

EKAL USA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



**Building a Self-
Reliant Rural and
Tribal India**



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A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

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OUR MISSION

Empowering rural and tribal changemakers in India by bringing literacy, healthcare, and economic prosperity to remote villages.



IMPACT SNAPSHOT

100,000

Ekal villages

2.25 Million

Children are currently enrolled in Ekal schools

17,400

Women are vocationally trained

90,000

Youth and adults gained skill training

20,000

Youth are digitally literate

855,000

Have access to Ekal health services

IN THE WORDS OF PRIME MINISTER

Shri Narendra Modi



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What makes Ekal truly special is that it runs entirely through the strength of society without government funding. It shows us that when citizens unite with a sense of service, no challenge is too big, no dream too distant. Even people living thousands of miles away, in countries like America, have joined this mission. Their message is simple, yet powerful — “Skip one Coca-Cola, and instead, educate a child.” This spirit of compassion and shared responsibility is what binds humanity together”



PM Modi celebrating Raksha Bandhan with Ekal students

FROM EKAL USA **CHAIRMAN**

DR. RAKESH GUPTA



As Chair of the 2025 Ekal USA Board, I'm delighted to share the key highlights of this remarkable year. Our 8 dedicated board members met regularly online, and also in-person in Boston and Orlando to strengthen collaboration with Ekal India and drive strategic progress.

This year, we successfully transitioned school sponsorships from \$365 to \$500, with tremendous donor support. All 4 Adarsh Sanchs are now fully operational, and we were pleased to welcome Ms. Manisha Jain as our new Executive Director, who brings great energy and vision.

Programs like Telemedicine Enhanced Arogya (TEA), Women Empowerment Centers (WECs) and Computer Training Labs (CTL), have expanded their reach and impact.

We've adopted a new policy to focus on locations where the need and potential impact are greatest, while still offering donors meaningful choices. To further strengthen effectiveness, an independent impact study and digital monitoring systems are being implemented.

New youth initiatives like "Ekal Yuva Udaan" and "Ekal Medical Internships" are engaging the next generation. I'm deeply proud of our teamwork and continued commitment to Ekal's mission of education, empowerment, and healthcare for rural and tribal India.



FROM EKAL USA **PRESIDENT**

DR. SUBRA DRAVIDA



We are having an excellent year, thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm. Your financial support and encouragement have been instrumental in helping us expand our mission. A heartfelt thank-you also goes to our dedicated volunteers, whose tireless efforts have made every event and outreach initiative a success.

Ekal now operates nearly 90,000 schools, educating around 2.25 million children in rural and tribal areas. Our collective efforts have helped double literacy rates in these regions—an achievement that reflects the power of education to transform lives. We are especially proud that over 80% of our Acharyas and Karyakartas come from marginalized communities, including scheduled castes, tribes, and other backward classes. In states with large tribal populations, such as Chhattisgarh, that number rises to 99%, demonstrating Ekal's deep roots in the communities it serves.

This year, we have also worked closely with our counterparts in Ekal India to enhance efficiency and ensure that every donor dollar is used effectively for education, economic empowerment, and healthcare in rural villages. With your continued involvement and support, we are confident that Ekal will keep leading meaningful social transformation and uplifting underprivileged communities across the nation.

THE CHALLENGE

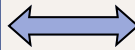
1.5 BILLION PEOPLE



908 MILLION
LIVES IN VILLAGES



640,000 VILLAGES



THE RURAL-URBAN DIVIDE

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Rural rate is 2x higher than Urban

POVERTY RATES

Rural population is 2x more likely to live in poverty than Urban

COMPUTER OWNERSHIP

Rural to Urban ratio is 1: 6

HEALTHCARE ACCESS

88,000 tribal villages have no healthcare services



OUR UNIQUE ADVANTAGE

20% of our schools are in border areas.

Over 20 years, we have helped double the literacy rate in tribal areas.

Each dollar donated is matched with \$8 of our volunteer's time.



