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FOREWORD from Chairman Ekal Abhiyan Trust

At the outset, I pray and hope that all of you are safe and healthy. The last year has been a painful time for most of the world, due to the severe pandemic caused by Covid-19 virus. Worldwide activities came to standstill and in particular, human life got severely affected socially and economically. However, we are proud that Ekal Abhiyan rose to the occasion to respond to the challenges thrown by the pandemic and turned it into an opportunity, by exploring new ways to service our Vanvasi brothers and sisters.

The crisis taught us the importance of the golden principles of native systems of curative science of our dear motherland, deriving knowledge and strength from Mother Nature and its natural products away from the reach of modern urban populace. The second wave of

Covid challenged the rural people at par with their urban counterparts, but they recovered faster in spite of the fact that they are deprived of modern allopathic medical facilities and care in the hospitals.

Ekal, which is engaged in multifaceted programmes of rural development, was severely impacted, in that the services on the ground in remote rural geographies came to a halt in the first half and was severely impacted thereafter. In response to this challenge Ekal Abhiyan quickly gathered its most important resource, its Nagar and Gram Karyakartas. We literally created the bridge between the cities and villages by way of mobile phone connectivity.

I salute the achievement of Ekal Karyakartas, despite of the crisis. We succeeded in protecting more than 3,00,000 villages from the pandemic by creating 1.5 million volunteers. Over one million migrants from cities were tested before allowing them to enter their villages, after suitable quarantine process. Awareness about Covid protection and immunity building was created in all the villages by way of posters and homemade Kadha.

Our tailoring training centres were engaged in Mask manufacturing as per the need of the hour. We distributed more than three million face masks to Corona warriors police, doctors

and other health workers and the Ekal volunteers & villagers.

Ekal Arogya played a pivotal role by treatment of large number of villagers through its Arogya Resource Centres and Tele-medicine centres besides awareness programme in villages through its Arogya Sevikas.

A large number of virtual events were organized both for connecting large number of new members and the donors and succeeded in a reasonable support for Ekal activities. We thank USA and Canada Teams whereby a large number of new donors came forward to support new special projects like Integrated Village Development (IVDs), Ekal on Wheels, Tailoring Training Centres and Computer Training Centres.

Although the planned goals as per Vision 2025 are lofty, especially in view of the crisis due to the pandemic, Ekal is committed to achieve these along with focusing on quality of impact.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and active year ahead in all your endeavors.

Pradeep Goyal





REPORT OF PRESIDENT Central Executive Committee

The year 2020-21, has been Covid year literally and in essence from all points of view, for social organizations like Ekal, who are engaged in multi-faceted programmes of rural development. The year has been traumatic in the living history which upset our planet in entirety and human life in particular. All spheres of human life - economic, social, family and individual were thrown out of gear by the Covid pandemic. The social institutions like Ekal were severely impacted in that the services on the ground in remote rural geographies came to halt in first half and continued to be severely impacted thereafter as well.

The crisis created space for those who are determined to turn it into opportunity and that is what Ekal in fact did. New ways were charted leveraging technology, to engage all stakeholders continuously and intensively which delivered the results in an otherwise a subdued environment. The challenge of shifting track for a mammoth structure prevalent from national to village level, from normal

operations to Covid specific services, was accepted by Ekal. The services of Ekal in the changed form, compelled by the circumstances, of course filled the vacuum, yet the challenges were galore. The innovative and timely action by Ekal however produced the results. Ekal rose to the occasion to respond to the challenges thrown by the Pandemic. The confidence gained during the year would benefit the Ekal Movement enabling it deliver more impactful services to tribal and rural communities on sustained basis, I have no doubt.

All Nagar Sangathans, field services of Ekal Gramothan and Arogya in particular delivered the desired services, from immediate relief and preventive to remedial all across. Turning the skill centres quickly to manufacture face masks right since very beginning for use by frontline warriors in remote locations was commendable by any standard. As much as 3.1 million masks were made and distributed. For Arogya, the year also witnessed the long-awaited growth in number of clusters served by Arogya, ARC Sanch, through IVD (Integrated Village Development) programme adopted by Ekal USA and 7 new clusters were added to an almost stagnated figure of 29, a welcome feature, even though the pace of progress in raising volunteers and their training was adversely affected by Covid compulsions. The welcome received by a new service of eye testing by the mobile Eye Van introduced this year was on expected lines even if depth was impaired by the Pandemic. The importance of health & hygiene underlined by the Pandemic in any developmental effort will boost work of Ekal Arogya and Gramothan.

Schools had to remain closed for almost whole year due to the legal ban imposed by states. But the most of teaching force was gainfully deployed for spreading awareness about Covid preventive measures. Once the severity of the pandemic subsided, school gatherings was planned for physical exercises like Yoga, Pranayam and Surya Namaskar which worked well in selective geographies. The Sanskar Shiksha volunteers produced good results in last quarter of the year under a scheme Gram Sanyas, and organized Gram Kathas in remote places in a manner that more than covered the slow activity earlier in year. Harnessing the technology to the hilt, Nagar Sangathans in India and abroad produced splendid results in engaging the stakeholders and with record collections, an extra-ordinary achievement in such a depressing scenario. Kudos to their leadership.

With a view to prepare the organization to realize the vision, a brain storming session was held towards end of the year, which covered all the aspects to restructure so as to avail an organization capable to deliver the mission goals with transparent processes, collective decision making, harnessing technology and satisfying the aspirations of all stakeholders. Plans to focus on 35,000 villages to cover with all the five Ekal programmes was finalized, with emphasis on revamping the Nagar Sangathan Boards. For it will be my last address in this capacity, I wish my able successor Shri Rajesh Goyal the best to lead the organization to consolidate the growth and deliver quality impact.

Bajrang Bagra

INTRODUCTION

Five Fold Education for Integrated Village Development



Ekal Abhiyan, a movement started more than 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 programmes 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. The Government of India presented its highest award for service organizations 'Gandhi Peace Prize' for the year 2017 to Ekal Abhiyan Trust, for its contribution in providing Education for Rural and Tribal Children in remote areas pan India, Rural Empowerment, Gender and Social Equality.

Evolution of Ekal's key programme, 'Ekal Vidyalayas,' is a very good example to take inspiration. How a volunteer-driven movement started in tribal villages of Gumla (Jharkhand) in 1988, has become one of the largest initiatives in the world, can teach us a lot. It puts efforts to imbibe in its model, the philosophy of local participation; for instance, a new Vidyalaya can only be started if there is a demand for it from the local people of the village. A village committee is formed which forwards a demand for a Vidyalaya in their village. Ekal initiates its processes only after receiving such a demand.

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. It has almost 50 percent girl-child participation.

Vision

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

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 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 Government schools in higher standards attend Ekal schools too for reasons of relatively better quality and environment.

In addition to reading and writing, Ekal children are taught basic arithmetic, general knowledge, basic science, ethics, health, 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 is to make responsible citizens, aware of rich cultural heritage of our country with a sense of citizenship, patriotism and self-respect earned through self-reliance.

Ekal Abhiyan, started with Ekal Vidyalaya, is a Movement involved in integrated and holistic development of rural and tribal India. Other projects of Ekal under its Five fold Education, besides Primary education are as follows:

Mission

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

Ekal Arogya Yojana 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 is providing services. All these have been achieved by spreading awareness about usage of easily available herbs and spices under the home remedies programme, motivating 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 females and children and covered 1,102 villages with a trained health worker functioning in each of these villages. Tele-medicine project has been started in Odisha, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.

Women Empowerment through Ekal

Females constitute:

- 50% of students in Ekal Vidyalaya
- 72% Ekal teachers
- 100% health workers
- 100% trainees in tailoring
- 31% of whole time volunteers
- 40% IT literacy trainees in GRCs
- 30% trainees under Ekal on Wheels
- 15% of farmer 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 Vidyalaya reach as on 31st March, 2021

Schools
(In as many Villages)

1,02,552

Students
Total Numbers

26,32,065

Girls

13,15,959

Boys

13,16,106

Beneficiaries of Ekal Vidyalayas

Direct (in remote rural and tribal villages)

- 2.6 Mn children enrolled currently
- 7.2 Mn Ekal pass out students

Indirect (village family size of five)

- 13 Mn family members of present enrolled
- 36 Mn family members of passed out

Ekal's Community Reach

- 6,805 Whole time field Volunteers
- 62,000 Whole time city volunteers
- 7,32,347 Part time Samiti volunteers
- 593 Part time volunteers out of India

Ekal's Geographical Reach

1,02,552 Villages | 26 States
3,546 Blocks | 360 Districts

Close to 3,000 medical professionals support these services as volunteers.

Ekal Gramothan Yojana 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 to the centers for whatsoever reasons.

Ekal also runs various programmes under its ShriHari 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, de-addiction and self-reliance.

Empowering rural communities with knowledge of constitutional duties and rights, democratic process, Government 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.

The model of volunteerism is the core strength of Ekal. The team of Sevavratī Karyakartas devoting full-time for a period ranging from 5 years to 30 years is backbone of Ekal operations. Such team has now swelled upto 6,805 as on 31st March, 2021. Besides this, Vanprasthi, Gram and Nagar Sangathan Karyakartas in large number, almost 8 lakh, sacrifice their resources of time and funds regularly. Financial support for all Ekal activities comes from community and none from the Government.

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 grassroots as depicted by the statistics in the box.

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 caste, creed or tribe. Sanskar Karyakartas, mostly from so called backward classes, 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 are running in 510 villages of Kashmir valley, which is exclusively inhabited by Muslims and similarly 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 operations are located in most of such areas and other conflict zones on international borders. The waning influence of the extremists is testimony to Ekal's efforts over three decades. There are 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.

Ekal's Five Fold Education Model

1

Basic Education

1. Reading
2. Writing
3. Arithmetic
4. General Knowledge
5. Craft and Creativity
6. Yoga and Games



2

Healthcare Education

1. Personal Hygiene
2. Sanitation
3. Nutrition and Home Remedy
4. Disease Identification
5. Telemedicine and Eye Care
6. Health Awareness



3

Development Education

1. Organic Farming
2. Tree Plantation
3. Skill Development
4. Digital Education
5. Cottage Industries
6. Self-Help Group



4

Ethics & Value Education

1. Cultural Awareness
2. De-Addiction
3. Ram & Krishna Katha Ayojan
4. Daily & Weekly Satsang
5. ShriHari Mandir Video Rath
6. Gau Gram (Gopalan)



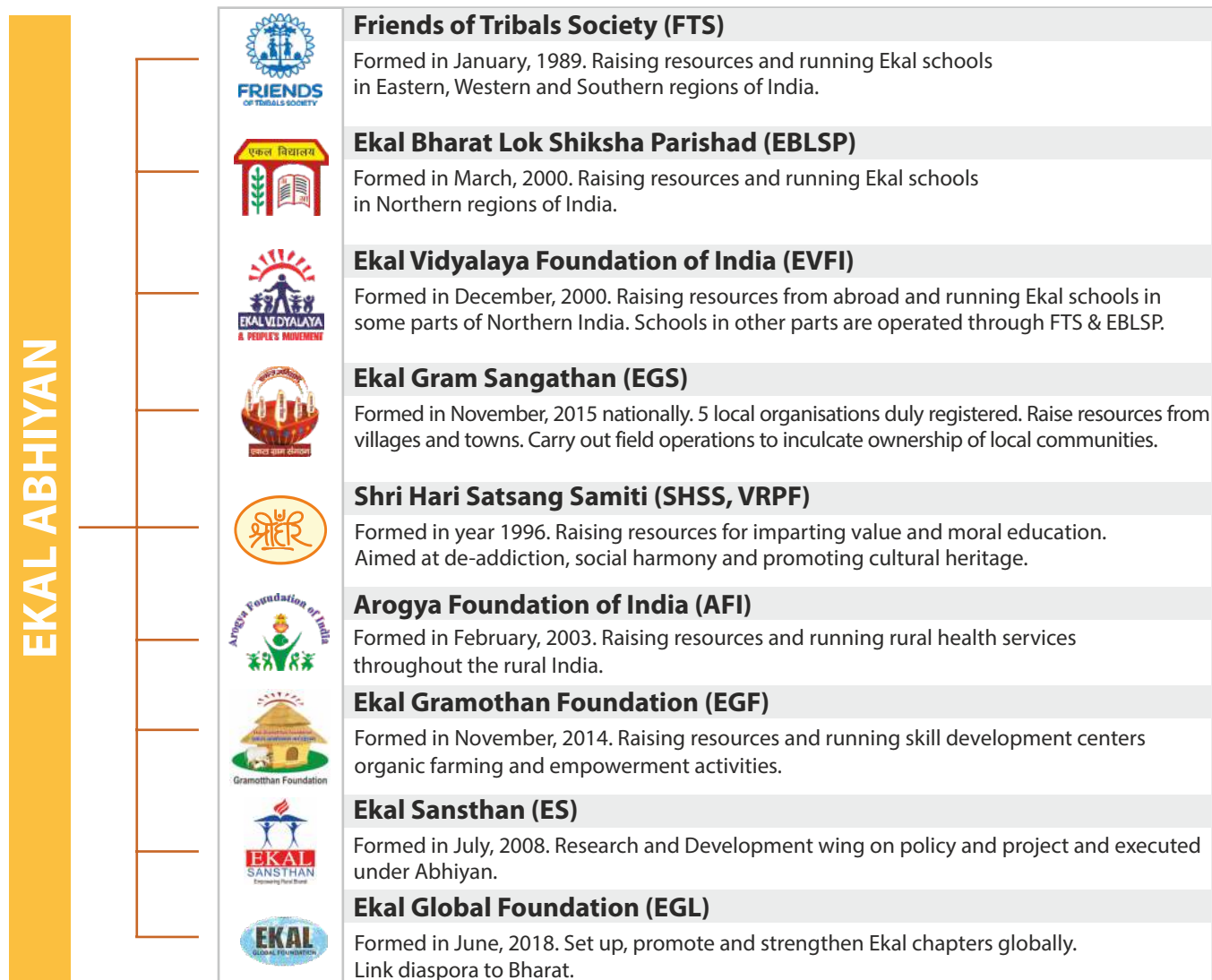
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Empowerment Education

