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To me the worst thing seems to be a school principally to work with methods of fear, force and artificial authority. Such treatment destroys the sound sentiments, the sincerity and the self-confidence of pupils and produces a subservient subject."

*-Albert Einstein*

## Preface

Paradox is the word that sums up today's Indian reality. On the one hand the world visualizes tremendous potential among the boys and the girls of the Nation and on the other, scores of rural poor live under utter poverty. Among those who reel under generational poverty and degradation, the plight of tribes is indeed more miserable than any one else. What distinguishes the issue of tribes from other sections is the fact that tribes have tremendous innate potential, skill and talent which only need a bit of orientation to find perfect manifestation. Noted sociologists have made this point a number of times. Concerted efforts have to be made both by the Government and social sectors towards identifying, nurturing and moulding the innate talents of the Tribes.

### The beginning:

Ekalavya, a Bheel youth being denied of teaching archery skill by a Guru, loyal to princes of the State, took the task by his own and mastered the art better than the princely pupils of the Guru. It was because of the fact that the tribal boy had tremendous innate potential, inherent skill, talent and a fire in him. Watching the princes taking the training activated him too to discover the art with more vigour and precision.

Komaram Bheem was another stalwart Gond tribe who fought for the freedom and

rights of the tribal community. More than half a century has passed and the struggle still continues with very little visible difference.

There exists no drought of Ekalavyas and Komaram Bheems in the tribes which account to roughly 8.2 percent of Indian population and just above six percent of Andhra Pradesh's population according to 2001 census.

Appreciating the imperative of making such an effort, *Ekalavya Foundation* was established in April 2006 with an objective to identify skills and talents among Tribals, especially among Tribal youth and to impart necessary training and orientation towards upgrading and making Tribals employable and self-reliant. Further it aims at bringing about changes in institutional and attitudinal matrix in tune with the modern day aspirations. Major thrust is being given to the enhancement of level of income and standards of living of communities through sustained functional interventions in developmental programmes with special emphasis on health and education. The Foundation was established on 27-04-2006 vide Registration number 280/2006 under the Trust's Act with an aim to find out such zeal in tribes and other deprived and marginalized groups of

society and to help them for a result-oriented effective participation in the society.

The Central office of the Foundation is located at Chikkadpally, Hyderabad. The ***Ekalavya Foundation*** is governed by the Board of trustees who decide the policies and supervise the execution of these programmes by the Institute. Senior personalities are employed as full time workers along with volunteers to formulate and pursue strategies and implement them to achieve the goals of the Foundation. Board of trustees of the Institute constitutes with a Chairman and five members.

## Board of Trustees

During the financial year 2008-09 the composition of the Governing Body is as follows:

1 Sri P Venugopal Reddy, Social worker  
Chairman & Managing Trustee

### Trustee Members:

1. Smt. Y Vinutha, Business woman;
2. Sri A.Bapanna , Businessman
3. Sri Ch.Venugopal Reddy, Educationist;
4. Sri A.Ramalingeswara Rao, High Court Advocate; and
5. Sri N.Venugopal Reddy, Agriculturist.



## **Health Activities**

'If wealth is gone, nothing gone but if health is gone you are gone' is a common saying. Accepting this fact the *Ekalavya Foundation* is also trying to put its best possible efforts to combat the menace of ill-health situation in the Agency Area of the Adilabad District. Apart from introducing the system of Homeopathic systems in 100 schools in the Agency Area of Adilabad district of Andhra Pradesh through the teachers of their respective schools, it had also worked in about 100 villages during the out-break of Chikungunia.

## **Eye Camps**

As a routine matter it organizes free eye camps with the DFID funding in association with Andhra Pradesh Right to Sight Society and Integrated Tribal development Agency. During the year 2008-09 the Organization had organised 14 camps covering people from 131 villages. It helped 3297 people check their eyes including 1766 women. Of them 1355 people were given free spectacles of whom 713 were men. Including a total of 147 women 273 people undertook operation to save their sight. Medicines were also given in all required cases. The Foundation did not leave the children and got their vision tested too during the camps. A total of 1753 students including 949 girls and 804

boys got their vision tested and suffering students were provided medicine and advice. The camps were conducted in Indervelly and Utnoor Mandals.

