



*The man who transformed the life of
thousands of students and gifted a
bright future*

RUDOLF SCHWARTZ

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MESSAGE



It gives me immense pleasure to know that Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation would be publishing a book on Mr. Rudolf Schwartz, a close friend of mine for last many years. I am always fascinated by this great man from Germany who came to Goa in the year 1991 as a tourist and did a tireless job for the upliftment of poor students of this country. Since I had been very much associated with him as well as ISEAF I am aware of the great work he has been doing here. Without any help from the Government, he managed to build three Industrial Training Institutes and provided jobs for 55 staff members, 3623 students completed their education under his scholarship scheme and 7500 students passed out from his Industrial Training Institutes. His home nursing bureau attended 7764 cases and provided nursing care.

I congratulate ISEAF for documenting Mr. Schwartz great work and wish all the best.

Mr. Pratapsingh Rane

MESSAGE



I have known Rudolf Schwartz for many years now, He was a close friend of my father. My father would often speak about the good work that Rudolf was doing in setting up the technical institutes in Siolim. This was sometime in 1994. Rudolf requested me to join the governing board of ISEAF in 2012 and it was then that I understood the enormity of his task and vision. ISEAF has come a long way over these 20+ years and that was only because the seed was sown by Rudolf and Elfie in 1990 has been nourished by him and the very able team he put in place under the guidance of Jacob Mathew and Stella Jacob.

The story of ISEAF has been one of tireless and selfless work and dedication and sacrifice of Rudolf and Elfie and the team they put in place to oversee their vision. Today the ISEAF has benefitted over 10,000 students and their families and provided them with a livelihood and a sense of pride. It is also a model to show that vocational training pays and there are jobs available to all students that pass.

ISEAF has also proved that it's possible to create a self-sustaining Institution in Education without the support of the Government.

I congratulate Rudolf and Elfie Schwartz on the success of ISEAF and consequently this magnificent book which tells the story.

Mr. Dean Menezes

Hon. Consul

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INTRODUCTION



“Our most intense joy comes not from personal feats, but from helping other persons achieve their goals. We become suppler human beings when we find true joy in witnessing other people’s success and unabashedly share in their joyful accomplishments”.

When you look back in the life of Mr. Rudolf Schwartz, we find the above words of Kilroy J. Oldster is true in letter and spirits. The readers would come across many such incidences throughout this book. He came as a tourist to this country in the year 1991. He fell in love with this beautiful place and worked tirelessly for more than 28 years. He never craved for fame or importance and his only goal was others success and joy. His choice was to work for the poor student community of the lower strata of our society. We witnessed that thousands and thousands of students benefitted from his hard work. He transformed these students life and gifted them with a bright future.

He built three multi-storeyed buildings and the required infrastructure and a strong organization, Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation, a creation of his own which is going to continue for many years to come. Being the president of this great organization it was felt that his great noble works are to be documented. Many people asked me whether it is a biography or autobiography and I told them it is neither an autobiography nor a biography but a documentation of the noble and great work of Mr. Rudolf Schwartz for the poor students of this country. Let me present this book for the information of our society.

Jacob Mathew

President & Chief Functionary

I.S.E.A.F.

FORWARD



There is no doubt that the name of Mr. Rudolf Schwartz is very familiar to a large section of the population in Goa, but his contribution to the growth of the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation (ISEAF) in Siolim, Goais not.

In this connection, Mr. Jacob Mathew and Ms. Reena Borkar have done very well to bring out this book which highlights the details of not just a towering personality that Rudolf is, but also the great legacy that he has left for us through the ISEAF. Surely, the magnanimous work accomplished by him deserves to be recognized and recorded in black and white for the state of Goa in particular, and for the world at large. He has contributed to the growth and shaping of Goa by transforming a large percentage of our youth who would otherwise have been languishing in despair without any hope. His has been a labour of infinite love!!

Jacob and Reena have articulated with appreciation the great legacy which this towering personality has left for us by beginning their book with details of Rudolf's early childhood. It was during this period that one very important aspect of his nature was formed. The immense compassion for poor children which he has, was instilled in his heart by his mother - not by words, but by action! She was a role model for him as she went about helping the destitute during the Second World War.

The book goes on to relate how Rudolf and his beloved wife Effie visited Goa in 1990, fell in love with its beautiful beaches and while walking on them came across many poor children. That's when his heart was stirred and he knew that he just had to make provision for their education and give them a future.

Rudolf started the Scholarship scheme for students with just 4 beneficiaries initially, to increase to more than 150 students every year!! But for this to happen, Rudolf had to make friends with other tourists from Sweden, Denmark, Holland, England, Switzerland and other European countries by using the help of masalas and Indian tea!!!

Step by step the path breaking journey of the ISEAF is traced out in this book with modest beginnings in Shri Bhumika Technical Institute, Palyem, Pernem, then on to the Keerti Vidyalayain Siolim, Goa

and ending with the Indo German Techno Centre also in Siolim. Through these Institutes, innumerable students who had dropped out from school were able to get empowered in one skill or another, and thereby earn their livelihood and be able to stand on their own feet.

Reading about the help given by Rudolf to so many orphans, when their own family members had forsaken them, brings tears to one's eyes. He has gone one step further and even extended tremendous financial aid to so many of the selected students for their medical treatment – be they juvenile diabetics, deaf children or those suffering from juvenile arthritis.

The authors have also listed the various institutions which have benefitted tremendously from the finances which Rudolf sent them. The help which sprang forth from his most generous heart even went out to the people whom he met in hotels, on the beach and to those who couldn't afford the treatment for their cancer. He has left a large number of people saturated with gratitude to this one figure who is an epitome of humility and hard work, compassion and empathy, far sighted with a spirit of enormous benevolence.

The book traces the history of the ISEAF citing the arduous journey which Rudolf went through while shepherding it. The turning point came in the year 2002 when Jacob Mathew took voluntary retirement from his job as the Headmaster of a school, and came on board to help Rudolf. From this point onwards, the organization went from strength to strength.

The authors have done well by listing the important benefactors in Germany who went a long way in helping Rudolf to accomplish the great task of financing the education and well-being of hundreds and hundreds of our Indian students. Of late, the Indian sponsors who have been helping out are also mentioned.

The book ends with a few stories of successful students whose lives were changed dramatically because of one man – Rudolf Schwartz – who came in their life. It is these stories, and also those of the majority of the ISEAF beneficiaries, which bring great satisfaction and fulfilment to him. Whenever he is in Goa, and he happens to meet one of them, tears of joy well up in his eyes.

What is not mentioned in the book, is that the incredible mission of Rudolf Schwartz in Goa has been carried forward by Jacob and Stella Mathew. Honesty, integrity and commitment have been the hallmark of their administration which has helped the ISEAF set a blazing trail in the field of education in Goa.

Rudolf, your noble work for the upliftment of poor students is etched in the archives of every grateful heart whose life you touched. You have left a monument of deep appreciation within each of them!

Prof. Gerard Delaney

Rtd. Principal Shantadurga Hr.Sec. Bicholim

& Hon. Vice President, ISEAF

PREFACE



When life throws hardships your way, seldom in the real world do you find a hand that is ready to help you get back up and running. This biography is about one such rarest of the rare human that I've come to know in this beautiful joyride called Life. Through this book, I aim to pay tribute to Rudolf - my guardian angel from Germany for his relentless and selfless service, for showering his unconditional love and for being instrumental in changing the course of my life and that of my family.

Dearer like family, kind akin to Mother Nature, a true nurturer who has made an indelible mark on thousands of Goan students like me by being the torchbearer of hope, of a better life.

It is because of him I know that boundaries of any kind don't exist and that one can achieve what one wants to if the heart is in the right place and the most important lesson of all is education can change everything.

Reena Borkar

Co-author & Student beneficiary

RUDOLF SCHWARTZ

"He came, he saw and he conquered: not the country, or wealth but the hearts of Indians!!"

In the early 1940s in Germany, the air across the country was filled with the smell of gunpowder. It was a time of great unrest as the Second World War was at its peak. The country needed fresh army recruits and they were hiring young boys in the army by the minute. Matthias Schwartz was one such soldier posted at Borssum and working dedicatedly with the other soldiers to shoot down the enemy war planes, that is, until the war began to lose momentum in 1942.

Soon after the war was over, Matthias met a lovely young girl called Agnes, their acquaintance flourished quickly into a great friendship and finally culminated into marriage. After a few months into their marriage, he got a duty call summoning him to go to Russia to fight the war. Matthias was heartbroken to leave his young bride who was now pregnant with their first child. If only he knew it was going to be a long while before he would reunite with his young wife and yet to be born child, he would have never left! Meanwhile, his first child was born in 1943, and was named Annemarie.



Rudolf's Parents Matthias and Agnes

The war in Russia continued for three more years and by the end of the war Matthias was mistakenly imprisoned as a war prisoner. He was far away from his family and unable to do a thing about it all, this feeling of helplessness filled him with a lot of anguish. Thankfully soon after he was acquitted of the war criminal charges as they realized their mistake. Besides, he was badly injured in the war and unable to serve the country anymore as a soldier. As a result of this he was sent back to Germany. By the time Matthias came home in 1946, Annemarie was all of three. It was a happy reunion for the young couple, with their hearts much lighter and eyes filled with tears of joy. The very next year, on 8th January 1947 their second child was born - Rudolf Schwartz, who later became very popular in India by changing the life of many children and gifted them with a bright future. Rudolf and his family lived in a tiny village called Emden very close to the coastal waters of the North Sea, about 400 kms from the German capital of Berlin.

Their family grew and Rudolf's younger brother Heinrich was born on 7th July 1949. Born just 2 years

apart, Rudolf and Heinrich developed a close bond and they were each other's confidants, and first friends. Their family was completed by the birth of their youngest sister who was born after 17 years. She too was born on 7th of July just like Heinrich, meaning a double celebration in the Schwartz household. Rudolf had another sister who was born with some deformities; she couldn't survive and died within 10 months.



Rudolf's first day in School

Rudolf's childhood was spent in a rural area close to the harbour front where most of the people from the village worked at the shipyard. The war bombings had left many houses damaged, killing several people and destroying multiple households. Many fathers and brothers were killed in the war forcing the housewives and children to survive without a steady income at hand. With the bread winners being killed, the village was stricken with poverty with mothers unable to provide for the basic needs of the children including providing them a square meal.

Luckily for Rudolf, his maternal grandparents had a bakery thus providing a steady source of income to support the family. As this alone wasn't enough, his family simultaneously started cultivating vegetables, mainly potatoes. Alongside, rearing of pigs ensured enough meat and food for the family.

The house where Rudolf was born.

Rudolf's first lesson in sharing came from Agnes, his benevolent mother. Even though they were not wealthy, yet, she provided food to children from poor families in the neighbourhood. This sowed a big seed of kindness in young Rudolf's heart and mind, steered by feelings of compassion and affinity towards them he started developing empathy towards the underprivileged.



Children from poor families couldn't maintain proper hygiene and often came to schools in unkempt condition, thus drawing the contempt of some teachers, mostly those belonging to the Nazi way of life. These students were expelled from normal schools and sent to inferior schools for children with very low learning capabilities and behavioural issues. Because of which, such children were scorned upon and neglected and didn't get the education they deserved. Rudolf, felt pained to see such misery and injustice and became friends with these children. These kids loved interacting with Rudolf and his sister, and their friendship grew stronger with time, so much so that they remain good friends till date.

As a child, Rudolf was a very fussy and poor eater, much to the chagrin of his parents. As he was not fond of eating, he was a very thin child causing a lot of worry to his mother. She took him to a lot of doctors to understand the root cause of this predicament. The doctors who examined him found nothing wrong with his health and advised Agnes to stop worrying about it. His aversion to food continued for a long time and grew worse with time; so much so that the moment food was served at home he would try to run away. Many times, running out of the house, his elder sister Annemarie would then chase him and beat him. Since he was not eating and refused to drinking milk, his mother started calling him Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi had gained widespread popularity across Asia and

Europe owing to his Satyagraha and fasting, and he was a well-known political figure in Germany too. This was Rudolf's very first brush with India.

Rudolf's fascination for sports started very young. He vividly remembers playing the game of football for the first time at the age of eight and how the adrenaline pumping action had a lasting effect on him. The thrill of chasing the ball would exhilarate him like nothing else. No wonder the heart thumping game has stood the test of time and has emerged as the most popular game in the world continuing to be Rudolf's favourite pastime, albeit now as a viewer.

But football wasn't Rudolf's favourite sport, it was rowing. Rowing was what Rudolf's heart was set on with the unpredictable waters, sometimes serene and on some occasions choppy, thus making the crazy chase right in the middle of a river or lake truly exciting and one that he couldn't take his mind off.



Rudolf's parents with his siblings.

This fixation for rowing started one fine evening when Matthias took the young Rudolf to watch a rowing race. He remembers not blinking an eyelid during the whole chase sequence how he had decided that very night to learn this thrilling sport and become a member of the rowing club. But there was one roadblock on his way to this coveted dream; he didn't know how to go about securing it. One day at school, Rudolf got to know that the Headmaster of his school was an elite member of the club. As soon as the headmaster got to know about Rudolf's love for the water sport, he supported Rudolf and encouraged him further and helped him to join the club.

Rudolf was a bright child and a quick learner, this helped him to take up the new sport with ease and as the years went on he became a popular player. At the same time, Rudolf was also mastering his football skills. Although he was a good player he always played as a back and didn't get a chance to showcase his sprinting and acceleration which was better than most of the boys. These skills really helped him to play as a forward later and he got a chance to score many goals.

Rudolf along with his rowing club friends after winning the trophy.

But his heart truly belonged to the rowing club, and as destiny would have it, many years later he would find his life partner Elfie, courtesy the rowing club. Rudolf's charming and affable mannerism helped him forge great friendships with many people at the club. Rudolf got the opportunity to play with two of the most successful members of the rowing club namely, Thomas Hitzbleck and Manfred Weinreich who had won many prizes together in the two men boat races.



MEETING ELFIE

The rowing club was in Emden situated across a beautiful river and had hosted some fun revelries. It was at one such rowing club party that Rudolf met Elfie Zeidler for the first time. Elfie stayed a few kilometers away from the club and was at the party with some of her friends. Incidentally, Elfie and her friends did not get a place to sit and that's when Rudolf intervened and managed to find one for them to comfortably enjoy the party.

The financial condition of Rudolf's family was not very good as a result of which he was finding it very difficult to continue the activities at the rowing club. His parents could not afford to pay the fees and thus he was forced to start looking for a job. He was accessing various options.

There was a bank at Emden called the "**STADTSPERKASSE EMDEN**". As an eleven years old, Rudolf had accompanied one of his neighbours to this bank. The Manager immediately took a liking for the boy and also gave him a lot of postal stamps. Stamp collection was one of Rudolf's favourite hobbies, and this made him very happy. Over the years their friendship grew and at the age of 16 he started working at the same bank on a contract for 3 years. At the end of the contract he had the choice of appearing for an examination. There was a promise to secure a permanent job if he could clear the exam. After working for just two years in the bank, he was confident of passing the examination. Thus he made a special request to his boss to allow him to write the examination at least six months earlier. This was against the rules laid down by the bank but as they say every rule has an exception. After Rudolf's relentless efforts, the bank officials finally allowed Rudolf to write the examination earlier than usual. He passed the examination and thus secured a permanent job at the bank.