1. Right to Information (RTI)
2. Panchayati Raj
3. Government Schemes
4. Constitutional Rights
5. Voting Awareness
6. Environment Protection



Functional structure of Ekal Abhiyan comprises of its affiliate bodies as depicted

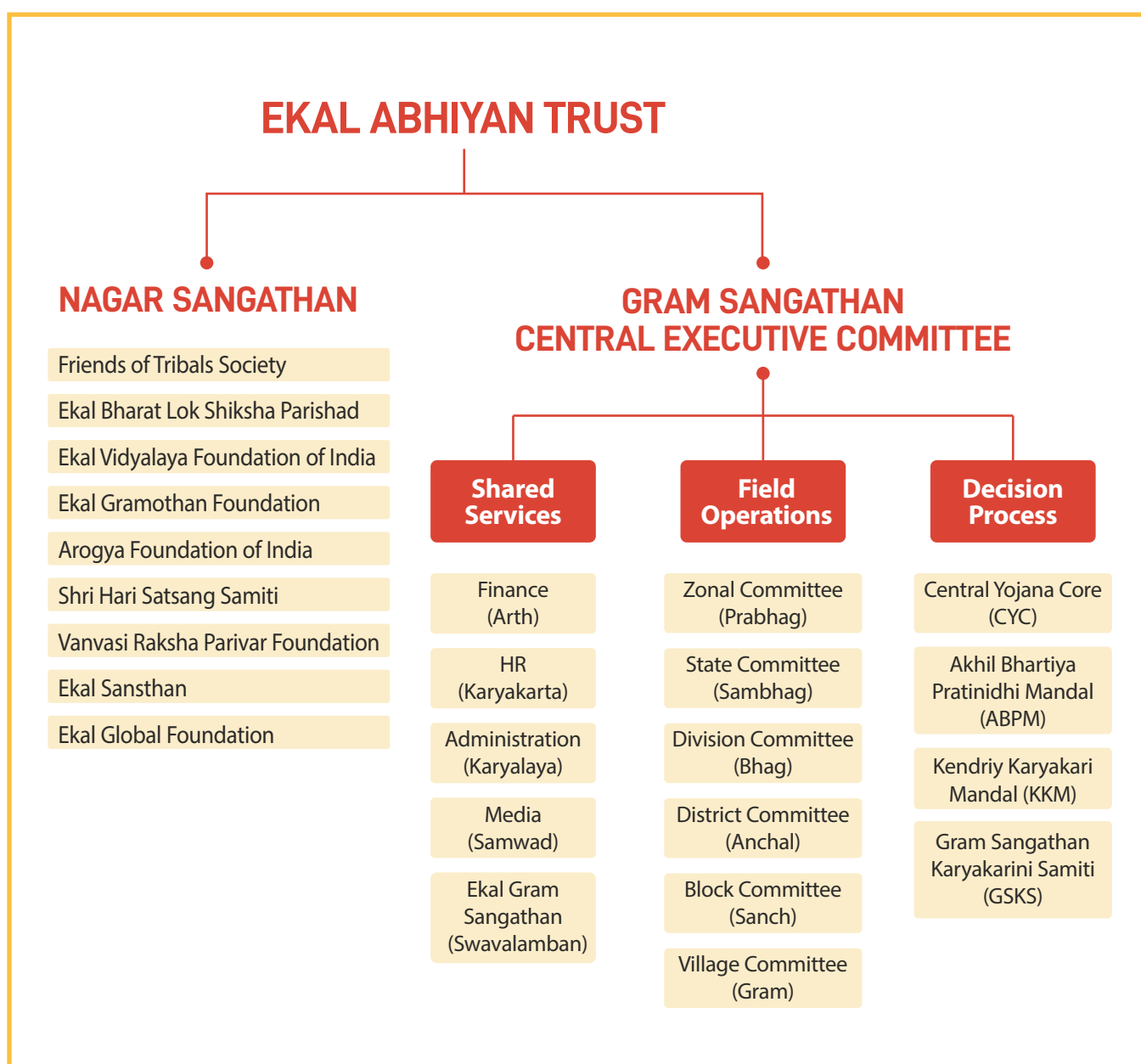


Journey at a Glance - in numbers as on 31st March

ACTIVITY	Unit	2012	2015	2017	2019	2020	2021
Anchal	No.	196	223	233	327	358	400
Ekal Vidyalaya	No.	36,783	51,537	55,646	86,401	1,02,090	1,02,552
Students	No.	10,77,199	13,96,471	14,79,375	23,40,902	27,82,396	26,32,065
Sanskar Village	No.	30,744	44,395	49,419	62,865	69,406	72,569
Sanskar Rath	No.	18	24	25	39	46	52
GRC	No.			10	14	16	16
Skill Centre	No.			10	22	60	74
Ekal on Wheels	No.			3	19	36	36
Arogya Village	No.			938	878	1,110	1,170
Expenses	Rs. in Crore			99.05	141.50	170.82	156.82

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.



COVID-19

Role of Ekal Abhiyan - Turning Crisis into Opportunity



Human race is passing through its most critical phase of existence on the earth. Most primitive creature which is not even visible has challenged the most highly developed, intelligent and innovative living being of world. Boasting of manipulating and controlling nature and life in the universe is under siege by a virus and is struggling for his own life. The crisis is striking in waves and is reminding us of pitfalls and blunders committed to achieve so called development. It is specially bombarding fatally those who consider themselves to be most modern, progressed, sitting in highly comfortable five star abodes.

This particular episode of the serials of epidemics in the human history since antiquity underlies the importance of golden principles of native systems of curative science of our motherland deriving knowledge and strength from Mother Nature and its natural products away from the reach of modern urban populace. Second wave of Covid has challenged the rural people at par with their urban counterparts but they are recovering faster in spite of the fact that they are deprived of modern allopathic medical facilities and care in the hospitals.

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severely impacted in that the services on the ground in remote rural geographies came to halt in first half and were severely impacted thereafter. The year has been traumatic in the living history which upset our planet in entirety and human life in particular. All spheres of human life - economic, social, family and individual were thrown out of gear by the Covid pandemic.

The crisis created space for those who are determined to turn it into opportunity and that is what Ekal Abhiyan did. In response to this challenge Ekal Abhiyan quickly gathered its most important resource which is its Karyakartas. New ways were charted leveraging technology, to engage all stakeholders continuously and intensively which delivered the results in an otherwise hopeless environment. The services of Ekal Abhiyan in the changed form, compelled by the circumstances, of course filled the vacuum, yet the challenges were galore. Shifting a wide spread organization swiftly to deliver and cater to new demands was in itself a massive challenge. The innovative and timely action by Ekal Abhiyan however produced the results. Ekal Abhiyan rose to the occasion to respond to the challenges thrown by the Pandemic. The confidence gained during the year would benefit the Ekal Movement enabling it to deliver more impactful services to tribal and rural communities on sustained basis.

Ekal's Response and Initiatives to Prevent Spread of COVID-19

Our paramount concern at this point was the health and safety of our Ekal school children and the Ekal villagers. The challenge thrown by the crisis was totally different both in nature and in proportion.

Ekal Abhiyan immediately went back to the drawing board to sketch a detailed plan of action for meeting this new challenge. After a quick consultation, normal village activities were simultaneously replaced by Corona fighting operations.

Activities/measures initiated by Ekal



Vichar Kranti Yojana

The whole Ekal Abhiyan, comprising of Nagar and Gram Sangathans, swiftly galvanised its work force both at village and cities level, by leveraging electronic platforms in arranging meetings, discourses, and conferences. This resulted in substantial increase in Ekal workforce/ volunteers in number, under the initiative of Vichar Kranti Yojana. Ekal created 4,17,164 Gram Sainiks (Village warriors) in the villages and 69,108 Sanch Mitra (Cluster friends) in the towns in the social media. With the support of this network, firm adherence of all the rules made by the Government of India to protect from the corona was implemented in every Ekal and its contact villages. With the whole-hearted support of urban families, latest updates and information were regularly provided to the villagers. With the same network, we got unprecedented help in protecting the villagers from this epidemic.

Village Guarding

The challenge posed by the migrant labour returning from cities to their native villages was massive in that they were returning mostly from high Covid 19 prevalent cities and the resources at disposal of the Government at village level were meager to track their movements, test them and arrange for quarantine facilities.

The Ekal volunteers put barriers at entry points of the villages and started round the clock vigil, all in consultation with local authorities. All entrants to villages were counseled and guided to the authorities for testing and if needed for quarantine. ***This guarding activity was unique in that at the grassroots level no other organisation was equipped to lend this massive support to the Government as per report gathered through*** Vichar Kranti MIS, the cumulative support as on 1st June stood as shown below:



No. of villages guarded	3,47,505
No. of village volunteers	15,67,407
No. of entrants in these villages	10,60,860
No. of entrants tested	10,44,854
No. of entrants quarantined	10,38,629

Face Masks: Considering the emphasis on use of face masks for all persons moving out of homes, owing to its urgency, all Ekal tailoring training centres of Ekal Gramothan Yojana were geared up for making face masks with a target of 10,000 masks per day and 100 liters of sanitizer per day in GRCs regularly, all to distribute free of cost.

Distribution of masks to Corona warriors (Police, PHC, Tehsil, Panchayat, Schools, foresters etc), villagers and Ekal volunteers, was arranged in a systematic manner. This initiative enabled Ekal Karyakartas to forge positive relationship with local administration.



Awareness drive and counseling



Another important contribution has come from activities on counselling and spreading awareness about Corona fighting measures, such as washing hands with soap, social distancing, home stay, use of face mask/towel to cover face etc. Ekal Arogya Sevikas (health workers) started working tirelessly in all the villages to share information on safety with writings on the walls of the huts in the villages to

emphasize the message. To boost the immunity, Ayurvedic Kadha prescribed by the Ayush Ministry and Yogasan was propagated. Arogya Yojana Karyakartas have played pivotal role in these activities.

In the villages where farmers had planted nutritional gardens, farmers started working in a cooperative manner to share the produce.

In cities and towns



The Ekal Nagar Sangathans are normally not engaged in service tasks in cities in regular way. They got mobilised too this time and immediately after clamping of lock down, started feeding the needy persons who were rendered jobless and without

means. Initially, they distributed food packets and later the ration packets. The network of Ekal institutions spread all over India rose to the occasion and immediate relief was arranged.

Awareness work done by Ekal children



Positive impact of all above activities was gauged with the fact that no case of Corona positive was reported from Ekal villages for four months until villagers restarted visiting nearby towns for earning livelihood.



