓ Awareness on personal hygiene in children- According to the report of Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI), 90% of children in the villages of ARC wash their hands with soap after defecation and before taking meals. This has resulted into control of diarrhea epidemics.

After 26 years of Ekal Arogya Yojana, experience gained in previous years through preventive health initiatives- including hygiene & sanitation, anemia control pilots, first aid, medical camps, home remedies and Chikitsa Sahayata Kendra – all have been amalgamated into Arogya Resource Centre - ARC to make it more intensive and effective model. One ARC is a cluster of 30 villages in which one Arogya Sevika (health worker) implements the activities in each of these villages. As on March 2019, there are total 33 operational ARCs developed in 33 blocks, spread across Bharat.
**Health awareness camps:** Specific disease related diagnostic and health awareness camps are organized every month.

**Counseling to control Anemia:** India has around 46 per cent of adolescent girls and 56 per cent of pregnant women between 15 and 49 years of age who are anemic. The future generation of India will be with less IQ if this continues, hence the thrust of Arogya on providing a sustainable solution to malnutrition and anemia in women of child bearing age (12-45 years) and children (2-10 years). The other alternative to create awareness among the communities and bring changes in their lifestyle of food style is also exercised.

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**Home remedies for common ailments:** Motivate the women to use home remedies for basic and primary health care, so that it reduces the cost of the medicines and their multiple side effects. Rural women are encouraged to plant herbal plants like Tulsi, Turmeric, Aloe Vera, Fenugreek, Pudina, Ashwagandha, Lemon Grass, Rui (Arka) etc.

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PRE-MEDICAL / MEDICAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME
Fourth Premedical Externship Programme was held with 19 participating students from USA, accompanied by Dr. Veena Gandhi (Chairperson, HFRI). This is a prestigious academic programme for USA (NRI) premedical and medical students, held every year as an initiative of Health Foundation for Rural India (HFRI) through which students are acquainted with health delivery system by visiting different health centres situated in Ranchi and rural areas.

IMPACT - DURING THE YEAR

- 33 blocks
- 990 villages
- 99,000 village households (approx.)
- 4,95,000 villagers (approx.)

Medical camps
- 189 General camps
- 47 Eye camps
- 37,785 Patients Attended & 664 Cataract Surgeries

Preventive measures
- 14,053 Soak Pits
- 10,050 Waste Pits
- 62,905 Wall Writings

Home remedies & women hygiene
- 38,042 Treated with Home Remedies
- 1,644 Women in 9 villages distributed 60,010 Sanitary Pads
Under empowerment education, ‘Gram Swaraj Manch’ extensively runs awareness campaign on different issues of national importance. The village community is sensitized by educating them about their fundamental and constitutional rights, the importance of their voting rights and the significance of Panchayati Raj. The main focus of these campaigns is on making them aware about different welfare Govt. schemes available for them. Villagers are encouraged to use powerful tools like Right to information (RTI). Public meetings are organised in villages and block level.

KEY INTERVENTIONS UNDER GRAM SWARAJ

• Getting Aadhaar cards
• Financial Inclusion - Jan Dhan Accounts
• Getting insurance policies under various Government schemes
• Environmental conservation through tree plantations
• Environmental awareness programmes
• Educating and assisting villagers to file RTI applications
• Voter awareness programmes
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**IMPACT - DURING THE YEAR**

- **14** STATES PAN INDIA
- **15,499** VILLAGES COVERED
- **14,558** APPLICATIONS OF RTI FILED
- **17,71,905** TREES PLANTED
- **3,500,000** NEW JAN DHAN ACCOUNTS OPENED
- **2,10,000** AADHAAR CARDS MADE
CULTURAL PROMOTION CENTRES

A weekly gathering of villagers is organized in village centre which gathers momentum with chanting of bhajans and is followed by awakening address by Ekal volunteer on cultural and social issues. Average gathering is in range of 40 to 60 adults. These are powerful tool of conveying several kinds of messages ranging from social harmony, pride for traditions, patriotism, de-addiction etc. They aim to make tribal self-confident and self-dependent by improving their intellect through moral and cultural education, impart knowledge and awareness about cultural heritage and social harmony to eventually integrate them into the national main stream.

During the year, such weekly gatherings took place in 62,865 villages, attended by 16,78,340 village adults, a large part being female participants.

MOTIVATIONAL ‘KATHA’ IN VILLAGES & PRISONS

The trained tribal youth delivers ‘Katha’ in villages and small towns conveying richness of Indian culture and inspiring the people to get rid of divisive practices and other evils that crept into the system during centuries of political subjugation by invaders.

In Assam, 11 Kathas were held in a total of 11 prisons, of which 8 were held in district prisons and 3 in Central Jails. The total of more than 7,000 prisoners listened to the Katha. Change in their behaviour and attitude was quite visible in app. 80% of the inmates after Katha.

MOTIVATIONAL ASSEMBLIES AND MOBILE MOTIVATIONAL RATH

This has proven to be a powerful tool to get associated with large number of people in interior areas where volunteers are not able to reach for various reasons. 39 such Raths were in operation during the year going from village to village on daily basis covering 1,763 villages, reaching 26.67 lakh people.
CULTURAL EVENTS

“Ek Sham Sanskar ke Naam”

On the eve of Vikram Samvat 2076, in April, 2018, a program was organized namely “Ek Sham Sanskar Ke Naam”. In the perspective of life management Master Pt. Vijay Shankarji Mohta, in his sweet voice, recited Hanuman Chalisa through the transmission of the Sanskar TV channel. About 350 Million devotees from all over the world recited it jointly.