SERVED IN BORDER POLICE

After the age of eighteen years it was compulsory during those days to serve the army for a period of at least 18 months. There was another option which many people did not know about – namely, they could join the border police instead of joining the army. Rudolf decided to join the police because of the better wages from them. While the army paid 80 German Marks, the border police paid 440 Marks every month. Besides he could earn another 400 Marks for not using the barracks. He was posted at Emden itself and was able to stay at home.

His boss in the border police once told him about an advertisement of the Central bank of Germany asking for applications from deserving candidates. The salary was more than double of that at his previous bank. He decided to apply for the job. His previous banking experience helped him to be selected for the post.

He went to meet the Manager of his previous bank to thank him for all his help. Rudolf also told him that he wanted to work in the new bank as it paid much more than what he was getting in his bank. Without saying anything he turned his face and Rudolf realized that he was angry with him.

MARRIAGE



Rudolf weds Elfie Zeidler.

Friendship with Elfie grew day after day. They became close to each other and decided to get married. In those days couples were not allowed to stay together unless they were married, and on 14th March 1969 they were united together in a Protestant church. The friends of the rowing club were with them to help in all the arrangements.

Only 15 days were left to complete his assignment with the border police, and on completing it, he was appointed as Office Assistant in the Central Bank of Germany. His posting was in Oldenburg where he worked for the next 30 years.

FROM EMDEN TO OLDENBURG



The young couple rented an apartment in Oldenburg as he was posted there. Elfie decided to continue her education in the University. Their first son was born in the year 1969. He was named Andre Schwartz. He became a technical engineer. The other son Gerrit was born on 1st of December 1973. Presently he is working as an Information Technology (IT) Manager.

In the year 1972 the couple bought a house in Oldenburg and moved into it from their rented flat. In 1979 they found a good plot of land and decided to build a house there. When the work was completed they shifted to their new house and are still living in it.

Rudolf spent most of his time working in this bank till his retirement

INDIA - THE INSPIRATION

Some of their friends from the village decided to visit India by road. It was an adventure trip. Around 4 of them bought a minibus and decided to drive through Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to Sri Lanka. They came to the beautiful state of Goa in India and stayed for some time in the coastal village of Baga. They liked the beautiful beaches and enjoyed Goan food. The entire trip took almost two years and they reached back safely. Mr. Juergen and Rita were two members in the group. Juergen married his girlfriend Angelika 18 years later. For their honeymoon they decided to go to the same place Baga and were very happy. After the trip when they returned to Germany, Juergen spoke about this wonderful place of Goa and Baga to Rudolf and Elfie. Listening to him both Elfie and Rudolf decided to make a trip there.

They could not come immediately to India as their sons being young were not able to manage by themselves, but they finally made it in the year 1990. They stayed in Baga for more than a month and enjoyed each and every day of their holiday.



Rudolf hired a motorbike and both of them wandered through different beaches and villages where he observed many things. Indians are intelligent people but many were very poor with their children working in fields and not going to school. He felt that if these children were given an opportunity to learn, they would be able to do miracles in their life!

He felt in his inner being that having enjoyed the beaches, the good food and the hospitality of the people, he and Elfie had to give them something back in return. Unlike other tourists the thought came strongly to his mind that he just had to do something for the Indians. So they went back to Germany carrying a lot of ideas and dreams with them.

MR. VINCENT UMBERTO D'SOUZA



Rudolf had many ideas and he discussed them with Elfie but they needed the help of some local persons to execute the plans. They used to go regularly to Tito's restaurant for breakfast. They found a well-mannered waiter in this restaurant and became friends with him. Elfie sensed and told him that Vincent is the right person who could help them. He also felt the same thing. So he called Vincent and told him. "I want to sponsor some poor students who are intelligent. I can provide money for their education. Will you be able to find such students for me?" Being a good man he readily agreed and went to his old St. Francis Xavier High School, Siolim. He reported to the Principal who gave the names of four students.

That was the beginning of his great work in India!!

The four students selected from the SFX High School were Mr. Viviano Fernandes, Ms. Valankani Fernandes, Mr. Samir Naik and Mr. Antonio Fernandes. All students were from Siolim except Mr. Viviano Fernandes, who was from Morjim, the neighbouring village. Mr. Vincent was given sufficient money for the educational expenditure of these children and he paid them as and when they required the money.

Mr. Schwartz shared his ideas with his German friends and many of them responded positively. The next time when he came to India he brought more money and names of more sponsors. This time he asked Vincent to get more students as he wanted to sponsor at least 20 students. Vincent was a waiter

in a hotel and to contact schools and get students was not an easy job for him. He contacted a classmate of his Ms. Liberata Fernandes who worked as a teacher in Mount Carmel High School, Arambol. She immediately advised Vincent to come to her school and introduced him to Mrs. Stella Jacob who was the Headmistress of the School. Mrs. Jacob welcomed Mr. Vincent and gave him a list of seven students.



She then introduced a few of her friends to him who were heads of schools and asked Vincent to meet them. One of them was Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo, the Headmaster of St. Francis Xavier High School, Moira.

Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo.

Vincent got sufficient number of students and reported back to Mr. Rudolf. Mr. Rudolf wanted to meet Mrs. Jacob and so Vincent took an appointment with her for a meeting. With the first meeting itself Mr. Schwartz was impressed by Mrs. Jacob. Now he managed to get the names of 20 students for getting scholarships. Mr. Schwartz told her that he wanted to expand the scheme of scholarship and gradually to start an organization to continue this work.



Mrs. Stella Jacob

He also asked her whether she could be the President of this organization. She told him that she was very busy as Headmistress of the school and was also a housewife and wouldn't be able to do justice to the work of the organization. However she suggested the name of another Headmaster, namely Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo. Mrs. Jacob had worked earlier as a senior teacher under him. She asked Vincent to take an appointment with Mr. Cardozo and to meet him along with Rudolf Schwartz.

Rudolf asked Vincent whether he would work for him leaving his job as a waiter, as he was very happy with him. He promised Vincent that he would pay him more salary than what he was getting as a waiter. Vincent was staying in a rented place along with his wife Bella and his little son Dietmar.

One day Vincent asked Mrs. Jacob whether he could visit her house along with Mr. Schwartz, and she agreed. Shortly later, around 5:00 p.m. Vincent and Rudolf came to their house at Mapusa. This happened in the year 1993. Stella introduced her husband Mr. Jacob Mathew to him. He was curious about what Mr. Jacob was doing. He was told that Jacob was the Headmaster of the Bhumika English School which was started by his cousin Mr. A.K. Mathew. The managing body of this school is the Universal Education Trust.



Mr. Jacob Mathew

The conversation prolonged for more than an hour. During the conversation Jacob informed Rudolf that his school was in a remote village called Palye in the Pernem taluka. There were many dropout students in this area and if a technical institute could be started for them, Rudolf would get a good response with many poor students getting the benefit of it. Mr. Schwartz listened to him

very carefully and while leaving said, "Prepare a project report and when I come next year we will do whatever is possible".

Meanwhile, when Mr. Schwartz was in Goa he was getting a lot of requests. Many schools wanted to start tailoring classes for girls. The number of students increased as more and more students started asking for scholarships.

Vincent wanted to build a house of his own. He told Mr. Schwartz that once it was constructed, it could be also be used as an office of the organization .Mr. Rudolf agreed to his suggestion and gave him money to buy a plot of land in Fernandes Vaddo, Siolim. He also paid for the construction of the house. In a record time Vincent managed to construct the house and he used one of the rooms in the front as the office of the organization to pay money to the students and maintain proper records.

The number of the student beneficiaries increased to 110 in 1994. During his visit in November 1994, Rudolf came to Jacob and Stella's house once again. Jacob was ready with the project report to start a vocational training centre in his school in Palye, and invited him to visit the school. He went along with Vincent and Jacob explained to him, how he planned to run the institute. On an experimental basis, they would start with two courses of Turner and Electrician. They had two ex- students who could teach these subjects and they agreed to work for a minimum salary.

Mr. Schwartz was very much impressed as Jacob told him that for the first year one room would be provided and with a partition they could conduct two classes. He agreed to this suggestion.

Many people sought to meet Mr. Rudolf including some priests and nuns. Besides he used to visit a few schools. Since, the number of students increased he felt the need to meet all the students together. St. Anthony's school Duler, Mapusa, offered their premises for the meeting. That was the first meeting of the beneficiaries of the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation (ISEAF) along with the founder Rudolf Schwartz, Vincent D'souza, Stella Jacob and Tomazinho Cardozo, who were present for the meeting. At this meeting a decision was taken to form an organization and to register it. Mr. Cardozo took the initiative to find an advocate to draft the constitution and bylaws of the organization. He introduced Vincent to the advocate Mr. Colwalkar and from then he met him and followed up on the work.

Every year Rudolf and Elfie made it a point to come to Goa in the month of November and go back to Germany in the first week of December. Again they would be back by 15th of January the following year and go back in the first week of March. This was their regular program. They always stayed in the Ronil Royale Resort Baga, owned by Mr. Cipriano Barretto. Year after year the number of guests from Germany increased. Besides Germans, Rudolf made friends with other tourists from England, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands etc. They all appreciated his work and encouraged him by sponsoring some students.

Gradually Baga became a meeting place where Mr. Rudolf Schwartz advertised the work of his organization – the ISEAF.

Dr. Ernest Rodrigues from Curtorim, Goa, was a practicing medical doctor as well as a social worker. He contacted Rudolf and asked him to visit Curtorim. He was the chairman of the St. Alex high school and higher secondary school. Rudolf hired a car and took Vincent, Stella and Jacob along with him to Curtorim. They met Dr. Manuel Soares who was the President of the Education Society to which Dr.

Ernest belonged. They visited the high school as well as the higher secondary section which was running a milk dairy farm for the vocational course. The Education Society needed some finance to promote this dairy farm. Rudolf agreed to pay 50,000/- rupees.

It was time to officially register ISEAF organization as a charitable society/ trust. By now it was clear who should be its members. Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo agreed to be the President, Mrs. Stella Jacob was selected as the Secretary and Mr. Vincent U. D'souza as Treasurer. Jacob Mathew, Dr. Ernest Rodrigues and Dr. Manuel Soares were made the Governing council members. The organization was registered on 30th October 1995 and named as the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation with Reg. No.:- 133/Goa/95 under the Societies registration act 1860. This registration gave credibility to the organization.

BHUMIKA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

This institute is a land mark in the history of ISEAF. The first batches were started for Turner and Electrician's courses with just 65,000/- Rupees. Mr. Jacob Mathew along with two incumbent teachers Mr. Harischandra Parab and Mr. Dasharath Mandrekar went to Belgaum and bought a turning machine and few tools and equipment. A partition was made with plywood and space was made to accommodate 20 students in each class.

The response from the students and parents was very good. 20 students were registered for the turner trade and another 20 for the electrician trade. Both the teachers were the ex-students of the school. Harischandra Parab was working in Mumbai as a turner and his experience in Mumbai made him an efficient teacher. Dasharath Mandrekar completed Industrial Training Institute course under NCVT (National Council of Vocational Training) a govt. of India certificate, in Electrician trade. He was a very good teacher for his trade. Students started coming from the neighboring villages of Arambol, Keri, Korgao, Mandrem, Morjim and even Pernem. Palye was a dormant village all these years and now when young boys started coming from other villages it inspired the locals too. Both these courses were very successful. When Rudolf and Elfie came in the month of November 1996, he was really surprised to see the number of students in the trades and congratulated Mr. Jacob Mathew and the staff members.

Mr. Rudolf was very excited and told him to start more trades. Shortage of accommodation was a problem, but this was solved by Rudolf asking Jacob to build one more floor to the existing building, with Mr. Rudolf offering to foot the bill. He also told Jacob to start the work as early as possible.



Mr. Jacob submitted a rough estimate of three lakh rupees for the construction. Rudolf immediately started to send money to Vincent as per the needs. Jacob appointed the same contractor who helped him to construct the ground floor of the building, namely Mr. Dattaram Mandrekar. A carpenter from the village was appointed for doing the roof work, the doors and windows. The work was completed in a record time of six months. When Rudolf came in the month of November 1997, the building was completed and the following new trades were added: Plumbing, Computer, Fabrication and Tailoring, cutting and embroidery.

Meanwhile, Governing Council meetings were being held in the house of the President as ISEAF did not have an office and the work of paying scholarships to students was done in Vincent's house itself.

Since Vincent is from the village of Siolim and the first four students were also from the same place, Vincent suggested that ISEAF might start another Technical Institute at Siolim. Coincidentally, Mr. Ganesh Santavalekar, Headmaster of Keerti Vidyalaya High School at Siolim approached Rudolf requesting him to start a technical institute in his school. The management of the school agreed to donate some land for the construction of a shed. The school was in a bad shape as the classes were held in different houses. Rudolf agreed to construct one or two rooms for the school and besides he decided to construct a shed to start the workshop for the practical classes.

Rudolf managed to collect money from Germany. By this time a parallel organization was registered in Germany called *Ausbildungshilfe Indien eV* (which translates as '*Education help for India*'). Mr. Rudolf was elected as its President with its office in Achterdiek 66a, 26131 Oldenburg, Germany.

The German government had a scheme for under developed countries and for the small scale projects, 75% amount would be paid by the government provided that the balance amount of 25% was put up by the local organization in Germany. There was a lot of paper work to be done for this just like in India!! So Mr. Rudolf had to make many visits to the office and to meet many people. Due to his hard work and determination he succeeded in getting the grant from the German Government.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Though, just started with only four students, ISEAF kept growing year after year into a big organization. Students applied from different parts of Goa. All the heads of schools and higher secondary schools were informed about the scheme and a prescribed application form was sent to them every year.

The Head of the institution returned these duly filled application forms of selected students to the ISEAF office and after proper scrutiny and short listing of names, the deserving students were called for a personal interview and then selected. The criteria for selection were minimum marks of 50% at the Secondary i.e. SSC exam and the student should be from a poor family.

Every year 150 students were selected. The total number had grown to 600 in the first five years and every year the number kept increasing. When the students visited the office, they were also counseled by the staff. In case they needed additional help other than for educational needs, such students were helped with Family Assistance. When the bread winner or the earning member of the family suddenly expired, such families were helped by Rudolf. In some cases he would find additional sponsors for them later, if required.

There used to be a get together of all ISEAF students and the staff and students of Technical Institutes. Earlier it was held in school halls. But later it was shifted to the Hanuman theatre in Mapusa as the number of participants increased considerably. This was an opportunity for the students to meet Rudolf and interact with him.

The work of the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation became well known and popular among the Goans. Besides scholarship, some schools and organizations asked help for starting of vocational institutes as both Keerti and Bhumika Technical Institutes became very popular. Rudolf along with the expert committee of ISEAF visited Curtorim since there were two Board members from this place. He decided to start an institute there with two trades at St. Rita's school of Maina Parish. Fr. Diego took the initiative and Dr. Soares was very interested in starting electrician and computer classes. ISEAF provided all the required tools and equipments for both the trades. Two teachers were also appointed. But the response from the students was not good. There was nobody to supervise the classes and gradually this had to be closed down.

Holy Cross sisters of Bastora requested to start plumbing trade in their institute. A teacher was appointed and tools and equipment were purchased for them. Classes were started there but unfortunately there was no proper supervision and so finally this had to be closed down as well.