The volume of the services rendered by Ekal (during first wave)

Distribution of

- Face masks - 29,30,019 Masks
- Food packets: - 23,74,877 persons
- Ration packets: - 5,81,424 families
- Gau (cow) feeding: - 2,03,075 cows and 33 truckloads of fodder
- Herbal sanitizer - 75,000 persons
- Hand wash soaps - 1,18,800 units
- PPE kits - 500 units
- Hand gloves - 500 units
- Aprons - 7,750 units
- Head scarps - 7,750 units
- Awareness pamphlet - 1,18,800 units

Awareness Programmes In 3,670 villages

- Wall writings for awareness - 22,240
- Immunity booster Kadha used by - 82,078 families
- Arogya Setu App download - 15,720 phones
- Yogasan practiced - 58,081 families daily

Treatment by telemedicine
prescribed through phone to – 1,058 patients

Additional

Several Gaushalas were supported by Ekal volunteers with continued supply of fodder for cows when lockdown disrupted the logistics greeted and honored frontline Corona warriors in specially organized functions and organized blood donations camps.



Inauguration of Ekal ShriHari Rajat Jayanti



ShriHari Satsang Samiti was established in 1996 in Kolkata and in 1998 in Mumbai. In last 25 years, Ekal Shri Hari, under the aegis of Ekal Abhiyan, is moving forward with a goal to establish Sanskar Kendra in 4 lakh tribal and remote villages and to connect 400 million Vanvasis (Natives of tribal and remote rural area) to urban society and creating awareness. To commemorate the milestone of 25 years of its journey, this year is being celebrated as Rajat Jayanti Mahotsav Varsh (Silver Jubilee year). Women power and the youth have specially been associated with this event and they are overwhelmed to know more about the culture, life style, self-respect and awareness of these truly nationalistic society and closely associate with them.

Rajat Jayanti year was inaugurated with 2 day grand event in Delhi. The theme was "Bharat Ke Rang, Ekal Ke Sang". The

theme play was performed by a team of Vanvasis which has been selected as Ekal Sur Taal Team under Harikatha Yojana,. They have been trained to perform on the theme of cultural heritage of our nation. They have performed on several occasions in India and abroad. The team performance is so effective that it motivates everyone to connect to their roots.

In the various sessions of 2 day grand event, Dr. Subhash Chandra, MP, Rajya Sabha, senior journalists Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Shri Rajat Sharma, Shri Sudhir Chaudhary, Smt. Kiran Chopra and Shri Anshuman Tiwari also participated as guests. The special feature of the event was that the master of ceremonies were Vanvasis from remote tribal villages. Most of the guest speakers appreciated the efforts of Ekal Abhiyan and Ekal Shri Hari mentioning that the organization has worked a lot as per sayings of our great leaders. Ekal has contributed a lot in the field of Gram Swaraj, as quoted by Mahatma Gandhi for creating nation as per dream of Swami Vivekanand, has raised the nation as per the feelings of Dr. Ambedkar and motivated Vanvasis as in the army created by Lord Ram.

The book related to Ekal, 'Swaraj Ke Shankhnaad' by Shri Siddhartha Shankar Gautam and the Granth compiled by Smt Nirmala Periwal and composed by Shri Virendra Yagnik, 'Van Panchamrit' were released during the event. 'Culture Connect App' was launched by Ekal Youth Chairperson, Smt Neha Mittal. The main Coordinator of the event were Shri Rajesh Goyal and Shri Digvijay Gupta from Delhi and Smt Meena Agrawal and Smt Manju Kedia from Mumbai.



Ekal Vidyalaya

Activities and Interventions



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 and functional literacy to children and operate for about 22 days a month throughout the year.

Key features of Ekal Vidyalayas

- One Village, One School, One Teacher
- 25 - 30 students of 6 to 14 years age group
- Flexible 2.5 to 3 hours school timing
- School runs under a tree in temple in village community courtyard or at teacher's home
- Teacher-a local youth preferably a female, with minimum 10th grade education
- Students are divided into three gats (groups) based on their capability on the 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 and Indian ethos

ACTIVITY BASED PEDAGOGY (3Hrs. daily)

Prayer	15 Min.
Language	30 Min.
Arithmetic	30 Min.
General Knowledge and Basic Science	30 Min.
Songs/Stories	10 Min.
Drama/Handicraft/Indoor Games	30 Min.
Outdoor Games/Yoga	30 Min.
National Anthem	05 Min.

- 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 6.

Ekal Vidyalayas ensure the holistic development of a child and not merely make them literate. Incultation of 'Sanskar' - good human values in children is the essence of Ekal's education model. The values include respect for their parents, teachers, elders, care for nature and surroundings and pride for the Nation and 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,

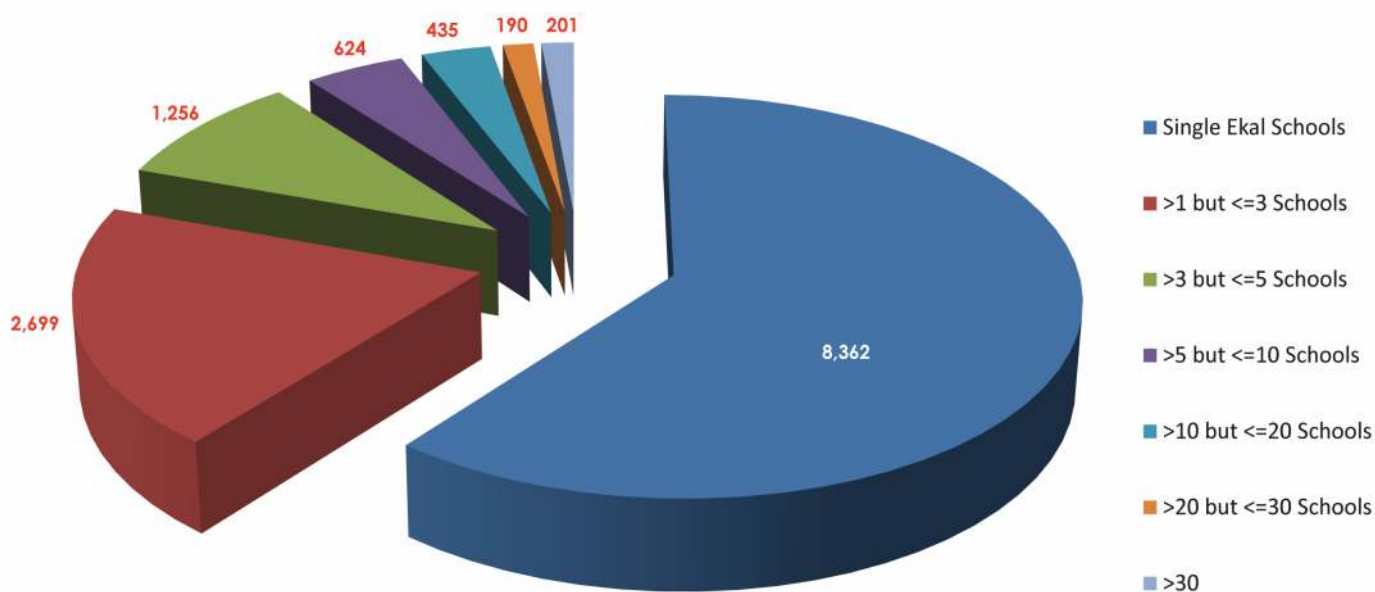
inculcating sensitivity towards maintaining the village surroundings clean and hygienic.

Rationale of Ekal Vidyalayas: Filling the gap in education in remote rural and tribal pockets

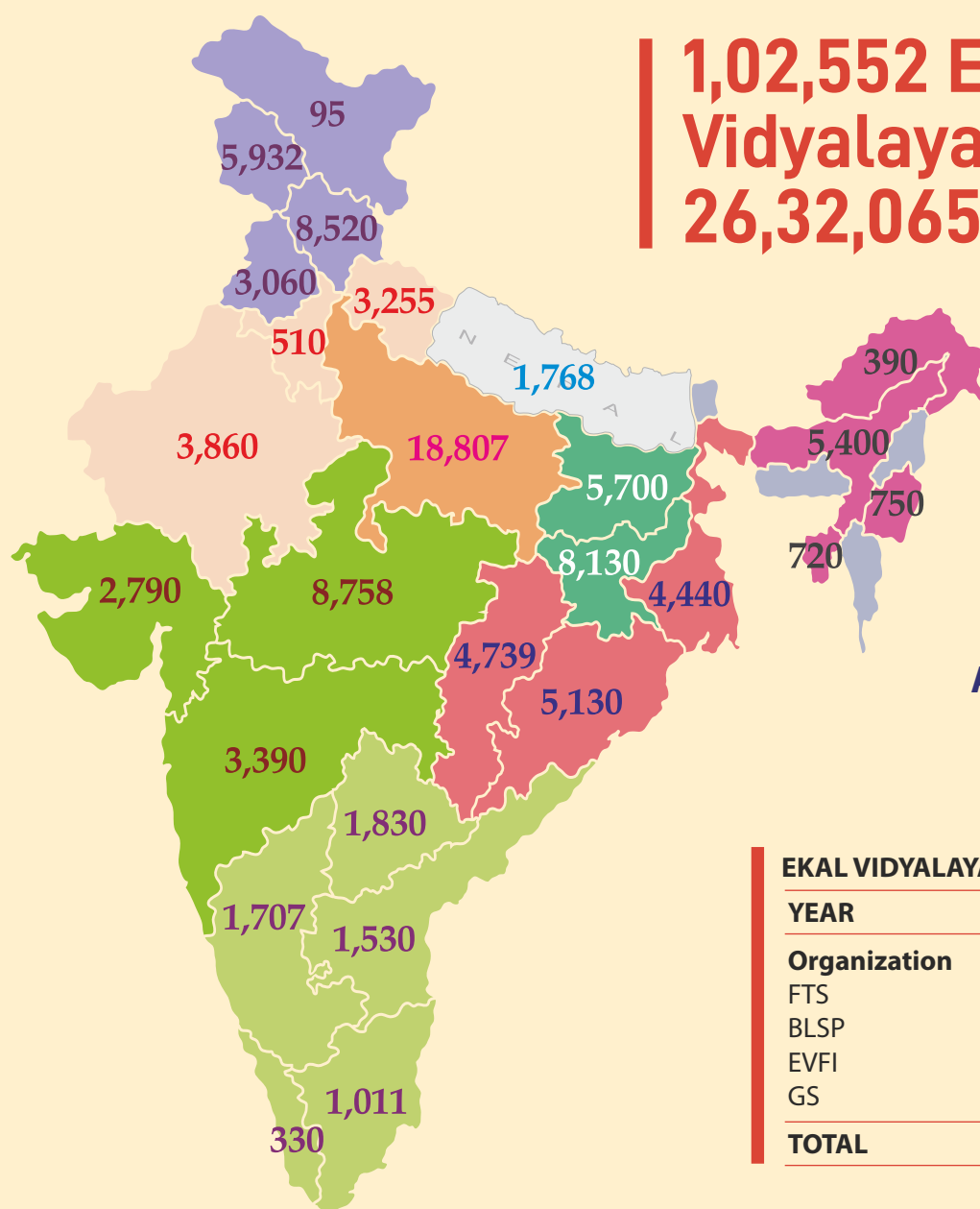
Government through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and RTE has increased both the schools and enrolment of children. There are however still remote rural areas, especially forest and hilly regions where there are scattered hamlets, still not having access to education, the Government school being located in Panchayat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

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 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 dropout of school owing to inflexible timings of formal schools. Ekal fills in these gaps. Functional education is imparted to village community through weekly adult schools or 'Saptahik Pathshalas' which covers healthcare education, empowerment, development and value education.

Number of supporters as per size of support for Ekal Schools in 2020-21



1,02,552 Ekal Vidyalayas Educating 26,32,065 Students



As on 31st March, 2021

Map not to scale

EKAL VIDYALAYA OPERATIONS AND FUNDING

YEAR	2020-21	
Organization	Funded	Managed
FTS	43,626	57,995
BLSP	18,105	21,705
EVFI	36,322	18,353
GS	4,499	4,499
TOTAL	1,02,552	1,02,552

Ekal serves tribal and rural communities sans any consideration of caste, creed, faith, religion, sex or any other classification. All Ekal schools have local teachers, trainers and students exclusively from local community. Large number 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 Maoism in Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and

Telangana, Naga, Bodo and Kuki extremism in north-east and separatism in Kashmir. Large parts of the remaining villages too lie in conflict zones being on international borders.

The grassroots support by individuals has been at the base of sustainability of growing scale of Ekal activities, as brought out by the distribution chart. No support from the Government or from multi-lateral agencies has been secured, making Ekal truly a Peoples' Movement.

Ekal Gramothan Foundation

Improving the Living Standards of Rural India



Model

EGF establishes training-cum-resource centres called Gramothan Resource Centres (GRCs) to initiate its activities. GRCs are at the core of EGF's approach to achieve its Vision and Mission. Established at the heart of remote rural and tribal villages, GRCs act as Training-cum-Resource centers i.e. they provide training, resources and initial handholding to the village micro-entrepreneurs. Each GRC serves 100 villages around it.

