

# ANNUAL REPORT

2009-10



Bringing opportunities to the underprivileged

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## Introduction

***“Literacy is one of the most potent weapons to fight poverty”***

Due to poverty a substantial proportion of Indian children are deprived of their right to education. For the poorest families, poverty is both a cause as well as a result of inaccessibility to education. Children from economically poorer families are less likely to be enrolled in schools or to complete the basic level of education.

OM Foundation was started with a commitment to reduce the inequities of opportunities and resources that economically and socially disadvantaged people of the society face. It was founded in the year 2002, with a vision to significantly contributing to the quality education and healthcare of the socially and economically disadvantaged people of the country.

The school provides free quality formal education, healthcare services and balanced nutrition to children, who can neither afford requisite school fees and supplies nor essential healthcare services. At present there are 161 such children enrolled from **Nursery to Grade VI in the school.**



## Foundation at a glance

Om Foundation is registered as a Public Charitable Trust. The Foundation has been working for the last 8 (eight) years, for the quality care of children who would otherwise lack access to basic education, healthcare, hygiene and balanced nutrition. The Foundation was set to provide children from urban slums with free first-rate education and basic healthcare facility.

As part of this endeavor Om Foundation will also provide relevant education, guidance and skills necessary for children to emerge as an assets not only for their immediate family but also for the Nation.

*Om Foundation has been accredited as a “Credible NGO” by Credibility Alliance, Mumbai.*

## Vision

Vision is to significantly contribute in the betterment of quality of life for the socially and economically disadvantaged people of the country by empowering them through Education.

## Mission

- To ensure all round development of children by providing them with quality formal education, healthcare and balanced nutrition, so that they can accomplish a better life individually and become a responsible citizen of our country.
- To empower girls from society by providing them support for pursuing their educational goals, thereby turning them into dignified, confident and positive contributors to society.
- To help children & youth shape their future with a secure job by providing them relevant education, guidance, grooming & counselling facilities.

## People Behind

OM Foundation is managed by Board of Trustees which is comprised of individuals from diverse backgrounds and expertise. Board members are involved in all capacities to contribute their time, experience and effort for the betterment of the Foundation.

### Board Of Trustees

- Mr. Sanjay Drabu
- Mr. Vivek Gaur
- Mr. Shobit Mahajan

### Advisory Board

- Mrs. Sunita Gehrotra
- Col. B. K. Kailash

## Key Activities

OM Foundation wishes to realize its mission by contributing to quality education and healthcare services for the society. OM Foundation School is one of the foremost initiatives of the Foundation. The school provides free quality education, healthcare services and balanced nutrition to 161 children in need living in the community. With the dedicated efforts of the team, the charisma of quality education has spread far and wide among the community, leading to an increase in number of children to 161. These children are from very poor families with family income of less than Rs.4000 per month. Some of the children have never attended school while others have had to drop out, as their parents can no longer afford to send them because of financial hardship.

## Highlights of the year

- The school targets to have their Administrative expenses as low as possible. OM managed to keep their administrative expense at less than 5% for the sixth consecutive year.
- The senior classes shifted to a new complex which has better facilities like spacious class rooms, playing areas, library, computer lab & an AV room. This all was possible with the help of British Gas U.K & EXL Service India. Both are new corporate partners of OM and have pledged to support the high school project.
- Attrition has been as low as 3% which shows the acceptability of the project within the community.
- The Academic Result of 2009-10 was excellent with pass percentage being 97.3 with 27 students scoring distinction marks (above 70 %).

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## Trust & Relationship

With the end of this year, OM Foundation got a chance of being associated with some of those esteemed organizations who are working for the cause of helping the disadvantaged section in our country as well as in other countries. Only because of such associations we are able to move ahead and achieve our goal of spreading quality education and healthcare services to the children in need. This page is dedicated to all our honoured partners committed to bring about a change in the society.