“Ekal Sur Taal”

‘Ekal Sur Ekal Taal’ concerts -the multi-faceted, dynamic presentations of Nritya (dance), vocal music, instrumental music and acting, inter-woven into various Indian traditions and cultural ethos, a unique variety program, was organised. 9 ‘Ekal Kathakars’, villagers from the remote rural & tribal villages, intrinsically trained by Ekal, travelled last year to USA and garnered tremendous applause and cultural connect. The team also travelled to major cities and conducted 24 programs pan India, during the year.

4 IT ENGINEERS TRAINED TRIBAL YOUTH IN ‘KATHA’ IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad has a very unique batch of Young IT professionals who have taken up the trainings on Valmiki’s ‘Ramayana’. They perfectly planned their office/work schedules for taking up trainings for 2 hrs on week days and for 6+ hours over weekends for 41 days training in Hyderabad.
Ekal has successfully touched lives of millions in remote tribal and rural areas through a unique model and most importantly through power of unparalleled passion, unmatched dedication, commitment to the cause and precise execution on ground by the volunteers of this movement. Based on grassroots expertise & experience, Ekal has judiciously embedded ‘Digital power’ as an enabler to achieve Ekal Vision 2025 with defined mile stones of success towards its journey.

‘Digital Ekal’ focuses on:

- Strengthening Ekal systems & procedures of reporting
- IT skill & capacity building of Ekal volunteers in the field, including Ekal Teachers (Acharyas)
- Digital literacy & Innovative learning of Ekal Children in Ekal Vidyalayas
- IT Skill development of dropouts & youth in remote villages
- Rural healthcare using technology
- Demystifying technology & utilizing it as an effective medium to bridge the gap between urban & rural India

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS) & USE OF SOFTWARE FOR DONOR REPORTING

System of data entry is fully computerized across the movement and web-based at the Anchal (district) level. A summary of all such reports is prepared at Ekal Abhiyan office which gives an updated position of the entire Abhiyan on various activities and factors, at the end of every month.

School Allotment Management Software (SAMS) & Connect App have been custom – developed and are in use to allot schools to respective donors and uploading of school photographs etc. An emergent
need was felt for integrating these platforms into an Ekal-Donor Relationship Management Software (Ekal-DRMS) to streamline the entire process and make it more effective. It has been developed and is being extensively used now.

**IT LABS IN GRAMOTHAN RESOURCE CENTRES**

Ekal Gramothan Foundation runs Computer Labs at GRCs to provide working knowledge of computers to rural youth with the help of spoken tutorials designed by IIT Mumbai. The successful trainees get certificates from the Institute.

**IMPACT**
- 716 youth trained in 2018-19
- 2032 youth trained from 2016-2019

**Ekal On Wheels**

**MOBILE COMPUTER LAB**

**KEY FEATURES**
- A mobile van transformed into a computer lab with around 15 working terminals
- Pre-installed self-learning software to provide digital literacy at doorstep
- First-hand exposure to computer in remote and tribal villages
- Can accommodate 15-20 students at a time
- One dedicated trainer provides training for two and a half hours in one village
- Program registered with Spoken Tutorial project of IIT Mumbai
- Certificates awarded to successful trainees
- Solar powered eco-friendly services available at few places

**IMPACT**
- 4816 trained in 2018-19
- 8356 trained from 2016-2019

The fleet size of Ekal on Wheels as on March, 2019 stands at 20 EOWs, out of which 10 new were added in the fleet during the year. 7 new EOWs are in pipeline to get operational in 2019-20.

**E-Shiksha’ – Learning with Tablets in Ekal Vidyalayas**

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KEY FEATURES

• Use of tablets by Ekal Acharyas to teach audio-visual content to children in Ekal Vidyalayas.

• An innovative step in capacity building of Ekal Acharyas & imparting primary education in villages.

• Pilot launched at Nanakmatta Sanch, Uttarakhand in Oct 2016.

• Project operational in 4 States, 6 (Sanch) blocks and 180 villages/EkalVidyalayas in Phase 1 since launch in December 2017.

• Areas covered:
  • Ukai, Gomukh and Naranpur Sanch in Tapi district of Gujarat
  • Gargaon Sanch in Palghar district of Maharashtra
  • Karanjo Sanch in West Singhbum district of Jharkhand
  • Nanakmatta Sanch in Udham Singh Nagar district of Uttarakhand
  • 4 tablets per village - for Ekal Acharya, for Gat 1, Gat 2 and Gat 3
  • 120 tablets per Sanch, 1 tablet for each Sanch coordinator
  • 6 project coordinators appointed at Sanch level to execute and monitor

IMPACT

• 180 Ekal teachers are IT -literate
• More than 4500 Ekal children (Avg.25/School) learn and play tablet videos

POSITIVE FEEDBACK OF PROJECT

• Children are taking more interest in learning
• Increase in both attendance & enrolment of children
• Drop-outs have re-joined
• Children have learnt English and Maths faster through tablets, improved in General Knowledge
• Retention power and memory of children has improved
• Most children have learnt how to operate tablets, especially Gat 3 children in most Vidyalayas
• Substantial improvement in children behaviour more inquisitive, fearless and confident

PROJECT VISITS

Ekal Sansthan Delhi team visited Ekal Vidyalayas in Jarki & Matkambera villages in Karanjo Sanch and took first hand feedback from Ekal children on what content they like and want more on tablets.