EKAL EVENTS

Fundraisers

This year 56 fundraising events were successfully organized featuring musical concerts, dance dramas, golf tournaments, garba nights and youth lead events like Social impact pitch competition, math and singing competitions, AI bootcamp and Algebra workshop. Kudos to all the volunteers for their hard work and contribution.



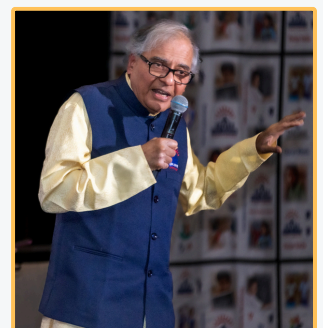
National Conference

Over 175 Ekalites from the U.S, Canada, and India gathered in Orlando for a weekend of collaboration and renewed commitment to Ekal's mission.



Galas

Inspiring Galas in Boston and San Diego featured thought-provoking speakers, cultural performances, and dynamic youth panels! Special thanks to our Guest Speakers Gauranga Das Ji and Premal Shah Ji for their inspiring words.



"I believe quality education is the strongest tool to break the cycle of poverty. When we provide children with primary education, we give them the foundation on which every future success is built"

**-Mukund Padmanabhan
President & Founder,
Guru Krupa Foundation**



"Ekal's work is no less than a sacred service. Supporting Ekal is like serving God directly. For 25 years, I've witnessed Ekal bring education to 30 lakh children in remote villages - a truly remarkable effort. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, where governments cannot reach, Ekal has reached - a commendable achievement indeed"

**-Mrs Rekha Gupta
Chief Minister, Delhi**

Ekal Yuva Udaan 2025

An inspiring exchange program that brought together youth from the US and rural India. Five young visitors – Mahi, Myra, Mihir, Rohan and Myra conducted lively sessions in painting, mural-making, crochet, dance, computer literacy, and basketball, sparking creativity and confidence among village children. In return, they immersed themselves in rural life, learning about organic farming, visiting a cow shelter, and experiencing firsthand the depth of Ekal's outreach across tribal India. The program became a true celebration of mutual learning, cross-cultural understanding, and the spirit of service that binds youth across borders.

• Bridging Gaps Through Art



• Celebrating Togetherness in Motion & Color



• Sports for Skills & Team Spirit



EKAL YOUTH

Leveraging their talents to create impact and inspire change through meaningful workshops and activities.

Chicago Youth Lead the Ekal Way

In 2025, Ekal Chicago launched a vibrant Youth Chapter with an active board, organizing impactful initiatives including a Basketball Benefit Match.



Ekal Song 2025

The Ekal Song 2025, sung by our talented Sa Re Ta Re kids, captures the spirit of unity and change — “चल समय बदल, आज ही कल चल, क्यूँ अकेला चल, संग एकल चल” With lyrics penned by Poppy Charnalia, music composed and produced by Dhruvit Shah, this song stands as a beautiful expression of Ekal's mission through young voices.



Empowering Minds through Workshops

From Algebra and Robotics to Math Olympiad, Ekal Youth is sparking curiosity and creativity in young learners! Every workshop fuels our mission to make education accessible for all—raising funds and awareness for Ekal's mission.



Empowering Youth with Technology



EKAL PROGRAMS



Education

Ekal's single-teacher model transforms rural education through a core curriculum in language, math, and science, plus physical and value education. Our E-Shiksha programs such as E-Education, Computer Training Labs, and Ekal on Wheels introduce digital learning in 80,000+ schools, building technology, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship skills, while often providing students with their first experience using tablets and computers.



Health and Sustainability

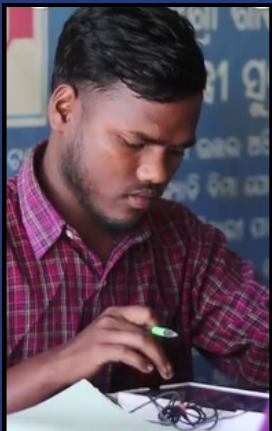
The Telemedicine Enhanced Healthcare program provides villagers with essential care through trained women health workers who connect patients to doctors online—improving hygiene, reducing anemia, and promoting nutrition gardens. The sustainable agriculture program trains farmers in organic farming and composting methods, improving yields, soil health, and income through better market linkages.



