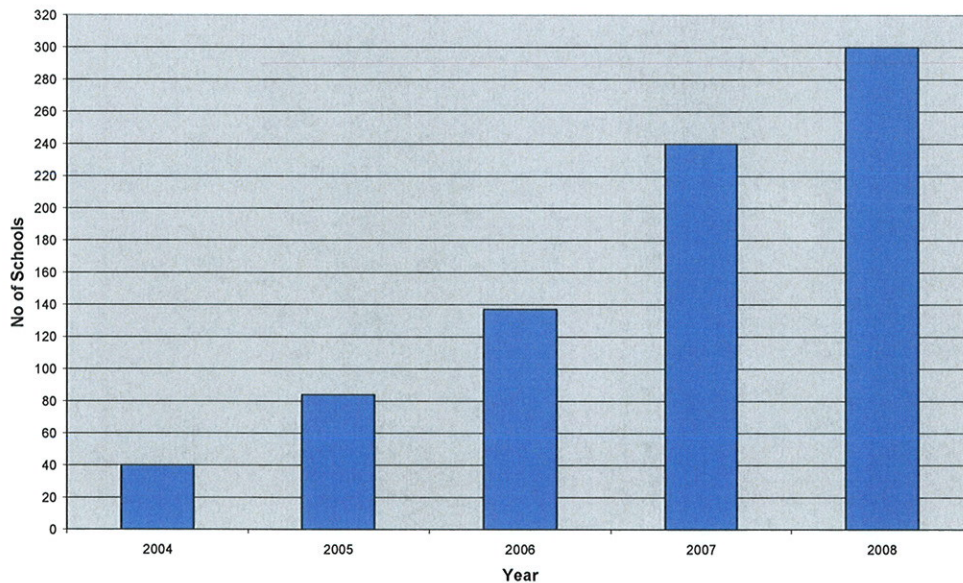


EKAL VIDYALAYA FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA

**ANNUAL REPORT
2007-08**



Dear Ekal Donors, Supporters and Friends

On behalf of the Ekal team it is my pleasure to present to you the 2007-08 annual report of Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation (EVF) of Australia.

As of June 30, 2008 there were approximately 27000 schools operating in various parts of India under the Ekal Vidyalaya movement. This includes 300 schools sponsored by EVF Australia; this could not have happened without the generous support of donors like you and for that we thank you.

Through our annual fund raising event – The Ekal Nite – the awareness of our Ekal movement is slowly but steadily growing. This is reflected in at least four ways:

- Our school sponsorship is continuously rising – from 40 schools in April 2004 to 300 schools in April 2008.
- Our volunteer team in Sydney has grown from 6 in April 2004 to more than 20 in 2008.
- We have now vibrant group of young volunteers who are either students in the universities or have just entered the work force after completing their education.
- We have volunteers in almost every state of Australia.

Thus our achievements are encouraging. However our aim is to spread the awareness of Ekal movement in the wider community so that the number of schools supported by EVF Australia continues to grow. We must maintain our focus on empowering poor tribal children to light the lamp of education and thus transform their lives. Our target is to sponsor 500 schools by the end of the next financial year, and 1000 schools by year 2011.

As we go forward, I seek your help in continuing the support of such noble work. We request your assistance in identifying more donors and enabling the growth of this education movement. It is only by collective efforts that we can accomplish such an important task. We are indebted to the people of India for our almost free education that enabled us to migrate to Australia and to have our current status. The best way to pay our debt, and our voluntary HECS (from Australian Perspective), is through a gift of education to unprivileged children in tribal and rural areas of India by sponsoring a school and/or joining the EVF movement. I also request you to visit the EVF schools in any part of India in order to get the first hand experience of EVF movement.

All our volunteers are committed and passionate about this very noble cause of spreading education to tribal children. I take this opportunity to thank sincerely all volunteers of EVF Australia and all EVF school sponsors.

Thank You All

Nihal Agar
President, EVF Australia
November 3 2008

Ekal Vidyalaya Movement

Why Ekal Vidyalayas?

While India is making significant advances in a number of areas, it is still struggling in providing basic education to a large segment of its population. Today, more than six decades after independence, the literacy rate in tribal India is well below average literacy rate of India.

The Ekal Vidyalaya movement aims to help eradicate illiteracy from rural and tribal India. To date, Ekal Vidyalaya has over 27,000 teachers, 5,000 voluntary workers, 20 field organizations, and 8 support agencies. With this large human force, the Ekal Vidyalaya movement strives to create a network of informal schools that will educate and empower children in rural and tribal regions of India.

The Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation is a charitable trust that initiates, supports, and runs informal one-teacher schools (popularly known as Ekal Vidyalayas) all over the country. With the participation of numerous non-profit trusts and organizations, this program has now become the greatest non-government organisational education movement in India.

How It Works?

An Ekal Vidyalaya Class has between 30 and 40 children in the age group of 5 to 14 years, where children are offered 5 years of schooling and primary health care. The class is often conducted under the shade of a big tree or in a hut. The teachers are locally educated youths who are specially trained. The curriculum includes basic language, science and maths, Character building, cultural values, health and hygiene are also integral part of education. Ekal Vidyalaya also seeks to empower the village community for its own self-development. It solicits complete involvement of the local community and aims at making the school self-reliant.

