



Bringing opportunities to the underprivileged

# The Journey: Now and Ahead Report 2012-2013



## A decade of changing lives

With the blessings and support of everyone associated with the OM Foundation, a milestone has been achieved. What started as an attempt to provide schooling to 20 children has turned into a source of education, healthcare, nutrition, community welfare, skill development and employment for about 300 children and their families.

The year saw fine performances by students both within and outside the school. The campus also witnessed enthusiastic participation from various volunteers, both from associated companies and individuals.

The big occasion to celebrate was the visit of the First French Lady, Madame Valerie Trierweiler, who arrived at the campus and spent quality time interacting with students. The other big event was Udaan, the 10th Annual Day celebrations where the OM students impressed everyone by their energetic and enthusiastic performances.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our sponsors, volunteers, well wishers, the OM School faculty and staff for being an important part of our journey and making it all possible.

As we look forward to another academic year, we take pride in the enthusiasm and inspiring performances of the OM students in academics and extracurricular activities. Their progress and development, in fact, now encourages us to spread our efforts beyond the OM School and cover many more underprivileged people who desire education and better ways of earning a living.

With everyone's blessings and support, we are sure we will.



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## A decade of achievements

- ▶ Grown from 20 to 300 students.
- ▶ Added one class every year. Now the school is till 9th standard.
- ▶ Attrition rate under 4%.
- ▶ Average attendance more than 90%.
- ▶ Parents turnout ratio in Parents-Teachers meeting is more than 85%.
- ▶ One Child-One Family concept multiplies the impact of education.
- ▶ Preference given to Orphans, Girl Child and Single Parent child.
- ▶ No favoritism to any particular caste, creed or religion.
- ▶ Approx. 10% of the students are from minorities and close to 30% of the students are from SC/ST.
- ▶ Girls and Boys ratio is 49:51.
- ▶ Besides providing education to underprivileged children, the Foundation also launched and is successfully running livelihood skill projects for women and youth.





# OM Foundation School: Excelling all around



## Academic Performance

- ▶ The new academic session started from first week of April, 2012. This year, the Foundation added 36 more students taking the total strength to 280. Currently the school is running classes from Nursery to IX.
- ▶ The year saw the students do well in their weekly tests, term exams and Annual Exams. 272 students from Nursery to Class X appeared for the final exam.

### Here's a synopsis of the Annual Exam Results

<b>Total Number of Students appeared</b>	272
<b>Overall Pass Percentage</b>	99.58%
<b>Students Passed with Distinction</b>	35.35%
<b>Overall Student's Average Result</b>	67.04%



## Making **everyone proud** even outside the school

The OM Foundation students participated and performed excellently in many events organized in other schools and by other organizations. We congratulate them for their efforts and are sure they will keep the OM flag flying high in future, too.

**HCLT Quiz Winners:** The OM Foundation Students won the Inter School Quiz Competition organized by HCLT Foundation at their offices premises on 15th August.

**Sewa Bharat Youth Festival:** The students outshone the students of seven other NGO's by bagging 5 prizes and gloriously bringing home the trophy at the Diwali Youth Festival organized by SEWA Bharat on 15th November 2012 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi.

**DPS Drawing Competition:** The OM Foundation students participated in the drawing competition organized at DPS. Satya Bhawna from class III won a prize for her work on the theme "My School Education – fun at school".





# A Healthy Tradition

Adhering to our commitment to the health and well being of our students, a series of healthcare activities for students and communities were successfully organized in collaboration with various public and private organizations. The initiatives included general health check-ups, eye testing and awareness for personal hygiene. We thank all organisations and individuals who helped us in making it possible.