Skill Training

This program encourages self-sufficiency by providing training, resources, and mentorship to individuals in villages, helping them start and sustain small businesses. Ekal provides training in tailoring, beauty parlour, and mehndi skills to village women, equipping them with professional techniques. This helps them gain confidence, self-reliance, and financial independence.

SUCCESS STORIES



Empowering Innovation

Shashi from IVD Bisra learned computer skills through the CTL course. With determination, he set up his own CSC centre for the Central Bank and now earns over ₹10,000 per month. Grateful to Ekal for this opportunity, Shashi's success is motivating other students to follow his path and start their own CSC centres.



Empowering Career

Career Milestone: Priya, An Acharya from Gehchauli village (Hathras), has been selected for the Uttar Pradesh Police. A former Ekal Vidyalaya teacher, her journey from rural educator to police officer reflects the transformative power of education and values. Ekal Abhiyan proudly congratulates her—an inspiration for countless rural girls and a shining example of Ekal's mission in action.

INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

HEALTHCARE

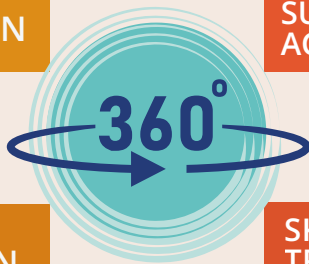
EDUCATION

SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE

DIGITAL
EDUCATION

SKILLS
TRAINING

WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT



50 IVDs ACROSS INDIA

- 30 villages per IVD
- 750,000 people impacted

Ekal's Integrated Village Development Program (IVD) seeks to establish self-reliant rural and tribal villages using a holistic development model that focuses on literacy, healthcare, and market access.

Ekal promotes skills training in sustainable agriculture, computer literacy, artisanal development, and entrepreneurship, while empowering women through programs in tailoring, healthcare, and education. These initiatives work together to create self-sustaining villages, linking education with economic growth and innovation.

SUCCESS STORY

Empowering Entrepreneurship



The Turning Point

Meet **Mamta Jena** from Khamar, Angul district, Odisha. After joining the Ekal Gramothan Foundation's IVD Centre, Mamta learned stitching, organic farming, and computer skills. Despite managing her daily chores, she trained diligently, and today, her sewing skills help her earn ₹3,000–₹4,000 per month—transforming her life with confidence, independence, and a brighter future.



EKAL FINANCIALS

1. REVENUE

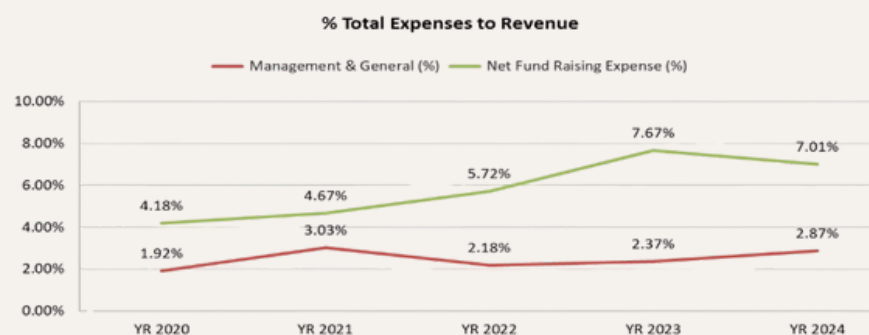
Year	YR 2020	YR 2021	YR 2022	YR 2023	YR 2024
Contribution received in USA	9,930,856	8,904,907	10,446,861	8,353,409	9,266,160
Contribution received in India	63,391	104,486	24,181	69,455	97,212
Income from Investment (\$)	3,602.00	478	51,228.39	548,100.00	668,012.00
Total Revenue (\$)	9,990,645.00	9,009,870.88	10,522,270.15	8,970,964.00	10,031,383.70