The GRCs

- Provide Skill Training to empower youth, women and families
- Promote Organic Farming with latest techniques and equipment for soil, manure and seeds
- Develop Sustainable Practices for holistic growth
- Create Micro-Entrepreneurs within villages
- Bring Modern Technology to solve local rural problems
- Support Micro-Entrepreneurs by facilitating Incubation
- Do continuous Impact Assessment to improve processes and interventions

A GRC project primarily focuses on following activities:

- Digital Literacy through computer lab
- Women Empowerment centre (includes tailoring and handicraft)
- Rural Entrepreneurship (through SHG and FPO formation)
- Sustainable Agriculture (includes organic farming, Gaushala, vermicompost, nutritional garden).
- Rural and tribal market channelization

Further the skills activities are added based on demands and employment opportunities available in the local market.

Vision

To empower the rural and tribal villagers by imparting skills and training, promoting micro-entrepreneurship and creating economic opportunities and thus by bringing holistic and integrated development.

Geographical Spread of GRCs

GRCs are opened in those areas where Ekal Vidyalayas are already functional. Currently, there are 16 GRCs (15 in India and 1 in Nepal). Some of these are fully developed while some are in the early stages of development. Apart from these, 5 GRCs are in pipeline. The ultimate aim is to have one GRC in each of the 78 Bhag (Divisions).

Ekal Gramothan Foundation believes that empowering women can impact the growth of a village in unimaginable ways. It can create an eco-system of self-sustainable and holistic development.

Gramothan Resource Center (GRC)

- Skill
- Livelihoods
- Entrepreneurship
- Market Linkage
- R&D
- NRM

100 Villages

- Agriculture
- Non-Farm Activities
- Tribal
- Rural Poor

2000 Families

Tailoring Centers based on Hub and Spoke Model

The idea is to create women micro-entrepreneurs in rural and tribal villages and connect them to urban consumers. The whole programme has been designed in the hub-and-spoke structure so that it can be scaled with a broad base.

Rural/tribal women are trained at the main center i.e. GRC or the SDC. Out of these trained women, if some women opt to open a spoke training center in their villages to start tailoring, EGF provides them initial resources i.e. machines etc. on a soft loan basis. Many of these women start training other women of their villages.



Mission

Holistic development of Tribal and Remote villages:

- Farming with profit
- Self-Sustainable farming
- Reduction in migration to cities
- Self-Employment for youth
- Women empowerment
- Food security and nutrition in villages

At present, there are 32 master tailoring centers and 21 spoke centers operational, whereas 28 more are in pipeline.

Digital Ekal

The Digital World has thrown new opportunities and challenges. The Digital Divide is keeping rural/tribal youth away from the progress. To solve the problem, EGF runs Computer Labs at GRCs and SDCs to provide working knowledge of computers to the rural youth and children. The curriculum has been designed with the help of spoken tutorial organization at IIT Bombay. The successful trainees who have undergone training and appeared for assessment test get certificates. Some of these beneficiaries got job as data entry operator in block office, post office etc.

EKAL ON WHEELS

Taking Computers to the Unreached

Ekal on Wheels (EoW) is an effort in the same direction. It is a mobile computer training lab established inside a vehicle. An EoW reaches out to the remotest villages and conducts training there. This programme was tried out on an experimental basis at GRC Karanjo. Encouraged by the results, EGF is replicating the programme at all the GRCs, IVDs and standalone EoW projects also.

Sustainable Farming

Making farming profitable and sustainable in long term, is the most important focus area of EGF. Apart from empowering population engaged in agriculture, it is also closely related to food security. Motto of Ekal Gramothan is to achieve:

“Food without poison and Farming with profit”



EGF promotes 'Organic Farming' and 'Biodiversity' and encourages farmers to use innovative yet sustainable practices. Regular trainings are conducted at GRCs demonstration fields and farmers own fields. This includes:

- Vermi Compost
- Organic Pest Control
- Crop Protection
- Nursery Raising
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Drip Irrigation
- Cow Based Farming
- Crop Rotation
- Non-traditional crops

Organic Poshan Vatikas (Nutrition Gardens)

EGF is working for providing permanent solution to eradicate malnutrition through establishment of Nutritional Garden in Villages. It is a holistic concept in which we establish a small nutritional garden in every household on a small piece of land in vicinity of the house so that women member can take care of it. The area of nutritional garden depends on number of



family members and availability of land. It is designed in Three Tier and Three Rotation Integrated Farming System so that the fruits & vegetables will be available in sufficient quantity round the year.

Following activities are done in a nutritional garden simultaneously:

1. Plantation of Fruit plants 5-6 types and 20-25 in no.
2. Production of Vegetables - Green Vegetables, Leafy vegetables, Tubers, Salads, Chutney
3. Planting Herbal plants for Home Remedy
4. Organic Compost and Pest Repellent Formulated by Indian Cow Urine, Cow Dung and some better Green Leaves.
5. Conservation of Cattle (Cow)
6. Fodder Production
7. Rainwater Harvesting

Working Concepts

Almost 58 percent of pregnant women in India are anaemic and it is estimated that anaemia is the underlying cause for 20-40 percent of maternal deaths in India. Iron deficiency is thought to be the most common cause of anaemia globally. 29% children are underweight.

Gramothan is determined to end this menace. A novel concept of organic Poshan Vatikas (Nutritional Garden) has been matured. People (especially women) are trained to grow organic vegetables and fruits at their backyards. A complete cropping schedule is provided along with the resources-seeds, saplings etc. The idea is to ensure nutrition enriched vegetables in the plate for whole family. Women are provided proper training to prepare and maintain their Vatikas. They are also taught to prepare organic manure.

Gramothan Project Details (2020-21)

Project	Units	Beneficiaries	
		2020-21	Total
CTL	27	1,218	4,254
WEC	39	1,475	11,405
EOW	29	1,141	14,770
Farming	-	3,548	18,331
IVD	12	Beneficiaries included in respective projects	
GRC	15		

Integrated Village Development

In order to provide holistic development of the rural and tribal villages in India, EGF came with a concept of Integrated Village Development (IVD) which focuses on upliftment and empowerment of the under-privileged 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.

Vision

Holistic Development of Remote Rural and Tribal Villages through centralized village planning with an integrated and participatory approach. The main aim of the integrated development is to make village community economically self-reliant and develop the villages as centre of economic activity.

Objectives

- Holistic education to the children hailing from rural and tribal villages on basic literacy, arithmetic, science and languages.
- Creating awareness through healthcare education. Emphasis is on Sanitation, Nutrition, Personal Hygiene and Mother & Child Healthcare.
- Providing Preventive and Curative Health Services.
- De-addiction from alcohol, tobacco and other harmful substances; Promotion of Social-Harmony; Promotion of Feeling of Social and National Integration.
- Provide Skill Training to Empower Youth, Women and Farmers.
- Promote Sustainable Farming.
- Support Micro-Entrepreneurs, SHGs, FPOs by Facilitating Incubation.
- Develop Sustainable Practices for holistic growth by introducing latest techniques and equipment for soil, manure and seeds.
- Do continuous Impact Assessment to improve Processes and Interventions.

The interventions are cohesive and addresses all the major issues affecting the progress of rural and tribal villages. Under this initiative EGF focuses in 5 different

domains i.e. Primary Education, Skill Development, Healthcare Awareness, Digital Literacy and Cultural and Traditional Values. This is done through the following interventions:

1. Ekal Vidyalayas (One-Teacher Schools)
2. Skill Development Centres
3. Arogya Activities
4. Organic Nutrition Gardens
5. Government Liaison
6. Ekal on Wheels (optional)
7. E-Shiksha (optional)

Plantation Drive

Under this programme, EGF has established nutritional garden in village households with different types of fruit trees. In addition, timber trees (for shades, firewood and ornamental purposes) are planted in different states of India where there is presence of Ekal. Environmental awareness and eradication of malnutrition programme too are also being carried out across the states. Saplings were distributed to the farmers for setting up nutritional garden. Around 10,054 farmers/households got benefited across 1,354 villages at 25 different project locations across the country. A total of 1,13,788 plants were planted in the year 2020-21.

Self-Sustainability

EGF strives for creating self-sustainable models of economic empowerment. With the kind and scale of the mission it has, it will have to make it self-sustainable. After a thorough deliberation, EGF started GRANE (Gramothan Atma Nirbharta for Ekal) initiative in order to make the GRC self-sustainable. Purpose of this Enterprise will be to sustain all EGF interventions and other Ekal interventions in due course of time.



The Way Ahead

Ekal Gramothan Foundation is dedicated to empower rural and tribal villages of India that have been backbone of her existence. It's a technology driven world and the nature of opportunities is changing very fast. The disparity that exists between urban India and rural India is interplay of Economic Divide, Skill Divide, Opportunity Divide and Technology Divide. If a society suffers from any of the four divides, its growth will be hampered. EGF understands this circle of disparity and is committed to break it. Scope for innovation and sense of ownership are two factors that motivate individuals and groups to thrive. This means if we want to strengthen villages and make them self-sustained, we need to create more and more entrepreneurs. EGF has started working in this direction.

Ekal Gramothan Utpad Foundation (EGUF)

EGF has conceptualized a Social Enterprise that will connect rural and tribal producers to urban consumers. These centers will skill, train and incubate potential micro-entrepreneurs. In order to carry out this project, a section 8 company in the name of Ekal Gramothan Utpad Foundation (EGUF) was formed. EGUF started its first pilot project on collection, processing and providing markets to farmers growing organic turmeric in Karanjo, West Singhbhum, a district in the state of Jharkhand. EGUF is conceptualizing Ekal Mart and Ekal Kart to scale the enterprise. A total of around 20 tons organic turmeric has been processed in first phase of this project. The organic turmeric being processed by EGUF has very high curcumin content of 6.39%. FSSAI registration has also been granted to EGUF.

CSR SUPPORT FOR EKAL



Arogya

Awaking and Curing Rural India

SECTION 03



Ekal Arogya Yojana is being run for last 27 years, initially through preventive health initiatives including hygiene and sanitation, Anaemia control pilots and then first aid, medical camps, home remedies and Chikitsa Sahayata Kendra. All have now been amalgated into Arogya Resource Centre-ARC to make it more intensive and effective model.

Key features of Arogya Interventions

- Bridge the gap between remote areas and modern health facilities
- Create healthcare awareness with emphasis on sanitation, nutrition, personal hygiene, mother & child healthcare
- Create awareness about the national health programme
- Provide preventive and curative health services

Intensive Health Services – Arogya Resource Centres (ARC)

Intensive services aimed at spreading awareness about preventive health and Anaemia control are provided through ARCs under the scheme where a trained female health worker (Arogya Sevika) discharges this responsibility in each village of a cluster of 30 villages. This is the largest Arogya intervention with deepest impact. As on March 2021, there were total 37

operational ARCs spread across Bharat. Besides this, other activities like Soak Pits and Waste Pits etc are also looked after by the same team.

Anaemia Programme

In India, the percentage of Anaemic women of child bearing age is remarkably higher than the world statistics of 34%. It is 52% in India. Arogya Foundation of India is striving hard to relieve rural women of this highly fatal condition during pregnancy and delivery. According to the pilots conducted by AFI on 3,000 women during 2013-15, it was found that 80 % of them suffer from this morbidity due to which generations of stunted and imbecile children are being born. In all our ARCs, all the women of the above-mentioned age group are registered and continuously counseled to overcome Anaemia by nutritional food, changing the social and cultural stigma of gender discrimination and taking medicine if so needed. Two methods are adopted for detecting Anaemia. One is by subjective way of asking questions related to the diseases and the second by

testing the blood of a group of 200 women to assess the success of our effort. In the sample testing, it was observed that the data accumulated for assessing the hemoglobin level by two methodologies has produced similar results. It means that our Arogya Sevikas are successful and very accurate in assessing the hemoglobin through questionnaires too as compared to real blood tests.

Medical Camps

National Medicos Organization consisting of like-minded doctors and medical students have branches in almost all medical Colleges of our country. They have contributed major part in many health initiatives taken up by Ekal Arogya throughout the country whether it is ARC monitoring, telemedicine project or medical camps. Arogya Foundation of India initiated holding series of medical camps in many states.

Medical camps in Nagrota, Jammu & in Talwara, Reasi

Arogya Foundation of India with support of Altruist a Health Services Private Ltd arranged three Medical and Health Awareness Camps in Union Territory of J&K. First was conducted on 19th March 2021 at Talwara, Reasi where 336 patients were examined, Second on 20th March 2021 at Migrant Camp Jagti Nagrota, Jammu in which 96 patients were examined and the third camp was arranged on 21st March 2021 at Migrant Camp

Nagrota TRT, Jammu. In this camp 153 patients were examined.