### Corporate Partners Of The Year

- British Gas
- EXL Service
- KPMG India
- Hewitt Associates
- Pearson Group
- DeeJay Cables
- Unecops Technologies Ltd

### Organisations & Clubs

- Smile Foundation
- Setu Foundation
- Theosophical Order of Service
- Sai Baba Mandir Samiti, Sector 40, Noida
- I-Care Hospital Noida

### Individual Donors

- Mr. Kuldeep Drabu
- Mrs. Sherry & Mr Richard Bonelli
- Mr. Anil Kumar
- Mr. Sanjeev Khandelwal
- Mr. Nick Skinner
- Mr. Naresh Thawani
- Mr. Raj Luthra
- Ms. Ritu Sachar

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- New Advisor to OM Foundation School: Prof R. D. Shukla retired Dean NCERT joined the institution as an Advisor. He visits the school regularly to guide the teachers on how to improve teaching skills.
- New Experienced teachers & headmistress was appointed. All the teachers hold professional Bed degrees. Some of them hold a masters degree as well.
- Soma's (Grade 2) drawing being selected for British Gas Charity, which was used on the ticket pass for Grand Ball held in London during the year 2009.
- Four Parent Teacher Meetings were held on a quarterly basis and the turnout was 88%. This shows the enthusiasm of the parents is very high.
- New academic session started with great enthusiasm from 1st April 2009. New admissions were made after thorough scrutiny of the socio-economic conditions of the parents. 71 students were added in year 2009-10.
- 161 students were on roll during the academic session 2009-2010.
- Extra classes were introduced for slow learners on Saturdays.



## Future Plans

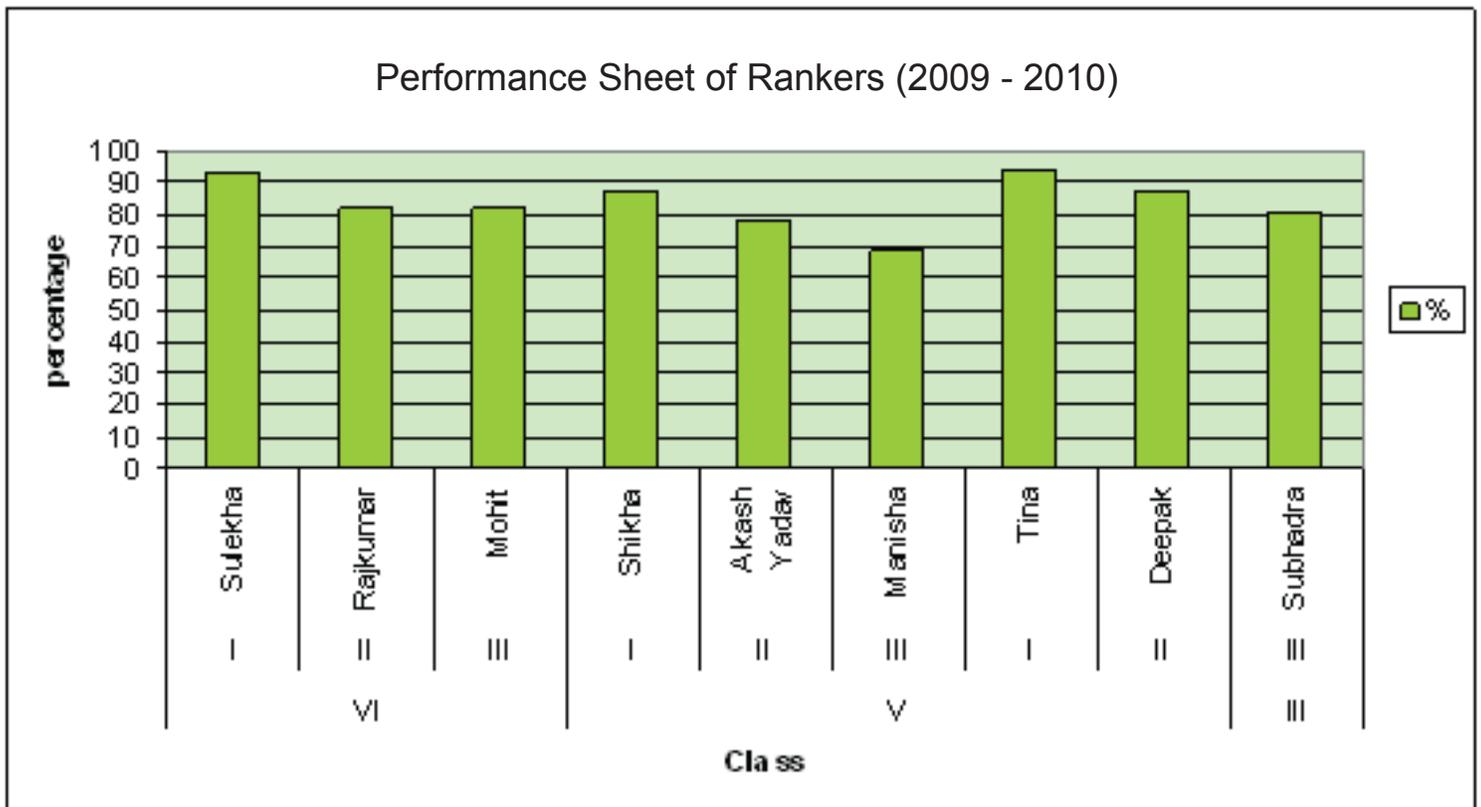
- To start a Tutoring Programme for the children after school hours. This will help the kids to complete their homework under good guidance.
- Start a cultural wing to train youth in different cultural activities & help them to enter into the world of performing arts.
- Development of a vocational training centre for young adults & the families of the underprivileged children.
- Explore more avenues for extra curricular activities for children so that talented children can have more career options.
- Build more class rooms in the new block to shift the primary section.