Shri Manu Bhai Shah - the main donor from Sarva Mangal Family Trust(USA) visited the project areas in Gujarat to get an overview of the tablet intervention.
PREPARATION OF EXPANSION TO ADDITIONAL 20 SANCH UNDER E-SHIKSHA PHASE-2

With the successful outcome of the project in phase 1, the project is scheduled for expansion in second phase to 20 additional Sanch pan India extending to additional 600 villages and 7 new states on 6th April 2019 commemorating 'Varsha Pratipada'.

A detailed Project plan was finalized to execute the following activities for the roll out of phase2:

A 2 day residential Orientation training was organized for Sanch (block) coordinators and Sanch Pramukhs from 20 Sanch at New Delhi from March 1-2, 2019.

TELEMEDICINE – QUALITY HEALTHCARE AT GRASSROOTS

- Pilot project of telemedicine initiated in 2018 in Odisha at Khamar block in Angul district.
- Village health coordinators were trained on software on tablets.
- Process includes using software to record history of patients, perform basic examination and connect the patients with a penal of doctors at Bhubaneswar for prescribing medicines.
- Bio Engineering Dept. of John Hopkins, USA is the co-partner.

IMPACT

- 820 patients took the benefit of telemedicine during the year

BENEFITS:

- Saving of time from 2-3 hours to doorstep
- Zero cost of travel from earlier expenditure of Rs. 200 - 800
- Reduction in distance travelled - 16 - 42 kms. to doorstep
- High patient acceptability and usage
- Doctors satisfied with the history and examination notes
- Health workers motivated to serve the community with dedication & service-attitude

Overall Patient Experience

- Very Good - 10.9%
- Good - 55.8%
- Satisfactory - 32.7%
- Poor - 0.7%
**KEY FEATURES**

- An open ended platform for exchange of ideas, debate & discussion
- Share best practices from different corners
- Create a bank of ideas & rural innovations directly from the grass-roots
- Build urban and rural connect with participants from NGOs, Social Enterprises, Rural Entrepreneurs, Rural Technologies, Incubation HUBs and Youth

Ekal Sansthan Delhi has successfully conducted 18 Ekal Study Circle Meets from inception in 2014 till March 2019, at India International Centre (IIC) on a vast plethora of topics ranging from Rural Development, Digital Intervention, primary education and holistic development of children to Agriculture for sustainable rural livelihoods.

**STUDY CIRCLE MEETS HELD AT NEW DELHI DURING THE YEAR**

Annual Meet on “Agriculture for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods”

Dr. Vandana Shiva—key note speaker, physicist and environmentalist stressed that—“Agriculture for sustainable rural livelihood is not just about the livelihood of a farmer but a farmer maintaining the earth and a farmer maintaining our health”. She cautioned the audience about the use of synthetic chemicals as pesticides and advocated the use of organic manure, which resonates with Ekal’s ideology of ‘Jaivik kheti’ leading to healthy soil.

The other noted speakers at the event were:

Vice President - Ekal Sansthan emphasized that natural farming is philosophy of Ekal. Traditional
wisdom and practice of agriculture needs to be revived back due to ills of chemical farming.

The founder Vice-Chancellor of Vishwakarma Skill University Gurugram, Shri Nehru spoke about the need of skill development as skill has a link with sustainability of livelihood.

District Horticulture Officer (DHO) - Gurugram, Dr. Khan showcased different technologies used for farming in a high tech greenhouse. He spoke about advantages of low pressure drip irrigation system that can be useful for Ekal as a model of irrigation for small land holders.

Economics of Agriculture – Vision 2022, Increasing Farmers’ Income to double”

National In charge of Gramothan Yojana, Dr. Lalan Kumar Sharma shared Ekal’s successful cow based agriculture and agriculture based entrepreneurship model to make farming profitable and villages self-reliant.

The major attraction of the meet were the success stories of farmers from village Parmadih, Giridih-Jharkhand who transformed their villages into 'Lakhpati Gaon' by adopting organic farming techniques propounded by Ekal Gramothan.

Area Convenor TERI, Dr. Nidhi P. Chanana explained how TERI has revived the traditional hilly region technique- 'Baranaaja- 12 crop cultivation' to advocate crop diversification with scientific cultivation of spices and aromatic crops.

National Co-Convener of Swadeshi Jagran Manch, Dr. Ashwani Mahajan blamed the mono-culture cropping for the plight of farmers and reiterated that 'Indian farmer is a multi tasker'- he only needs empowerment with one stop solution of giving him the right price for his produce.

Ekal Sansthan shall develop a policy paper on Sustainable Agriculture to present to the relevant Ministry for advocacy of cause of rural & tribal farmers.

STUDY CIRCLE MEETS HELD AT OTHER CITIES DURING THE YEAR

Ekal Sansthan had already expanded its wings by creating Ekal Study Circles in Ranchi, Lucknow. During the year it further expanded to Chennai and Coimbatore. While Lucknow organized its third study circle meet, Chennai and Coimbatore held two meets each on relevant themes.

- Lucknow’s third ESC Meet was based on theme “Role of Gram Swaraj in Rural Empowerment”.
- Chennai’s inaugural ESC Meet was based on theme “Sustained Education” and the 2nd ESC meet had “Your health in your hands” as the theme.
- Inaugural ESC Meet of Coimbatore was based on the theme “Importance of Ethics and Value Education” and the 2nd ESC meet had “Say No To Plastic” as the theme.
The year was special as it marked the formation of “Ekal Yuva” – a youth vertical in Ekal – emergence of a new dawn in the horizon of Ekal Abhiyan. Ekal Yuva is conceptualised to channelize the energy of Urban Youth for the cause of Rural & Tribal Development to take Ekal to new heights.

