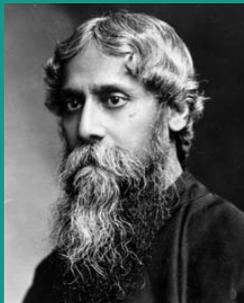




Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India



“Life is given to us, we earn it by giving it”



Rabindranath Tagore

Annual Report 2015-16

VISION

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

MISSION

Holistic development of villages through empowerment of tribal (vanvasi) and rural communities in India with basic education, digital literacy, Skill development, health awareness, learning modern and productive agricultural practices, and rural entrepreneurship.



**Message from
Chairman
Board of Trustees**

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to place the report of our activities carried out in the year 2015-16 before you. Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India has been moving step by step towards realising its vision and mission to empower Rural Bharat. The positive change taking place in perceptions and thought process of the country, bringing rural masses in the centre of planning and programmes with greater emphasis on technology solutions, has posed new challenges to Ekal model. Challenges make us look for new opportunities and demand a vibrant movement with renewed thrust to ensure time bound implementation of the programmes. The organisation is well aware of these challenges and has already taken certain steps in the required direction, which are discussed in the report.

During the year under review the project “Google Mapping” of Ekal Vidyalayas has reached a significant number of 6,718 villages and that too within a period of five months. EVFI has been awarded with three prestigious awards for its remarkable efforts in uplifting rural and tribal villages through education. Significant initiatives have been taken for introducing digital revolution to rural masses through a mobile computer lab, and also by conducting classes at seven different centres of Ekal family.

We were delighted to host Vanyatras for our esteemed guests who gave our confidence a fresh boost with their positive feedback. We are focussed all the more to initiate further geographical expansion globally to link more brothers and sisters with our noble cause.

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all patrons and chapter volunteers for their untiring efforts and contributions to connect to their roots by channelizing support in various forms to EVFI, including imparting guidance and suggestions.

I look forward to your continued support in pursuit of our ardent endeavour of transforming Bharat through improving living conditions in rural Bharat.



Pradeep Goyal



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as on 1st of July, 2016

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as on 1st of July, 2016

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- 2 Sri Vijay Maroo
- 3 Sri Pradeep Goyal

Past Secretaries

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| 3 Smt. Sangita Gupta | |

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

We the trustees, have a great pleasure in placing the Annual Report relating to the activities of the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India for the year 2015-16, yet another year of dedicated service for upliftment of the people of tribal and rural Bharat.

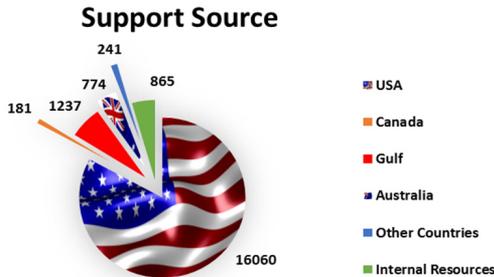
A. Ekal Vidyalayas (One Teacher Schools)

The Ekal Abhiyan operated 52,497 Ekal schools in total during the year 2015-16 in comparison to 51,803 in the previous year 2014-15.

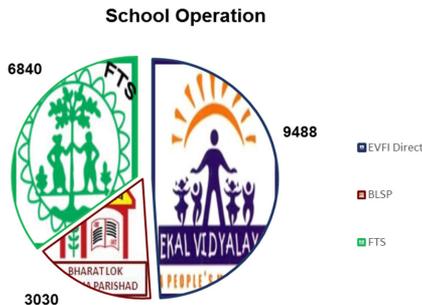
The latest statewise breakup of the schools as on 30th of June, 2016, is shown in the map exhibited in Annexure - I.

EVFI supported 19,358 Ekal schools during the year under review as compared to 17,337 in the previous year 2014-15.