## **Cleft Lip & Artificial Limbs.**

The Organisation is also instrumental in assisting the patients suffering from cleft-lip and limb related physically handicapped state. During the year under report, the Foundation has successfully helped 23 patients including 5 females to undergo operation for cleft-lip at Hyderabad. Nine persons were assisted in getting artificial legs of whom one was woman and 3 patients including one woman were given artificial hands with the help of the Organisation. *Aim for Seva* An ambulance of 'Aim for Seva' is regularly operating in the villages to necessary extend minor health assistance to the villagers residing in farther areas in collaboration with this organization. The collection, informing and bringing them to the spot of the ambulance services are undertaken by the health volunteers of the *Ekalavya Foundation* under a regular Health Coordinator of the Foundation.

## **Homeo - Treatment**

The *Ekalavya Foundation* imparted first hand training to the teachers to practice homeopathic system of medicine in a function held on September 30 to October 2, 2008 in

Rampur of Adilabad District In this function Homeopath medicine-kits were distributed on 30-09-2008. Shri B. Subbarao of Aswini Homeo Pharmacy explained about the importance of Homeo-drugs and shared his own experiences. Each teacher representing one high school was given one Homeo-medicine kit containing 42 types of medicine. Books written in Telugu language detailing the usages of the medicine along with the symptoms of diseases were also given to the teachers. With this event the first day's (September 30, 2008) programme was over. Teachers from 19 Zilla Parishad High Schools, 20 Ashram High Schools and 3 Saraswati Shishu Mandirs registered their participation. Apart from these, 42 member-teachers and 8 segment conveners also attended the function which was meant for extending counseling technique to the teachers to prepare the students a better and wholesome citizen of the country. A senior homeopathic-drugs practitioner, Shri ASR Prasad also exchanged his views on homeopathic system of medicine with the teachers attending the three day camp. On the concluding day Dr. V Rajashree who came all the way from Hyderabad also shared her experience with the participants. Shri V. Chinna Veerabhadralu, Additional Director, Tribal Welfare was the chief guest on the occasion. Others then the following were also given the Homeo kits:

1. Lal Tekdi Junior College.-(1)
2. Girls Junior College, Utnoor.-(1)
3. 'Yoga' Srinivas for regular free distribution.-(1)
4. Mr. Rameshwar, Branch Manager, Deccan Grameen Bank, Indervelly.-(1)
5. Project Manager of Watersheds – Indervelly office-(1)

However, the reports sent by the schools are satisfactory and compiled report revealed that more than 15,000 students and many teachers utilized the homeo-drugs available in the kits kept in the respective schools with and under the supervision of a teacher.

### **Replicating Model Village**

In addition to this the Foundation has identified four villages to transform them into model villages in regard to health. To meet this purpose, the Chairman and the Chief Executive of the Foundation visited Jamkhed village in Maharashtra during the second week of March 2009 to have an on the spot study of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project erected by Dr. Raj Arole, a recipient of Magsaysay Award for his achievements in rural health sector through bare-foot women village health workers. The women leaders are identified from amongst grass-root level, irrespective of their educational qualification and they are trained to handle diseased situation. As a result, 80 percent health care is taken care by those

VHWs while 20% cases are only referred to Hospital. The villagers had also taken an oath of erecting sanitary latrines in each house and keep the village clean to do away with diseases. The Jamkhed and its surrounding villages proudly announce that since last more than five years no cases of malaria have been reported. The Foundation desires to replicate the system as per the prevailing situation in the villages it desired to adopt.

### **Future Plan**

The Foundation in its pipeline has plan to introduce preparation of sanitary napkins in 25 Ashram girls high schools in the agency area in Adilabad district with the view to bring

young girls in the ambit of gynaecological health coverage. Gradually, the Foundation through the ANMs posted in the schools and professionals' lectures and guidance, plans to impart practical knowledge regarding health, sanitation, cleanliness, hygiene, nutrition to the students who in turn would act as health ambassadors when they would be returning to their respective villages or even wherever they would settle after marriages.



## **Livelihood**

A lot has been told of Women Empowerment in the recent days. But factually it is possible only if the women are assisted to be self-reliant and the best way to achieve this goal is to help them in setting up their own ventures.

### **Distribution of Sewing Machines**

The Ekalavya Foundation in collaboration with Infosys, Bangalore took up a programme of distributing 100 sewing machines to an identical number of women beneficiaries to help them setting up sewing units of their own. For this, the Foundation with the help of ITDA identified 34 women and 66 women with the help of State Bank of Hyderabad.

Those 66 women were given extensive training for 45 days while 34 women were trained for a period of 90 days before the machines were handed over to them. During the course of training, the participants were trained in designing through paper cutting and also practical training on clothes to prepare different materials of demand. They were also extended personality and skill development tips besides information on health and hygiene and reproductive-health guidelines. An exclusive exercise was also given to them to dismantle and assemble the machines as the hardware training part of the course.

The equipments were distributed in three phases owing to the fact that it was not possible to give the machines at one go due to paucity of space and time. In the first phase 34

machines to an equal number of women were given in a function organized on October 7, 2008 in the KB Complex in Utnoor.

The Assistant Project Officer, ITDA, Dr. T Chandu was the chief guest of the function organized on October 7. Zilla Samakhya President, Ms. Somdev Bai, General Manager of GCC, Shri N Vajay Kumar, Manager RISET Shri Nazir Ahmed were also present on the occasion. "Self employment is the best mode of earning for the unemployed and it is nothing better than the situation if a woman starts earning through self employment. The sewing machines will definitely supplement the income of their family besides extending a sense of confidence in women" said Dr. Chandu. The Chairman of Ekalavya Foundation Shri Venugopal reddy was amongst the lead speaker on the occasion.

The second function was held on 13.11.2008. In it also, 34 sewing machines were distributed to 34 women. Principal of PETC Shri Poshetty was the chief guest on the occasion and Shri Vitthal Rao, District coordinator, DHAN Foundation presided over. Among others who were present on the occasion included the Foundation Chairman , Sri P Venugopal Reddy, Mahila Pranganam District Manager, Chincholi Ms. M Padmaja, and Zilla Samakhya President,

Ms. Somdev Bai. Rest 32 machines were handed over to an identical number of women in a function held on 22.12.2008 in presence of the Chairman, Ekalavya Foundation, TRISET Manager and the sewing instructor Ms. Saida Begum.

## EDUCATION

### **VIDYA VAHINI – A prime project of the Foundation: Empowering Teacher & taught**

It goes without saying that education is necessary for the development of an individual and well-being of the society. It is but education that reforms man to become a true human being of the universe. School is the abode of learning after the home where parents are the first teachers. And there are none but the teachers who play the vital role in the schools in enlightening a child. A student spends most of his time with the teachers. The Teacher is happy when the child gains knowledge and stands on his own taking him as a model.

The aim of education is to bring all round development in the child and to teach him morality besides discipline and devotion. He should be taught to be skilful, honest and upright so that he can value morals. As ill luck would have it, none is bothered about character building. So *Vidya Vahini (VV)* aims at attaining moral values and goes ahead with determination and dedication besides maintaining the promise of making the students a productive unit of the society in the Agency area of Adilabad.

To begin with, we are aware of the fact that tribes are lagging behind not only economically or socially but also in education. The official language of Telugu is also new to the tribes because of their habit of usage of their

own tribal dialect, and consequently, they have become backward in the field of education since Telugu is the medium of school education. The *Ekalavya Foundation* has studied many of the problems which they are facing in the field of education and in turn, it plans measures to be taken to redress them in a period of ten years. That's way the scheme *Vidya Vahini* has been started with the aim to motivate the teacher and the taught and to make them to go in a right path, encouraging the intelligent and hard working students and teachers and also to honour best of them.

#### **Vidya Vahini Committeis**

Of 412 villages in the Agency area of Adilabad District out of a plan to cover 100 high schools, Vidya Vahini Committees (VVCs) were formed in 81 schools during the last academic year. These committees are empowered to conduct activities in their respective schools. The area covering all these schools are divided into 7(seven) segments and seven teachers as segments-in-charge were appointed for the smooth conduction of the activities of the VVCs. Apart from this a core team was also constituted to plan and monitor the execution of VV activities during the year under report.

Committed segments in charges expected to visit schools in their earmarked

area periodically as scheduled for the better implementation of the activities. Two secretaries of the core committee also visited and advised the segments in charge and school committees on every occasion whenever they needed the same. During the year under the report 7 meetings at segment level, two district level meetings at Rampur and Basara , 13 core level meetings were conducted during the 2008-09 academic year as well as the year under report of the annual report.

### **Competitive Exams**

Competitive examinations for class 6 to 10 were conducted on February 1, 2009 and top three students from each school were felicitated in functions organised at segment level. They were given gold, silver and bronze medals apart from certificates of merit. Essay-writing, singing, elocution and various extra-curricular competitions were organised and the winners were awarded in the function at segment level in the leading schools along with their annual functions. Such functions were organised jointly under the banner of the school and *Ekalavya Foundation* in the month of March 2009 in different schools in the district.

### **Special Coaching**

Special coaching classes were conducted for the students of class 7 and 10 for admission to School of Excellence, Bhadrachalam and College of Excellence,

Warangal from 24-04-08 to 13-05-08 in collaboration with the ITDA, Utnoor. Separate coaching camps were conducted for boys and girls and daily examinations were conducted through the question papers set by the Foundation to polish the candidates. In all 300 students were taught 10 subjects during the 20 day-coaching.

### **Top-20 Hostel**

The Foundation also continued to run a Top-20 Hostel in the K.B. Complex at Utnoor providing 12 Tribal Students accommodation, food and other necessary assistance. The students were from poor section of the tribal society within the Adilabad District and were continuing there inter studies in local collage. From time to time, they were also given special lectures on academics and social aspects of day to day life.

### **Future Plan**

The *Ekalavya Foundation* has in its pipe line some innovative ideas under the *Vidya Vahini* projects. It has now decided to work at a micro level by identifying four schools to transform them into role models for others to replicate. Besides providing regular teachers for special classes to teach Telugu and Mathematics, it would concentrate in vocational teachings on gardening, tailoring and drawing field. It is also trying to disseminate computer education in

collaboration with ITDA to the students from class sixth to tenth. The Foundation also envisages ensuring basic infrastructure like proper classrooms, Lavatories and laboratories, drinking and other safe water supply and human resource as per the scheduled norms in these four schools if ITDA extends possible assistance.

With the cooperation of parents, teachers, students, government agencies and the benevolent donor partners, the time alone will speak of the success of the *Ekalavya Foundation* in the educational sector in the District through its Vidya Vahini project in the years to come.



## **Education**


### **Competitive Examination**

The principle of the 'Survival of the fittest' perhaps is better applied in present scenario where every one wants to be the best or at least the better one. The pursuit has generated the sense of competition where people wanted to prove they are better than other.

To promote the sense of competition amongst the tribal students of Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh, the Ekalavya Foundation, dedicated itself to an overall development of the tribes, has introduced a project viz. Vidya Vahini in 81 schools in the area to enhance their educational standard.

As a part of the project it had organized competitive examinations for the class 10<sup>th</sup> students of 81 schools in the district. In all 3900 students participated in the examination conducted in 7 centres in two

phases on 16.11.2008 and 01.02.2009 The question papers on English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies were set, taking into account the school syllabus . A few teachers of the surrounding schools of each segment and the segment conveners helped conducting the examination on the date. After the examination was over, the students were given the OMR Sheet. The students filled up the sheets which were handed over to the conveners. The OMR sheets were corrected and verified by teachers and the marks were noted.

For smooth conduct of the examinations in various centres, Centre Coordinators were appointed. Shri Santosh for Adilabad, Shri V. Jaganmohan for Echooda, Shri D Narayana for Utnoor, Shri Ramesh for Narnoor, Shri Ramanna for Asifabad, and Shri G Ravinder coordinated the examinations in their respective Examination Centres 

## **Education**

### **Scholarship Award function**

Education is the backbone of all developments and therapy to all evils. The Ekalavya Foundation with this objective has decided to extend maximum thrust in this arena in its operational area. As a part of this endeavor, it has already identified 81 high schools to bring under its Vidya Vahini umbrella.

In its venture, the Foundation under the aegis of Hyderabad-Karnataka Abhivridhi Vibhag and with the financial assistance of Infosys Foundation, decided to help 100 poorest of poor students who had passed their class 10<sup>th</sup> Examination obtaining 60 or above percentage of marks and are continuing their higher studies.

In this connection a 'Scholarship Award Function' was organized in the morning of August 31, 2008 in the Meeting Hall of KB Complex, Utnoor, Adilabad District, to award scholarships to selected 56 girl and 44 boy students. Students along with their parents attended the function and received the scholarship, inclusive of cash and books,

totaling an amount of Rs. 3000/- per student. It was a successful and impressive function which also witnessed a Community Lunch with the guests, students and their parents. Sections of media also attended the function and gave a good coverage of the programme which itself speaks of the importance and gravity of the event.

Chairman of Hyderabad - Karnataka Abhivridhi Vibhag, Shri Basavaraj Patil was the chief guest on the occasion while Ms. Sumanbai Rathod, MLA from Khanapur, Adilabad presided over the function. Among others who graced the occasion included the Chairman,, Ekalavya Foundation, Shri P. Venugopal Reddy, District Tribal Welfare Officer, Shri N Sreedhar, Vidya Vahini President, Shri Manik Rao, VV Secretary, Shri G Ravinder , VV Jt.Secretary Jaganmohan and Segments In-charge Shri Rajesham Goud, M Sreenivas, Malaysree and Rupachary.

Blessing the beneficiary students, Shri Patil said that he had conceived this idea to help the poor but meritorious students, who, for want of fund sometime would discontinue their education. He urged them to utilize the

opportunity the best. Ms. Sumanbhai Rathod, MLA was emotional when saying that the life would be a success to her only, if she too, could do something large for poor. The Chairman of the *Ekalavaya Foundation*, Shri P Venugopal Reddy detailed the activities of the Vidya Vahini Project and submitted that many schemes of the government did not reach the poorest of poor people several time and hence the Foundation was in the process of

supplementing the same in the Agency villages of Adilabad District of Andhra Pradesh.

The function was initiated with the welcome address given by Shri G Ravinder and concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Sreenivas, Segment Incharge, Utnoor.



## Teachers' Training Camps

### Education

#### Teachers' Training Camps

Teachers are they who mould the character of students in schools. Teachers need to understand the mental abilities of their students as well as their likes and dislikes. Then only a teacher can transform a student into a good citizen. For this, the teachers have to analyze the students' psychology, document their experiences and the like. For this purpose, teachers too have to be taught about proper counseling through special training. There is provision in universities for this type of counseling for teachers.

The *Ekalavya Foundation* in its endeavour to enhance the educational standard in the agency area of tribal prone Adilabad District has constituted Vidya Vahini Committees in various schools. And as a part of the activities of the Foundation, it has also taken up the task of counseling the teachers to identify the inherent abilities of their students and prepare them to face and accept the challenges in particular and make them good citizens in general.

As a part of this programme, a 3-day 'Teachers' Training Camp' was organised in Rampur from September 30 to October 2, 2008 by the Ekalavya Foundation under the Vidya Vahini Project. The Foundation against

its planning to take 100 schools under the Project had so far identified 81 schools from 412 villages of the Agency area. In this counseling camp teachers from 19 Zilla Parishad High Schools, 20 Ashram High Schools and 3 Saraswati Shishu Mandir registered their participation. Apart from these, 42 member-teachers and 8 segment conveners, totaling to a 50-number participants attended the counseling camp.

In the Introductory Session on the first day on September 30, the Chairman, Ekalavya Foundation, Shri P Venugopal Reddy explained the aims and objectives of the Foundation and submitted the role and necessity of Vidya Vahini Committees in schools in the operational area of the EF. He also underlined other activities undertaken by the Foundation in the Agency area. Shri Reddy also placed the report of the identical Meet organised in Basara on September 13 and 14, 2008

The Regional Joint Director, Education Department, Warangal, Shri Laxma Reddy was the chief guest on the occasion at Rampur. Addressing the gathering, the RJD said that the teachers are the role model for students and they occupy a very specific place in the minds of the learners. Shri Annaji Rao, Lecturer, DIET, explained about the

importance of counseling. While the District Education Officer, Shri Achyuta Rao and Shri Raj Reddy also spoke on the occasion.

The General Secretary of VVC Shri G Ravinder spoke on the aims and objectives of organizing such counseling camps and the President of the VVC Shri Manik Rao detailed the formation and their duties of the VV Committees.

Shri Rajesham Goud, the Recipient of State's Best Teacher's Award was honoured by the Regional Jt. Director on the occasion.

October 1, 2008, the second day of the camp began with the 'Motivation' part of Counseling. Shri Annaji Rao presented the topic with practical demonstrations. Psychology counselor Shri Raj Reddy dealt in details about the 'Students' Mental Health'. With the help of multi-media LCD projection Shri Raj Reddy explained some of the parts of a project viz. 'Promise'. Academic Monitoring Officer, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Shri G. Venugopal Reddy elucidated the methods and need of Career Guidance. At night a film titled 'Taare Zameen Par' was screened.

The camp concluded on October 2, 2008. Before the formal conclusion of the camp, the topic 'How to get rid of stage-phobia' was discussed. Shri Annaji Rao, with the help of some participating teachers, conducted live demo on the topic.

The Additional Director, Tribal Welfare Department, Shri Vardrevu Chinna Veeravadrudu was the chief guest of the concluding function. In his speech he said that 'Education is a continuous process which needs a regular orientation'. The teachers gives breath to society and hence they too are required to learn the changing technique, he said. 'A teacher is also a student when a matter of learning is concerned and which can later be forwarded to the students in a better way by a teacher', said the Additional Director. He was also happy to note that the Foundation would strengthen the school libraries in various schools within the Agency area.

District Tribal Welfare Officer, Shri M. Sreedhar, Agency DEO, Shri Manohar and VV Secretary Shri G Ravinder also spoke on the occasion. The concluding function came to an end with the vote of thanks proposed by the VV President Shri Manik Rao.

Apart from VV Joint Secretary, Shri Jaganmohan and EF Coordinator, Shri Santhosh, Segment convenors of Adilabad, Echoda, Utnoor, Jainoor, Kagaznagar and Mancherial also attended the concluding function.

Earlier to this Meet, an identical but 2-days' Training Camp was organized at Basara in Adilabad District on September 13 and 14, 2008. Fifty five teachers and 48 students from 52 High Schools (28 ZP secondary schools,

22 Ashram High schools and 2 Saraswathi Shishu Mandir High Schools participated in the camp and discussed the action plan 2008-09 of VV besides undergoing training in Counseling.

This two day camp too began with the speech of the EF Chairman, Shri P Venugopal Reddy in which, he dealt with length, the need and formation of *Vidya Vahini* Committees to work in the field of education, health and livelihood through Agency area schools in Adilabad District.

On the first day, i.e. on September 13, Sri G. Ravinder, Secretary, Vidya Vahini, highlighted the activities to be taken up under education and health sector. Shri R.Manik Rao, President, Vidya Vahini opened the discussion on the programmes of VV. The segment conveners S/Shri Shyam Kumar from Adilabad, Sathyanarayana from Echoda, M.Srinivas from Utnoor, Malyasri from Mancheri and Rangachari from Jainoor submitted respective performance reports of their segments. Two teachers and a student each from every segment explained the course of action being executed at their respective segments and also offered suggestions.

Shri G.Venugopal Reddy, Academic Monitoring Officer (Tribal education), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Hyderabad, was the chief guest on the occasion who delivered an inspiring speech. He demonstrated slide-show, through LCD projector, pertaining to student-

teacher relation highlighting the concept of understanding between students and teachers. He stressed upon the need and importance of the guidance and counseling to be given to students, since 'the teacher is the first counselor to students'. The first day activities continued up to 10 in the night.

In the second day of the Camp, a seminar was held on "Earning Education - The Role of the students and parents". Shri T.Ravinder Rao, one of the founder members of Vandemataram Foundation delivered a thought provoking speech on the topic and successfully inspired the participants. He stressed upon the need for encouragement from teachers for the improvement of poor students. He also urged for an all round development of educational institution and the enlightenment of parents of poor students.

Both the President and the Secretary of *Vidhya Vahini* opened up a discussion on the Action Plan of 'Vidya Vahini' and helped in preparing segment-wise reports. The Camp finally concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Sri Jaganmohan, Joint secretary of the *Vidya Vahini* Committee.



## **Education**

### **Library Books Distribution.**

Library books worth Rupees 3,00,000/- were distributed in 100 schools of two districts in Andhra Pradesh namely Adilabad and Mehboobnagar in the month of November 2008. Functions were organized in various schools in different segments of Vidya Vahini in Adilabad for the purpose that coincided the celebration of National Library Week from November 14 to 20, 2008. Eighty one schools in Adilabad District and Nineteen schools in Mehboobnagar District of Andhra Pradesh were identified as the beneficiary institutions. A set of 212 books, each set worth Rs. 3,000/-, were given to each school. The books were other than text books and were generally focused towards the enhancement of the degree of overall knowledge of the readers in every aspect of life which ought to lead them with confidence and belief.

**November 15, 2008:** A function was organized in Neradigonda Ashram High School for distribution of library books where **14** schools of Ichooda Segment participated. The function was presided over by the Segment Convener Shri Athram Bhaskar while another Convener Shri Satyanarayana was the Chief Guest and Shri V Jagan Mohan, VV Joint Secretary, presented the aims and objectives of the project.

**November 16, 2008:** Twelve (**12**) schools of Kagaznagar Segment participated in the function held in Kagaznagar Ashram High School organized for the distribution of library books. Mandal Revenue Officer Shri Ramesh Goud and Mandal Education Officer Shri Bao Rao were special invitees in the function while Segment Convener Shri RV Srinivas Rao presided over the function in presence of another Segment Convener Shri Rajesham Goud. The Founder Member of Vandemataram Foundation Shri Ravinder Rao was the main speaker on the occasion highlighted the importance of books in one's life. He also told that a student was needed to set a goal in his life to achieve success. VV Secretary Shri G Ravinder narrated the aims and objectives of the VV Project.

**November 17, 2008:** Two programmes were organized on the day. In the morning session the programme was held in Jainoor Ashram High School (Girls). Segment Conveners Shri Rangachari presided over the function while Shri Rupachari was the chief guest on the occasion. The function was also graced by Mandal Education Officer Shri Ganga Singh and VV President Manik Rao. In all **16** schools participated in the function along with headmasters of four schools of the Mandal.

The Utnoor Segment was covered in the afternoon session where books were

distributed to 17 schools. A function was organized in the ZP High School, Utnoor. The Agency Dy. Education Officer Shri Meshram Manohar was the Chief Guest on the occasion and the headmistress Ms. I Kaushalya presided over the function. VV Secretary Shri G. Ravinder conducted the programme while Shri Ravinder Rao of Vandemataram Foundation was the main speaker. The programme coordinator of Ekalavya Foundation Shri Santosh was also present on the occasion.

**November 18, 2008:** Library books were distributed to 12 schools of Adilabad Segment in a function held in the Saraswati Shishumandir High school. The District Medical and Health Officer Shri Babu was the chief guest and Shri Gangadhar Reddy presided over the function. Shri Ravinder Rao of Vandemataram Foundation detailed the benefits of book-reading. Segment Convener Shri Shyam Kumar conducted the programme. The programme was also attended by VV Secretary Shri G Ravinder and Dr. Narasimha Reddy.

**November 20, 2008:** Ten (10) identified beneficiary Schools of Mancherial Mandal is scattered in a vast area and it was

not possible to gather a good number of schools in any single school premises to organize a function. Considering this geographical impediment, the VV Convener of the segment, Shri Malayshree was given the responsibility of reaching the sets of books to ten schools which he successfully accomplished.

Vandemataram Foundation took the responsibility of distribution of the sets of library books to 19 schools in Mahaboobnagar District of Andhra Pradesh. The sets were handed over to the Secretary of the Foundation Shri Madhav Reddy in Hyderabad.

The functions organized in various schools in Adilabad district was attended by hundreds of students and teachers and they enjoyed every bit of function. The students were happy too on getting reading materials other than routine text books.

The distribution of the library books to 100 schools was a part of Vidya Vahini Project -2008 - 09 of Ekalavya Foundation and was sponsored by Infosys Foundation, Bangalore.



## **VISITS** **(Education)**

### **SPR School of Excellence Ghatkesar**

A team comprising of 5 members visited the SPR School of excellence at Ghatkesar near Hyderabad to discuss making a blueprint on educational system sharing vivid experience. The discussion was lead by Shri PVG Reddy, Chairman, *Ekalavya Foundation* and it was attended by S/Shri Mallikarjun Reddy of NIIT School programme, Madhav Reddy and Ravinder of Vandemataram, Sripathi Reddy, Founder of SPR School of Excellence and Basudev Dass, Chief Executive of EF. The discussion continued with a brain-storming late night sessions on 24<sup>th</sup> March till it concluded at 7.30 p.m. the next day. A draft on educational project was prepared which would be kept in mind while doing anything good in future in educational sector. The aim of the education would be 'Community Empowerment through True Education' while formulating a project.

### **Ramachandra Mission**

The team also visited Ramachandra Mission which is engaged in providing spirituality based add-on value education. The 30<sup>th</sup> March of a full-day dialogue witnessed many a sessions having some practical demonstrations too.

## **(Health)**

The Chairman and the Chief Executive of the Foundation visited Jamkhed village in Maharashtra from 10 to 13 March 2009 to have an on the spot study of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project erected by Dr. Raj Arole, a recipient of Magsaysay Award for his achievements in rural health sector through bare-foot women village health workers.