Later in Zuari Nagar Vasco, another institute was started as the nuns from a convent requested ISEAF to start plumbing trade for the drop out students. Here again history was repeated and it had to be closed down. So finally it was decided not to go for any new institutes but to concentrate on the existing two in Palyem and Siolim.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Rudolf was inspired with a new idea called school partnership. A school from Oldenburg Germany called Wallschule was selected. The students were told about the poor conditions of some schools in India and particularly about the Keerti Vidyalaya School in Siolim. To improve the facilities in such schools the students contributed money. The students of the German school also wrote about the different activities in their school and sent the money collected through Rudolf. The money was used for the welfare activities of the school.

On 4th February 2005 he established such a school partnership between Altes Gymnasium, Oldenburg, Germany and Sanjeevan a registered NGO at Nageshi, Ponda. More about this organization is given later in the book.

A third school partnership was established between Wallschule, Oldenburg and the Bhumika English School, Palye. The activities were exchanged and photographs were sent by the school in Palye. A children's park was subsequently built for this Goan school with the money collected by the partnership.

TAILORING CLASSES AND SEWING MACHINES.

In order to empower girls from rural areas, Rudolf started tailoring classes in the villages of Anjuna, Arambol, Aldona, Moira and Assonora. Machines were sponsored by "Freeze and Wolff", which is an advertising company in Oldenburg Germany. Each unit got sufficient machines and a teacher was appointed. This ran well for a few years but unfortunately since there was nobody to supervise things, the students did not come regularly. Teachers also were not present regularly. Hence these tailoring classes were stopped. In the Bhumika and the Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institutes, tailoring classes were also introduced and these were very successful.

RUDOLF'S COMPASSION FOR ORPHAN STUDENTS

Once students were selected by the ISEAF, Mr. Rudolf considered them as his family members!! He would go out of his way to help them if needed. He was very compassionate to the family of orphans and helped them to complete their education and provided financial assistance even for the food and other requirements.

Deepali Kengar



Deepali Kengar was a student of XIth class when her father died of tuberculosis (TB). Her mother had to look after all four children. Deepali was the eldest among them. Suraj was her younger brother and she had two sisters younger to her namely Sonam and Akshata, all of them were schooling. After one year her mother also died. Her father had been working for Zuari Agro Chemicals a firm in Zuarinagar, Vasco, and along with the mother, was from Karnataka. They were not having any relatives here in Goa.

Rudolf took upon himself the responsibility of this family and provided all kinds of help. Later he found a good friend of his Mr. Hermann Pothoff and his wife Mrs. Rita Pothoff, from Cologne, Germany who offered to look after the four children. They adopted them as their children and did everything for them. This relationship started in the year 2004. Now three of them completed their education, and are presently working. The youngest one is in the final year of pharmacy (B.Pharm).

Mr. Hermann Pothoff and his wife Rita Pothoff visited, Pune to bless the wedding

of Deepali Kengar, the eldest of the four siblings adopted by them.

Deepali the eldest daughter got married in the month of February 2019. Mr. Herman and Mrs. Rita Pothoff came all the way from Germany to bless her marriage. These

children, who were staying in a slum area, bought a flat with their own money and are presently staying in it!!



REGINA N. P. DIAS

Regina lost her father late Rosario Dias on 29th October 2005. He was the only earning member of the family. She had lost her mother few years earlier to her father's death. Regina's elder sister Rosan Dias was 20 years at that time. She has a brother younger to her called Sabino Dias. Regina was in the XIth class and Sabino in the VIIIth class when their father died. There was no responsible relative willing to help them. The only person attached to them was their grandmother. Mr. Rudolf was very

much touched by the sad story of these three children. He promised them that he would look after them, and Regina was given a scholarship. She got an excellent sponsor in Mrs. Annette Berger from Germany who considered all three children as her own and they found a second mother in her. After a few years Rosan completed her graduation and went to Pune for job. Surprisingly she ignored the younger siblings and never kept in touch with them. Regina and her younger brother stayed in their father's house. Rudolf visited them many times. Regina completed her post-graduation in Goa and managed to go to London where she completed her MBA from the University of "SunderLand". Presently she is working in Hyderabad in a firm and got married to Mr. Gladstone Gonsalves. Sabino completed his graduation and is presently working for a private firm in Goa. Rudolf was very happy that he could bring out the best in these children even when their relatives were not ready to help them.

Prajakta Shirgaonkar



Prajakta was a resident of Kakoda in Quepem, when she joined the ISEAF family in the year 2005. She had lost her father three years earlier. After her father's death her mother Nirmala looked after her. But seven months before joining ISEAF, she lost her mother due to bone cancer. She had a sister younger to her. After her mother's death she went to her uncle's house (mother's brother) along with her younger sister Priyanka. They were not comfortable there and decided to go to an orphanage called Valentina's Little Heaven in Colva.

When Mr. Rudolf heard her story, he was very compassionate towards these girls and wanted to help them. Fortunately for Prajakta, Mrs. Jessica Weiss agreed to sponsor her education. Besides the regular scholarship, she was also given family assistance for other expenditure. Mrs. Ursula Wolff agreed to sponsor her younger sister Priyanka. Prajakta completed her graduation and is presently working. Rudolf helped her by giving her a loan to get back a house which was allotted to her father before his death. Since he could not pay the installments in time, Prajakta could not get the house in her name. When Rudolf came to know about it he paid the entire amount as a loan and she got back the house. Now Prajakta completed her graduation and is working.

Manisha and her siblings

Manisha (right), Manila her sister (left) & her brother Mandar

This is another touching story how Rudolf changed the life of three orphan children. Manisha joined the family of ISEAF in the year 2007. She was a student of XIth class and lost her father. Her mother was looking after her. Unfortunately her mother met with an accident and was admitted in Goa Medical College Hospital. After some days her mother also passed away. Suddenly, the young girl of 18 years had to shoulder the responsibility of the younger siblings Mandar and Manila.



Mandar was 13 years old and a student of VIIIth class while Manila was 11 years and in the VIth class. Manisha had to see to both her siblings and besides she had to find time for herself. Her parents were from Maharashtra and they did not have any relatives here in Goa. They stayed in a village in Pernem called Korgao. The only person who helped the children was her father's friend whom they called uncle. Manisha decided to discontinue her education. When the story of these children, were informed to Rudolf he requested Jacob and Stella to visit the children and convince them to continue their education. He also instructed that they should be paid some money immediately. Rudolf found three sponsors for them. They were Mrs. Petra Bosse, Mrs. Renate Eckelmann and Dr. Mrs. Anne Arnold. They were very good to the children. Many times they visited them and sent regular help to the children. Manisha completed her post-graduation in Chemistry and another post graduate diploma in Industrial Chemistry. Presently she is working as Quality Control officer in a famous pharmaceutical company called "Glenmark". Both Mandar and Manila completed their education and are presently working.

Rudolf helped many children not only by providing them educational expenses but also for their other expenditure. This changed their lives and gave them a better position in society. When their own people refused to help them, Mr. Schwartz appeared like a guardian angel for them.

Hazel Fernandes



Hazel is working as a Software Engineer for an IT firm at Verna, Goa. She joined the family of ISEAF in the year 2005. She had lost her father who was a bank employee, due to a massive heart attack. Her mother, who was unemployed, was forced to take up the big responsibility of seeing to the needs of three children, single handedly. Hazel was 15 years old, her brother Rinaldi was 12 years and was a student of VIIIth Std and her younger sister Zelda was 8 years and a student of IIIrd Std. They were living along with Hazel's father's brother in a common house. After her father's death, the uncle and his family troubled them and finally they had to vacate the house. Her mother decided to build a small house in another property owned by her father. But while constructing the house they realized that they would not be able to complete it as they had insufficient money. Hazel came to the ISEAF office along with her mother and fortunately Mr. Rudolf was present there. He listened to her story patiently and carefully, and decided to give a loan of Rs. 1 lakh. It was a big surprise for the mother and daughter and they thanked him. The entire loan was repaid by Hazel after she got a job and the family is now living in the new house!

INDIAN TEA AND MASALA

Rudolf and Elfie now became regular visitors to Goa, and Baga, they considered as their second home. Tourists from other countries also became their close friends. Now ISEAF started getting sponsors from Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, England, Switzerland and other European countries. They often met in restaurants and discussed about Rudolf's social work in India.

He liked Indian Masala and became an expert in preparing Indian dishes. When he went back to Germany he carried masala as well as Indian Tea. He would invite his German friends and prepare Indian food for them using the spices which he carried with him from India. In between he talked about the work he did in India. While leaving he gave them a packet of Indian tea and masala for those who showed interest. This way, the number of sponsors increased regularly.

KEERTI VIDYALAYA ESTABLISHMENT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

As stated earlier the management of Keerti Vidyalaya High School which was being run by Vivekanand Education Society, leased out/ donated a part of their land for constructing a shed for Technical Institute. In return Rudolf built five rooms for the school building out of which two rooms were utilized for running the office of ISEAF and the classes of the technical Institute were held in the shed .As more and more students came for admission, the institute required more and more space.

Rudolf proposed to the management that he be allowed to construct another two stories in the existing shed, so that the rooms occupied by ISEAF in the school building could be used by the school itself. The management agreed to his proposal and the work started. An engineer was called and the building was constructed according to his advice. The roof of the existing building was demolished and a concrete slab cast on it with another floor built on the top of it. The Asbestos sheets used for the earlier roof was used for the top floor.

FROM BANKER TO REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

Rudolf enjoyed his work in Deutsche Bundesbank. He appeared for many bank tests and got promoted for the higher posts. During those days he came in contact with an architect who was looking for a business partner to construct houses. Rudolf always thought about starting a business in the construction line and both of them decided to start a business in partnership. The work was very tedious. Unlike in India he often had to do the work of a laborer, a mason and a carpenter as well. Since labor was very expensive in Germany, he had to do a lot of physical work. They carried on this work for seven years, realized that they could not make much profit from it and so stopped it.

However the passion for real estate business still remained with him. During those days his brother Heinrich who lived in Berlin invited him to do some business with him there. He readily agreed and they started building flats on the top of houses. They could sell these flats with a good profit. When the business flourished they bought some old houses with flats and renovated them and gave them on rent to customers. In 1989 the two Germany's were united and in East Germany many houses were sold cheaply. But people were not ready to take them on rent.

Hence they decided to convert them as holiday flats. This clicked very well and their business flourished. More partners were added to the business and many people got employed in this firm. More than 30 people were working for him. Then the government brought some restrictions in renting out holiday flats which forced him to sell some of them. The remaining flats were given on normal rental basis. In the year 1998 when he was 51 years old, Rudolf decided to retire from the Deutsche Bundesbank and to concentrate on Real Estate business.

RUDOLF FACES A VERY BIG CHALLENGE IN THE YEAR 2002

The scholarship scheme was working very well. ISEAF by now was a registered Organization. The number of students getting financial help increased to more than 600. Both the institutes started functioning well. More and more trades were added. The founder president of the organization Mr. Tomazinho Cardozo became the speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly. He did not have time to manage the ISEAF and hence told Mr. Rudolf that he could not do justice to the post of President as he now had many more responsibilities and have resigned from the post of President of ISEAF. This was a very big shock for Rudolf. In the meantime, one of the sponsors Mr. Ramen Mukherji, joined ISEAF as a Governing council member. Like Rudolf, he also came regularly to Goa and stayed in a flat in Baga which he owned. Besides, Tomazinho's wife, Mrs. Irene Cardozo also joined as a member of the governing council.



Mr. Ramen Mukherji

The Governing Council met in the Keerti Vidyalaya office on 12th February 2003 and elected Mr. Ramen Mukherji as the President of ISEAF. Mr. Francis Fernandes who was elected as the Secretary of the organization also resigned quoting personal reasons. Mr. Ganesh Santawlekar who did a lot of work to bring up Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute was co-opted in the Governing Council and elected as Secretary in the place of Mr. Francis Fernandes.

In the year 2002 Rudolf faced a serious problem with regard to Umberto Vincent's handling of the finances of ISEAF. He felt it was time for him to shift the responsibility of managing of ISEAF to a more efficient, dependable and a resourceful person as his relation with Vincent took an unpleasant turn. Rudolf was fully convinced that if the organization continued to be in Vincent's hand, ISEAF would be doomed. Hence he decided to do away with his services for the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation.

Understanding the gravity of the problem Mr. Jacob agreed to retire from his job as headmaster of his school in Palyem and to work for the ISEAF. He also agreed to manage the scheme of scholarships as well as the running of both the Technical Institutes. This was a great relief for Rudolf. Mr. Jacob was elected as the treasurer of ISEAF and was also appointed as the Director of the Technical Institutes of ISEAF.

BUILDING OF KEERTI VIDYALAYA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMPLETED



Mr. Jacob took over the construction of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute. The work of the previous contractor was terminated and, Mr. Datta Mandrekar who constructed the Bhumika Technical Institute was appointed as the labour - contractor. Materials were supplied as per the requirement. Rudolf saw that money was sent in time. In a record time the work was completed.

In the place of the old shed, a beautiful three storied building was completed. ISEAF's office was on the first floor and all the other rooms were used for classes. Rooms in the old building were handed over to the school. Students from different parts of Goa came to this office to collect their scholarship. ISEAF meetings were held in the office. The Home Nursing Bureau also started functioning well and the office was always crowded.

The number of student beneficiaries increased considerably and crossed 850. The Nursing Bureau became very popular and many people started visiting the office to avail the services of the nurses. The admissions of the technical institute also increased. Rudolf was very happy to see the progress of his organization.

STUDENTS GET MEDICAL HELP

Many students got family assistance besides the educational expenditure known as "scholarship". There was another group of students who were provided medical help according to their needs. The details of just a few such fortunate ones can be found below:

KAJAL CHODANKAR



Kajal is from Sodiem, Siolim who joined the family of ISEAF in the year 1996 as a student of XIth class. She was very intelligent and a topper in her class. Besides she was very good in cultural activities especially in "dancing". Her problem was that she was a Juvenile Diabetic. Treating juvenile diabetes is very expensive. She had to take insulin injections two or three times a day depending on her sugar level. Her parents were poor and could not afford to pay for the insulin. When Rudolf came to know about it he offered to get the insulin for her from Germany. Besides he brought injection pens and needles. Since she had to check the sugar level constantly he brought a glucometer for her also. This was continued for more than 10 years. Finally she completed her post-graduation and B.Ed. (Bachelor of Education). She got a teacher's job in Holy Cross High School, Siolim, near her house. She got married soon and settled. Kajal is extremely grateful to Rudolf for all the help and support given to her. It was only due to him that she can lead a happy family life and is forever indebted to Mr. Schwartz.

REENA BORKAR



Reena Borkar joined the ISEAF family in the year 2002. In the words of Jacob Matthew 'Reena was the most favorite student of Mr. Rudolf Schwartz'. She was a student of XIth class science stream from Guardian Angel Higher Secondary School, Curchorem. Unlike other students, she was literally carried by her father to the ISEAF office. She was suffering from a severe case of polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis and was unable to walk. Till the age of 12 she was a normal child until one day when her ankles got swollen and within a month all her joints were affected. The doctors told her parents that there was no known cure and that there was irreversible damage to her major joints, the ailment could be controlled with heavy medication which had disturbing side effects but most of the dosages were to alleviate pain.