The services provided in these camps included general medical examination, monitoring of BP, blood sugar levels along with treatment of common ailments followed by dispensing free medicines to all the patients. Masks and sanitizers were also distributed to all the patients and others as well. In addition to the health awareness talks and treatment, general public and patients were advised to take all precautionary measures for protection from the Covid-19.

Soak Pits and Waste Pits

Proper drainage of waste water of household is the key to prevent five major mosquito borne health problem of India viz - Malaria, Filariasis, Chikengunya, Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis. These pits also have advantage of replenishing the depleting ground water table.



AROGYA RESOURCE CENTRE REPORT

The benefits provided to the society through ARCs are depicted below:

Sambhag	Jharkhand	East UP	Odisha	Assam	M.Bharat	Rajasthan	Agra	Maha-kaushal	Maha-rashtra	Gujarat	Total
Sanch	8	2	4	6	3	5	3	1	1	3	36
Village	240	60	112	180	90	150	90	30	30	90	1,072
Soak Pit	877	1,025	1,951	387	506	402	197	287	530	1,228	7,390
Waste Pit	1,322	2,591	1,673	1,440	920	464	314	259	493	1,324	10,800
Wall writing	1,860	952	2,783	969	4,197	1,524	1,766	634	592	4,725	20,002
Toilet Nirman	1,305	1,384	3,339	574	4,210	4,012	216	185	246	146	15,617
Jagaran events	6,932	685	143	252	198	108	69	49	34	82	8,552
Presence in Jagaran	40,892	21,073	2,827	2,603	2,680	1,797	1,984	753	1,269	296	76,174
Pariwar Sampark	96,758	60,617	4,574	47,189	17,538	21,075	23,408	4,397	3,105	7,893	2,86,554
Home remedies	4,061	5,301	6,616	8,057	3,172	8,575	8,876	966	1,111	3,833	50,568
Poshan Vatika	1,224	1,308	4,914	3,243	1,510	724	951	937	872	5,415	21,098

The work shown is for the five available months from November 2020 to March 2021 as the activities were held up during the balance period due to pandemic.



Arogya activities during pandemic

While Ekal Abhiyan achieved its long-awaited dream of one hundred thousand Ekal vidyalayas, Arogya Foundation was all set to implement through Ekal network all its well tested health projects but exactly at this juncture, Covid-19 hit the country bringing to halt all organizational activities at least for a while. Only incumbent year may unfold the mysteries of destiny of the people of this country as well as of Ekal Arogya Yojana's health plans. Time and again strength of any organization is gauged from the ways it can devise to face the toilsome time. Ekal Arogya not only prepared health programmes suited to fight the pandemic, it also gauged the Abhiyan through this battle. It converted the problem into an opportunity to exhibit its resilient inner power to face it.

This particular episode of the serials of epidemics in the human history since antiquity, underlies the importance of golden principles of native systems of curative science of our motherland deriving knowledge and strength from Mother Nature and its natural products away from the reach of modern urban populace. Second wave of Covid has challenged the rural people at par with their urban counterparts but they are recovering faster in spite of the fact that they are deprived of modern allopathic medical facilities and care in the hospitals.

Covid Time Work (April to June 2020)

Covid-19 pandemic has stunned the world. But Ekal Abhiyan has confronted it head on without fear, Arogya being its front-line organization in this battle with its battalion of Arogya Sevikas, like warriors fought this combat ceaselessly.

Activity

• Wall writing for awareness	22,000
• Mask distribution	1,10,617
• Immunity boost family	49,665
• Ration kit delivered to	13,275
• Arogya Setu App download	8,159
• Yogasan Practiced by families	13,202
• No. of Ekal Gram Sainik	27,967



Other interventions of Ekal Arogya

Telemedicine Chikitsa Sahayta Kendra

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines Telemedicine as "The delivery of healthcare services, where distance is a critical factor, by all healthcare professionals using information and communication technologies for the exchange of valid information for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and injuries, research and evaluation and for the continuing education of healthcare providers, all in the interest of advancing the health of individuals and the community.

The utility of Telemedicine

- Easy access to remote areas.
- Telemedicine in peripheral health set-up can significantly reduce the time and cost of patient transportation and medical consultation.
- Improves communication between health providers separated by distance. The greatest hope for telemedicine technology is that it brings medical expertise to the patient's doorstep.
- Network is well utilized to carry a screening programme for such severe ailments in which the outcome of treatment depends on early diagnosis such as malignancies and life style diseases.
- It provides a network between urban health facilities and rural emergency patients through which a critical patient can be brought to city with a clear guidance for the place of his treatment, thereby making it cheap and free of exploitation by so called touts in city's health sector.



- This network may include pharmacists too, so that the medicines provided by them are exactly what the doctor has prescribed.

The achievements in limited period in the year 2020-21 are as follows;

• Total patient visit	6,394
• Total registration	5,795
• Villages covered	215
• Thermal scanning	4,935
• Follow up cases	1,018

Artificial Limbs distribution programme

Arogya Foundation of India with the support of Creating Hopes Canada and Mangal Karoti Foundation, organized a programme on 19th December, 2020 at Fatehpur Sikri to distribute artificial limbs for disabled people. Some people joined the programme virtually due to corona. Total 42 beneficiaries were present who received the artificial limbs. A cultural programme was presented by rural children. The Sevika and the beneficiaries shared their experiences in front of invited guest.



Mobile Diagnostic Services

Two Eye Vans had been arranged during the end of last year together with equipment for purpose of providing eye testing. The serious cases identified during the testing were to be provided expert support in nearby cities. The Mobile Eye Clinics are fully equipped to take care of primary eye care with trained personnel, which can be taken to remotest places to provide quality eye care to all screened patients. The main causes of blindness in India are Cataract, Refractive Errors, Diabetic Retinopathy and Corneal Blindness. The Eye Van is equipped to detect these problems. There is also facility of providing

glasses and generic medicines at affordable price. These services were to be launched in Rajasthan and Jharkhand. Due to Corona virus pandemic, eye relief project could not take off. Only after November 2020 the vans started functioning. Within three months before the second wave of corona struck, many cases of refractive error and cataract were detected. Cases with their refractive error were provided spectacles but before the cataract cases could be operated the second corona wave started and again the van function had to be stopped. Achievements in three months:

• Total patients screened	15,749
• Total registrations	3,225
• Villages covered	60
• Total followup cases	340
• Patients referred to hospital	101

Pre-medical Externship (PME)

Students of the United States of America are required to undertake a one-week premedical extension programme on "Health Services of Rural Countries" for admission to the Medical College, which the Arogya Foundation of India has been successfully doing for the last six years.

This year, due to Covid-19, it was concluded on virtual platform in December 2020. With the efforts of many workers and on a good format with technical support by the team in preparing the first virtual P.M.E., this Programme has successfully fulfilled its obligation.

On the completion of this, all the students who took part this year and two students from India also expressed their deep satisfaction and happiness on the success and the achievement in this difficult Pandemic period.



Gram Swaraj

Social Awakening and Empowerment



Ekal Abhiyan started its Empowerment Education of Social awakening of rural and deprived masses in four Lakh villages through its “Gram Swaraj Yojana”. The purpose of this Yojana is to provide opportunities for these down trodden villagers to realize their dreams and aspirations and give voice to their pain and suffering.

‘Gram Swaraj Manch’ of Ekal has accepted to take up this task. Government of India has been launching various schemes for the welfare, upliftment and development of all citizens, but the fact remains that normally only urban areas avail the benefits of these schemes and the benefits doesn’t fully percolate down to the rural and remote areas, who continue to be deprived. The major reason for this is the lack of social awareness of the rural masses. The urban masses being educated and aware, are able to take timely advantage, whereas rural mass is not adequately aware.

In order to uplift the village folk of these miserable conditions, ‘Gram Swaraj Manch’ feels that if all the youth of these villages are self-determined to change their conditions, the corruption can be curtailed and developmental schemes can be easily implemented. They have just to firmly determine



that they need to actively participate and decide how to implement developmental activities.

A sustained campaign to register youth, who have firm resolve to get the things move in right direction, has already been commenced. All such youth, who have resolved to turn the dream of Gram Swaraj propounded by Mahatma Gandhi into reality, are Swaraj Senanis.

Gram Swaraj Manch has been able to carry out various activities at village level. The activity wise achievements in the year 2020-21 are as follows:

1) Applications under RTI	:	47,285
2) Tree Plantation	:	24,33,626
3) New Aadhaar Cards	:	8,45,403
4) Bank A/C Opening	:	7,15,957
5) PM Suraksha Bima Yojana	:	3,40,196
6) PM Jiwan Jyoti Bima Yojana	:	2,74,605

Awareness Programmes

Different types of awareness programmes were initiated to aware the public about our great and ancient Indian culture. Some of them are depicted below:

Yuva Divas: On the birth date of Swami Vivekananda, Yuva Divas is celebrated in every Ekal school and every Sanch, Anchal, Bhag and Sambhag head-quarters. Different types of road rallies and speech programmes are also organized on this occasion.



Matdata Jagrukta Abhiyan: To aware the public about their voting power, many awareness programmes were organized during the year.



Sainik Samman Samaroh: To felicitate and encourage the soldiers and their family members who faught to protect our country from the enemies on the border, this programme is organized in almost all the Anchals. All soldiers - martyr, retired and currently serving the country are invited on this occasion with their family members for public felicitation.



Nadi Divas (Nadi Poojan): On the sacred occasion of Ganga Dussehra, this programme is organized in all the Ekal villages. All the Ekal students with their teachers worship and thanks the rivers to nurture the whole country.



Sanskar

Creating Social Harmony and Eradicating Evils



Ekal Abhiyan is engaged in cultural, social and educational upliftment of Vanvasis in tribal and remote rural Bharat to bring positive change in the society with value education through its Sanskar Shiksha. It makes them aware on issues like social harmony, de-addiction, cultural heritage and patriotism etc.

VICHAR KRANTI

First wave of corona had its share of impact. It was humongous task to protect villages and villagers. Bharat is a land of villages and Ekal being largest organization with spread in over 1 lakh villages was most expected to do the job. Through 'Vichar Kranti', in which Mahila Samiti of SHSS (through national office) mobilized all Samities under Gram Sangathan and through them our Karyakartas, villagers were protected to great extent from corona impact.

HANUMAN PARIVAR

Again this was a noble project in which the aim was to enroll maximum families to recite 'Hanuman Chalisa' jointly by all family members sitting together once a day and keep its morale high in difficult times. This project was manned by Maatri Shakti.

COVID SUPPORT

Almost all chapters of SHSS along with other organizations contributed/distributed food packets, food grains and other essential items to the needy people and lower section of society affected badly due to disruptions caused by corona.

SANSKAR KENDRA STATUS

Area Covered:

1. Sambhag	-	26
2. Bhag	-	67
3. Anchal	-	245
4. Sanch	-	2,384

No. of Sanskar Kendra:

5. Bharat	-	71,529
6. Nepal	-	1,193
Total Sanskar Kendra	-	72,722

MOTIVATIONAL ASSEMBLY

A 3 Day	-	7,801
B 5 Day	-	03
C 7 Day	-	77
D 9 Day	-	16
Total Assemblies		7,897

KARYAKARTAS

1. Vyas Kathakars	-	1,030
2. Prashikshu Vyas	-	290
3. Rath Karyakarta	-	146
4. Other Karyakarta	-	102
Total Karyakarta	-	1,568

WORK DETAILS

1. Sanskar Kendra Attendees	-	1,80,89,934
2. One Day Assembly	-	6,483

SHRIHARI MANDIR RATH DETAILS

Total No. of Rathes	-	52
Running Days	-	3,455
Public Meetings	-	3,308
Public Meeting Attendees	-	15,34,270



EVENTS

SUNDERKAND COMPETITION

Initially, this project was started by Surat Chapter and later on, it was made national/international. Ekal ShriHari, along with other institutions of Ekal, very successfully organized the Sunderkand Path on Vijayadashmi. Approximately 43 lakhs people recited the Path on Vijayadashmi.

HANUMAN CHALISA COMPETITION

On 23rd August, 2020, an online Hanuman Chalisa Competition was organized by ShriHari Satsang Samiti, Surat. The prizes for the competitions were

declared by a draw system wherein first five prizes and five Consolation prizes were also given. This programme achieved a place into Hind book of world records.