## Achievements 2009-10

### Academics

- The Academic Result of 2009-10 was excellent with pass percentage being 97.3 with 27 students scoring distinction marks (above 70 %).
- Two new sections of class VI were introduced with 23 new admissions.
- New Science lab started during the session.
- Mathematics lab was made operative from November 2009.
- 3% attrition reported during the year 2009- 2010.
- The below Performance sheet of the Rankers graph explains the performances of students of class III , V, & VI. Students have faired very well during the academic session.

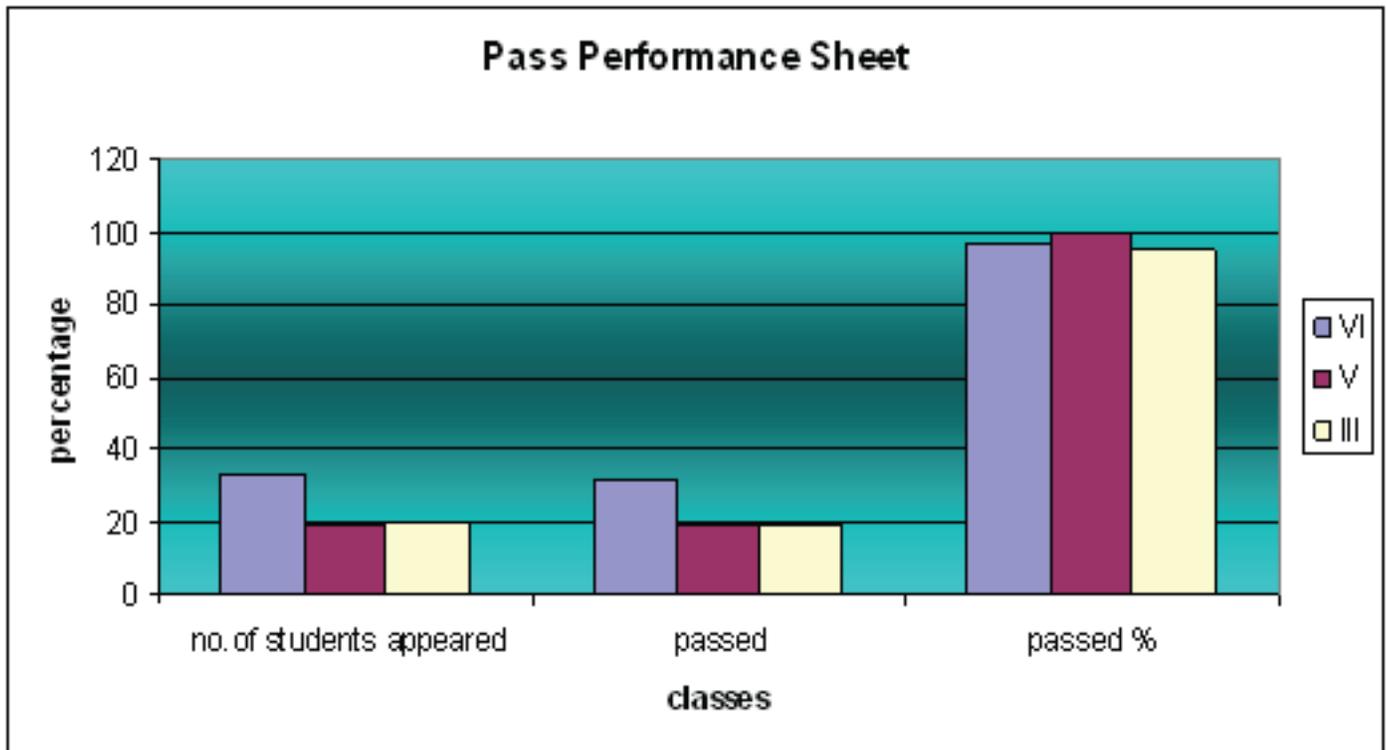
Performance Sheet of Rankers (2009 - 2010)



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● Pass performance Sheet of the final examination 2009-2010 has been brilliant as the pass percentage was 100%.