Reena was the eldest child in the family. Her father Mr. Rajan Borkar was a Hindu and her mother Elizabeth was from a

Catholic family and had faced a lot of resistance from their respective families at the time of their marriage. But the bond of the couple was so strong that both her father and mother decided to bring up their three children as best as they could. Reena's sudden tryst with sickness broke their hearts. Reena's younger sister Reema was a secondary school student then and her younger brother Rohan was in the primary school.

After hearing the story of this beautiful girl who chose to fight it out against all odds and yet continued topping her class, her father was informed by Mr. Jacob Mathew that unlike other students she need not come to the office which was around 70 kilometers away from her home and the scholarship money would be sent to her regularly.

Reena's story along with her photograph was sent to Rudolf in Germany. He was very much concerned and asked Jacob to get her medical report so that he could get the expert opinion of some German orthopedic doctors. Accordingly, all the required reports and documents were sent to him and when he came to India, he brought all the essential medicines from Germany. However, confidentially he told us that this child will not live more than three years as confirmed by the German doctor. Similar thing was conveyed to Reena's father when she was initially diagnosed by the Indian doctors, then they had said she won't live for long as it was one of the most severe cases they'd encountered in their careers as doctors and it was just a matter of few months or years.

Reena was an intelligent and smart girl and was a voracious reader too. As a result of she read everything that she could lay her hands on about the auto-immune disorder afflicting her whole being and leaving her dysfunctional. Thus, she decided to do away with all the heavily potent medicines including steroids etc. which would cause her body more harm than good in the long run. Her higher secondary school management advised her to change her subject from science to arts as she was unable be to attend the science practical regularly and was losing out on a lot. This was a very difficult decision for Reena as she had always envisioned to be a medical doctor, she decided to wait it out till her condition got better. Thus, she took a break from her high school even though she had stood 3rd in her class with less than 50% attendance. The wait to be better lasted three long years and then things changed for the better.

She studied both her father's and mother's religion and decided to follow her mother's religion. She had faith in Jesus Christ and believed that one day she would be able to walk and would be able to work like a normal person. Her father Rajan was working for a mining company and his salary was the only income for the family. Three children were schooling, and Reena's sickness affected them badly as they had spent a humongous amount of money for her medical expenditure.

In the meantime, Rudolf found a sponsor for Reena, her name was Mrs. WaltraudKunst. She was like a mother to her and very much concerned about her health. Around this time Reena decided to go for ayurvedic treatment for her disease. She got herself admitted in Ayurvedic Medical College and had a systematic treatment. This helped her to a certain extent. But the pain and discomfort continued when it became unbearable, she would take pain killers.

One day she came to know about a prayer and healing service at Divine Retreat Centre located near Thrissur in Kerala. She was not in a condition to travel, however, she decided to go for it and her loving parents supported her like always. So, she along with her parents attended this prayer service. During the prayer service Reena felt a miracle was taking place in her life and she was fully aware of it, this

episode completely changed her life.

Earlier, when the ISEAF team had made few visits to her place along with Dr. Manual Soares and Rudolf they could see how much she was suffering from the terribly painful disease and felt almost convinced that her chances of recovery were nil. But after her visit to the prayer centre we came to know from her father that Reena was slowly recovering from her sickness. By this time, she had completed her XII th class in Humanities and had secured the 3rd rank at the state boards. She decided to join St. Xavier's College, Mapusa to do a Bachelor course called Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and Videography.

Her family decided to shift to Mapusa and hired a flat in Mapusa. Everyone at ISEAF was surprised to see the change in Reena's health. She had started walking on her own and could now climb the steps of the college. She excelled in academics and was a favorite student of her teachers. During this time the mining business in Goa was facing a major problem. As a result of which Reena's father was given notice by the mine owner that the company had to take a hard decision to terminate his service. This was a huge blow to the family which had just started getting back to normalcy. Rudolf promised him some money to start a business. He started working on it and then tried for some job near Mapusa. The family was supported by Rudolf and Reena's health improved considerably.

She completed her graduation and had topped the Mass Communication stream in Goa and missed a university rank by just few marks. After completing her graduation, got a job in Pune. This was a major change in Reena's life and the team at ISEAF could not believe that this was the same Reena who they had seen suffer so much. She went to Pune and initially stayed with her maternal aunt and cousin but then independently managed to stay on her own in an alien city. Later, joined a five-star hotel as a Marketing and Communications Executive and went on to win national level awards for her work as a

Marketing & PR person. In the meantime, she managed to find her soul mate Aditya Ghanekar, a handsome guy with an exemplary personality and an expert in IT field. The couple got married in December 2017 and migrated to Canada in October 2018 and have been doing very well for themselves and supporting their families. Her sister worked as a Chef for few years and is now pursuing her Post graduation in Food Safety with an aim to be a Food Safety Officer. Her brother Rohan –also an ISEAF student has completed his medical studies (MBBS) and currently interning at the Goa Medical College, Goa. It was Reena's dream to become a doctor, she is ecstatic that her brother could be one and help lessen pain and suffering. Reena's story is a landmark in Rudolf's work in India and Rudolf remembers her with great satisfaction.

Reena with her husband Aditya.



RUDOLF'S INTERACTION WITH OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS



SANJEEVAN – A Society For Youth Development & Empowerment Of Women.



Once during his visit to India a lady took an appointment with Mr. Rudolf. It was in November of the year 2004. The lady was Dr. Asha Sawardekar, President of Sanjeevan a registered Society for the empowerment of women. Mr. Rudolf was very much impressed by the work they were doing. He wished to visit their institute to have first hand information about their work. A team from ISEAF along with Rudolf Schwartz went to Nageshi, Bandora, Ponda. In the beautiful building on the hilltop they are running an organization and conducting a lot of activities to help ladies to learn one vocational course or the other and to work so that they could stand on their own feet. Home nursing, Beautician, Garment making, cooking are some of the courses conducted.

In addition to this, they have nursing care unit where the patients were admitted and they were looked after by the Home nursing students. Besides qualified doctors visited the clinics and treated the patients.

Rudolf was very impressed by the work they were doing and offered to help them. He gave a good amount of donation. Later he decided to establish a school partnership with Altes Gymnasium School in Oldenburg, Germany. Accordingly it was established on 4th February 2005 between this institution and the Sanjeevan Society in Ponda.

Mr. Joerg Witte, teacher of the school was very happy about the school partnership. They exchanged ideas, information and cultural performance of their country with Indian students. Besides they collected money for the development work of the Society. During his visit Rudolf took many photographs and videos of the work of the young girls.

VALENTINA'S LITTLE HEAVEN

One of the scholarship students Prajakta Shirgaonkar, during a casual talk mentioned about an orphanage where she stayed for a few years. Out of curiosity Rudolf visited this place at Colva in south Goa. He found that Sr. Valentina who runs this orphanage was doing a very commendable job.

Impressed by her work, Mr. Schwartz decided to help her by collecting money from Germany. Sr. Valentina Mascarenhas was the founder and in charge of this Orphanage called "Valentina's little Heaven". She was a nun who belonged to the "*Franciscan Missionaries of Mary*", but had left the order to work independently and started the orphanage in the year 1993 in her own family property. Starting with one inmate, presently she is looking after



82 children and is a mother to them. All these children are being provided with food and education. Besides she provides motherly affection to all her inmates. It was observed during visits that all the children considered her as their mother. Mr. Schwartz asked her what he could do for the orphanage.



Sr. Valentina told him that many of her children go to school but she did not have a proper vehicle in which to travel. She had been using the services of a tempo but it was dangerous and the police had caught them many times. Rudolf contacted all his friends from Germany. Within no time he collected sufficient money to buy a school bus for Valentina's Little Heaven. The entire money was collected by Mrs. Ursula Wolff. She herself was present when the vehicle was handed over to the orphanage.

Mrs. Ursula Wolff handing over the key of school Bus to Sr. Valentina.

Besides this, in order to solve their water problem, he got a well dug for them and fixed an overhead tank and a network of pipes to supply water for their use. The dining hall and dormitory where the children spent most of their time were roofed with tin sheets and were provided with a false ceiling to reduce the heat of the day. He went on to finance the building of five toilets and five bathrooms for the children as the original ones were in a very bad state. Sr. Valentina was very grateful to Mr. Rudolf Schwartz for all the help he did for her orphanage.

ATMAVISHWAS

"Atmavishwas" which means self-confidence is a Special school for mentally challenged students based in Tuem which lies in Pernem Taluka of Goa. ***Rudolf with some staff members and few students of Atmavishwas.***



Mr. Umesh Ajgaonkar a member of the Governing Council informed Mr. Schwartz about this school and as its management was not financially well off, they needed help to run this institute. Mr. Schwartz visited the institute along with Mr. Jacob Mathew and Mr. Umesh Ajgaonkar to have first hand information about this institute. It was housed in a government building, an unused government quarters meant for irrigation department.

Mr. Schwartz was overwhelmed by the work of the specially trained teachers. Altogether 52 students were enrolled and they were of different age groups. The students were put in five classes. The teachers were found very devoted and sincere in their work. Rudolf offered financial support for this school and handed over a cheque of Rupees one lakh as the first installment. He spent a lot of time with these children and they performed a cultural program to honor him. He later told the others that, it was one of the most pleasant times for him to be with these kids. He offered all kinds of support to this school and promised to collect money from Germany to help this school. Mr. Atmaram Gawde, the founder and Principal of the school thanked Rudolf for visiting his institute and for his help.

A COMPASSIONATE RUDOLF HELPS PEOPLE

We have seen that Rudolf contributed a lot of his own money for the organization and for the students of ISEAF. But besides this he helped many people whom he met and interacted with, in different places. It may be the fruit seller who sold fruits in the beach or the waiters in the restaurants where he went for meals or the taxi drivers, or the staff in the hotel. He interacted with people of all walks of life. Once he came to the institute with a boy who was doing some business on the beach. He counseled him many times and convinced him about the importance of learning any one trade from his institute. Finally he agreed to do a course on automobile and joined Keerti Vidyalyaya technical institute. But unfortunately he decided to go back to the beach and continue his business. He talked to the boys who sold the mobile phones. When he heard their sad stories at home he helped them in whatever way possible.

When he and Elfie went to restaurants, Rudolf always talked to the waiters there. They talked to him and opened up their problems. Sometimes it may be the marriage of a daughter or the sickness of one's wife or may be the repairing of his house. He listened to them and helped them in whatever way he could.

Once during his trip to India, he met a new person in the hotel where he always stayed, namely, the Ronil Royale at Baga. This new staff was Anthony. In two days time, Anthony became very close to Rudolf. He told his entire story to Rudolf. Anthony was from Mumbai who worked in Kuwait for many years, earned sufficient money and decided to retire and come back to Mumbai to spend the rest of his life with his wife and daughter. But fate had something different in store for him. His wife Bella was diagnosed with breast cancer. Though she was aware of the symptoms she ignored them in the beginning and soon the cancer crossed to the third stage. Finally he had to spend all the money he saved on her treatment. He came to Goa for work and landed up in the hotel where Rudolf stayed. Rudolf listened to his story and promised to help him.

Cancer is a killer disease and the most expensive as we all know. But Rudolf kept his words. He had to spend more than fourteen lacks of rupees for the treatment of Anthony's wife. But sadly she passed away in 2017.

Another family with close ties to Rudolf is Yeshwant Gadekar, his wife and their daughter Richa. She was getting ISEAF's scholarship and had completed her graduation and is presently working. Yeshwant always helped Rudolf when he was in Goa. Recently Yeswant's wife was also diagnosed with cancer. She had to undergo an operation and then a course of Chemotherapy. Rudolf helped them with all the expenses for her treatment.

He also helped two staff members of Keerti Vidyalyaya technical institute, late Cheryl Almeida and Mr. Savio Barrows for their treatment of cancer. Presently a student Aliston Collaco is diagnosed with cancer and sent to Tata memorial hospital Mumbai for treatment. Rudolf is paying for his treatment.

The paradox is that Rudolf always stays in an ordinary hotel when he visits Goa. He doesn't hire a taxi for moving around but uses the much cheaper conveyance of an ordinary scooter which he rides by himself. However, he finds immense pleasure in helping the people around who need financial help.

FCRA AND OTHER EVENTS

By the year 2006 ISEAF was reaching out to a large section of Society .Those days around 1000 students were getting financial assistance during the year from this organization. The staff of the Technical Institutes and ISEAF office also increased. The salary for the staff was a very big amount. Rudolf managed to get sponsors, and money was not a problem. But the amount collected from Germany could not be sent to India, without permission from the Home Ministry of the Central Government, as per the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA). The rule was being strictly implemented because of a lot of good reasons.

If organizations like the ISEAF wanted to bring money from abroad, they had to anticipate the expenditure in advance and inform the collector about it by filling an application form. The Collector would write to the Mamlatdar for an enquiry report and after getting it would send it to the Home Ministry for approval. After a time consuming procedure, prior approval would be sent to receive that money. The whole procedure took at least seven to eight months. The ISEAF went through this procedure for a few years. When some other organizations were contacted it was learnt that the Home Ministry had another provision under FCRA in which they give a blanket permission to send money at any time.

When Rudolf heard about this he asked Mr. Jacob Mathew to look into it. Jacob decided to visit Delhi and meet the officials of Home Ministry. The visit to Delhi was a great success as he managed to meet an official who was very understanding and offered to help ISEAF. He personally visited Goa and handed over the permission to Jacob in the month of November 2007. This was a great achievement and from then on ISEAF could get money whenever needed and it would be directly credited to its account.

At that time, each project of the ISEAF was around 35 lacks of rupees approximately and there were many building projects to be completed. In Palye, the Bhumika Technical Institute underwent many changes as per the requirements. By now it had become a huge three storied building. Since the foundation of the building was not strong enough to hold a three storied building, with the help of a qualified structural engineer, huge pillars were erected around the building and the entire weight of the extension was carried by the pillars. This was an expensive way of going about it, but it had to be done as lots of students sought admission for different trades there.

Mr. Rudolf managed to get financial grants from the German Government under small scale development projects and the Bhumika Technical Institute became an attractive piece of architecture in a beautiful plot of land, catching the eye of every passerby.

The project of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute was also carried out in a similar manner. Since the blanket permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs was obtained, the ISEAF could get money whenever it was needed. With a loyal, sincere and good team of workers the construction works were done in a systematic and fast manner.

MR. RAMEN MUKHERJI RESIGNS FROM THE POST OF PRESIDENT

After serving the ISEAF as its President for more than two years, Mr. Ramen Mukherji resigned from the post since he had other commitments. The general body of the organization accepted his resignation on 7-2-2007 and elected Mr. Jacob Mathew as the president of ISEAF. Mr. Damodar Gawande took over as the Treasurer of the organization. However Mr. Mukherji agreed to continue as a member of the governing council as he was very closely associated with this organization for many years.

Sudden Demise of Dr. Manuel Soares



Dr. Manuel Soares was the Vice President of ISEAF. He was a sincere man and a very good practicing doctor. He never bothered about the financial benefits. If he knew that a patient was poor he wouldn't charge fees and on the contrary provided the patient with medicines in his possession.