‘Volunteerism’ is the Motto of Ekal Yuva. They will inspire urban youth to become volunteers for Ekal Movement.

KEY ACTIVITIES
• Ekal Learning Yatra
• Dream India Tours
• Adopting Sanch for extensive working under Nayee Uddan Project
• Ekal Youth Parliament
• College and school out-reach program
• Corporate out-reach program
• International Ekal Week Celebrations
• Awareness Programs
• Social Media & Promotion

NATIONAL LAUNCH OF EKAL YUVA
The National launch of Ekal Yuva took place on 25th October, 2018 at Indore in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Defence Minister of India, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. The National Chairperson, Ekal Yuva gave welcome address and presented an audio-visual both on Ekal and newly formed Ekal Yuva.

Ekal Vidyalaya children from Sendhwa Anchal performed ‘Bal geet’ and gave a demonstration of their learning.
Ekal Yuva team representatives from Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Bhopal and Indore were given badges by the Defence Minister.

Defence Minister, in her inspiring speech, expressed her passion for education and was highly impressed with the work of Ekal and the teaching technique of the Ekal Acharya. The launch ceremony was attended by key dignitaries from all Ekal affiliates.

**KEY EVENTS ORGANIZED BY EKAL YUVA DURING THE YEAR**

**Ekal Yuva runs Tata Marathon on 3rd Feb 2019 to Educate**

Ekal Yuva Indore team participated in the Tata Steel Indore Marathon to support the cause of education and spread awareness about rural development. 11 Ekal Yuva members with 14 tribal children & 4 teachers ran together for the 5km route.

**Vanyatra by DAVV IMS students Indore on 16th March 2019**

30 students of DAVV (IMS) accompanied by 3 coordinators of Ekal Yuva visited GRC centre where all students attended a ‘workshop on organic farming’ followed by viewing of ‘Ekal on wheels’. The DAVV students gave a talk on health and hygiene to Ekal children in Sirsia village. This was followed by fun interaction, singing songs and dancing. Finally everyone painted the wall of the first hut of the village as a bonding activity.

**EKAL ABHIYAN A CHARITY PARTNER FOR ZEE CINE AWARDS ON 19TH MARCH'19**

Zee Cine Awards (ZCA), instituted in 1997, a magical celebration of Indian Cinema, stood for and supported the cause of educating underprivileged children in the remote tribal areas of India and partnered with Ekal Abhiyan in 2019. **On their award function night on 19th March 2019, ZCA seamlessly integrated Ekal's initiatives and its brilliant students into the Event in the following way**
5 Ekal children walked with the Bollywood stars along the red carpet. The celebrities walking on the red carpet that night, supported and endorsed EKAL.


3 Ekal achievers in their respective fields were felicitated on-stage during the Event namely--

A Short film on Ekal was displayed to the audience, which was broadcasted in 173 countries in 19 languages.

**EKAL DREAM INDIA TOUR (DIT) CONNECTING URBAN YOUTH WITH GRASSROOT OF BHARAT**

**KEY FEATURES**

- A youth engagement certificate program, initiated by Ekal Sansthan to offer volunteering opportunities in Ekal villages
- Major objective is to sensitize urban youth with village culture, values & challenges
- Key Activities covered:
  1. Visit to Ekal Vidyalayas
  2. Interaction with Ekal teachers in monthly training
  3. Active participation in village development activities like making Soak pit, organic pest repellent
  4. Exposure to vermin compost pit for organic manure, nutritional garden
  5. Participation in village Satsang and meal at village homes
  6. Interaction with Field volunteers and Samiti persons
  7. Exposure to and involvement in technological interventions like teaching through tablets
- Certificate of participation awarded to student volunteers in Ekal Study Circle Meets

**Experience of Ekal Yuva National Chairperson, Ms. Neha Mittal**

“I have grown up watching both my parents so dedicated towards Ekal’s cause and got involved with Ekal during my college days in Mumbai very actively for about a year. It’s been a wonderful journey of learning, interacting and growing for me. The most important part of being with Ekal is the guidance of the mentors and understanding the thought process and the true philosophy behind it. A sense of patriotism is always lit up inside like a flame that keeps my life engine ignited”.

**Ekal Abhiyan Annual Report 2018-19**
DITs conducted during the year:

- Fourth Dream India tour to Nanakmatta Uttarakhand (September 21-23, 2018)

A team of 6 students from Institute of Information Technology & Management (IITM) Delhi participated in the tour.

First DIT to Yercaud, Chennai (26th Sep – 1st Oct 2018)

Fifty one students from the Department of Journalism along with two faculties from MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai covered five Ekal villages near Yercaud under DIT. Student volunteers interacted with women and girls and briefed them about the importance of hygiene especially during the menstrual cycles. Media literacy survey was also conducted in all the villages.

EKAL LEARNING YATRAS (ELY)

A 2 day trip to Ekal villages conducted by Ekal Sansthan for professionals to give them a practical exposure to Ekal system and working on the ground and generate interest in the movement.

Yatras conducted during the year:

Nine participants took yatra from New Delhi to Nanakmatta Sanch, Uttarakhand from June 15-17, 2018.

Coimbatore Ekal Sansthan team conducted a similar yatra to Ekal villages near Coimbatore on September 9, 2018.