### Sports & Outings

● Cricket and football matches were organised between British Gas Engineers and students of OM Foundation School on 20th & 27th Nov 2009. At the same time girls took part in badminton and basketball matches.

● The school planned for a picnic to India Gate on 26th March 2010. Along with fun & frolic the teachers explained about this important monument of the city as this is one of the most memorial built in commemoration of more than 80,000 Indian soldiers who were killed during World War.



### Workshops

● A workshop titled 'Evaluation and Examination' on Nov. 21.11.09 for the teachers of OM Foundation School Noida. Prof Shukla has been instrumental in helping & supporting the school in developing & delivering various curriculum programmes for the children & the teachers.

● Oxford University Press organised a workshop at Cambridge School, Noida on 7 November 2009 for teachers. The workshop was conducted by Mr. J. Mason a renowned educationist. Teachers from OM Foundation School & other various public schools attended the workshop.

● Two teachers attended the workshop conducted by Smile Foundation on Teaching Methodologies for the NGO School.

● On 17th April 2009 a workshop was conducted for students & teachers in the school campus by Col.Kailash & Mr Khatri.

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## Extra – Curricular Activities

- Special Assembly has been introduced from this session, a special assembly was conducted on the Earth Day.
- Students became members of HT Pace. They all get newspaper to read everyday.
- Students divided into four houses- Tagore, Vivekananda, Mother Teresa & Dr Kalam.
- Drawing competitions were organised under 4 houses, best designed cards were selected by British Gas to be printed in the passes for Grand Ball in London during the year.
- OM Kids winning prizes for best creativity skills at S. D. Public School Noida Rajesh & Mohit of class VI won prizes for their best creativity skill in making “Best out of Waste Materials”.
- Magic Show was organized by Hindustan Times for the children on 19th February 2010 in the school campus. The show engaged all the kids bringing them into the world of mysteries & funny gags. The show kept all the children engaged, amazed, laughing & thoroughly entertaining.
- All the children were shown Movie “Paa” on March 2, 2010.

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- Two teachers Mr. Dinesh Tiwari and Mrs. Sunita Shrama attended a Maths workshop “Jodo Gyan” organized by Mr. E. K. Shaji at Nehru Place, New Delhi on 11th December 2009. The workshop was found very informative and useful.
- Mr. Dinesh attended HT Annual PACE Teacher’s Seminar 2010, at Crystal Ballroom, Connaught Place, New Delhi on 25th March 2010.
- Students attended a workshop for Art and Craft activity organized by the H.T. on March 5, 2010 and learnt to make beautiful fish, bird, butterfly type hangings by waste material like CDs and thick chart papers etc.

## Participations

- On Aug 4th 2009 students attended a workshop on the uses of ‘Meditation’ attended by Mr. Satveer Tyagi and Team.
- Two students from OM Foundation (Rajesh – grade VI and Shikha – grade V) goaded by the Art teacher Mrs. Alka Mathur, participated in the annual On the spot painting competition, Kaleidoscope, organized by PACE, the HT.
- Kids participating in competition organised by Noida Lok Manch. This year on 30th, Jan 2010 all the students of class V & VI took part in various competitions organized by Noida Lok Manch & brought winning trophies to the school in the following activities:

<i>Competition</i>	<i>Students</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Position</i>
<i>English Eassy Writing</i>	<i>Jaidul</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>III</i>
<i>Hindi Eassy Writing</i>	<i>Shikha</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>Drawing &amp; Paintings</i>	<i>Shubham</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>II</i>
<i>Drawing &amp; Painting</i>	<i>Vikas</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>III</i>
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Suraj Prajapati</i>	<i>VI</i>	<i>Special prize</i>

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● Pledge taken by OM Students The students of OM Foundation School took a pledge to support the campaign “Meri Delhi Meri Yamuna” a project for making a difference to our city Delhi-NCR.

### Health Care

● Nutritional supplement are served to the students which includes fruits , milk, snacks & meals rich in nutritional value.

● Organized Intensive Health Care Camps for the children & the community at Noida children for providing preventive, curative & referral services .

● Dr. Ravinder Kumar & his team volunteered to organize general health check ups camp for all the classes.