Rajat Jayanti Cultural Programme

On 19th January, 2020, Nagpur Chapter organized a cultural programme to mark the Rajat Jayanti celebrations. Venue for the same was at Shri Renuka Mata Mandir, Gandhi Putla Chowk, Central Avenue. A Bhajan and Kirtan programme was done by Maharashtra Sambhag's Vyas Kathakar Sri Gaman Bhai and his team.



Ekal Gram Sangathan

Inculcating the Sense of Self-Reliance



With the sole purpose of making Ekal a self-reliant, lively movement of general masses at all levels, particularly in villages in India, all the State Voluntary Organizations (SVOs), created earlier locally, for the purpose of raising funds and providing ownership to the respective natives, were merged/transformed into Ekal Gram Sangathan in the form of a registered society in the year 2018 under Society Act 1860. Different programmes were undertaken during the year to strengthen the structural aspect of the Sangathan and to make it a live, active, self-reliant and registering its presence in the masses. Various programmes were designed to keep the volunteers active and alive even in this lockdown period because of Corona virus spread. EGS could muster the support of various clubs in events organized during the year. The activities of EGS can be enumerated in the following manner:

A. General and Organizational Requirements

1. Bank accounts were opened and made operational at all 72 Bhag Levels.

2. All self-reliant 4,800 Ekal Vidyalayas were monitored during the year on Pan India basis.
3. The Annual General Meeting of National Executive Committee was held on Virtual Platform on 27-28th June, 2020. More than 300 representatives of all the Prabhags, Sambhags and Bhags actively participated in this two days congregation.

B. Strengthening the Organizational Structure

1. For better understanding of organizational working and its system by the representatives at various levels, Prabhag-wise meetings were arranged during 17, 18 and 19th June 2020. Special lectures were arranged for making EGS and its concept clear to all concerned by Shri Bajrang Bagra, Shri Madhawendra Singh and Shri Rajesh Goyal as the keynote speakers for all these meetings.
2. The structured Gram Sangathan Samitis were constituted at all the Bhag levels. 31st July was fixed

the target for formation of these Samiti which was well achieved within timeframe.

3. The Bhag wise training programme for all these new volunteers was arranged during the month of October 2020 in an exhaustive manner. The training was imparted by senior volunteers Shri G. Anil Kumar, Shri Sanjay Sahoo, Shri Khemanand Sapkota, Shri Vishwanathan, Shri Deep Kumar and Shri Chaitanya Jena. Central Committee representatives and Vice Presidents of each Prabhag made special efforts to attend these training sessions purposefully. In all, 1,689 Bhag Samiti representatives and 592 volunteers were benefited by these Special Training Programmes.
4. An "Abhinandan Samaroh" to welcome the new volunteers of Gram Sangathan Samitis of all the 75 Bhags was organized on virtual platform on 1st November 2020. The welcome address was delivered by Shri Rajesh Goyal and Keynote address by Shri Bajrang Bagra. Mananiya Shyam Gupt showered his blessings on the new volunteers and inspired them to work for Ekal.

C. EGS Programmes for Awakening of General Masses

1. A series of weekly lectures under the banner of "Ekal Ko Jaano" were arranged with a view so that all the Ekal volunteers (new and existing) may understand Ekal, its concept, aims and its working properly. In order to yield the desired results, clear understanding of Ekal will enable the volunteers to work properly in the masses. Under the banner of this series of lectures which ran almost for four months continuously with information details on different verticals of Ekal Abhiyan from mid of May to mid of July 2020, graced by all the eminent volunteers of Ekal.
2. A talk on "Importance and Significance of Donations – Daan Ka Mahatva Evam Upyogita" was delivered on 22nd August, 2020 by Shri Ravi Dev Gupta, President, Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India. In continuation

with this programme, a Bhajan Sandhya by Shri Lakshmikant Kandpal, an associate of Shri Anup Jalota, was also presented.

3. A talk to maintain and monitor our Memory Skills "Forget No More-Bhoolna Bhool Jao" was delivered on 29th August 2020 by Shri Anant Kasibhatla of Bangalore, a Limca Book Record Holder.
4. A Religious Congregation on Lord Hanuman under the banner of "Management Guru - Hamare Hanuman" was organized on 5th September 2020 by Hanuman Devotee Acharya Shri Vijay Shankar Mehta emphasizing the Works and Philosophy of Ram Bhakt Hanuman that he never failed and always succeeded in all the projects he undertook.



5. Ekal Gram Sangathan, in close association with Rotary Club and Yuva team of Prayag, organized a three day virtual programme "Ekal Kavya Kalaa Utsav" from 12th to 14th September 2020 (for 15 hours). Almost 1,200 uprising poets from Rural India shared the platform with established famous poets like Shri Gajendra Solanki, Shri Dinesh Devghariya etc. The programme was appreciated by one and all. EGS could collect more than Rs. 28 lakhs for Swavlamban Mission of Ekal.



Digital Ekal

Educating through Digitization



Ekal is a movement to reach out to the people who are at the bottom of the pyramid and not privileged to have access to quality education, healthcare, sustainable livelihood and equal opportunities to grow. E-Shiksha is one such initiative where Ekal teachers are trained to use tabs with pre-loaded content so that they can guide children to use ICT for better learning outcome.

E- Shiksha project in Ekal Abhiyan is being implemented by its vertical Ekal Sansthan. Pilot project of E-Shiksha was launched in one cluster of 30 villages, i.e. in 30 Ekal Vidyalaya in 2018.

Successful Outcome of the Pilot project

- All 30 Acharyas are now IT literate
- All Acharyas are more confident
- They are more aware about the 5-fold education of Ekal Abhiyan
- An urban connect is established as a result of this project
- One App is developed by a volunteer and the same is now ready to be downloaded on the tabs which will allow recording of daily attendance
- Children have hands on experience of Tabs and getting perfect in using the Tab to find out their own videos

- A new word of mouth is being spread and some of dropouts have re-joined stating that they have heard about Tabs

Objectives of Ekal Digital Mission

1. Establishment of Information Network to existing initiatives in education, Gramothan Resource Centre, health and livelihood.
2. Real time information across network that means an Ekal Information Highway (EIH) connecting more than 100 thousand villages.
3. Using ICT as enabler to gradually transform the Ekal Pedagogy and Methodology into e-content in the form of e-books, education videos and social games.
4. Using IT and internet to provide digital skills to rural and tribal youth to make them employable and digitally literate.

5. Ensuring that all full-time volunteers and teachers are digital literate.
6. Engagement of local communities for awareness and imparting basic digital skills which can be used to improve their livelihood giving opportunities like selling products and produce through online platforms and get direct market linkages.

Ekal e-Shiksha has reached in 1,170 Ekal Vidyalayas where children are learning through Tabs apart from the on-going activity based learning. As per the Ekal Abhiyan vision for 2025, e-Shiksha project shall work to bring all the 100 K+ Ekal Vidyalayas under this Project and e-Shiksha villages should also be using the digital tablets for activities related to Ekal Arogya and tele-consultation with remote doctors.

Setting up of Computer Training Labs in all GRCs

Presently Ekal has 15 GRCs with 6 more under different stages of development across India. Majority of GRCs are now having IT labs to provide computer training to equip tribal and rural youth with Digital Skills. In line with vision of Ekal Digital Mission, all GRCs are now connected with high speed internet. Apart from GRC, Ekal Training Centers with Computer Labs are also established in 17 remote areas across the country.



Ekal on Wheels

Ekal on Wheels (EoW) is another example of Ekal bottom up approach. When realized that youth, especially girls, from remote tribal and rural villages



cannot travel too far for learning IT skills, this idea of making a computer lab in a van was evolved. In each EoW, 9 laptops (each to cater 2 trainees) with one big screen are connected with laptop for the trainer to show demos to the candidates. Through IT training, it also imparts employable skills among youth so that they can get employment in nearby towns where there are great demands for multi skilled IT literate people. Presently Ekal has a fleet of 36 EoWs moving in tribal areas and also in difficult hilly terrains to reach out to the remotest villages so that tribal and rural youth get the computer lab at their door-steps.

Other Interventions under the Mission

There are many ongoing interventions which are in the initial phases, such as Ekal App for collecting real time information from Vidyalaya, Tele-Medicine to directly connect a person from remotest village to a doctor sitting in any of urban centre in a reputed hospital. These interventions soon will shape up to a model and become part of Ekal network to serve the objectives of Ekal Digital Mission.

E-Shiksha moved Step by Step during Pandemic

Ever since the entire country went into a lockdown due to corona pandemic, all regular field activities of Ekal Vidyalayas were suspended until further notice. However, Ekal e-Shiksha team quickly came around to deal with the situation and decided to address the challenge in an inspiring and productive way. E-Shiksha Vidyalayas were remained formally closed as per the government directives, but Sanch Coordinators were in touch with their village Acharyas via Whatsapp groups and have been conducting refresher's training over the smart phones.

Personalized Teaching: Acharyas have also used this time judiciously by paying personalized attention to academically weaker students of their classes. Acharyas have been visiting homes of such individual students and spending quality time teaching students with the help of tablets and helping them to understand and grasp the subjects they generally find difficult to learn.



Ekal Yuva

Emergence of a New Energetic Leadership



Ekal Yuva is the youngest member of Ekal Pariwar and its formation is an important milestone in the journey of Ekal Abhiyan since the youth will add the required creativity and innovation as well as energy and passion.

Sanskrit Shloka and Story Sessions (April' 2020)

Members of Ekal Yuva organized free session for children, teaching them Shlokas and telling stories from Indian scriptures. About 150 children participated.

Virtual Marathon, Ekal..A..Chalo (May' 2020)

This was a virtual marathon that attracted 3,000 plus participants and helped in raising about 12 Lakh funds which was used to distribute PPE kits in 7 cities. Many celebrities endorsed this event. Many virtual sessions on health and fitness were organized on the day of the Marathon.

Online Contests

During the year 2020, various contests were organized, such as drawing contest on Hanumanji (130 entries), Vanvasi Veshbhusha (300 + entries), contest to create awareness about Tribals and Puranic Katha for children (100 entries). Winners were given certificates and prizes.



Vision

Bridging the gap between the Urban and Rural Youth leading to Nation Building.

Educational Events

There were some online educational events. Ekal Yuva National along with Ekal Youth USA organized a Maths Bee contest where 100 children from India participated other than those from USA, Canada, UK, Australia and UAE. Indore organized a turncoat debate for high school students on the topic urban vs rural life and Prayagraj organized a quiz on Mahabharat.

Online Speaker Sessions

Mumbai circle organized a series of talks with prominent personalities like Ms Smriti Irani, Ms Kiran Bedi etc. Hyderabad organized Talks named Inspirational Saturdays and Bhopal organized workshops on Social Media by Shri Yashwant Rao Deshmukh.

Physical Events

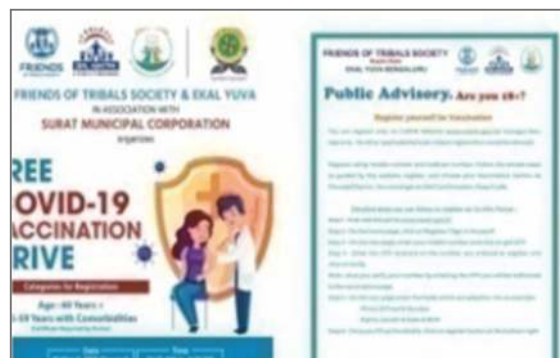
Some circles like Surat, Bangalore and Kolkata organized physical events. Surat organized a Ekal Cricket league in which many NGOs of the city participated. Bangalore organized singing contest 'The Ekal Voice'. They have 5,000 followers on their page due to this contest. Kolkata organized Ekal Run along with a weeklong Yoga, meditation and fitness workshops.

Covid Support

Ekal Yuva has been helping out with the Covid situation. Surat has set up a vaccination centre and also organized blood donation camp. Bangalore has been actively organizing plasma donation. Kolkata has started food distribution. Indore has started medicine distribution in Shabri Basti and Ekal Yuva has been spreading awareness on vaccination, not only on social media but also among Ekal Sevavratīs by calling them. Yuva volunteers also helped out in translation work of Ekal Arogya helpline and volunteered for call centre.

Mission

Promoting Volunteerism for the cause of Rural & Tribal Development



Ekal Culture Connect App Launch

Ekal Culture Connect App was launched in March at the SHSS Silver Jubilee Celebration in Delhi. The App is available on android and contains, Shlokas, Stories and Quizzes.

Bharat Nepal Samanvay Manch

Creating Awareness and Protecting Indian Border Villages



This vertical came into existence in October, 2018 to establish mutual relationship between the citizens living in the border of India and Tharu, Madesi and Pahari society living in the lowland region of Nepal.