Eye Care Camp by ICARE



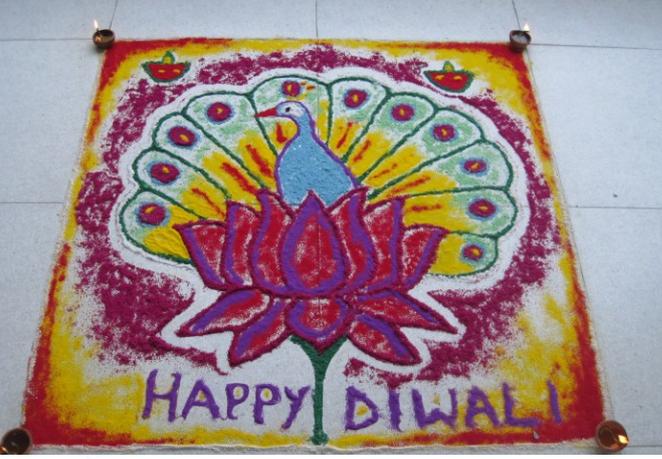
Rotary Club Camp



Sharp Foundation Health Camp



District Magistrate's Health Drive



## Special Events & Occasions

This year, the School observed many important days and festivals of national and international importance. In the true tradition of secularism, universal brotherhood humanity the celebrations included Holi, Gandhi Jayanti, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, UNICEF Day, among others shown below.



Diwali & Children's Day



Traffic Safety Day



Christmas Day



Guru Nanak's B'day



World Human Rights Day



Eid



Republic Day



National Maths Day



Independence Day



# The French First Lady at OM: An honour Indeed

The arrival of French First Lady, Madame Valerie Trierweiler, on February 14, turned out to be one of most memorable days for the students of OM Foundation School. She spent 50 minutes at the school, visiting each and every class room, interacting with students, asking questions about their studies, their lives and their aspirations. She saw and appreciated an entertaining cultural program by the students. She also visited the Women Empowerment Centre. She left assuring the Foundation the best possible support for future projects in education.





# Udaan: A flight of dreams

## 10th Annual Day Celebration, Delhi

To celebrate its 10th Birthday, the OM Foundation put up a cultural program "UDAAN – Reaching New Heights" at the Sri Sathya Sai International Centre, New Delhi on 6th of October, 2012. The event was a huge success and enthralled the audience that packed the auditorium with their encouraging presence. The show was a perfect blend of emotion, action and entertainment. The OM students impressed everyone with their scintillating performances as they danced, sang songs, played instruments and even acted out an English play conveying that they are not underprivileged after gaining education. Mr. Ian Peters, the Chief Guest for the function had flown in from UK especially for the event and to encourage the students. He was accompanied by other British Gas business leaders Mr. Matt Idle and Mr. Peter Parsons. On this occasion

Mr Ian Peters said, "The school is very close to my heart and I always feel humble to see these students growing and learning. We will extend our all support for the completion of the schooling of the OM children".

The presence of Ms. Anne Minto OBE as a special guest and the presence of leadership teams of EXL, Aon Hewitt, Barclays, HCLT, Sopra, KPMG, and Smile Foundation made the event even more special.





## Corporate Engagements

Our valued corporate associates continued their enthusiastic participation in various school activities. These included programs in skill developments, games, volunteering and education excursions to name a few. We thank all of them for contributing to yet another year of learning and fun.



- ▶ **British Gas :** The OM students played a cricket match with the members of Centrica India, British Gas and Exl Services in Noida. A team from British Gas also celebrated the company's 200th birthday with the children, giving everyone some memorable moments.
- ▶ **Exl Services:** Their regular volunteering has helped the students in improving their English communication, grammar and vocabulary.
- ▶ **Barclays :** Barclays continued its reach engagements with the school. It organised various activities like a day-long visit to the Nehru Planetarium Delhi. Its volunteers organised the school wall painting and a Safety Drill . Its senior management spent quality time teaching interesting application on computers to the children.
- ▶ **HCL Technologies Foundation:** HCL volunteers ran various youth clubs for the students. A group of girls was given training in the Indian dance forms which also participated in the HCL Annual fest. Students were also given training in quizzing, debating and drawing.
- ▶ **Fujitsu India Consulting** collaborated with the OM Foundation for CSR activities in education and environment.
- ▶ **Samsung Engineering:** Promoted education with "Spread a Smile" on their 42nd anniversary. Samsung Engineering & Eco Generation launched their first India Environmental Awareness Program at the campus.
- ▶ **Sopra:** Sopra Group India partnered with the OM Foundation to mentor the students in various activities like cricket, personality development and creative activities like art & craft and dance to support the overall development of the children.