Mr. Schwartz liked him very much. Dr. Soares was regular and would be present for every meeting of the Governing Council though he had to travel a long distance as coming all the way from Curtorim. Mr. Schwartz gifted him with the instruments from Germany to conduct endoscopy and colonoscopy. Dr. Soares' wife Miriam was a professional nurse from Belgium. One day Dr. Soares was proceeding on his scooter early morning to visit a patient. He was knocked down by a passing vehicle that disappeared from the scene without stopping, killing him on the spot. His demise was a great loss for ISEAF and Rudolf lost a very good friend. His wife and children left Goa and returned to Belgium later.

AUSBILDUNGSHILFE INDIEN E.V.



As mentioned earlier, a parallel organization for the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation was started at Achterdiek 66a, 26131 in Oldenburg, Germany, named as Ausbildungshilfe Indien e.V. It started with only a few members but it became a big organization as more and more people started joining in Rudolf's work.

Dr. Rolf Meyke, a judge who stays very close to his house, helped Rudolf from the very beginning to register this organization in the government. He did all the paper work for this organization. He also went along with Rudolf to

the government office many times to get the projects sanctioned.

Ms. Iris Doehring is another person who helped Rudolf in Germany. Their contact started after she purchased a flat from him. When she heard about the wonderful work that he was doing for the Indian students, she offered to help the organization. Later on at the ISEAF in Goa she became known as "*Madam Perfect*". She wanted all the records to be perfectly maintained. She could easily spot the mistakes made by the staff and everyone was very careful in recording the data and in the correspondence. In Germany her work was done so well that after a long time Rudolf was able to relax as she was doing most of the work herself. She visited India two or three times along with her husband Alfred. After helping the Indian students for more than 20 years she retired from her work. But the reforms which she brought to the office system in Goa are being followed even now. She is truly missed by everyone in the office.

In the year 2017, Ms. Lisa Cordes took over the post from Ms. Iris Doehring and from Ms. Angelika Hueper. Mr. Ralph Wilken who was working in the local government office, also joined Rudolf in his work. Being a government servant, he could help Rudolf a lot. Specially in asking money from the German government for the Indian organization.

From the beginning the book-keeping was being taken care of by Ms. Angelika Hueper. She helped the organization for more than 20 years, doing her job perfectly well and was a very big relief for Rudolf.

Another important person who helped Rudolf was Mr. Heiner Fangmann. The credit goes to him for finding a suitable name for the organization in India namely, "Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation". Hanswalter Koester and his wife Ingrid Koester also helped Rudolf with the accounts of the organization. The yearly auditing work was done by Ingrid and Hanswalter Koester.

MOST IMPORTANT SPONSORS FROM GERMANY.

Mr. Hans Egon Wolff was received in the traditional Indian way welcoming during his visit to India.



Ausbildungshilfe Indien e.V, the German organization was becoming more and more popular. Many people from Oldenburg joined in this organization. Two of the most important persons to join were Mr. Hans Egon Wolff and his wife Ursula Wolff. Both of them together helped his organization in many ways. Mr. Hans Egon Wolff is a very successful business man in Oldenburg. He is having a famous advertising company called Freese & Wolff. He donated a lot of his own money for the organization and besides also collected from his employees and

donated it for ISEAF. He adopted one of the technical institutes and spent lot of money to upgrade it. Mr. Rudolf informed the governing Council about their contribution for the organization and ISEAF decided to name Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute as Freeze & Wolff Technical Institute. Mr. Hans Egon Wolff visited India once along with his wife Ursula and the students of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute welcomed him in the traditional Indian way. Ursula Wolff visited India regularly and met all her sponsored students. Whenever there was a special case like the need of a school bus for Valentina's Little Heaven, she took the initiative and collected donations for many such projects.

Another important sponsor was a company called "Train". Rudolf happened to meet one of the employees of this company in the place of one sponsor called Ute and Bernd Jacke. They spoke about the work they were doing for the Indian students. She listened very carefully to their conversation and asked many questions. She was very impressed by the work that Rudolf was doing and told everything to her boss. Soon he contacted Rudolf to know more about his work for Indian students and then decided to sponsor the other Bhumika Technical Institute.

Mr. Bernhard Wendeln and his brother Mr. Peter Wendeln were known to Ursula and Mr. Hans Egon Wolff. From them, both brothers heard about Rudolf's work. They donated a good amount for the bakery section of the third institute Holy Cross Indo German Techno centre in Marna Siolim, about which will be told later.

Mr. Hermann and Mrs. Rita Potthoff are one of the most talked about couples by Rudolf to Jacob and Stella. Herman worked for the German military. But he is a soft hearted, kind and compassionate man. Whenever listening to a sad story of a student, tears would come in his eyes. His wife Rita is also like that. This couple had adopted four orphaned children of a Goan family. The eldest one was 18 years when this happened. From 2004 this great couple had been taking the responsibility to look after them. Now all of them are working except the youngest one called Akshata, who is in the final year of Pharmacy. Deepali the eldest one got married recently and both Herman and Rita came to India to bless her marriage. All these children consider them as their parents and called them Daddy and Mama.

Ms. Petra Bosse is another important sponsor to be remembered. She sponsored many students and would visit them whenever she came to India. She supported Manisha and her siblings a family of three orphans. Her help continued for this family till Manisha the eldest daughter, completed her education and started working. Now all three have completed their studies and the younger two are looking for jobs. The eldest one earns sufficient money to take care of her siblings.

PROPOSAL FOR A NEW INSTITUTE

Both Bhumika Technical Institute and Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institutes were functioning very well.



The members of the governing council felt that another Institute was needed. But getting a plot of land for it was a big problem as real estate had become very expensive. Mr. Gerard Delaney, who had become the Vice President of the Organization knew that the Holy Cross Sisters in Marna, Siolim had land opposite their convent and that they may give a plot of it for lease. Mr. Delaney took the initiative of talking to them and put them in touch with Mr. Jacob. Fortunately their Provincial was supposed to visit Goa from Pune. The proposal was put before her and she agreed to give a piece of 2000 sq. mt for the construction of a technical institute on lease.

Mr. Gerard Delaney

Mr. Rudolf authorized Mr. Jacob, to make an agreement with the sisters so that a building could be constructed as early as possible. Sr. Shanti who was the Superior of the convent was very co-operative and all the paper work was done fast.

The construction of the new building was started in February 2013. Mr. Rudolf Schwartz laid the foundation stone of the building. In Indian style the Bhoomi Pooja and other ceremonies were held. Rudolf advised to get a well dug to supply water for the construction as well as for later purposes. Accordingly digging started and within 10 days water was struck.

The building was designed by a senior Architect Mr. Sasikumar who had earlier helped ISEAF to rebuild and strengthen the Bhumika Technical Institute. Before preparing the plan, he visited some institutes to have an idea of the space requirements and then drew up a beautiful plan of a three storied building. The main purpose of this Institute was to make a good Institute for Hotel Management. The construction was started soon after permission was received from the Panchayat. Money was not a problem due to the hard work put in by Rudolf to get the project sanctioned by the German Government .As the grant availed from the German Government was under small project development scheme, the amounts were disbursed in installments. However Rudolf arranged money whenever it was needed for the construction. Since a good team was on the site, the first phase of construction was completed smoothly.

HOLY CROSS SISTERS GET A GIFT FROM RUDOLF

Rudolf was very happy with the sisters of the Holy Cross Convent. During his first visit itself they had told him about their convent having all retired nuns and that there was insufficient accommodation for them. Hence they needed at least 8 rooms for the sisters. Rudolf promised to consider it. Later after reaching Germany he sent sufficient money for the construction of the required 8 rooms for the retired nuns. The sisters were very grateful to him and thanked him profusely.

HOLY CROSS INDO GERMAN TECHNO CENTRE



When the ground floor of the 3rd Institute of the ISEAF at Marna, Siolim was completed, it was decided to inaugurate it so that it could be used. This was duly done at the hands of Mr. Pratapsingh Rane, four times Chief Minister of Goa and a good friend of Rudolf. The other dignitaries who were present for the function were Mr. Alexander Thielitz, Hon. Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany, Mumbai, Mr. Dean Menezes, Hon. Consul of Goa and Mr. Alexio Da Costa, Director of Craftsman Training. Rudolf who was in Goa also attended the function.

The laboratories had to be designed to cater to the main courses of hospitality industry consisting of food production, food and beverage services, in addition to those of the courses in electrician, plumbing and home nursing. Provision was kept for another vocational trade suitable for school dropouts.

A good friend of Jacob, Dr. Thomas Koruth who had a doctorate in Hotel management and experience in designing kitchens for five star hotels in USA, Australia and Dubai, kindly agreed to help the ISEAF. He designed the labs for food production, F & B Service as well as housekeeping and front office, free of charge.

In the year 2014, ISEAF decided to shift the Home nursing Bureau and the Hotel Management classes from Keerti Vidyalaya to the new institute. It was also decided to start a home nursing course in the new institute as well. The admissions for these courses were finalized in the Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute and later shifted to the new premises. The required furniture, tools and equipments were purchased and the institute started functioning at Marna in the month of July 2014. Mrs. Stella Jacob was appointed as the Principal of this institute. Besides she was also the in charge of the Home Nursing Bureau. Slowly this institute started gaining reputation. The clients of the bureau were also increasing. More and more nurses started joining the Home Nursing Bureau. As it was closer to the town of Mapusa, it became convenient for the general public to get a nurse.

Though the classes started, and the functioning of home nursing bureau was going on very smoothly, the construction of the building for the first floor was also going on simultaneously. It took another year to complete the building.

LOSS OF ANOTHER DEAR MEMBER OF ISEAF



Mr. N. L. Naik a retired engineer by profession served the ISEAF in different ways. He was initially appointed as a calculation and engineering drawing teacher for Bhumika Technical Institute. Later he worked as the Principal of the Institute. Then he was co-opted as a member of the Governing Council of ISEAF and was also elected as its treasurer.

N. L. Naik

He was of great help in the construction of the Bhumika Technical Institute and later on in the beginning stage of the construction of Holy Cross Indo German Techno Centre. He passed away in a tragic scooter accident at Palyem, Pernem on 14th Feb 2014. It was a very big loss for the organization and Rudolf attended his funeral.

A retired Education officer Mr. Gauns was appointed in the place of Mr. N. L. Naik. But later he was found to be unsuitable. Hence Mr. Padmanabh Lotlikar, a retired high school teacher who had the distinction of being a State and National awardee for the Best Teacher, was appointed as the Principal of Bhumika Technical Institute. Besides he was an expert in organizing science exhibitions as well as in participating in them and winning prizes for his school at the state and national levels.

Padmanabh Lotlikar



His appointment as Principal in Bhumika Technical Institute greatly helped in the growth of the Institute. The admission of students in different trades increased considerably as more and more students started coming from Maharashtra. He also was co-opted as a governing council member and later elected as the Treasurer of the Organization after the demise of Mr. N.L. Naik.

EXPANSION OF HOLY CROSS INDO GERMAN TECHNO CENTRE.

The Holy Cross Indo German Techno Centre at Marna started with the Hotel Management and Home Nursing trades. When the building was completed two more trades were added namely Electrician and Plumbing and many students were enrolled for these trades. The institutes became more and more popular because of constant encouragement by Mr. Rudolf Schwartz leading to consistent and united efforts by the team of staff members working for ISEAF and the support from the public.

In one of the Governing Council meetings some members proposed that the registration fees for providing home nursing services to the public be increased. This is the only way that the ISEAF could generate some income for the organization. The present source of income is the nominal fees, which is collected from the students together with the grant received from Mr. Schwartz. Rudolf was present for the meeting and finally he also agreed to this proposal.

This turned out to be a good decision as it was realized that the home nursing bureau could support all staff members of ISEAF and their honorarium could be increased as they were getting minimum wages. Besides all the staff working for the bureau were paid from the fund of home nursing bureau. Nurses also got a pay revision according to their experience and seniority.

YOUNG AND VIBRANT MEMBERS JOIN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

Damodar Gawande and Umesh Azgaonkar resigned from the governing council as both of them were government servants and as such an N.O.C. was required to work for an NGO. But they could not get it from the government. The sad demise of Dr. Soares and Mr. N. L. Naik created more vacancies. Helen Fernandes a retired teacher from the village was recommended by some members and she was co-opted as a member of Governing Council.



It so happened that **Mr. Pravin Sabnis** a corporate trainer availed home nursing services from the Bureau and he was fascinated by the wonderful work Rudolf and ISEAF were doing. He agreed to join the organization and spur it on with his expertise. Time and again, he has taken sessions to motivate the students and teachers.



Later, **Mr. Pravin Kakode** another young entrepreneur from Margao came in contact with Jacob and also volunteered to help the ISEAF. He donated furniture to the organization and has added his innovative ideas to those of Mr. Pravin Sabnis to take ISEAF to even greater heights.



Mr. Dean Menezes who is the Hon. Consul of Federal Republic of Germany in Goa was closely associated with the organization and visited the institutes many times. He also agreed to help the organization and joined as its Governing council member. The induction of these three new members brought many changes for the ISEAF.

On health grounds Mr. Ramen Mukherji had resigned from the Governing council and **Mr. Peter D'sousa** was co-opted as a member of the Governing Council. Peter is the sub Editor of the newspaper Gomantak Times and a social worker. He is a great asset, imparting his skills in the English language to the students and is a great motivator.



ISEAF'S HOME NURSING BUREAU- A BRIEF HISTORY.

In both the institutes of Keerti Vidyalaya as well as in Bhumika, the 'Home Nursing' trade was added along with other job oriented trades. On an average around 30 to 40 students passed out annually from this course in these institutes. Since, there was a lot of demand for the work of home nurses; it was felt to start a Bureau to provide placements for the nurses who successfully completed the training.

There were senior citizens in many houses, who needed help. Their children did not have time to look after them as they were working elsewhere either in India or abroad. But they were able to afford a home nurse to look after their parents. For the nurses it was a good opportunity to provide a necessary service and to earn a decent wage.

On 5th February 2002, ISEAF's Home Nursing Bureau was inaugurated in the premises of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute. Dr. Suresh Amonkar, the then Health Minister of Goa inaugurated the bureau. The inauguration went off very well, but later, when the work actually started it was felt that the placement of girls in houses was not easy. These placements worked very well in the state of Kerala and some other parts of the country. But in Goa, girls were not allowed to work in other houses. The parents were reluctant to send them to work due to the prevailing social stigma and fear of exploitation. They felt it may even affect their marriage prospects.

Gradually after a lot of counseling, the home nursing instructor Ann Rasquinha, managed to convince some girls. In the beginning she even went to the homes where the girls were working and instilled confidence in them. Slowly it began to work and more and more nurses started joining the bureau.

An office assistant Serefina Fernandes was appointed for the placement of nurses in different places. The nurses were paid well and it was a mutual benefit for the girls as well as the patient's party. Gradually over a period of time, perceptions started changing.

The Nursing Bureau took a giant step forward when Mrs. Stella Jacob joined ISEAF after taking voluntary retirement from her job as Headmistress of the school where she was working. She joined the ISEAF's office as Students' Counselor and took charge of its nursing bureau. The number of nurses started increasing and the office was getting calls from different parts of the state. The nurses who were working elsewhere started enrolling their names in the bureau as the service conditions and salary were found to be more attractive to them.