Nepal has been one of the friendly countries of India since beginning. The circumstances keep changing due to the political power changes. Nepal is surrounded by 5 Indian States- Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim. All these states have presence of Ekal Abhiyan in majority. Consequently, the villagers are always being empowered and aware to nationalism through Ekal's volunteers. Since Ekal's presence is also in Nepal, so Nepalese Ekal volunteers always maintain harmony with Indian volunteers so that Ekal's work may run smoothly. Many events and meetings have been conducted regarding awareness and harmony creation in villages adjacent to border. Some of them are mentioned here:

Great Saint Conference

Two Saint conferences have been conducted onto Indo-Nepal border so far to create social harmony. Thousands of saints had participated in this massive saint conference.



Holi Milan Dhamaal Competition

To preserve the Vanvasi culture, Holi Milan Dhamaal competition is organized every year in border area.



Ekal Events in USA

Ekal Foundation's unprecedented Magnificent Gala

"Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation (EVF)" hosted a magnificent star-studded Gala, called 'Future of India on 5th December 2020. This Gala-2020 raised record-setting pledges and donations for the special projects. The celebrities that lent their whole hearted support were iconic cricketer Shri Kapil Dev, Movie star Shri Vivek Oberoi, Hon. Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, leading entrepreneur Shri Ajay Piramal, Bollywood singer Ms Sanjeevani Bhelande and numerous entrepreneurs. The Gala was chaired by Shri Mohan Wanchu, Chairman and CEO of EC Info Systems.



Smashing Success of Ekal's Virtual Concerts

'Ekal-USA' launched series of virtual concerts across N. America, with groups of Ekal chapters as focal points of each of them. The two troupes engaged for virtual concerts had not only the huge fan following, but also, had proven record of success for fundraising. One of the troupes was headed by Sa, Re, Ga, Ma contest winner 'Ms Sanjeevani Bhelande' and another was headed by Shri Milind Oak's 'Niche' banner. All concerts were interactive and the donations were realized in 'realtime'. The montage of video-clips and narration about 'Present day's Ekal' were very helpful.



Ekal International Conference 2020

From 11th-14th September, 2020. "Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation (EVF USA)" hosted its annual 'International Conference' in virtual mode with 600 registrations from USA, Canada, India and Australia. The multiple agenda-packed gathering, not only saw and discussed the presentations on what had been achieved to date, but also, the futuristic goals for the holistic development in 102,000 villages where it has intrinsic presence. Although rooted in education, Ekal in recent years has blossomed into healthcare, integrated village development, digitization, farming research and socio-economic empowerment. From this perspective, the conference was a total game-changer.



Math Bee Competition

It was wonderful to witness 200+ youth participating in the Math Bee competition organized by Kathik & Kathir - EYLS from Ekal-NE area. This is one of the first truly global EYL led project where many EYLCs like Ms Latha Krishnan, Ms Neha Mittal, Mr Subra David, Ms Anu and Ms Bharti Gupta, EKAL Australia, UK along with IT team and many more helped to bring this to reality. Hats off to relentless efforts by Latha and of course special shout out to Ms. Neha Mittal for having 100+ EYLS enrolled from India.

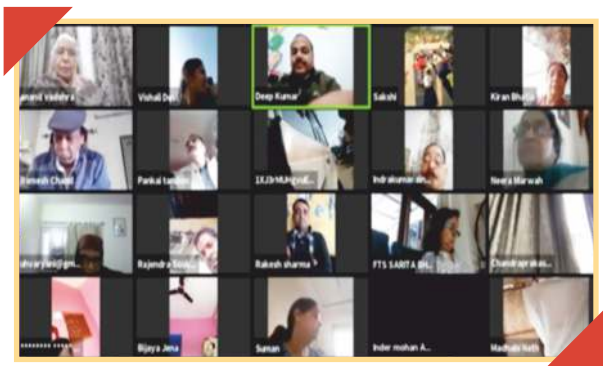


Vanyatra Reports



Virtual Ekal Vanyatra

Since Covid-19 bounded us in our homes, a virtual Vanyatra was organized to get a glimpse of Ekal activities in village Thana of Shimla Bhag, Himachal Pradesh. Participants from India and New Zealand joined and appreciated the activities of Ekal Abhiyan.



Virtual visit to J&K Villages

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India (EVFI) and Ekal Gram Sangathan (EGS) conducted virtual Vanyatra in the border villages of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. About 300 people joined this event on 14th February, 2021.



Vanyatra by Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad

Vanyatras to visit Ekal Vidyalayas are being regularly organized by Ekal Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad. In the time of Corona, online Vanyatras were organized in close co-ordination of Gram Sangathan. One such Vanyatra was organized to visit Ekal Vidyalaya in Chanchak village of Saharanpurzone.



Ekal Yuva Surat School visit in Songarh

2 days Ekal Vanyatra was organized by Ekal Yuva team, Surat on 30th-31st January 2021. Total 37 members had participated in this Vanyatra. All members visited the Pipaldahad village in Tapi district and observed the curriculum of school. The whole team spent their time with the students and provided the drawing box set as gift to all students. Team has also visited the GRC located in Songarh.

Success Stories of Ekal

Life transformation through Ekal



Shri Madhav Sahoo, Sah-Yojana Pramukh, Harikatha took nine months residential training (Mukhya Prashikshan) of Krishna Katha at Vrindavan. After training, he can recite the whole Bhagwat in Sanskrit fluently. Earlier, when he used to contact the villagers to say Katha, he was not allowed to enter the villages as he is from scheduled caste and he had to spend the cold nights outside the villages. But now, he is given so much respect and opportunity to sit on the Vyas Peeth and is wholeheartedly welcomed. Now in villages, there is no caste and creed discrimination. Earlier Baptists and nuns from the church (Christian community) used to approach and bribe the innocent villagers to convert and adopt Christianity. But now all such unethical practices have been stopped due to awakening through Kathas.

From Ekal Abhiyan to Border



Shri Dinesh Singh Tomar was born on 18th October 1967 in village Bhaina, Tehsil Garhmukteshwar, District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh. He completed his studies upto intermediate while in village only. His father was a farmer. He also had a brother and a sister. During studies only, he was selected as a constable in BSF in 1987.

From 1987 to 2009, he was posted at various border posts from Jammu & Kashmir to Mijoram and took voluntary retirement in August 2009 while he was posted in Barmer district of Rajasthan. Besides spouse, he has two sons, elder one is MBA and working with a company in Gurgaon and younger son runs a consultancy firm in Delhi. Shri Dinesh Singh had a inclination towards social service. He was president of VHP district committee in 2011. In 2013, he got associated with Ekal Abhiyan and became President, Hapur district committee. He worked very hard with dedication and opened 180 Ekal Vidyalaya in Garh Mukteshwar. Since the formation of Brij Mandal Up-Sambhag on 18th August 2017, he is the Vice President of Up-Sambhag.

Study of MBA



Short structured Km Mansi from village Bhajrala, Tehsil Jogender Nagar, District Mandi, Himachal Pradesh started her studies as student of Ekal Vidyalaya in 2006. After that she studied in local Government school and completed 10th in first division. Meanwhile she somehow remained associated with Ekal Vidyalaya. Thereafter she pursued further studies from Santraj College, Baijnath district Kangra.

She has two younger sisters and a brother. They have also studied in Ekal Vidyalaya. Her father goes to Kangra for earning livelihood. Her mother is also travelling very often. Being the eldest, she has the responsibility to support her siblings but despite of this, she has completed MBA now and trying for the job in Bank and participating in other competitions to achieve her goal.

Key Campaigns

Sunehre Sur by FTS Kolkata



FTS Kolkata organized a grand virtual concert "Sunehre Sur" on 19th September 2020. The whole programme was performed by the troupe headed by Sa, Re, Ga, Ma contest winner and popular singer Ms Sanjeevani Bhelade. This programme was broadly seen by millions of the viewers online on different social media platforms in India and abroad and was well appreciated. FTS has collected good amount of donation through this programme in Covid lockdown period.

Khush Rahiye Khush Rakhiye



On the eve of Nav Samvatsar 2077, Shree Hari Satsang Samiti and Friends of Tribals Society, Kolkata organized a special motivational session by Pujya Shri Vijay Shankar Mehta, Ujjain on the Topic 'Khush Rahiye Khush Rakhiye' on 15th April 2020. An event "Ekal Shri Ram Katha" was organized on 25th May 2020 by the Ekal Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad with the objective to spread the divine works being done by the Ekal Abhiyan. During the event, discourses on Bhagwan Shree Ram was delivered by renowned Pt. Vijay Shankar Mehta.

International Yoga Day



The International Yoga Day was organized on 20th June, 2020 through teleconferencing by North Delhi chapter of Ekal Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad. Yoga classes were conducted on this occasion in Ekal Vidyalaya. Objective of the event was to inspire people to adopt Yoga to stay healthy in the global epidemic. Ekal Yuva Samiti of EBLSP organized "Ekal Run" on 30th May, 2020. This initiative of Ekal youth team is being considered as a major step towards mobilizing youth and staying fit.



EKAL KE RAM

A grand event "Ekal Ke Ram" was organized on 3rd January, 2021 by EBLSP wherein renowned Hindi poet Dr. Kumar Vishwas enthralled the audience running in crores, both online as well as offline. The event was held at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The programme was telecast live on Sanskar and DD Bharti channels, besides social media. The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari and distinguished guest Yog Guru Baba Ramdev and several other dignitaries registered their presence.

Way Ahead

Having passed the milestone of 100,000 villages, the numerical expansion will not be the focus now. The future path for 5 years has been laid down for Integrated development of Vidyalaya villages.

Ekal Vidyalaya

The cornerstone of the future path in respect of Ekal Vidyalayas is to lay emphasis on enhanced quality on the ground. Detailed plans for the purpose of improving quality have been laid with dedicated responsibility to COO. With an objective to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural India, E-Shiksha programme will be expanded from 1,170 schools to all Ekal Vidyalayas, over 100,000 presently. The main focus will be on to make 35,000 villages to become PRAGAT SANCH. The Pragat Sanch to have certain predefined minimum activities of each of 5-fold education, viz. Primary Education, Health Education, Rural Development, Empowerment and Ethics & Value Education, and at the same time impact should also be visible.

The Sanskar Shiksha, Gramothan and Arogya services have been identified as object of growth and quality. The targets have been set for all these verticals:

Sanskar Shiksha

- All Ekal Vidyalaya villages to be covered by weekly Pathshala. Presently they are run in 71,529 villages

- 5 New regional training centres for Kathakars in local languages
- To double the no. of Kathakars from present level of 1,030 to 2,000
- No. of ShriHari Mandir Rath to reach from 52 at present to 75

Gramothan

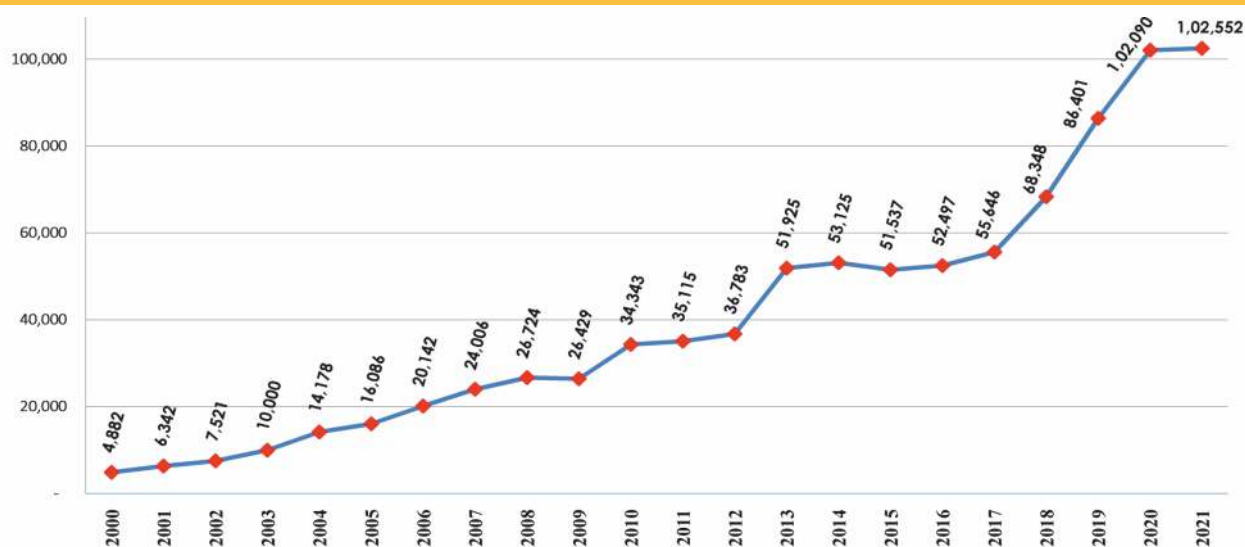
- No. of GRCs to be increased from 16 to 27
- No. of Ekal on Wheels to go up from 29 to 85
- No. of blocks (Sanch) under Integrated Village Development (IVD) to grow from 12 to 51
- Skill Development Centres to increase from 38 to 100