Countrywise details of funded schools during the year 2015-16 is depicted as follows:



Break up of operating schools of the institutions of the Ekal family during the year is as follows:



B. Financials

Details	Current yr.	Previous yr.	Change
	(₹ Million)		in %
Support from abroad	405.74	332.16	22
a. For Schools	327.44	300.17	9
b. For Projects	78.30	31.99	145
Internal resources (collections & interest)	47.23	31.64	49
Total Income	452.97	363.80	25
Expenses on running schools	348.65	307.25	13
Expenses on special projects	45.61	16.74	172
Overheads	18.63	15.09	23
Total Expenses	412.89	339.08	22

The preceding chart shows operating expenses as per audited Income & Expenditure Statement for the year 201-16. In addition, a sum aggregating to Rs. 4.49 Million were spent during the year 2015-16 on procurement of a mobile van, computer equipment and furniture for the project “Digital Labs” which have been capitalised in the accounts.

C. Meetings

C.1 Trust Board Meetings

The trust board meetings were planned to be held once in every quarter of the year. Meetings were held accordingly during the year 2015-16 with attendance as shown in the following table:

S.No.	Date	Trustees	Invitees
1	20th April, 2015	8	6
2	1st August, 2015	7	3
3	19th December, 2015	9	6

C.2 Working Committee Meetings

Seventeen meetings of the Working Committee, the operating arm of the Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation, were held during the year under review.

Details of the meetings are summarized in the following table:

S.No.	Date	Members Present	Invitees Present
1	08th April, 2015	6	2
2	20th April, 2015	10	2
3	02nd May, 2015	6	0
4	27th May, 2015	4	1
5	12th June, 2015	10	0
6	04th July, 2015	5	0
7	10th August, 2015	5	2
8	28th August, 2015	5	2
9	19th September, 2015	6	4
10	17th October, 2015	4	0
11	05th November, 2015	6	0
12	26th November, 2015	9	0
13	15th December, 2015	6	2
14	31st December, 2015	4	2
15	29th January, 2016	5	4
16	19th February, 2016	5	4
17	12th March, 2016	6	3

C.3 Monitoring of School Operations

A meeting with field operators is scheduled every month to discuss various aspects of school operations, such as, payment of honorarium to teachers and volunteers, availability of school supplies, holding training camps, field visits, reporting and input data required for reporting to donors, and holding samiti meetings. Accordingly, 11 Prabhag Karya Samiksha (PKS) Meetings were held during the year 2015-16.

The details of the meetings are summarized in the following table:

Date	Participants
07th May,2015	9
08th June, 2015	13
06th July,2015	8
12th August,2015	11

Date	Participants
11th September, 2015	12
09th October,2015	7
07th November, 2015	7
11th December, 2015	9
11th January,2016	12
11th February, 2016	9
15th March, 2016	13

D. Mahila Abhibhavak Yojna

With an objective of resolving the field level operating issues relating to Ekal schools, the Mahila Abhibhavak Yojna was launched in July, 2014 with 13 members on board, to support and act as guardians of the teachers and volunteers at sanch level. The team of guardian ladies have been organizing their meeting regularly to realise the objective. The team visited the monthly teachers' revision camps five times during the year 2015-16. The number of members in the team has increased to thirty during the year. A total of 600 schools in Mewat Bhag are being monitored effectively by them.

E. Google Mapping

The project “Google Mapping” of Ekal Vidyalayas started in right earnest in November, 2015 with an aim of creating location maps of the Ekal Schools in phased manner on the Google Map with the help of a mobile application for the project developed by Ashok Group. The schools run directly by EVFI have been taken up in Phase I. The schools run through FTS and BLSP would be covered in Phase II.

At present, the project is run in regions of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), Punjab, Rajasthan and Eastern Uttar Pradesh (UP). Under the project, the training sessions were organized for Karyakartas and 100 Android phones with the App installed alongwith internet connectivity have been provided them to create geographical locations.

EVFI has been able to cover 6,718 villages till the end of the year under review, which amounted to 38% of the total of the villages where schools are supported by it.

The training camps were held for the project is shown in the following table:

Date	Place	Trainees
02nd & 03rd November, 2015	Varanasi, UP	24
01st & 02nd February, 2016	Udhampur, J&K	24
03rd February, 2016	Jammu, J&K	17
27th March, 2016	Ferozpur, Punjab	10
31st March, 2016	Udaipur, Rajasthan	20

F. Ekal Global

Three visits were made by Ekal office bearers during the year 2015-16 to strengthen its chapters there and open new ones.

The details of the visits are as follows:

1. **To England** (November 13-16, 2015) by Sri Naresh Jain and Sri Ramesh Shah.