Nurses were divided in different categories. The experienced ones were considered as senior nurses, the ones with less experience were named as junior nurses and the fresh nurses without much experience were called as trainees. Their salaries were fixed according to their grades. The nurses were also free to take duties according to their convenience. When a patient needs 24 hours nursing care such patients were allotted a live-in nurse. These nurses are provided with food and accommodation by the concerned family. Some patients need only nursing service during night time

or only during day time. In such cases the nurses would be allotted shift duties according to the needs, either day or night. Here the patient's family need not provide food for them and the nurses would carry their own food.

When the nurses were provided with a better pay some of them purchased scooters and the banks provided loan for such purchases. This made their work easier and the image of private nurses also changed. More and more nurses started joining the bureau. However, very few male nursing students sought admission for the normal course though there was a demand. So the bureau managed with some nurses from Kerala who were trained by the Red Cross. Some boys from Uttar Pradesh were keen to join the nursing bureau and approached the Director and they were taken. But such candidates were given the required training before sending them for duties by the institute. Since these nurses were from other states police verification and other formalities were done. Soon more started coming from Orissa. After getting the normal formalities and training done, they were also sent for duty. At present the bureau has got sufficient nurses in the male and female category.

In some cases the services of an experienced and qualified nurse is not required and it is cheaper for the patient to manage with care givers. By this time many ladies had enrolled in ISEAF's Nursing Bureau as care givers. But even such care givers were given sufficient training before sending them for duty. The bureau was shifted in July 2014 to the newly constructed "Holy Cross Indo German Techno-centre", Marna, which is closer to Mapusa city. This was convenient for both the patient's party and the nurses. By this time the bureau was getting calls from different parts of the state and even from Mumbai, Pune and Bengaluru. Some of the nurses even went to gulf countries for nursing services. The number of office staff also increased. Mrs. Jacob worked as director of Bureau and under her the number of staff increased to four as the work load had increased. All of them are busy throughout. Periodical visits were made to different places to supervise the work of nurses.



In February 2018, a Mobile Nursing Service was introduced by the bureau, thanks to the Vice-president Mr. Gerard Delaney. He and a few of his M.Sc. Physics classmates of the 1974 batch of IIT, Bombay contributed and bought a Maruti Wagon R for the Nursing unit of the bureau.

Some nurses were allotted for this unit and their services were used whenever the bureau gets a call. When a regular dressing of wounds, bladder- wash, or injection or IV medication or any such short duration service is needed, based on the calling, the bureau gets a suitable person and attends such cases. The vehicle has also been used for supervising the nurse's work and to attend to any complaint of the patient's family.

The bureau organizes Nurse's day every year. All the nurses who work for the bureau are invited once in a year. This is a forum for the nurses to express their problems, share their experiences and also for the management to inform any changes to be introduced by the bureau. The meritorious nurses are felicitated and guests connected with nursing service are also invited. Doctors, Physiotherapists and other connected eminent persons are invited yearly to conduct workshops or give talks to the nurses to improve the quality of their work.

As of now, the Bureau has 1285 nurses registered with it, out of which 216 nurses and 124 care givers are available for duty. Till date the bureau has attended 7764 requests that came in.

Right from the time when the bureau came into existence, Mr. Rudolf Schwartz took keen interest in its progress. During each of his visits he made it a point to not only enquire about the developments with regard to the bureau, but strongly supported and encouraged it. He gave a free hand to Mrs. Stella Jacob to function the way she thought it fit. He realized the potential which the bureau had in raising revenue for the functioning of the organization. With his support and the advice and suggestions coming from the governing council members, the bureau not only became self-sufficient, but it also provides for a share of the salary of the ISEAF staff. In addition to this, it even contributes towards the corpus fund of the Foundation. Rudolf had this to say, *"All these were possible due to the hard work, planning and execution of ideas which Stella put into practice."*

INDIAN SPONSORS' CONTRIBUTION IMPRESSED RUDOLF

All these years, the donations and contributions had been coming in from Germany and other European countries. When the work of Rudolf was highlighted properly in Goa, Indians also started contributing to help the youth. The Home Nursing Bureau and Mrs. Stella Jacob played an important role in marketing the work of ISEAF. Many people came to the office for the nursing services and soon some of them realized that the sponsors were given preference while allotting nurses. Some of them offered to sponsor poor students, while others donated to the corpus fund which had been started to make the organization financially independent from Germany.



One of the most important Indian sponsors was late Lt. **Col. Satya Prakash Ohrie**. He was bedridden and his wife was, also needing nursing service. Nurses from the Bureau worked for this elderly couple for years together. Jacob and Stella visited him a few times. He inquired about the organization and listened carefully to all answers and gave many valuable suggestions to improve its financial stability. He regularly contributed money to the organization and made a will to donate a good amount after his death. But it did not stop there. He told his children and grand children that they should help the organization.



In the year 2017, Ashok Leyland the leading automobile company of India donated tools and equipment worth Rs. 12 lakhs to the Bhumika technical institute. The person behind this donation was Mr. Rajeev Saharia, the son in law of Mr. Ohrie. Presently his grandson Mr. Aditya Sharia who works in Singapore in the Information Technology field designed the website of the ISEAF.

Rudolf is very much touched by this great man Mr. Ohrie who was not able to see the office or institutes, had only heard a lot about the ISEAF, and yet has extended so much of financial help to it.



Another great person who impressed Rudolf was **Dr. Niranjan V. Joshi**, a Professor of the prestigious Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru . He was introduced to the organization by the vice president Mr. Gerard Delaney who was his M.Sc. classmate. Once Mr. Delaney happened to mention that the grants which were supposed to come from Germany was withheld due to a delay in the renewal of the F.C.R.A. license and the organization was not in a position to pay the salary of the staff.

Dr. Joshi sent a cheque to the organization donating the salary of all the staff for two months. Some months later, Dr. Joshi decided to pay a bonus to all the staff members and sent a cheque for the amount. Besides whenever required, he paid the fees of poor students who could not afford to do so. Dr. Joshi had never visited the ISEAF office or institutes but donated huge amounts to it just by coming to know about the work that it was doing. Rudolf wanted to see him very much and invited him several times to Goa but he was never able to come.



Mr. Dean Menezes is presently a governing council member of the organization. He contributed a lot of money under the CSR scheme from his companies. He sponsored the science exhibitions for the students of high schools and higher secondary schools and the ITI's. The venue was on the grounds of the Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute. For each exhibition he contributed a lot of amount from CMM Tradelinks Pvt. Ltd. a company which is owned by him. He paid the fees of many poor students of the technical institutes who could not afford to pay them.

On 30th March, 2019, he donated Rs. 800,000/- to the ISEAF under the CSR, to upgrade different trades in all three institutes. This contribution was from BSM Medical Pvt. Ltd. Besides he sponsored the education of 20 students under ISEAF's Scholarship scheme. Being the Hon. Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany for Goa he has always helped Rudolf and the ISEAF.

Another firm which Rudolf is happy to talk about is the De Nora India Ltd, based at Kundai, Ponda. In 2018 this multinational firm donated the entire fees of 33 girl students of Keerti Vidyalaya technical institute under the CSR.



RUDOLF SCHWARTZ A CLOSE FRIEND OF MR. PRATAPSINGH RANE

Mr. Pratap Singh Rane four times Chief Minister of Goa state is a very close friend of Rudolf Schwarz. Mr. Rane was introduced to him by the late Mr. David Lopes Menezes the then Hon. Consul of Federal Republic of Germany in Goa. He visited ISEAF's Bhumika technical Institute of Palye along with Mr. Rane who was the Chief Minister then. Mr. Rane was very impressed by the work Rudolf was



doing in India. From then on their friendship grew year after year. He visited all three institutes several times and helped the organization in whatever way possible. He also visited Rudolf in Germany during one of his trips. Mr. Rane being the Chief Minister of Goa once wanted to honor Rudolf on 19th December, the anniversary of Goa's Liberation Day. But unfortunately it did not happen as Rudolf had to leave for Germany owing to some prior commitments. This remained an unfulfilled dream and Mr. Rane mentioned it often as another opportunity didn't arise for him to do so.

Mr. Pratapsingh Rane addressing during the celebration of ten years of technical education of ISEAF.

STORIES OF SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS – A GREAT JOY FOR RUDOLF

Students were selected for an ISEAF scholarship when they were in class XI and they were free to pursue any course of their choice. The number of years they took to achieve their goal was not a problem. Rudolf just wanted them to be successful. Once they completed their education and got a job, he would be the happiest person. He has literally hundreds of stories of such students which he would like to share with his friends and well-wishers. He introduced the "Round Letter" system, through which four times in a year the office in Goa communicated to all sponsors the developments, happenings and the latest details of the successful stories of the students. Rudolf kept a track of these



students during his trip to India and just a few stories are shared below for the readers.

Dr. Jeevan Halankar.

Jeevan Halankar was adopted by ISEAF in the year 1995. His father Vital Halankar was working as a library clerk in Mumbai. Since his income was not sufficient to maintain the family in Mumbai, his wife Rukmani and children were kept in Assonora in Goa in

their ancestral house. Jeevan was a bright student who had got 80% marks in the Secondary Board examination. He was sponsored by Dr. Heinz Prasse and Mrs. Anke Prasse. Interestingly he selected the same profession of his sponsor, namely BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery). Now he is practicing as a dental surgeon in his own clinic at Dodamarg Maharashtra. Since he was very successful in his work he opened another clinic in Anjuna, Goa. The clinics were named after his mother "Rukmani Dental Clinic". His mother passed away due to cancer. Once Rudolf went to see him in his own clinic in Maharashtra and got himself checked by Dr. Jeevan. He was very happy and satisfied with the visit.

Dr. Praveen Barve.



This is another story which Rudolf wants to share. Dr. Praveen Barve works in a very famous pharmaceutical company called Sandoz as chief research executive. But Praveen had a sad story to tell of his past. He lost his father when he was studying in the Xth Std. His mother was not working and did not have any income of her own. His younger brother was only 12 years. Fortunately he was told by his headmaster about ISEAF and its scheme of scholarship. He applied for a scholarship and was selected. He was lucky to get an excellent

sponsor named Dr. Elisabeth Niemann. Being an intelligent boy and due to his hard work and sincerity he passed all his examinations with distinction. After completing his post-graduation in M.Sc. Organic chemistry he did his research for two years and got the present job. When he came to know that his sponsor Elisabeth Niemann was coming to Goa he took a flight and came to the ISEAF office to meet her. Fortunately Rudolf was also there and all of them had a great time reveling in the stories which he had to relate. He took a step forward and helped some students, providing them with a scholarship in turn.



Veronica Fernandes.

Veronica took her doctorate in "MesoZooplankton Community Structure its seasonal shifts and growth potential in the Bay of Bengal". She completed her post-graduation in Marine Science from the Goa University and is presently working as a senior scientist in the National Institute of Oceanography, Dona Poula.

There was a great story of success behind this village girl. She is from the beautiful village of Arambol in Goa where she passed her schooling from the "Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School". The words below are from one of her letters to the ISEAF office:

"When I was a student of Xth class in Our Lady of Mount Carmel High School, our headmistress Mrs. Stella Jacob told me about ISEAF and its scholarship scheme. I applied for the scholarship and I was selected.

From the year 1995 till 2002 I was helped by this organization to complete my education. My sponsors Mr. Manfred and Mrs. Franziska Springer were the most wonderful people I have come across so far. Their encouragement and periodical letters gave me much confidence and I must say without the support of ISEAF, I would not have reached this position. I am from a very poor family with my father Motes Fernandes being just a salesman who was always struggling to meet the expenses of the family with all my brothers and sisters studying. I met our founder Mr. Rudolf Schwartz many times. For me he was an inspiration always. How many students like me he must have helped and given a bright future!!"

Dinesh Vijale Kakatkar.



Dinesh is from Siolim, Goa who belonged to a very poor family. Fortunately he was a bright student and very hard working. With the help of ISEAF's help he completed his engineering in Electronics from the Goa Engineering college. Soon he was appointed as an engineer in the Larsen & Toubro co. in Ahmednagar. Presently he is promoted as the senior engineer in the firm. The most important quality of this young boy that attracted Rudolf was that after getting his job, he started sponsoring the education of two students namely

Chaithali Naik and Rajiv Kumar Jha. Whenever he comes home to Goa, he makes it a point to visit ISEAF. He is ever grateful to his sponsor Mr. Gunda Wandscher who stood with him till he completed his education.

Nazira Khan



Nazira lived in Vasco, Goa and was from a poor family consisting of six members. Her father Abdul Raut Khan was working as a tailor. But her life became miserable when her father contracted a brain disease due to which he lost the ability to speak. After a long treatment he could talk but couldn't work. Her mother Sajia was a house wife and was not earning anything. Nazira was fortunate to get a wonderful sponsor who helped her not only by sponsoring her educational expenses but also with family assistance. This continued till she

got a job. She completed her medical electronics successfully and is working. Nazira always talks about her sponsor Mr. Guenter Kleimann and how he helped her and her family.

Reshma Rajaram Vengurlekar



Reshma completed her degree in Pharmacy and is presently working as a Quality Control officer in the famous pharmaceutical company called Glenmark. She is happy with her job and very thankful to her sponsor Mrs. Brigitte & Kurt Brueggemann. She remembers Mr. Rudolf Schwartz, with gratitude because of whom hundreds and hundreds of students could get a bright future, otherwise their lives would have been miserable. She never forgets her younger days and how her family was struggling till she came to

know about this great organization.

Hortencia Sofia Pereira.



"I am Hortencia and live at Siolim. Now you can call me Dr.Hortencia as I have completed my medical studies MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine& Bachelor of Surgery) from the Goa Medical college. I am so happy and contented now. But I had to face lots of problems to achieve my dream of becoming a doctor.

My father late Samson Pereira died when I was very small due to an accident. My mother Carmelina was a house wife. She started stitching clothes for the neighbors and earned some money for the family. Our headmaster told me about ISEAF and got me to fill the application form for a scholarship. I was selected for the scholarship and fortunate to get a sponsor couple named Mrs. Ute & Mr. Bend Jacke. Their periodical letters were very encouraging and I was able to complete my medical course. I am very grateful to Mr. Rudolf Schwartz for his tireless service for the poor students of this country to give them a bright future."

Melanie Fernandes.



Melanie is a software engineer working for HSBC bank in their software development section in Pune. She came to the ISEAF office recently to donate some money for its corpus fund as a token of her gratitude to the ISEAF for the help received in securing her future.

Melanie is from Saligao, Goa and she had joined the family of ISEAF in the year 1999 when she was in the XIth class. Her education was sponsored by Dr. Elisabeth Niemann. She was always a very hard working girl and completed her engineering degree with good marks and was soon appointed as a software engineer in the bank. She was proud to meet Mr.Schwartz and praised his contribution to the poor students of our country in giving them a bright future.

Dr. Gauresh Palav.



Gauresh who hails from Bicholim had excelled in his SSC and HSSC exams and had won a medical seat on merit. But his father was a daily wage labourer who was not able to afford any of his further educational expenses. Fortunately for Gauresh, he had earlier applied for a scholarship from the ISEAF and was selected. With the help of this scholarship and a fund which was raised by his earlier school, he completed his medical studies obtaining an MD in Chest diseases, as well as a Diploma in Critical Care. Presently he is working in a

well-known hospital in Goa called Manipal hospital in Dona Paula.

What is so remarkable of Dr. Gauresh Palav is that he has been regularly contributing towards the corpus fund of ISEAF, thereby showing his gratitude to Rudolf Schwartz, the organization and ensuring that it will continue to help other needy students to complete their studies!!

Nikant Simepurushkar



A few years back a shy young boy approached the Principal of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute at Siolim. He wanted admission for the welding trade. The Principal was reluctant to admit him as he did not have the required qualification. The boy pleaded that he did not want to appear for any examination and asked the Principal to allow him to attend the class and finally he agreed.

Now the young boy of 1999 batch is the owner of a very successful industrial unit called "*Sheetal Enterprises*" and has a lot of business.

During a chat Nikant revealed that he was very much benefited by the guidance of his teacher and learned the fabrication trade very well. Once he completed the course he sold his old scooter and with the money he bought a second hand welding machine. From this humble beginning he began to progress gradually. He appointed other helpers to join him and soon moved to better premises as he was getting more and more orders. He was then able to build a house for himself. He offered to train ISEAF boys in his workshop and motivate them to work. He believes in hard work and maintaining good quality.

Deelen Bhonsle



Deelen Bhonsle passed from the first batch of the Hotel Management course of Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute. Presently he is working in a German Cruise line called AIDA. During his holidays he visited the office and met Mr. Rudolf Schwartz who happened to be there. He then surprised him by conversing with him in German.

Deelen is very happy with his present job and he is recently promoted as Bar Supervisor. Soon after passing from the institute, Deelen worked for the Taj Holiday Village as a Bartender for two years. Later he joined the AIDA Cruise. He shared his experiences with the students of Hotel Management of both Bhumika and Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institutes and taught them how to prepare eight of the most modern cocktails.



Atul Babu Vengurlekar

Atul recently visited the ISEAF office along with his teacher Mr. Savio Barros. He had come to recruit few students of the Air Conditioning & Refrigeration trade for the firm where he is working now. When Atul failed the SSC, he was upset and depressed.

His friends advised him to join Keerti Vidyalaya Technical Institute and he opted for the Air Conditioning & Refrigeration trade.

Immediately after completing the course he was selected by 'Aircon' a firm in Goa. Later he applied in a firm in Abu Dhabi called 'Ferrari World' an indoor theme park. He was selected by the firm and presently works there as an AC Technician. The company was impressed by his efficiency and sincerity and asked him to recruit a few more technicians from the same institute. Atul selected three boys with the help of his teacher and they will be flying to Abu Dhabi soon.

Babaji Yeshwant Naik



"I am residing at Morjim, Pernem. After passing SSC, I was in two minds. My friends decided to join the XIth class for further studies, but I felt like doing some technical course and decided to join the Bhumika Technical Institute, Palye, run by the ISEAF. I took the Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic Course. It was a turning point in my life. I enjoyed the classes and our teacher Mr. Xavier Mascarenhas guided us very well. I passed the examination conducted by the HRDF, Govt. of Goa and soon was appointed as a Technician at the Samsung Service Center in Panaji. I am very happy with the job. I am very pleased with the course and told my younger

brother to join it, which he did. I am sure he too will get a job soon."

Malini DattaramTari



Malini belongs to a poor family and stays at Aronda which falls in Sindhudurg district. It was a passion for her to stitch clothes and try new designs. She joined the Bhumika Technical institute, Palye which was not far from her house, in the year 2015 and opted for tailoring & fashion designing. She learned the skills very fast and passed the examination conducted by State Council & Vocational Training, Govt. of Goa. After passing the examination, she decided to open her own Boutique, "Malini Dress Makers" in her village Aronda. She is the proud owner of this small unit and is grateful to her teacher and the institute for helping to mould her future.

Ashutesh Salik Ram Vishwakarma



Ashutesh was born in a remote village in Uttar Pradesh. He passed his Secondary exam there and also completed his Higher Secondary in agriculture. He came to Goa along with his older brother who works as a carpenter. Ashutesh heard about the ISEAF's Holy Cross Indo German Techno Centre. He joined the hotel management course and completed it in 2015-16, passing both examinations conducted by the Govt. of Goa as well as at the institute level. Soon he started his own hotel and restaurant called "Sangama Bar & Restaurant" on the side of national highway at Dhargalim, Pernem. He is doing very well and his hotel is very popular and gets lots of customers. He is very thankful to all his teachers who helped to give him the

confidence to start his own business.



Valentina Pinto

Valentina lives at Calangute. She failed the SSC exam and took admission for the Beautician and Skin care course at the Keerti Vidyalyaya Technical Institute in Rai, Siolim. She completed the course and passed the examination conducted by the Human Resource Development Foundation, Government of Goa in the year 2015-16. Soon after she was appointed as a beautician at "Shalom Beauty Parlour" in Mapusa. She is very happy in her job and is planning to start a parlour of her own.

SadikshaKalangutkar



"My name is Sadiksha. I live at Parse, Pernem and I belong to a poor family. After passing SSC, my parents told me that they cannot afford to send me for higher education. I too was in need of a job. My friends told me, "Do the beautician course at Keerti Vidyalyaya Technical Institute, Siolim and you will get a job soon". I took admission for this course and passed the examination in July 2014. Presently I have put up my own beauty parlour named 'S. K. Ladies Beauty Parlour', at Assagao, Bardez and I am very happy with my job."

The list of students to be mentioned is a very long one but due to the space limitations has to stop here.

Mr. Schwartz always said that the greatest satisfaction he gets is by helping this unfortunate group of dropout students who were considered as useless by the society. He derives great happiness in changing their lives and making them independent and capable of standing on their own feet.

SECOND THOUGHTS ON SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Rudolf had started the scholarship scheme of ISEAF with just four students. It had grown to one thousand and above. In order to help these students, the ISEAF had 540 sponsors from different parts of the world. These sponsors selected their students from the website of the ISEAF. Many students completed their education, started working and some of them even occupied coveted posts and position. Rudolf felt that when a student is selected for a scholarship, the ISEAF must look after him or her, till the education was completed even though it may take eight to ten years. As he was getting on in age, he realized that there was nobody from Germany to follow him in his work. He once said ironically, "I cannot find anybody who is crazy like me." Hence he realized that taking new students would be a great responsibility for a further ten years. Around the year 2016 he took a decision not to include any new students for the Scholarship scheme. However all who were getting scholarship would continue to get them till they complete their education. For Rudolf it was a very hard decision to make, but he was forced to take it as his fears increased and pragmatism insisted that he do so.

But when he looked back, he got tremendous satisfaction from what he had achieved. For the last so many years he had changed the lives of hundreds of students. Till date, altogether 3623 students completed their education in different courses with help from their sponsors. The students were free to do any course of their choice. During the selection process, there was no bias shown regarding caste, creed, religion or gender. The table below gives a breakup of the number of students who received scholarship from the ISEAF and went on to study in different streams:

The table above together with the testimonies of the drop-out students mentioned earlier, speak volumes of the wide range of people whose lives Rudolf has touched in a very meaningful way. They will always be grateful and will remember him for what he did for them.

Sr. No.	Course	No. of Students
1.	Graduation	1185
2.	Post-Graduation	211
3.	Engineering	210
4.	Diploma Courses	128
5.	MBBS	22
6.	BDS	08
7.	B.Ed.	60
8.	LLB	14
8.	B.Sc.(Nursing)	76
9.	B.Pharm / M.Pharm	63
10.	Others	1371
11.	Present students getting scholarship	275
	Total number of students	3623

THE LEGACIES LEFT BY RUDOLF

The **Bhumika Private ITI** was the first institute started in the year 1995 at Palye, a remote village in Pernem, by the ISEAF. This institute provides the following job oriented vocational courses:-

Turner, Electrician, Plumber, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic, Automobile Mechanic, Food Production, Food & Beverage Service, Hotel Management, Beautician and Skin Care, Garment Making & Fashion Designing, Computer Operator & Programming Assistant.

Keerti Vidyalaya Private ITI was started at Rai, Siolim in 1998. Here also courses like Home Nursing, Fashion Designing and Garment Making, Beautician & Skin Care, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic, Diesel Mechanic, Automobile Mechanic, Computer Operator & Programming Assistant are provided.

Holy Cross Indo German Private ITI was started at Marna, Siolim in the year 2014. The institute has an elaborate course for Hotel Management, specialised courses in Food Production, and Food & Beverage Service. Besides these, students are trained in Front Office, House Keeping and computer skills. This institute has a modern practical laboratory for food production and F & B Services. In addition to these courses there are also Electrician courses of one year and two years duration, courses in Plumbing and Home Nursing.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The importance and benefits of the courses are not known to many. In today's time white collar jobs are in demand, but they are very difficult to get. Graduates in various streams all over India are unemployed. Hence the relevance of skill development and job oriented training courses conducted by the above three institutes cannot be spoken about highly enough. The ex-students who completed their courses successfully tell other students about their experience.

In order to bring about awareness on this, Mr. Jacob has formed two groups of staff members to conduct programs in the schools. The teams visit the feeding schools and talk to the students. Presently there is sufficient number of students for all trades.

CERTIFICATION

All the courses are affiliated to either State Council of Vocational Training (SCVT), Government of Goa or to the Human Resource Development Foundation (HRDF), Govt. of Goa, according to the base academic qualification of each student. Most of SCVT trades need Xth class pass, but for HRDF students this basic qualification is relaxed.

Besides the above certification, ISEAF has also registered the "*Indo German Board of Technical Education Society*" on 3rd of April, 2019 under the Society's Registration Act 1860. This Board prepares the syllabus, conducts an examination and issues certificates to the candidates in addition to the above certifications. The Board is an autonomous body consisting of 13 members.

CURRICULUM

Almost all courses are of one year duration. The courses commence with an orientation programme, to instil self confidence among the students. They need such programmes as quite a number of them have faced rejection many times. The programme is conducted in all the three institutes separately by a team headed by Mr. Pravin Sabnis who is a senior corporate trainer and a governing council member of the organisation. Counselling programs are organized for the students whenever required. Besides, experts from different areas connected with their trades like Hospitality, Medical field, Entrepreneurs of small scale industries are invited to talk to and motivate these students.

Along with the theory of each trade regular practicals are conducted. Each student gets the opportunity to do the practical on a regular basis. Each institute is having a Smart Class programme and students of all trades get the basic knowledge of using a computer in relation to their trade. They also get the opportunity to watch the videos pertaining to their trade to re-enforce the practical lessons which they learned in the classrooms and workshop.

Students are also given a chance to develop their hidden talents. Sports, games and cultural activities are organized at regular intervals. All three institutes participate in competitions and prizes are distributed to the winners. Science exhibitions are also held to bring out their innovative skills.

Most of the students get employed even before they complete their courses. The Hospitality Industry and other firms approach the office for campus interviews and the students are selected as per their merit.

NIOS OPEN SCHOOL

In the year 2016, the ISEAF decided to enrol students to coach them for appearing in the Secondary (SSC) examination of NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling), Delhi. The first batch of 35 students was admitted in the Holy Cross Indo German Private ITI at Marna, Siolim. Experienced teachers were appointed on lecture basis to teach these students and fairly good results were obtained. The number of enrolments increased in the successive years. Open School coaching was also started at the Bhumika Private ITI in Palye from 2019 with a batch of 20 students. Once these students pass their Secondary exam, they are free to join in any of the ITI's or go to a higher secondary school, as they wish.

More than 7000 students have completed their education from the three technical institutes since 1995.



COPA instructor guiding the students in doing practical work.



Students of the Beautician Trade practicing on a colleague.



Tailoring classes going on in full swing



Automobile instructor on the job with actual engines.



Food & Beverage Service instructor demonstrating the preparation of cocktails



Home Nursing Students doing practicals under the guidance of their teacher.



Turner student busy in doing a practical job.



Plumbing Instructor guiding the students in their practicals.



Electrician Instructor demonstrating the art of wiring.



Students of Hotel Management at work in the food production lab.



Air Conditioning & Refrigeration students are busy in their work.



Computer Smart class in progress.

FELICITATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGMENT & MEDIA COVERAGE FOR THE GREAT WORK OF RUDOLF SCHWARTZ

Rudolf became very popular in Goa. Being a small state the news of his selfless work spread like wild fire everywhere. The news papers sent their journalists for his interviews. T.V. channels conducted interviews and telecasted. People observed a strange personality in this great man. Unlike other tourists, he showed great attachment to this place. Once he counted the time he spent in India from his first visit till 2019 and he found nearly six years he spent for the children of this country. During the early years, he regularly visited twice in a year .He came regularly in November and stayed till 15th December and again came in January and went back in March. This place has become his second home and he had many friends too here. His Scholarship scheme which helped thousands of students to build their future, countless children got medical assistance, many orphans were protected and provided food and educated them to become independent and to stand on their own feet. Many dropout students were educated well enough to secure a job for them and became independent to earn their own living.

Rudolf was felicitated in the year 2017 by the Rotary club Panaji for his self less service and the helping hand he extended to countless children below the poverty line. The students, ex-students, staff and the general public felicitated Rudolf on his 70th birthday. Many beneficiary organizations and students were present to express their gratitude. He was felicitated by Mr. Pratapsingh Rane former chief minister of Goa .He presented a Memento for devoting 25 years of his life for working tirelessly for the under privileged young boys and girls of this country and transformed their life and gave them a bright future.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9Qn30DrbIJE
Mr. Rudolf Schwartz was interviewed by the Prudent Media Channel
and telecasted .



Mr. Rudolf Schwartz addressing the Rotarians after
being felicitated by the Rotary club, Panaji



Mr. Rudolf Schwartz was felicitated by Mr. Pratap Singh Rane on his 70th birthday celebrations.



Mr. Rudolf Schwartz was felicitated by ISEAF and the students beneficiaries when he completed twenty years of dedicated service. Mr. Jacob Mathew the president and Chief functionary of ISEAF felicitated him in the traditional Indian way.

Goa's guardian angel from Germany

Twenty-seven years ago, a tourist saw poverty in India. Instead of gifting cash, he donated a lifetime of support

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Rudolf Schwartz fell in love with Goa on his first visit to India in 1990, when he spent five weeks in the coastal state with his wife, Elife. Despite being hooked on the pristine beaches and local delicacies, the sight of homeless people sleeping on the streets caught his attention. A normal tourist would buy the destitute some food or lend some money, but this German guardian angel took it upon himself to provide them with opportunities for growth and development, that they may have a better life.

"Some families had a dozen-odd children, not educated and loitering around the streets. They had no opportunities, no schooling, but had to still support their parents," says the 70-year-old, who has since made around 40 trips to Goa and stays in the same hotel, in the same room, every

single time.

After discussing this through with his wife, he decided to invest in their education. "As we began scouting for someone who could implement our ideas in Goa while we were back in Europe, we met this server at a popular pub, who was strict, yet kind. His name was Vincent D'Souza, and we thought he was the right man for the job. We began with four students from St Francis Xavier High School, Siolim. We would write to them from Germany, the letter would take two weeks to get here and then the response would reach us in another fortnight, yet this communication was essential," he says, reminiscing about the small beginnings in 1992.

Schwartz's friends in Germany were impressed by his work and began approaching him to offer support to more students. On his next trip to Goa, he had collected enough money to fund education for around 15-20 students



Rudolf Schwartz draws inspiration from his humble upbringing as a hardworking village boy. Together with Stella and Jacob Varghese (below), he has helped over 3,200 underprivileged students realize their dreams

"Then, as divine providence would have it, we were introduced to Stella Varghese, the headmistress of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Arambol. Stella helped us identify deserving students in the school who needed funding. We visited their homes and met their parents to understand their background," says Schwartz, adding that the turning point was when he was introduced to Stella's husband, Jacob, an educationist in Pernem.