EKAL MARATHONS: "CHOTE KADAM, BADE IRADE"

Youth of Friends of Tribals Society (FTS), Kolkata organized a Marathon "Ekal Run" conceived as –'Chhote Kadam, Bade Irade' on January 28, 2019 to spread awareness about Ekal's cause among people including corporates and youth. More than 2780 participants ran under different categories of 5 km, 10 km and 21 km. There was also a Fun Run of 3 km. The contribution made by the each participant was utilized to educate one Ekal child for one year.

FTS, Bangalore organized Ekal Run 5k Cool on 13th Jan'19 where over 1000 registered runners enjoyed 5km running and Zumba session arranged by organizers.
Success Stories of Ekal

Stories of change & hope

Ekal student reaches national level football championship
Archana Rai studied in Ekal Vidyalaya of village Tikri Kashipur, District Varanasi in U.P. from 2004-2007. Ekal’s play way pedagogy – including songs and games fascinated her and grew her interest in sports. She first time started practising Football at D.L.W. sports stadium Varanasi. Under a good coach, she found her place in divisional level Varanasi team - the winner of divisional level 'Talent Hunt Football Championship.' She has now been selected for national level Talent Hunt football team representing Varanasi. She owes the courage to hold on and the interest in Football to Ekal’s education.

Poshan Vatika transforms village to 'Lakhpati Gaon'
Shri Gulab Verma and Shri Naresh Verma, farmers from village Parmadih, Giridih - Jharkhand showcased their success stories of transforming their village into 'Lakhpati Gaon' by adopting organic farming techniques propounded by Ekal Gramothan in Ekal Study Circle meet held at New Delhi. Shri Gulab Verma ploughs his 10 acres Poshan Vatika himself, earns around Rs. 8 lakhs p.a., with his savings has been able to construct his own building worth Rs. 40 lakhs. Shri Naresh Verma has 5 acres of Poshan Vatika yielding around Rs. 5 Lakh a year income. He too has constructed his own building worth Rs. 35 lakh. They thank Ekal for saving them from the menace of chemical fertilizers.

Ekal Pride – Beyond Barriers
Chhaya Kangne, an Ekal whole time volunteer since last 10 years has made Ekal proud in empowering rural women and making an enormous difference to the lives of hundreds of families. A resident of village Penda, Bodhadi Block, Kinwat district, Maharashtra, she has been working relentlessly, un-hindered by her handicap, in training women to produce and sell colour compounds made from natural ingredients. Her other major contributions include improving community sanitation and encouraging literacy in the villages. She is widely recognized and respected for her hard work in making Ekal Abhiyan successful. We take this moment to salute her for her immense dedication to Ekal’s mission.
Chandaa Devi first time attended the Ekal Acharya training camp in 2015 and got exposed to the vision of village empowerment, much beyond her expectation of just a teacher training. She taught Ekal children in village Chandpur Daulatpur, district Gonda in U.P. from 2015-2018. She got inspired and started a small business titled ‘Maa Samudra Devi Foundation Research centre’ with her brother for manufacturing organic toothpaste - out of cow dung. They received positive feedback of their product preventing Pairia, bleeding gums from the customers across the villages and the district. Currently the demand for orders has expanded to multiple districts of U.P., even to New Delhi and she has assisted 25 more persons to get employment. She feels proud of Ekal and owes her empowerment to Ekal.

Veena Verma became Ekal Acharya of village Arcuna in district Ayodhya in U.P. The monthly honorarium from Ekal helped her continue her further studies. More importantly, she got inspired through the monthly Ekal trainings to dedicate herself to nation’s defence and service. She decided to prepare for entry in the police force which took place in 2018 when she got placed in Lucknow. She is still undergoing basic training of reserve police line in Lucknow and has gratitude for Ekal to instil the flame of her life mission.

“Bhintarghar” and “Jadey” villages in Pratapgarh block, Nasik District in Maharashtra are success stories of Ekal’s impact on villages and community. They have become famous as “Gulabi Gaon”. 15 years in past, before Ekal intervened, these tribal villages were characterised by dismal road connectivity, lack of medical facilities or employment opportunities, no education facilities. Poor economic status of villagers compelled them to migrate to near cities for better opportunities. Ekal stepped in by starting Ekal Vidyalayas, imparting five-fold education. In a time span of 4-5 years, Ekal made the village community aware through “Saptahik Pathshala” about their rights, health & hygiene, making their village clean, progressive and self-reliant. Villagers have learnt about ‘chemical free farming’ and even assemble in evenings for ‘Satsang’. To symbolize equality and harmony in village, village community decided to paint all houses and schools in pink and to keep the by lanes clean. Villagers grew nutritional garden around their households, segregated dry and wet waste, built toilets and wrote awareness slogans on walls.

Ekal Acharya joins the Police force

Ekal Acharya becomes an organic toothpaste entrepreneur

Ekal transforms villages into “Gulabi Gaon”

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GANDHI PEACE PRIZE - 2017

CITATION
EKAL ABHIYAN TRUST

Ekal Abhiyan, a movement started three decades ago, was established for reaching out to most deprived segment in the remotest villages. The key guiding principles was concept of Gram Swaraj put forward by Mahatma Gandhi.

The Trust has embarked upon five pronged programs to achieve the vision of Gram Swaraj: literacy, health and hygiene, rural entrepreneurship, cultural values and empowerment.