● On Nov. 6, 2009 a team of qualified doctors from I-Care Center, Noida volunteered for organising an Eye Camp for children. This was initiated by our advisor Col. Kailash.

● Dental camp was organised with the help of Dr. B. Bhushan from Noida Clinic (Sec-93) on 30th October 2009. This was an initiative of Theosophical Order of Service Noida Chapter.

● Ruchi, student of class III at OM Foundation School, was operated twice for Squint in July and September 2009 at the Eye Care Hospital Noida.

● To ensure immunity for students against preventable illnesses Dr. Dixit from Rita Memorial Hospital sponsored vaccines for 30 children of Nursery & KG.

### Celebrations

● Celebrated the festival of Raksha Bandhan and organised Rakhi Making Competition for Classes K.G. to VI on August 4, 2009.

● Independence Day and Janmashtmi was celebrated with fervour on 13th August. The emphatic speeches in English and Hindi reminded one and all of the supreme sacrifice of the freedom fighters.

● ID-Ul-Zuha was celebrated on 27th Nov, 2009. The students presented cultural programme, which included dance, song & other cultural items. Ms. Purnima (Sr. Manager Quality Centrica India), Ms. Victoria and a team of engineers from the British Gas from U.K were present on this occasion.

● Christmas celebrations with Hewitt Employees - A team of volunteers from Hewitt, Gurgaon came in to celebrate Merry Christmas with OM Children.

● Employees from EXL Services came to celebrate Christmas with OM children. Christmas carols, plum cakes, balloons and special gifts made this day memorable for the children. Santa distributed sweets, toys, books, candies etc to all.

● OM Kids Celebrating Republic Day on 26th January 2010 with great patriotism in their hearts. The hoisting of the tri-colour by Prof. Shukla left everyone enthralled with feeling of patriotism.



## Friends of OM

- Dr. Ravinder Kumar
- Mr. Sudish Bhatti
- Dr. Bharat Bhushan
- Dr. Mithlesh Dixit
- Mr. M. L. Khatri

## Volunteering

● A team of Engineers from the British Gas came to volunteer all the way from UK on their expenses to do the flooring of OM Foundation School. Their work started from carrying the cement bags to fixing of the tiles they showed tremendous ownership towards the school & the project. In just two weeks time (from Nov. 16-27) they not only gave a final shape to the work but also along with their work organised entertainment and sports activities for the students.

● EXL Volunteers did a commendable job of doing volunteering on all Fridays. This augmented the school efforts in extra curricular activities.

● 13 children from OM Foundation School were specially chosen to visit the Hewitt premises as a special outing to meet their Global CEO.

● High Ranking officials from Centrica and BG which included Ms Anne Minto OBE & Mr Ian Peters visited the school to boost the morale of the children & teachers.



## Our Differentiators

● OM Foundation School (OFS) provides FREE quality education and healthcare services to impoverished children living in various slums of Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.

● A learning environment at OM Foundation School is comparable to any private school.

● OM Foundation School gives preference to orphans, single-parent children and girl child during admissions. Computer education is an integral component of the curriculum followed at the OM Foundation School.

● Spacious and well-ventilated classrooms, playground, computer laboratory and a well-equipped library.

● Library with about 2000 books is available to all the children.

● The medium of instruction is English, though Hindi is spoken as well.

● Regular immunization and health check-up camps are held for all children including both general paediatric and specific health check-up camps like Eye, ENT, and Dental etc.

● Growth and Development of all children is monitored all through the year.

● Students are instructed in etiquette and social skills, as well as basic hygiene and grooming practices.

● All children at OM Foundationl School are provided a balanced mid-day meal and snacks through out the year.

● Other activities like Music & Dance, Art & Craft, Fitness & Yoga.

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## Media

Activities during the year 2009-2010 have been covered extensively by the top most Electronic & Print Media sources of the country.

- HT Noida Live
- Education Times
- Hindustan
- Danik Bhaskar
- Nai Duniya
- Jan Sandesh TV

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- Annual celebrations, educational tours & picnics, sports & recreational activities are a part of basic routine followed at the OM Foundation School.

- OM Foundation School has full-time academic as well as non-academic staff present at the school. Our staff members are prolific scholars. All our staff takes considerable pride in their teaching and being approachable to their students.

- Our staff is at the heart of ensuring our commitment to children and their parents.

- OM Foundation has an audited Annual balance sheet for six (6) years, which may be provided at any point of time on request.