After attending the prime minister Narendra Modi's programme at Wembley Stadium, they met several present and potential volunteers. Sri Subhash Thakrar, Sri Dhiraj Bhai Shah, Sri Ram Vaidya, Sri Chandrakant, Sri Dharmesh Mistry, Sri Hasmukh Bhai Shah and Sri Neeraj Dhingra. The organization 3 R has been supporting Ekal in Nepal for Saraswati Vidya Mandir project. They explored avenue for use of 3 R for Ekal Vidyalaya in India, to modify it or set up a separate foundation.

They met Sri Kalpesh Bhai Solanki of Garavi, Gujarat, associated with Swami Chidanandji, the inspiration behind starting Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA. Sri C B Patel of Gujarat Samachar, when called on, was very enthusiastic and ready to guide.

2. **To Antwerp (Belgium)**, (November 17-18, 2015) by Sri Naresh Jain and Sri Ramesh Shah.

They met Sri Dilipbhai Thakkar, a supporter of Ekal who took the initiative to arrange meetings. Since the diamond industry being slow, the response to calls for the meeting was lukewarm. They explained to the gathering about Ekal Vidyalaya, Gramoththan and Arogya Yojanas. In the process, potential volunteer was explored in Shi Shreyance Bhai Shah in person.

3. To Oman: (May 28-31, 2015) by Sri Bajrang Bagra

While on visit to Muscat to address an International Conference organised by the local chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, he met the support group and addressed several other groups apprising them of Ekal Vidyalaya and other interventions.

G. Recognition

The year 2015-16 has been a year of pride for EVFI. It gained further recognition for its endeavours. The impact of which has drawn attention of the society and earned the following awards during the year:

Giving Back 2015 – CSR & NGO Awards by UBM (UK)

EVFI has been awarded as “Leading NGO of the Year” at a function held at Mumbai on 22nd of December, 2015. Sri Pradeep Goyal and Sri Srigopal Pachisia received the award.



Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Award

Deccan Education Society, Pune, conferred First President Rajarshi Shahu Chhatrapati Award upon Ekal Vidyalaya for its commendable work with tribal and rural communities. Sri CH. Vidyasagar Rao, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, presented the award to Sri Bajrang Bagra, President, CEC - Ekal Abhiyan, on 2nd of January 2016 in Pune. The award comprises a Memento, Citation and support of INR One Lakh.



ASSOCHAM National Excellence Awards – 2016

EVFI was selected for ASSOCHAM National Excellence Awards – 2016 for Education. The award was presented by Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resources Development of Govt. of India,



on 17th of February 2016 at New Delhi. Sri Naresh Kumar, Sri Suman Dhir, Sri Ashwani Agarwal and Sri Ravidev Gupta jointly received the award.

H. Projects

In addition to Ekal Vidyalayas imparting primary level informal education, a project supported by EVFUSA to spread digital awareness and education was taken up for implementation during the year 2015-16. A mobile van equipped with computers was made available in September 2015 to make round in tribal villages exposing the students of Ekal and other schools to the digital world. Computer education classes have been started in 5 Ekal Gramothan Resource Centres (GRC) where formal computer education of elementary level is imparted to students from nearby villages and to teachers of the Ekal Vidyalayas. Testing and certification of these trainees has been arranged with IIT, Mumbai.

A special training project for teachers engaged by another NPO in rural Gujrat was undertaken during the year, on the pattern of the training imparted to Ekal teachers. The impact of the programme has been reported to be highly satisfactory.

School Visits (Vanyatras) by Supporters

A total of 99 Vanyatras were conducted for visit to schools by supporters from abroad during the year 2015-16. The visits covered 17 Sambhags out of 19 in place.



A team from Australia visited Alwar in Rajasthan on 27th and 28th of November, 2015.

Meeting with PM Narendra Modi

A team of senior Ekal karyakartas called on the Prime Minister Narendra Bhai Modi on 8th of February, 2016 and apprised him of the new vision and roadmap 2025 adopted. The PM was highly appreciative of Ekal reach and impact and advised the team to incorporate technology in the process of operations to make the reach and impact even more effective.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Board of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of India ("the Trust"), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2016, the statement of Income and Expenditure Account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Trust in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Trust and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial control that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Trust's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Chartered Accountants

Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid financial statements give the information and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Trust as at March 31, 2016, and the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date.