Under its key program for primary education to children, Ekal is imparting education in the remote areas Pan-India. Currently it is operating in more than 80,000 villages and educating 2.2 million children. It has more than 52% girl child participation out of presently rolled children. Another significant feature of Ekal education is value education, culture, nationalism and village crafts. It runs on the concept of ‘One Teacher School’ and provides 4 years of free, informal primary level education to children to ensure functional literacy among age group of 6 to 14 years.

The Trust works in tribal and rural areas on health care education with emphasis on hygiene, treatment of general diseases and specially the maternal and child care. The Trust has been spreading awareness about usage of easily available herbs, spices and roots under its Home Remedies program which empowers the rural women to attend most minor ailments.
promptly and without cost. The Trust empowers the rural communities in developing preventive measures through soak and waste pits, cleanliness and other hygiene practices.

The Trust is engaged in empowering rural communities in developing rural entrepreneurship so as to check urban migration. This is achieved through empowering the farmers in natural farming by training them in producing compost and pest repellants and in the process doing away with use of chemicals. The Trust runs several centers imparting various skills to youth with orientation to become entrepreneur in their own areas. The noteworthy among them is digital education through centers and also through mobile vans visiting village to village. Living in harmony with nature is key to this program under which the Trust promotes tree plantation, water and soil conservation, conservation of seeds of indigenous varieties and chemical free farming practices.

The Trust runs various programs to make the tribal communities aware of their cultural heritage and values, Social Harmony, Gender Equality and Self-Reliance.

The Empowerment program of the Trust makes the rural communities aware of their constitutional duties and rights, of various schemes of the Government for their welfare and of different tools to derive maximum out of such schemes.

Gandhi Peace Prize recognizes the manifold contribution of Ekal Abhiyan Trust over vast number of villages in providing education to Rural and Tribal children in remote areas pan India, in spreading awareness about Health and Hygiene, in promoting Rural Entrepreneurship through natural farming and skills, in making rural communities aware of issues related to Gender and Social Equality and thus realizing Gandhian concept of Gram Swaraj through voluntary efforts.

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GANDHI PEACE PRIZE FOR THE YEAR 2017

Ekal Abhiyan Trust has been given the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2017 in recognition for its contribution in providing Education to Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender and Social Equality. Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind along with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi presented the Gandhi Peace Prize – 2017 to Ekal Abhiyan on February 26, 2019. Government of India gives Gandhi Peace Prize to individuals and institutions for their contributions towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods. The award carries INR 1 Crore (10 million), a plaque and a citation. A jury consisting of the Prime Minister of India, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, the Chief Justice of India and two other eminent persons decides the awardee each year. Earlier awardees of Gandhi Peace Prize include Nelson Mandela, Ram Krishna Mission, Desmond Tutu, Baba Amte, Julius Nyerere, ISRO and Akshay Patra etc.

Goyal Peace Prize to Ma Shyam Gupt

Kurukshetra University bestows Goyal Peace Prize on Ma. Shyam Ji Gupt of Ekal Abhiyan for the outstanding work in spreading education in remote areas.

CMAI and CIM Global CSR Awards - Social Footprints

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India (EVFI) received the award under the category- "Excellent Education provided to weaker section of society" in April 2018.

Social imprints CSR Award

Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad (BLSP) was awarded under the Category of “Excellent Education Provided to the Weaker Section of the Society” organized by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi on 04.01.19 during Social Imprints CSR Award summit 2019.
Bharat Nirman Award

Friends of Tribals Society (FTS) received 25th Annual Bharat Nirman Award in recognition of its exemplary contribution in the field of education and upliftment of Tribals for raising the Prestige & Position of Society & Nation.

Samanvay Samvet & Sanmarg Awards

FTS was presented with this popular award "In honour of the resolute community service, which is indeed a service towards building a stronger nation."

Pravaasi Bhartiya Awards

Ekal Founder President in Australia Shri Nihal Singh Agar has received the "Pravaasi Bhartiya Samman from The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind at Varanasi.

President of India honoured Shri Bitthal Das Maheshwari of Ekal Italy with "Pravaasi Bharthiya Samman" for his significant contributions in India and abroad.

"She The Change Nari Udyami Award"

Ministry of Culture, Government of India, B&S (Beti and Shiksha) Foundation and Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti, confer the award to celebrate womanhood. Smt. Renu Gupta received “She the change Nari Udyami award” in Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, presented by Governor of Uttrakhand. Smt. Renu Gupta has been a member of Ekal USA board and chairperson of EVFUS.

A moment of pride for Ekal Pariwar

Ms. Anjana, daughter of Shri Senthil Kumar, Kendriya Pratinidhi of Gram Sangathan, Tamilnadu, was honoured with an award for one of the best speakers in Model Parliament from the hands of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Award by Early Childhood Association

The Early Childhood Association, an international NGO held its conference on February 12-13, 2019 at City Palace Jaipur. It was the largest international conference devoted to modern childhood issues and was attended by academicians, practitioners and policymakers from across Asia. The conference had over 40 speakers and 600 delegates, during which Ekal Abhiyan Trust was presented the Outstanding NGO Contribution for Society Award for their exemplary contribution as the most committed NGO in early child care.
Ekal Abhiyan celebrated the International Yoga Day, fourth time in the row on June 21, 2018 and initiated a campaign all across more than 80,000 Ekal villages. Students and teachers of Ekal Vidyalayas, along with men and women of the villages participated in the celebration and encouraged other people to make yoga an integral part of their lives for a good and healthy life. They were joined by city based volunteers by performing Yoga at offices of the institutions and chapters all across India.