Arogya

- No. of villages under (ARC) to go up from 1,170 at present to 6,000
- Telemedicine initiative to be taken up in project mode after successful pilot and grow from 120 to 6,000 villages
- Mobile diagnostic services for Eyes and other tests - 10 Vans

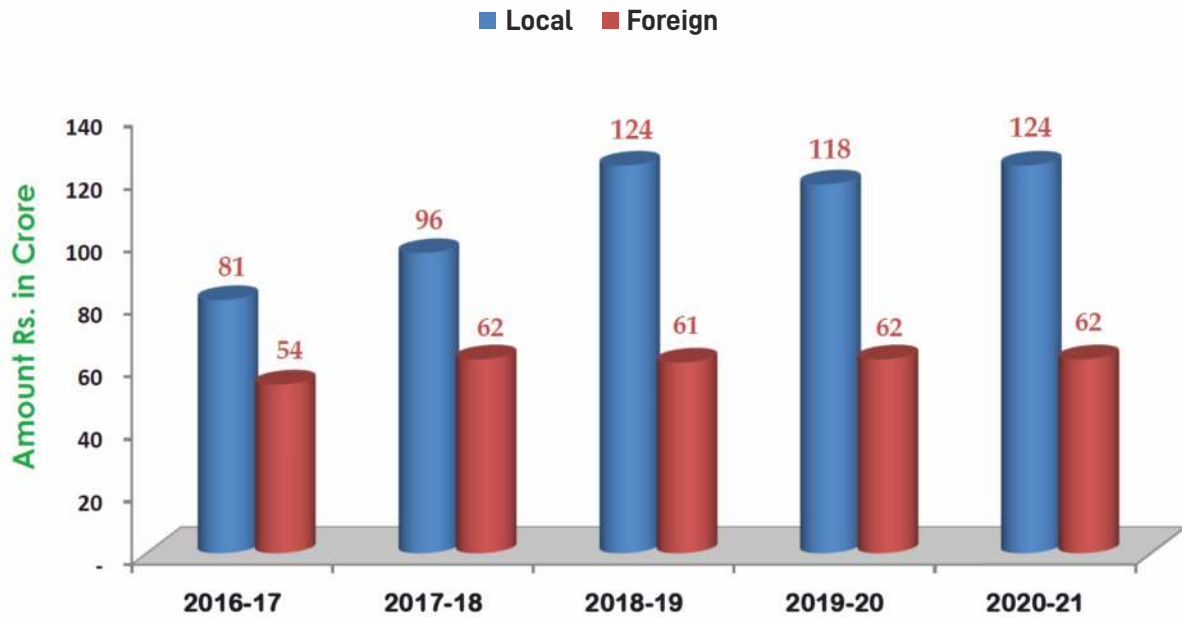
An ambitious target has been fixed to enhance the funding of Ekal Vidyalayas by local communities, from present level of 4,499 villages to half of the total no. of schools.

Year Wise School Growth as on 31st March, 2021

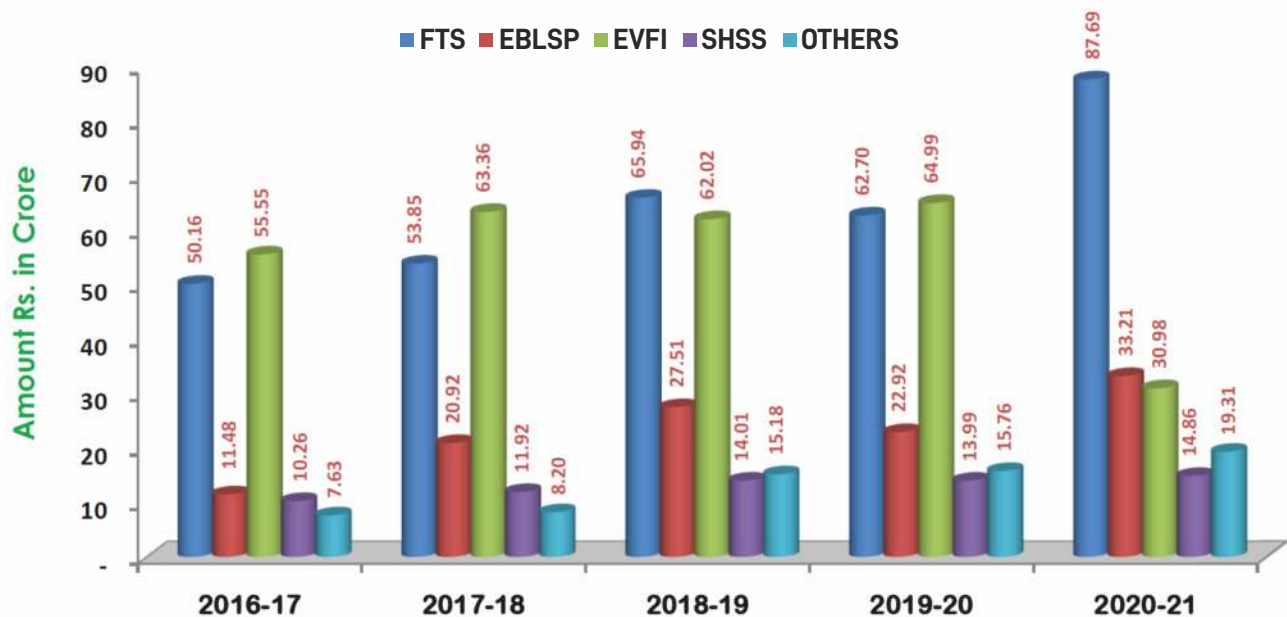


Financials

Funding - Local and Foreign



Funds Mobilisation by Ekal Institutions



Consolidated Income & Expenditure

Rs. in Crore (1 Crore = 10 million)

PARTICULARS	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Incomes					
Abroad Contributions	62.45	62.27	60.65	61.94	53.62
Local Contributions	105.61	101.59	108.05	84.11	67.84
Interest	14.08	16.21	14.93	11.41	9.74
Others	0.39	0.32	1.03	0.79	3.87
Total Income	186.06	180.39	184.66	158.25	135.07
Expenditure					
Honorarium	118.89	120.89	87.05	74.45	64.04
Training	2.26	7.37	5.46	5.13	4.79
Travel	3.15	8.40	10.75	7.00	6.08
Materials	5.79	5.13	6.44	4.09	2.95
Field Offices	5.04	7.25	6.88	4.36	4.85
Others	3.46	5.17	10.78	7.24	7.01
Project Expenses	138.59	154.21	127.36	102.27	89.72
Management	11.90	10.67	9.22	7.35	5.45
Depreciation	3.14	2.07	1.46	1.16	0.41
Programmes	2.75	3.86	3.44	1.29	2.51
Others	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.32	0.96
Overheads	18.23	16.61	14.14	10.12	9.33
Total Expenditure	156.82	170.82	141.50	112.39	99.05

Notes:

1. Internal transfers between institutions of Ekal Abhiyan have been ignored while consolidating the above sums.
2. Various sponsorships not in cash but 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, equipment and mobile vans etc. Expenditures on these projects span over more than one year and is capitalized. Such capital expenditure does not form part of Expenditure shown above, except for depreciation for the year.

Key Volunteers

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Shri Bajrang Bagra, Secretary
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Shri Sajjan Kumar Bhajanka
Shri Satya Narain Kabra
Shri Naresh Jain
Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
Shri Arun Kumar Bajaj
Shri Shyam Sundar Damani
Smt. Manju Srivastava
Shri Nand Kishor Agarwal
Shri Rajesh Goyal
Shri Laxmi Narain Goel
Shri Madhawendra Singh
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Shri Suman Dhir
Shri G. Anil Kumar

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Late Shri Satya Narain Bandhu (Upto 06.05.21)
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Working President	Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
General Secretary	Shri Ramesh Maheshwari

Ekal Bharat Lok Shiksha Parishad

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Chairman, WC	Shri Ghanshyam Dass Goel
President	Shri Neeraj Raizada
General Secretary	Shri Rajiv Agarwal

Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India

Chairman	Shri Pradeep Goyal
President	Shri Ravidev Gupta
General Secretary	Smt. Anand Vadhera

Ekal Gramothan Foundation

Chairman	Shri Laxmi Narain Goel
President	Shri Arun Bajaj (Upto 16.04.2021) Shri Surendra Kumar Jindal (From 16.04.2021)
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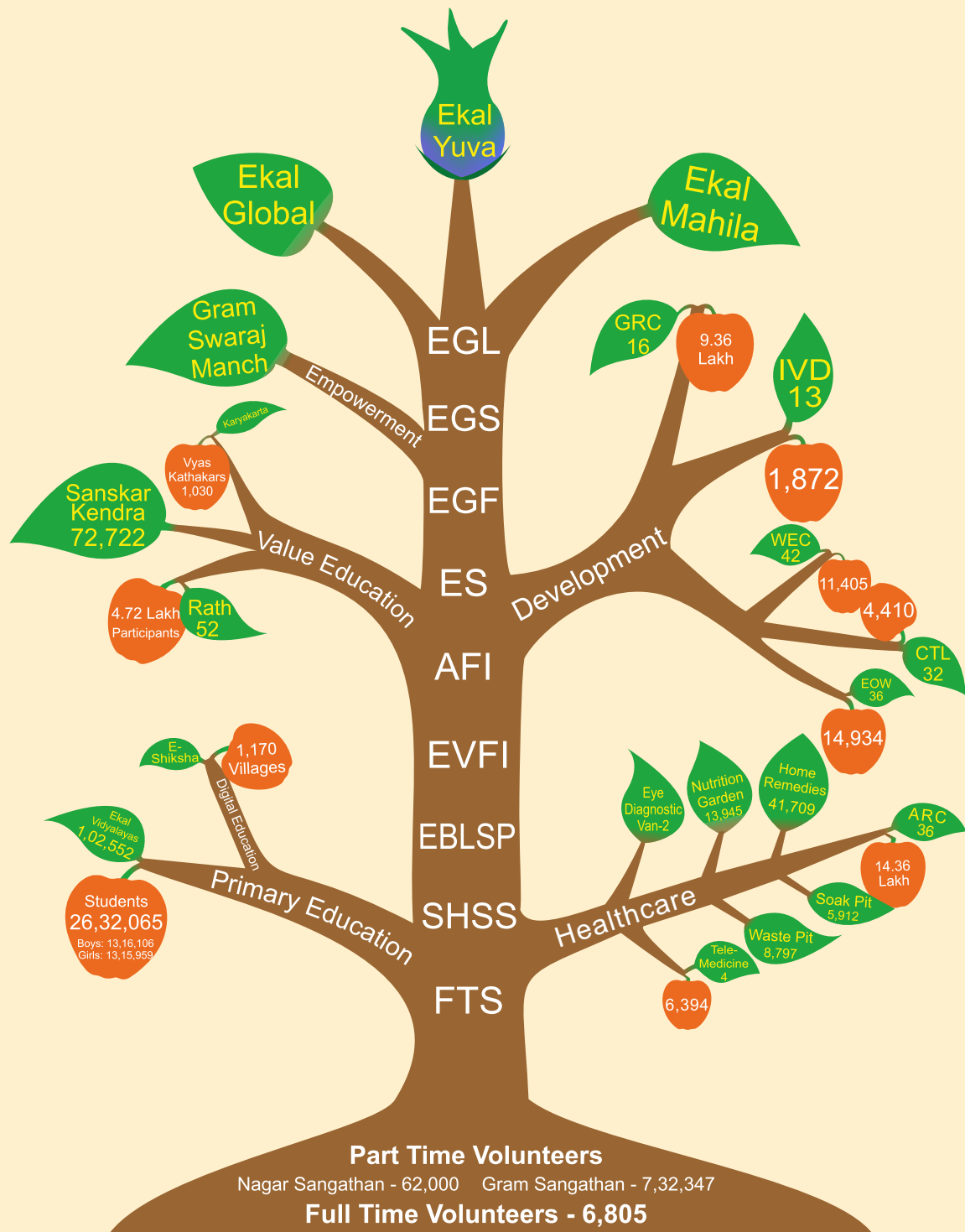
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