For **S.R. Batliboi & Associates LLP**

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 101049W/E300004

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Partner

Membership Number: 212230

Place of Signature: Gurgaon

Date: 20 August 2016



EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF INDIA
Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2016

Liabilities	Sch.	As at March 31, 2016 (Rs.)	As at March 31, 2015 (Rs.)	Assets	Sch.	As at March 31, 2016 (Rs.)	As at March 31, 2015 (Rs.)
Corpus Fund	I	7,007	7,007	<u>Fixed Assets</u>	III	42,441,212	
<u>Reserve Fund</u>				Gross block		17,097,821	35,914,499
General funds	II	315,948,129	263,407,446	Less: Accumulated depreciation			14,641,835
Restricted funds	II	80,972,031	48,288,695	Bank & Cash balance			
<u>Current Liabilities & provisions</u>				a) Balances with scheduled banks			
Sundry Creditors			45,500	- in current accounts & saving A/c			15,287,130
Statutory Liability (TDS)		51,001		- in Fixed deposits- Current		11,091,807	
- Other			324,520	- in Fixed deposits- Non current		193,380,857	264,267,262
Provision for field and other expenses		8,308,450	7,270,158	b) Cash In hand		163,500,000	8,260,483
Other current liabilities		3,723,019	4,182,622	c) Cheque in hand		135,405	63,344
						400,000	
				<u>Other current assets</u>			
				a) Interest accrued on fixed deposits		8,494,518	9,412,193
				<u>Loans & Advances</u>			
				a) Advances to staff & others		407,116	912,232
				b) Advance for expenses		1,983,724	1,118,231
				c) Prepaid expenses		37,243	37,243
				d) TDS receivable		4,235,576	2,895,166
		409,009,637	323,225,948			409,009,637	323,225,948

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Suresh Chander Bhir
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EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF INDIA
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31, 2016

Expenditure	For the Year ended March 31, 2016 (Rs.)		For the Year ended March 31, 2015 (Rs.)	Income	For the Year ended March 31, 2016 (Rs.)	For the Year ended March 31, 2015 (Rs.)
Donations paid	233,289,460		223,116,440	Donations income	392,942,192	339,827,335
Project Expenses	87,042,367	77,946,288				
Field honorarium	5,143,506	4,466,059				
Field office expenses	8,156,071	3,519,808		Interest	25,740,237	23,256,927
Field teaching material	5,186,915	3,386,477		- on Fixed deposit (Gross)		
Field training expenses		6,170,399	95,489,031	- Saving Bank Interest	1,040,880	696,559
Field travelling & conveyance						
Promotional activities	4,703,989		3,156,559			
Field and welfare- Distribution of material	54,000		5,381,584	Other - Interest on income tax refund		
Head Office honorarium & allowances	7,414,993		5,412,124	Rent		18,000
Other Administrative & General Expenses				Other Income	96,571	
Vehicle running & maintenance	164,382	166,076				
Communication expenses	373,886	133,222				
Audit fees	547,385	564,877				
Legal & professional expenses	602,019	536,518				
Travelling & conveyance	1,524,844	1,324,206				
Printing & stationery expenses	84,937	64,442				
Meeting expenses	309,202	360,516				
Electricity and water charges	423,969	358,820				
Staff welfare expenses	344,947	301,220				
Office expenses	238,068	235,322				
Repair & maintenance	1,689,689	408,240				
Miscellaneous expenses	208,739	195,235				
Interest expenses			4,648,695			
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	2,455,986		635,561			
Excess of Income over Expenditure	52,540,683		1,236,555			
Total	419,819,880		363,798,821	Total	419,819,880	363,798,821

For S.R. Batliboi & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants

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S.R. Batliboi
Partner

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Partner

Membership No.: 212230

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Date : 20 August 2016

EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF INDIA

Rama
K.M. Mani
(Trustee)

Suman Chander Bhir
(Trustee)

A few feedbacks from Vanyatras

1. **Power of One** - Harsh and Kiran Phuloria from Columbus, OH, USA – 22nd of June, 2015.

We had the opportunity to visit schools running in rural India under Ekal Vidyalaya, an organization we have been associated since 2003. We visited four villages in the Chinchawd, Pune area - Bhorgiri, Tokawade, Pabhe, and Shirgaon. We got an overview of the student curriculum and development, and had discussions with the head of the village teachers and villagers. Our visit may help Ekal and its donors to recognize the wonderful effects of Ekal's mission.



In one day, visiting 4 schools, we grasped the momentous changes and developments Ekal has brought in to rural India. For the last 12 years, we have been telling others about Ekal organization: its mission, its allocation of funds, its projects, etc. However, by spending time with the students and villagers, we truly experienced the Ekal presence in our moment of truth, passionately creating a better tomorrow for rural India. Ekal villagers and students are very hardworking, and learning for their betterment. To keep this positive momentum going, several projects for student development and village empowerment were suggested in our discussion such as solar lights, sewing as a business, shelter for Ekal schools, etc. We are truly grateful to Ekal Chinchawd team, students, and villagers, for allowing us to visit their schools and villages.

2. **ENRICHING SOUL FEELING EXPERIENCE-** C A Venkat from Dubai – 28th of September, 2015.

Having gained experience from a visit to Ekal Vidyalaya in Mewat district, Haryana on September 28, 2015 I am back in Dubai. It was an enriching soul filling experience to visit a Vidyalaya of Ekal. Students and villagers gave us a heart feeling welcome. The spirit of 'Atithi devo bhavah' with garland welcome touched our heart. School children energised



the atmosphere with their prayers. They did yoga exercises and presented a thought provoking song on bringing up of girl child. The confidence in children to come on stage and the talk they presented was tremendous. We also shared our knowledge and experience with children.

Ekal has a strong structured way of spreading education by full and part time volunteers. The teachers are trained in training centres. The curriculum is designed by Ekal. The teaching under a tree or a donated place is a low cost method at these centres. Well-wishers both in India and abroad contribute to sustain activities of Ekal, and we were overwhelmed by the visit. I am glad to be associated with Ekal Movement.

3. Ekal Youth Leader - Nikita Minocha, from Boston (USA) – 2nd of December, 2015.

Nikita, volunteering for Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA, visited Samarpada and Chuli villages, in Gujarat on 2nd of December, 2015. In her own words, she says, “I have never seen happier children, who are genuinely excited to learn. Their joy for dancing has brightened my own knowledge of life. Education is their step to an optimistic future and to understand the world. The villages share an appreciation for this basic knowledge, opening the door to many opportunities. Even without the most materialistic things, the children are content with what they are given and look forward to school every day. Each kid helps at home or in the fields, just a part of their routine...the children wish to help the country, which I believe is something very special. I am touched to see their spirits so high and hearts open. After volunteering for Ekal, I am now able to see the transformation this organization can make.



4. Harnessing Rural Human Capital at Formative Years – New Delhi, 3rd of September 2015.

My Vanyatra along with a team of four senior management level officers of Reed Elsevier to visit Ekal Vidyalaya at Rajupur village, (Gurgaon) Sanch - Amar Pur in Haryana on 3rd of September 2015 was unique in many ways. Sri Vijay Sethi escorted us. I was thrilled about my visit as India lives

in the villages. For us to be a super power, our villages must become important drivers of socio-economic growth and self-sustaining centres of production and gainful employment. Communication and scientific and technological advances seen in urban towns and



cities must reach there at an accelerated speed. This underscores the sum and substance of the Vidyalaya, the foresight, passion and commitment with which it is run. It provides value-based education to the village boys and girls at the grassroots level - an undeniable priority and necessity to ensure the establishment of the social and economic transformation, which we are contemplating.

5. Ms. Abha Singhal from USA and Ms. Amita Jain visited Shahjahanpur U.P. on 7th-10th of March, 2016.

An Excerpt from their report:

“We travelled from Delhi to S.J. Pur by train. It took us six and a half hours. The train journey was very comfortable and I would highly recommend it in the future.”

“We checked in at the hotel and our accommodation was very comfortable.”

“Sindholi is a fairly large village with a population of 3000. They have schools all the way from Primary to High School. They are keen that a college be opened so the girls have easy access to higher studies. Knowing that a school was already there we questioned the feasibility of Ekal’s presence. The overwhelming response was the positive atmosphere it has created in uniting the village. Children love coming to the school because of the method of teaching that includes learning by books, games and songs, called in Hindi ka, kha, ga, gha method. The women were very involved in the betterment of village and were vocal. It was a very established village. Some of the children were Muslim. We asked the mothers if they had any questions. The mothers were shy but said their children liked to go to the school.”

“We then visited few more villages. I do not have information on them. In one village we had a good discussion with the village heads and the community about sanitation and the importance of toilets in each home. We discussed

how the village heads can apply for loans on behalf of the villagers, then use the government grants to offset some loans and have available to construct the toilets.”

“In one village we discussed the importance of involvement of women in village development.”

“As noted above our overall experience was very positive.”

A Few Family Visits

Smt. Durthi Patel and her husband from US visited Neriapuram and Perappati villages of Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu on 4th of December, 2015. They were quite impressed with the class schedule and programme. They were very much appreciative of the spirit of the teachers and students and promised their continued support to Ekal.



Vanyatra: A Heart-warming Journey

Trisha Dalapati with her parents from USA visited Kakdwip, Tardoho village in West Bengal on 30th of December 2015. It turned out to be a wonderful experience for her. They were watching the routine class and enjoying the dance of the little children “We were thoroughly impressed with the discipline, respectfulness, and eagerness the students, even the youngest ones, showed. Overall, the Vanyatra was heart-warming.



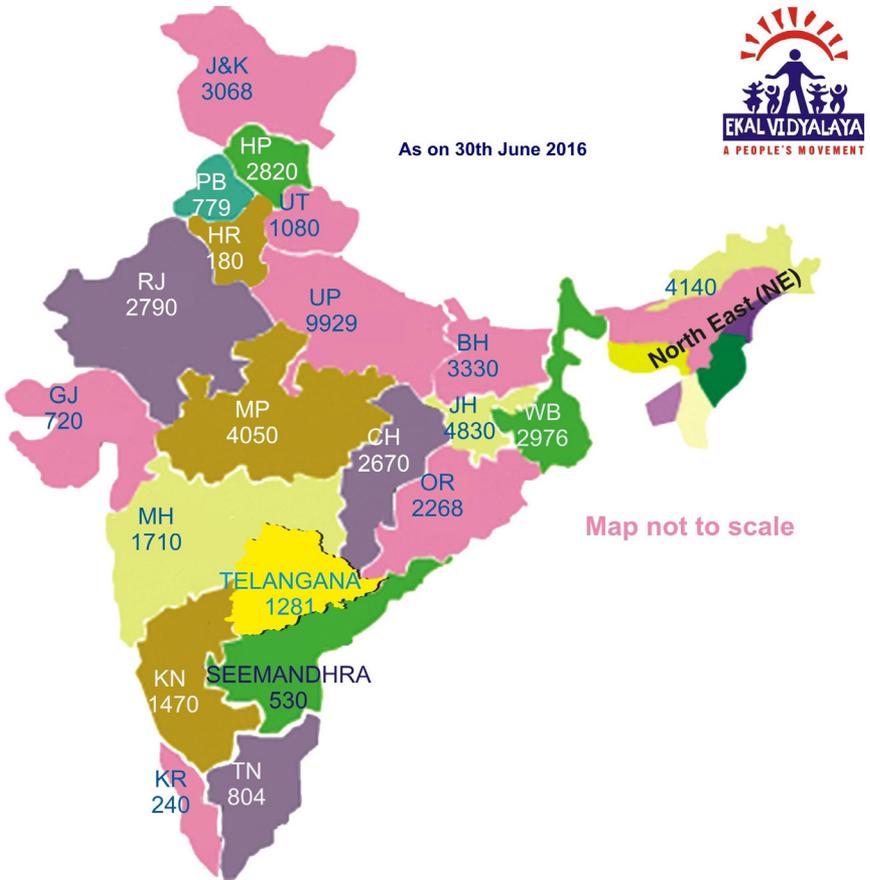
Visit of Guests from China

Guests from China visited Ekal Vidyalayas in Jabalpur recently and were highly impressed by the working of Ekal schools. They informed that they too have such type of system in China and that the team leader himself had studied in such a school!



ANNEXURE - I

51,665 Ekal Vidyalayas in India educating 13,74,922 children





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