INTERNATIONAL EKAL WEEK

To commemorate 12th January - the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Ekal Abhiyan shall organize an International Ekal Week campaign over a week’s time concluding around 12th January every year all across Ekal. This initiative started this year from 6th-13th January 2019.

Ekal Sansthan developed a guideline document specifying the kind of activities that can be undertaken respectively by city based volunteers and field volunteers across Ekal, including global chapters to celebrate International Ekal Week. Based on the above, all Bhags and Sambhags in Ekal were circulated an activity calendar for the week that included the following activities namely:

- Prabhat Pheris
- Sports competitions
- Patriotic song competitions at Sanch (block) level
- Story competitions based on life of Swami Vivekananda Ji
- Cleanliness Drive in Ekal Vidyalayas
- Youth seminar at district level

Acharyas and Ekal children from more than 85,000 Ekal Vidyalayas participated in the campaign, supported by more than 8000 whole time dedicated Ekal field volunteers.

GLIMPSES OF THE CAMPAIGN
Third Party Impact Assessment was carried out to assess the qualitative impact mainly due to Ekal Vidyalayas and due to other activities of Ekal Abhiyan. A pilot survey was carried out by Globescan and C-Voter to assess socio-economic impact. Assessments were also done through various agencies, viz. Tata Dhan and Aspiring Minds, the reports of the same indicate certain impacts. Now a detailed survey is planned through Aspiring Minds, the report of the same is expected by the end of September, 2019.

Meanwhile, ONGC, a CSR supporter, undertook an independent study for project performance and societal impact of Ekal Vidyalayas during the year 2018-19. The main findings of the study are:

- Ekal Vidyalayas are facilitating the children of socially and economically deprived society in terms of providing basic education with inputs of values and culture and preparing them to integrate with formal schooling.
- Sensitivity and feeling towards healthy habits, hygiene, surrounding cleanliness, and physical fitness has improved.
- Respect for human dignity, rights, gender equity, national integration, honesty, cooperation and concern for life among the students have been enhanced.
- Substantial improvement has taken place on interpersonal communication skills of students.
- Succeeded in enhancing the skills among students to recognize and identify the source of electricity, mode of transport, medical instruments, conduct simple investigation to seek answer to queries, able to apply learning of scientific concepts in day-to-day life.
EKAL PERIODICALS AND PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

EKAL PERIODICALS

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Besides, in house bulletin by several verticals and chapters are circulated

MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUILDING EKAL BRAND

Ekal’s Facebook page focuses on key Ekal interventions, success stories from the grassroots, capacity building of Ekal Acharyas and volunteers at all levels, key Ekal partner-ships, campaigns / events etc.

Ekal has 88,748 likes on its Facebook Page and 88,768 total page followers (as on March 31, 2019).
WAY AHEAD

Ekal Abhiyan has scaled a significant and a historical milestone in its journey over three decades, manifested in the form of ‘Gandhi Peace Prize’. The recognition confirms the impact and success of volunteer based Ekal model, in realizing the nation's all round development.

Ekal's responsibilities have further enhanced with this recognition. We have re-dedicated ourselves to achieve our goal of 'Ekal Panchamukhi Shiksha- Five Fold education' in one lakh villages to make our efforts wider and impactful. Ekal's integrated Village Development (IVD model) is a step in that direction.

Arogya Foundation plans to expand the Tele-medicine centres in 3 districts of Jharkhand namely Ranchi, Ramgarh and Deoghar. Two Eye Diagnostic Vans are planned to be initiated to provide glasses to myopic children in villages in Jharkhand, Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Telementoring for dental problems of children shall be initiated in Fatehpur Sikri ARC of district Agra.

Satellite Women Empowerment Centres (WEC), Computer Training Lab (CTL) and Skill Development Centre (WEC+CL) are some of the initiatives Ekal Gramothan Foundation which is looking to expand further to 17 Gramothan Resource Centres (GRCs), 35 Ekal On Wheels (EOWs), 9 IVD Centres and 22 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) as the target for 2019-20.

Ekal Yuva targets to conduct maximum awareness programmes and rural development activities through schools and college connect in 2019-20.

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To take stock of the accomplishment of its objectives and set the direction for future course, Ekal organizes an international level conference every 4-5 years, last being in Dhanbad in 2015.

Ekal Abhiyan is organising the ‘Parivartan Kumbh’ on November 17-19, 2019 in Lucknow to deliberate on the social, economic and cultural impact, it could muster in the lives of deprived tribal and rural communities over three decades. The event is being organized this year on completion of 30 years of Ekal journey.

The objective of Parivartan Kumbh is to assess the changes, Ekal could bring in for the upliftment of tribal/rural community. The specific areas of assessment are, how much Ekal Abhiyan could:

- Create interest among children and parents for studies reducing the rate of illiteracy and dropout
- Inculcate good civic habits in children
- Induce pride for the Nation and respect for cultural and social values
- Generate a sense of confidence in tribal communities
- Help in empowerment of women
- Create awareness about health & hygiene, sanitation, malnutrition & anaemia control
- Create awareness about organic farming and nutritional gardening
- Support for economic development and help in adding to earning and thereby reducing the urban migration
- Help in de-addiction
- Help in preservation of rich cultural heritage of India and social harmony.

About 4,000 delegates are expected to attend this event, including over 100 from overseas. The participants would be the selected volunteers from all the three categories, the SewaVraties, from cities (Nagar Sangathans) and from field operations teams (Gram Sangathans). The selection criteria relates to the performance in terms of delivery of objectives for the respective categories.