Administrative cost of EVF organization is less than 10% of the total budget.

EVF movement has now spread to a number of countries including USA, UK, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.

Each sponsor is assigned an internet login name and password so that the sponsor(s) may get any information about the school, and /or monitor its progress.

For more details please visit our web site www.ekal.org

Activities during the Year

Visit

An international seminar was organised by EVF India on December 8 and 9 2007 in New Delhi. The theme of the seminar was "Empowerment of Tribal and Rural Bharat". It was attended by EVF Volunteers from India, USA, UK and Hong Kong. Nihal Agar represented EVF Australia.

The seminar was inaugurated by retired general J J Singh, and had four sessions highlighting the four aspects of Ekal Movement. The sessions and its respective chair persons were:

Basic Education	Dr J S Rajput (former Chairman of National Council of Education, Research & Training)
Healthcare Education	Dr V K Monga (In charge of the Aao Gaon Chalen Yojana of Indian Medical Association)
Development Education	Dr R R Gaur, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Delhi
Empowerment Education	Mr. Praphat Kumar (former Governor of Jharkhand)

This seminar provided a great opportunity to interact with representatives of Ekal organizations worldwide and also formed the framework to establish Ekal Sansthan, R&D wing of the Ekal movement.

Bollywood Nite

Sunali Bhandula, Year 12 student in Burwood MLC School, was to work on an assignment of promoting a charity organisation in Sydney. She chose EVF Australia for her assignment.

She organized Bollywood Nite on 13th June 2008 at Strathfield Town Hall. Sunali prepared a special Flyer for the function and also for EVF Australia. The events organized included Bollywood dance, henna tattoos, Indian food etc. See photographs on the next page. The program was a great success. Two schools have been sponsored from the proceeds of the function.

EVF Australia is grateful to Sunali for selecting EVF Australia for her assignment.

Ekal Garba

EVF Australia organized Valentine Day Ekal Garba Disco Dance on 16th February 2008 at Ermington Town Hall, Ermington. The Ekal Garba function was attended by about 200 persons. Every one enjoyed the function, particularly non-Gujarati participants as they got an opportunity to learn and practice Garba skills.

Proceeds from this function helped us to sponsor two Ekal Schools.

(Ekal Nite 2008 was organized in July 2008: hence it will be covered in the next year's annual report.)



Bollywood Nite Function



Henna at Bollywood Nite Function

EVF AUSTRALIA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30 JUNE 2008

AUDITORS REPORT

To the members of EVF Australia

Scope

I have audited the Financial Statements of the Foundation for the year ended 30 June 2008. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Members.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and provisions of Associations Incorporation Act of NSW, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Foundation's financial position, and the benefits accrued as a result of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Foundation are properly drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Foundation as at 30 June 2008 and its results for the year ended 30 June 2008 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

For purpose of the Charitable Fundraising Act:

- (a) the financial statement show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for which they relate
- (b) the accounts and associated records have been properly kept in accordance with the legislation.
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted
- (d) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

KANTILAL RATANSHI GOKANI
Registered Company Auditor

PADSTOW 30 September, 2008

EVF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2008

2007		2008
	INCOME	
43,707.00	Gross Income-Sponsorship	133,005.00
630.00	-Donations	1,806.00
14,430.74	-Func. Sponsorship	0.00
100.00	-Memberships	0.00
0.00	-Advertising	1,475.00
0.00	-Garba	795.00
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58,867.74		137,081.00
	Less	
	EXPENDITURE	
275.00	Audit	275.00
80.00	Affiliation & Inc fee	44.00
396.00	Advertisement & brochures	0.00
77.06	Bank charges and interest	47.00
56,571.40	Sponsorships	113,985.00
3,133.50	Artists & function expenses	0.00
0.00	Hall hire	1,450.70
10.00	Print, publications, stationery	0.00
50.00	Postage	0.00
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60,592.96		115,801.70
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(\$1,725.22)	SURPLUS (LOSS) for year	\$21,279.30
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EVF AUSTRALIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2008

2007		2008
	CURRENT ASSETS	
	Cash:	
4,967.85	Cash at bank	5,819.15
0.00	Bank Relief Fund	15,160.00
21.99	Cash in hand	44.99
0.00	S'ships banked after year end	5,520.00
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4,989.84	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	26,544.14
	CURRENT LIABILITY	
275.00	Accrued expenses	550.00
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\$4,714.84	NET ASSETS	\$25,994.14
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	ACCUMULATED FUND	
6,440.06	Balance at beginning	4,714.84
(1,725.22)	Surplus (loss) for year	21,279.30
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\$4,714.84	Balance at end	\$25,994.14
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EVF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 2008

	30-June-07	30-June-08
	\$	\$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from sponsors	43,707.00	133,005.00
Function sponsorship	14,430.74	-
Donations	630.00	1,806.00
Membership	100.00	-
Advertising	-	1,475.00
Garba	-	795.00
Sponsorship payments	(56,571.40)	(113,985.00)
Audit, affiliation, advertising & bank charges	(828.06)	(91.00)
Function expenses, printing & postage	(3,193.50)	(1,450.70)
Net cash flow from operating activities	(1,725.22)	21,554.30
CASH AT BEGINNING	6,715.06	4,989.84
CASH AT 30 JUNE 2008	4,989.84	26,544.14

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements