



Vishva Hindu Parishad

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EKAL VIDYALAYA YOJANA

One Teacher School (OTS)

Even after 50 years of independence India is cursed with illiteracy in colossal proportion. A third of India's population, an astounding number, is illiterate. Since independence with the notable exception of Kerala and Mizoram, no state Government regardless of political colour has made any notable effort in eradicating illiteracy. Worst affected are the tribals who live in villages and in far away hills and jungles. The light of independence has not illuminated their lives by any stretch of imagination. Though education has been granted by Indian constitution to every child in India, the Indian Government failed to implement it for the poor. With no electricity no healthcare, no schools in sight, the poor and illiterate tribals have been easy targets of anti social and anti national groups.

One Teacher School (EKAL VIDYALAYA) or Gram Shiksha Mandir programme has been initiated by the Village People for Village Children and by the Village Youth.

The object of One Teacher School (OTS) is four folds:

- To provide moral education.
- To provide non-formal education to children.
- To create feeling of oneness and unity in the village (Social Equality).
- To teach sanitation and health care.

This programme entails service to the Society irrespective of caste, creed and religion. It is a humanitarian project.

Today about 20% of our population is devoid of education, medical and health facilities and living below poverty line. The male literacy in rural tribal areas is 10% and that of female is only 5%. Since there is no education, they are backward, ignorant and poor. The only way of changing their life style is by providing education.

The Tribals are inseparable part of our Society. Because of ignorance alien organizations have been trying to sow the seeds of hatred and separation from the rest of the Society and weaning them away from Main Stream of National life.

While Ekal Vidyalaya was an experiment to impart only education a few years ago, it has experienced phenomenal success in more areas than one. In the past, villagers did not send their children to school for fear of losing their identity and language, and for losing an earning member of their family. The persuasion, love and understanding of the teacher finally won their heart in sending their children to Ekal Vidyalaya. After Ekal Vidyalaya work, the same teachers were again successful in work of social and health awareness in their villages.

Our experience has been that the schools became the focal point for various social and religious events for the entire village. The young student learnt the rudiments of healthy habits and taught them to their own families. Matter of fact, every Ekal Vidyalaya transformed poor tribal villagers into rallying points for all religious-social activities.

The Acharya who is a local youth trained for working in this project is developed as a real social worker and a guide to his village people. The Acharya is given training in basic education, methodology, moral education, patriotic songs, stories and lives of great men and saints, Yoga, rural games and sports, sanitation and health care. This Acharya after school hours organises Satsang and other social activities. Last year in Banswara these Acharyas managed to perform Ganesh Pooja in 600 villages and persons of all sects and religion participated. The Tribals are coming in great number in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Bihar Assam for starting OTS and are even ready to bear some expenses. They are sending their children to our schools instead of sending them to Govt. schools where they get all facilities and free education because of better moral education and change in daily behavior of the children. The atmosphere in these areas is fast changing and awareness for social activities is increasing.

The number of children varies between 25-55, girls being more than boys in some states and vice versa.

So far as in March 2000 we have started 3150 OTS in 23 States and this number is increasing everyday. The number is planned to grow up to 7360 Schools in 30 States by March 2001. A table showing list of States and OTS which have been started is also placed below:

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AT A GLANCE

In Bharat	AS IN March 2000'		PLANNED BY March 2001	
	Prant	Schools	Prant	Schools
By Zones				
East	6	894	6	2,110
West	5	475	6	1,560
North	4	150	8	510
South	5	1,192	7	1,680

Centre	3	439	3	1,500
Total	23	3,150	30	7,360
By Seva Organisations				
Vishva Hindu Parishad & allied organisations		2,200		4,770
Seva Bharati		950		2,500
Vidya Bharati		0		90
Total		3,150		7,360
By Funding Agency				
		School		School
Calcutta (F.T.S.)	6	1,014	6	2,110
Mumbai (F.T.S.)	4	796	4	1,650
Hydrabad Trust	2	560	2	810
Vadodara Trust	1	210	1	600
Delhi Trust	3	0	6	300
B. K. P.	7	570	7	890
Foundation	0	0	4	1,000
Total	23	3,150	30	7,360

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