Together, the Schwartz and Varghese families began a vocational training institute in Pallem in 1995. In its first year, the Bhumika Technical Institute started with two trades—turner and electrician. Today, the institute offers training courses in plumbing, welding, tailoring, automobile mechanics, home nursing, etc. This spurred them onto providing scholarships for intellectual but poor students.

In 1997, Schwartz helped launch Koerti Vidyalyaya Technical Institute, which offers six job-

oriented vocational courses. As the demands kept increasing, more infrastructure was a necessity. In 2013, they established the Holy Cross Indo-German Techno Centre in Siolim.

Set up by Schwartz, the Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation has sponsored the education of nearly 3,200 students over the last 25 years. Schwartz was 44 when he set on his mission and, most of the time, paid from his own pocket to travel to India and sponsor the unprivileged children. "As a bank manager, I had a stable job with a decent pay, but it wasn't really interesting," says the former employee of a German bank.

The philanthropist draws his inspiration from his humble upbringing as a village boy who helped his mother in the family garden, growing potatoes, beans, carrots and other vegetables. When not gardening, he spent time in helping out at the family-owned bakery. "I was the eldest of five siblings and we learnt to be

independent from a very young age. I got my first bicycle at 14 and rode it around the countryside of Borssum, in Emden. I preferred playing football instead of doing my homework, like every other boy and even got myself enrolled in a rowing club," says Schwartz.

The Home Nursing Bureau, established in 2005, was another huge milestone in Schwartz's efforts to train locals to their strengths and not force upon them something beyond their capacity. There are 300 registered home nurses as part of the bureau that serve in different parts of the state. Many orphan children and school dropouts have also benefited from the family assistance and scholarships provided by the foundation.

For someone who loves his dal, also gobi, fish, and chicken in cauliflower and saruti gravy, Schwartz couldn't wait until his next trip to Goa to indulge in his favourite dishes, so he carried the recipes home. "I think the strategy of cooking an Indian meal when I meet potential sponsors, who are mostly friends and sometimes acquaintances, has really worked," says Schwartz. Today, he has the support of around 460 active sponsors from Germany, who are mostly judges, teachers and small businessmen. The beneficiaries of this educational funding have gone on to become doctors, chartered accountants, advocates, teachers, engineers and other professionals.

"It feels good to know I have made a difference along with my friends from India. I completely detach myself from Germany when I am here. If you ask my wife, she says I am obsessed with my work in Goa, which reminds me, I have to head back to the beach, where she is waiting," says the ever smiling Schwartz.



The printed media published well, about the work of Rudolf Schwartz. This helped a lot of students to know the great work he has been doing for the last many years and such deserving students approached the organization to avail the benefits. Here few of the paper cuttings are displayed.

'ड्रॉपआऊट' विद्यार्थ्यांना सरकारी पाठवळाची गरज!

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ISEAF meets educational needs of poor students

By A Staff Reporter

PANAJI, March 19: Nine years ago, a German national, Mr Rudolf Schwartz, first visited Goa as a tourist and in order to meet the educational needs of the poor and needy students from the state decided to work in that direction. However, in 1991, when he came in contact with Mr Tomazinho Cardozo, now the Speaker of state legislative assembly established Indian Student's Educational Air Foundation (ISEAF).

During the last nine years, the ISEAF managed to raise funds from German nationals to meet various educational needs of Goan students. Last year the foundation had spent Rs 40 lakh on various educational institutions in Goa. Till date the foundation spent over Rs 1.5 crore for providing education in various streams to local students.

Initially Mr Schwartz was providing financial assistance to the students to complete school education. He provided financial aid to 30 students in 1992-93, and provided funds to 501 students during the ongoing academic year.

Mr Schwartz said nearly 195 sponsors from Germany fi-



The founder of ISEAF, Mr Rudolf Schwartz, seen with the president of ISEAF Mr Tomazinho Cardozo and the director of technical education, Mr Jacob Mathew at one of the ISEAF's technical institutes.

nance the education of Goan students. The ISEAF provides financial assistance only to poor meritorious students. The help is offered at the standard tenth level and continues till they complete their education of university level. The amount varies as per the needs of the students. Besides, this the foundation also provides a helping hand to the families during emergencies.

During Mr Schwartz visit in 1993 he met Ms Jacob, who apprised him of the benefits of providing vocational training in fields such as tailoring for unemployed girls. In the subsequent year he started tailoring schools, which are presently located at Arambol, Aldona and Moira villages. The money for the sewing machines was donated by Ms Frese and Wolff

and Mr Adi Hess.

In order to concentrate on students who drop out, Mr Schwartz initially started technical schools on experimental basis at Palyem in Pernem taluka in 1995. Several trades were started in the institution and currently 183 students are studying different trades there. Besides, the foundation also runs a technical institution at Curtorim in South Goa. Two courses electricians and computers were started in 1997 and so far 47 students have been trained.

The foundation thus runs three technical schools — Bhumika Technical Institute, Palyem, Pernem, (computer, electrical and turner); Keertividyalaya Technical Institute, Siolim (Computer, electronics, welder, fitter and home nursing); St Rit's Technical Institute, Maina Curtorim (computer and electrician).

The foundation is headed by Mr Cardozo, while the other members are Dr Ernest Rodrigues (vice president), Ms Stella Jacob (secretary), Mr Urbano D'Souza (treasurer), Dr Manuel Soares, Mr Jacob Mathew, Mr Durgaprasad Parab and Ms Irene Cardozo (all members).

रूदोल्फ शेवर्त्झ यांच्या कार्याला सलाम

गोवातल्या गरीब विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी एक मोठा काम करणारा शेवर्त्झ यांचा या कामातून अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांना मदत मिळाली आहे. त्यांच्या मदतीने अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांनी आपली शिक्षण पूर्ण केले आहे. त्यांच्या मदतीने अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांनी आपली शिक्षण पूर्ण केले आहे. त्यांच्या मदतीने अनेक विद्यार्थ्यांनी आपली शिक्षण पूर्ण केले आहे.



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भारतीय विद्यार्थी शैक्षणिक अनुदान संस्थापना (इंडियन स्टूडेंट्स एज्युकेशनल एंड फाऊंडेशन) चा वार्षिक दिन तसेच बत्तीस वितरण कार्यक्रम शिवोली येथील कीर्ती विद्यालय टेक्निकल इन्स्टिट्यूटमध्ये साजरा झाला. प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून मनुष्यबळ विकास संस्थापनेचे चेअरमन तथा हस्तकला प्रशिक्षण केंद्राचे संचालक आलेक्सिओ ड्राकोस्ता उपस्थित होते, तर अल्पसंख्यांनी संस्थापनेचे संस्थापक रुडॉल्फ सवार्ट (जर्मनी) होते.

संस्थापनेचे गोवा विभागाचे प्रमुख कार्यवाहक जेकोब मॅथ्यू यांनी स्वागत केले. आपल्या भाषणात श्री. मॅथ्यू यांनी मनुष्यबळ विकास संस्थापनेचे कार्य अग्रस्थितपणे हाताळीत असल्याबद्दल श्री. कॉस्ता यांचे अभिनंदन केले. त्यांच्या सहकार्यामुळे संस्थापनेच्या तांत्रिक संस्थांचे कार्य सुरळीत चालू असल्याचे नमूद केले. श्री. कॉस्ता यांनी आपल्या भाषणात मनुष्यबळाचे महत्त्व विषय केले. गोव्यात प्रशिक्षित मनुष्यबळाची आवश्यकता असून ही गरज पूर्ण होऊ



शिवोली : भारतीय विद्यार्थी शैक्षणिक अनुदान संस्थापनेच्या वार्षिक बत्तीस वितरण सोहळ्यात बोलताना मनुष्यबळ विकास संस्थापनेचे चेअरमन आलेक्सिओ कोस्ता. बाजूला जेकोब मॅथ्यू, रुडॉल्फ सवार्ट.

शकत नाही. रोजगारसंपीर्बरोबरच स्वयंरोजगारावर भर देणे अत्यावश्यक आहे. आपटीआय प्रशिक्षितांनी सरकारी कार्ये योजनेच्या ताम येऊन स्वयंरोजगार सुरू करून स्वतःच्या पायावर उभे राहावे, असे आवाहनही त्यांनी केले.

श्री. सवार्ट यांनी आपल्या भाषणात संस्थापनेच्या तांत्रिक संस्थांमध्ये विद्यार्थी प्रशिक्षण येऊन

रोजगार प्राप्त करित असल्याबद्दल समाधान व्यक्त केले.

कीर्ती विद्यालय टेक्निकल संस्थेचे प्राचार्य अॅलन फर्नांडिस यांनी अडपालवाचन केले. श्रीमती जॅना रस्किन्या यांनी आभारदर्शन केले. कालिदास कोचरेकर यांनी सूत्रसंचालन केले. त्यानंतर विविध सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम सादर करण्यात आले.

Bhumika institute — a boon to Pernem youth

BY HERALD CORRESPONDENT
PERNEM, SEPT 14 — The Bhumika Technical Institute established in 1995 by Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation in collaboration with Universal Education Trust, at Palyem-Pernem has proved a great boon to the youth of Pernem.

In the beginning, the management concentrated on dropout students. The courses covered were turner, plumber, welder, electrician, tailoring, cutting and embroidery were introduced. Subsequently, as years passed by, there was a demand from the public to start a course in computer, and data processing and computer software (DPCS) was introduced.

From this year, Bhumika Technical Institute introduced a new course for graduates in IT known as post graduates diploma in computer programming and web engineering. The syllabus for this course is designed considering job opportunities



AT PRACTICALS: The ITI students of Bhumika Technical Institute, Palyem in Pernem undergoing practicals in electricals.

Photo by Nilkanth Pednekar

both in the country and abroad. This includes Java, Oracle, C++, D2K, HTML, says director of the Institute, Jacob Mathew.

Altogether 600 students completed their education from this institute and most of them are gainfully employed, especially the stu-

dents from Morjim, Mandrem, Palyem, Korgao, Parse, Tuem, Arambol, Terekhol, Keri and Pernem.

The courses are affiliated to HRDF (Human Resource Development Foundation), Government of Goa and examinations are conducted

by HRDF in July, every year. All the courses are of one year duration and start in the first week of July and finish by June in the following year.

Besides the technical education, the Institute gives importance to sports and cultural activities. Competitions are being held every year. For the benefit of the students, the management organises a seminar on vocational guidance. The students are given ample of chance to do their practicals and much stress is given on practical works.

However, the Director Mr Mathew expresses concern as the government is not providing any financial assistance to run the Institute.

Every year, Rs 5 lakh is spent on the salary of the staff. Besides, an equal amount is spent for practical materials, tools and equipments.

Rudolf Schwartz, founder of ISEAF has played a vital role in pertaining to the problem.



Exhibition 2016
Science exhibition is inaugurated .



The dignitaries taking a round to
see the different stalls.



Rudolf on the Dias along with other
guests.



Exhibition 2017



Lighting the lamp to inaugurate Expo 2017.





Expo 2017 inaugurated by Director - Crafts man training, Mr.Alexio da Costa.



Rudolf Schwartz trying a modified bike.



Addressing the gathering during the function.



A project is being explained to Rudolf.



Watching carefully the projects.



Prize distribution of the exhibition.

Exhibition 2018



Inauguration of EXPO 2018
Lighting the Lamp by Mr. Rudolf

Exhibition 2019



Mr. Rudolf along with Mr. Rane
examining a project



Dignitaries visiting different
stalls



Some queries about project is
clarified by the students



Students Explaining about project to
Mr. Rudolf



How environment can be protected
students explain to Mr. Rudolf

Expo 2019 - Rudolf along with other guests paying visits to different stalls.



Students explain the project to guests.



Inauguration of EXPO 2019



Checking the Blood Sugar of Mr. Rudolf



Inauguration of EXPO 2019
Lighting the Lamp by Mr. Rudolf & others



EXPO - 2019
Explaining the project to the chief guest



The Dignitaries visits the project stalls



He meant an all-round development of the students. Sports and games competitions were encouraged.



Establishing School Partnership at Sanjeevan Society for youth development with Altes Gymnasium Oldenburg.



Rudolf's team of ISEAF in 2006.



Rudolf with Mr. Tomazhino Cardozo, Jacob Mathew & Vincent Desouza.



Children's play park in Bhumika school built under school partnership Grundschule Georgstr.1-Oldenburg.



Spending time interacting with the children of Atmaviswas.



Rudolf Schwartz with Petra Bosse visited Manisha and her siblings in their house.



Mr. Ramen Mukherji addressing the crowd while celebrating ten years of ISEAF'S technical education.



Ausbildungshilfe Indien e.V Achterdiek 66a,26131, Oldenburg, Germany & the present residence of Rudolf Schwartz.



Mr. David Lopes Menezes, then Hon.Consul of Federal Republic of Germany visited Bhumika Technical Institute along with Rudolf in the year 1997.



Convocation Ceremony at Holy Cross Indo German Techno Centre



Sponsor Mrs. Bettina Schwartz visited ISEAF office to meet her student Pratiksha Gaude

RUDOLF & HIS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE INDIAN STUDENTS

At the age of 73 Rudolf continues to be very active. He comes regularly with his wife in the month of January and spends 6 week in India and goes back in the first week of March. If anybody asks him he would say "I am strong enough to work for another 20 years". But he got a well planned agenda for the work to be continued even if he is not there.

In two or three years the scholarship scheme would come to an end as I.S.E.A.F. stopped, sponsoring new students. Now the organization would be concentrating on the vocational institutes. Up-gradation of different trades of these institutes is being done on a regular basis. Since all the students are getting employed, more and more students are coming forward to take admissions. Rudolf wants to promote Home nursing Bureau as this unit is not only doing a noble work for the society but also helps to improve the revenue of the organization. Now ISEAF has grown enough to be self sufficient and may be in two or three years it can manage without German aid.

During one of the interviews he told that when he came to India for the first time he never had a plan to start an organization like this. All these developments came gradually. Many people worked for it. Starting with Vincent, many Indians helped him in his work. Mrs. Stella Jacob, the founder president Mr. Tomazhino Cardozo, Mr. Jacob Mathew and other members of our organization were all behind for the successful work of Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation. There are many people who played second fiddle and nobody noticed their work. Many of our instructors and our office staff worked very sincerely to bring up these institutes.

However the most important person behind Rudolf is his wife Elfie Schwarz. From the first trip to India till today she came along with him. Her advice and suggestions he took always very seriously and considered it always before taking an important decision.

This organization is safe in the hands of the young and vibrant members of ISEAF and Rudolf said that he would do the needful while preparing his last will, so that the grant will continue from Germany even if he is not there.

The Goan students are lucky to have this great man here and for him this place is his second home. He could change the life of thousands and thousands of students. The great work he has undertaken will continue for many years.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Indian Students Educational Aid Foundation is committed to empower students of India with love, compassion and respect, by helping them pursue careers more appropriate to their likes and abilities, through its Vocational Institutes of the highest quality.

We are also dedicated to financially aiding the deserving but needy students to complete their education, irrespective of their caste, creed or religion.



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