2. EXPENSES

Year	YR 2020	YR 2021	YR 2022	YR 2023	YR 2024
Program Service - India (\$) Schools/Projects	(3,460,898)	(9,683,212)	(4,946,494)	(5,835,930)	(9,766,010)
Management & General (\$)	(192,035)	(272,923)	(229,786)	(212,968)	(287,957)
Fundraising expenses "Net of ticket sales and sponsorships"	(417,967)	(420,400)	(601,624)	(688,185)	(703,678)
Total Expense	4,070,900	10,376,535	5,777,905	6,737,083	10,757,645
Management & General (%)	1.92%	3.03%	2.18%	2.37%	2.87%
Net Fund Raising Expense (%)	4.18%	4.67%	5.72%	7.67%	7.01%
% Total Expenses to Revenue	6.10%	7.70%	7.90%	10.04%	9.88%
Number of Schools supported India	18,418	12,000	14,650	15,140	15,511

Expenses 📈 due to Freewill is 163K

Collection through ticket sales and sponsorships: \$388,434.00



EKAL LEADERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Rakesh Gupta	Chairman
Maheshkumar Navani	Vice Chairman
Kamlesh Shah	Special Director
Dr. Hasmukh Shah	Director
Dr. Shachi Rattan	Director
Hari Nath	Director
Madhu Bansal	Director
Meena Subramanyam	Director
Mukesh Bhatt	Director
Umesh Choudhry	Director
Naresh Jain	Director Ekal India

BOARD OF ADVISORS

Subhash Gupta	Chairman Advisor
Suresh Iyer	Advisor
Ramesh Shah	Advisor
Arun Gupta	Advisor
Ashok Danda	Advisor

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PR

Madhu Bansal	Social Media co-chairs
Ankita Shah	Social Media co-chairs
Reetika Sukhadia	Marketing and Design
Avani Choksi	Marketing and Design

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Subra Dravida	President
Manisha Jain	Exec. Director
Mukesh Bhatt	VP Strategy
Suresh Iyer	VP Technology
Naren Chavda	Secretary
Vandita Joshi	Treasurer

EVENT COMMITTEE

Rajat Sharma	Event Chair
Dipa Shah	Florida Region
Meena Kadaba	Mid Atlantic Region
Nayna Shah	Pacific Region
Suman Kejriwal	Midwest Region
Swati Girglani	Southeast Region
Rootvij Bhatt	Central Region
Rashmi Nalgirkar	National

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Prajna Khisty	Youth Lead
Ankita Shah	College Lead
Uma Dama	Youth Coordinator

REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Ankita Shah	Central
Parveen Minocha	England/ New York
Sarath Kuravi	Florida
Jayesh Patel	Mid Atlantic A
Meena Kadaba	Mid Atlantic B
Vishakha Manek	Midwest
Pratibha Goyal	Pacific
Swati Girglani	SouthEast
Rajeev Aluru	SouthWest

NATIONAL OFFICE

Subhash Gupta	Chief Operating Officer
Pooja Shah	Office Manager
Rashmi Nalgirkar	Event Manager
Sunita Zamwar	Accounts Assistant
Vinita Dogra	Administrative Assistant
Suman Patibanda	Administrative Assistant

- Highly Committed Human Capital
- Strong leadership teams in place
- Over 400,000 volunteers invested in the outcomes



8 Regions | 62 Chapters

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The Heartbeat of Ekal

The Quiet Force Behind Ekal's Unity



Ekal USA honored its longest-serving volunteer, Subhash Gupta, with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Subhash ji's calm and steady leadership has been a cornerstone for Ekal, helping to bring together the different perspectives of Ekal USA and Ekal India with care and understanding. Inspired by the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, he lives the qualities of a Stitha Prajna - someone who leads with humility, stays calm through ups and downs, and keeps ego aside. Many of us see him as similar to Bhagwan Shri Krishna, quietly guiding the bigger picture like a charioteer steering the battle behind the scenes. What truly stands out about Subhash ji is his unwavering focus on the mission: making sure the children and villagers in rural India are the real beneficiaries of Ekal's work. His thoughtful guidance continues to inspire and motivate everyone involved in this journey"

-Dr. Subra Dravida, President

Make Ekal a part of your Legacy Giving!