# People who help us make what we are

## Our valued sponsors and associates



We would also like to thank individuals who have always extended their foremost support in their own capacity to help the Foundation and its beneficiaries. Mr. Kuldeep Drabu, Mr. Arjun Singh, Ms. Anne Minto OBE and Ms. Fiona Nott are some of the individuals with major contributions.



# Community Initiatives: Beyond School

We have always seen our purpose beyond just providing education to our students. We believe their families, communities and localities are as much a part of our lives as they are. With this understanding the OM Foundation continued its initiatives for the welfare of local communities. These primarily touched upon matters of health, hygiene and social issues. We also reached new milestones under various programs launched for women and the youth either related to our students or as members of local community.

**ITS Dental College and Research Centre, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh** conducted free health check up camp at the OM Foundation School for the students and their families. The check-up were done in Dental, Eye, Gynecology and General Medicine. Free medicines were also distributed on the spot. .



**“Chuppi Todo” Campaign for Child Rights :** The OM Foundation School and HCLT Foundation volunteers, organized a special event to educate children about their safety and rights. The school also organized a walkathon through the locality to spread awareness about child safety among local communities.

**The Art of Living Medical Camp:** On 16/12/2012, a Medical Camp in collaboration with The Art of Living (Noida Chapter) was organized at the School. A total of 175 people of all age groups from Hoshiarpur and nearby villages were treated at the camp by a team of general physicians, cardiologists, gynecologists, pediatrician and dentists.





# Livelihood Initiatives

## Youth Employability Program

The OM Foundation successfully completed the second batch of its youth employment initiative in partnership with Barclays Shared Services.

The program aims to reduce poverty and vulnerability by facilitating young adults, aged 17-35, from economically weak and disadvantaged areas to develop the skills required to obtain gainful employment in areas like Retail, ITES and Hospitality. Edulever is the training partner for this program. The program targets to train and employ 100 candidates within the period of one year

## “Swayum Sewika”- Women Empowerment Program

The Women Empowerment initiative, supported by HCLT Foundation is helping the urban slums’ women in getting livelihood skill sets. This program is targeted at training women in garment manufacturing so that they can be self reliant and earn to support their families. Women trained under this program have started generating products for sale. These include mobile covers, cushion covers, aprons, runners, hand painted dupattas, karva’s, pillow covers and hand painted diyas. Its success has already started attracting other women of the community to join and benefit from the same.

## Barclays supported Training Program for Rural Women

The OM Foundation is successfully running the training initiative for rural women in partnership with Barclays Shared Services. The volunteers from Barclays deserve a special mention as 3 teams from Barclays participated in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon for raising funds for training 100 women in apparel making.





## Volunteers: The extra helping hand

It's heartening to share that like every year, some special individuals continued to go out of their way to put in an extra effort for the development of the OM Children. We thank them for their volunteering initiatives wish them all the happiness and joy that they bring to us.

**Summer Camp:** The students of Vasant Valley School led by Ms. Amira Singh organized "Summer Workshop" for the students of VIIIth and IXth of OM Foundation School. All the activities were well structured and focused on improving the English language and Communication skills, Reading Habits and Personality Development of the students. During this period, musical sessions and sporting activities were also organized to energize the students.

**Communication Workshop by Ms. Mihika Kapoor:** Ms. Mihika Kapoor continued her voluntary activity for the third consecutive year at the school. As in the past, she flew in especially from New York for her Communication Workshop. She engaged with the class IX students on 20th - 29th March, 2013 to help them develop their artistic abilities, creative writing and English language speaking through a series of interactive activities and workshops.





# Looking Ahead: Let's create a bigger difference

Now we are looking ahead to bigger challenges as we gear up to work for a Higher Senior Secondary School that will benefit:

- ▶ About 300 OM School students in completing CBSE recognised 10+2 education
- ▶ About 2000 children, girls, boys, men and women who wish to complete senior school education at Zero cost through evening and weekend classes
- ▶ The aim is to reduce the number of school dropouts uneducated youth and the unemployed population of Noida & NCR.



To achieve this dream, we need your support.



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