Besides assessment of past achievements, the way forward for next 5 years is to be deliberated in the Kumbh. It is also to be discussed on how to make our efforts more impactful and enhance the role of younger generation and women power in the decision-making process at all levels.
INCOMES

**COLLECTION BY INSTITUTIONS**
- FTS: 36%
- EVFI: 14%
- BLSP: 7%
- SHSS: 7%
- Others: 36%

**SOURCES**
- Abroad: 33%
- Local: 59%
- Interest: 9%

**EXPENDITURE**

**ACTIVITIES**
- Vidyalaya: 78%
- Arogya: 10%
- Sanskar: 6%
- Gramothan: 10%
- Overhead: 10%

**TYPES**
- Honorarium: 62%
- Project Expenses: 28%
- Overheads: 10%
## CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Rs. in Crore (1 Crore = 10 million)

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<th>PARTICULARS</th>
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<td><strong>INCOMES</strong></td>
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<td>Contributions from Abroad</td>
<td>60.65</td>
<td>61.94</td>
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<td>Local Contributions</td>
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| **EXPENDITURE**        |         |         |         |
| Project Expenses       |         |         |         |
| Honorarium             | 87.05   | 74.45   | 64.04   |
| Training               | 5.46    | 5.13    | 4.79    |
| Travel                 | 10.75   | 7.00    | 6.08    |
| Materials              | 6.44    | 4.09    | 2.95    |
| Field offices          | 6.88    | 4.36    | 4.85    |
| Others                 | 10.78   | 7.24    | 7.01    |
| **Project Expenses**   | **127.36** | **102.27** | **89.72** |

| **OVERHEADS**          |         |         |         |
| Management             | 9.22    | 7.35    | 5.45    |
| Depreciation           | 1.46    | 1.16    | 0.41    |
| Programmes             | 3.44    | 1.29    | 2.51    |
| Others                 | .02     | 0.32    | 0.96    |
| **Overheads**          | **14.14** | **10.12** | **9.33** |
| **Total Expenditure**  | **141.50** | **112.39** | **99.05** |

### Notes

1. Inter-unit transfers between institutions of Ekal Abhiyan have been ignored while consolidating the above sums.
2. Various sponsorships in kind have not been evaluated and not accounted for. The above statement does not capture such in-kind sponsorships, mostly for training and field offices.
3. Contributions received include sums for various projects towards capital costs like development of Gramothan infrastructure and mobile vans etc. Expenditure on these projects spans over more than one year and is capitalised. Such capital expenditure does not form part of Expenditure shown above, except for depreciation for the year.
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Shri Suman Dhir

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Shri Om Prakash Sharma

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Co-ordinators: Shri Pradeep Goyal
Shri Ramesh Bhai Shah
Shri Naresh Jain
Shri Sajjan Bhajanka
Shri Bajrang Bagra
Prof. Nihal Agar
Shri Susheel Saraff
Shri Jitendra Bhansali
Shri Surendra Kumar Jindal
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- President: Shri Sajan Kumar Bansal
- Working President: Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
- General Secretary: Shri Ramesh Kr Maheshwari

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- Chairman- Working Committee: Shri Ghanshyam Dass Goel
- President- Working Committee: Shri Nand Kishore Aggarwal

**Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India**
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- President: Shri Ravidev Gupta
- General Secretary: Smt Anand Vadehara

**Ekal Gramothan Foundation**
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- President: Shri V. K. Gupta
- Working President: Shri Naresh Jain
- Secretary: Shri Ramesh Kanodia

**Arogya Foundation of India**
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- President: Shri Avineesh Matta
- Secretary: Shri Sudarshan Surekha

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- NCC Secretary: Shri Anil Mansingka
- President - Delhi: Shri Manoj Arora
- President - Mumbai: Shri Gopal Kandoi
- President - Kolkata: Shri Pradeep Rawalvasia

**Ekal Sansthan**
- Chairman: Dr. P. L. Chaturvedi
- President: Smt. Manju Srivastava
- General Secretary: Shri Shankar Halder

FIELD OPERATIONS

**Gram Sangathan**
- Prabhari: Shri Rajesh Goyal
- President: Shri Gyan Brahm Pathak
- Working Secretary: Shri Inder Mohan Agarwala
- Secretary: Smt Veena Bhat

**OPERATIONS**
- Abhiyan Pramikh (COO): Shri Madhawendra Singh

**EDUCATION**
- Dr. Surya Prakash Sharma: Sanskar Shiksha Pramukh
- Shri Navneet Karma: Prathamik Shiksha Pramukh (Primary Education)
- Shri Pradeep Swain: Gatividhi Shiksha Pramukh (Health, Empowerment and Development Education)

**PROJECTS**
- Dr. Lalan Sharma: Gramothan Yojna Pramukh (Development)
- Dr. Mukul Bhatia: Arogya Yojna Pramukh (Health)

**CENTRAL SUPPORT**
- Shri G. Anil Kumar: Nagar Sangathan Vibhag Pramukh (City Organizations)
- Shri Khemanand Sapkota: Sah-Abhiyan Pramukh Vistaar (Growth)
- Shri Deep Kumar: Karyakarta Vibhag Pramukh (HR)
- Shri Kameshwar Sharma: Arth Vibhag Pramukh (Finance)
- Shri Satish Sachan: Gram Swaraj Manch Pramukh (Empowerment)
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