

Omkar Foundation Skill Scholarship Programme

Under the Omkar Foundation Skill Scholarship Programme ,all the 160 short-term job-oriented courses are covered. The program has evolved into a unique and robust program having collaborated with over 38 training Partners across NGOs & CSR teams of leading Corporates. Thus enabling the CSR vision of ORDPL, to go “Beyond Structures”.

Within these **18 months**, since its implementation, the program has reached out to the most densely populated areas of Mumbai covering from Borivali in the north to Mahalaxmi in the south, and partly into Thane/ Navi Mumbai.

In this geographic spread, the Foundation has:

- Offered scholarships of **upto Rs. 10,000/- to over 1050 underprivileged youth and women** of the slums to get trained in marketable skills and become employable.
- Offered a total of **160 technical and non-technical courses** for women and youth ranging from 16 years to 40 years of age group. The program also caters to 5th fail right up to graduates.
- The program has over **38 training partners** across NGOs, NSDC trainers, CSR teams of large corporates like ICICI Foundation, Godrej Foundation , Asian paints academy, ManavSadanSanstha, LnT, Kohinoor technical institute, etc.
- Courses offered in **55 training centers** and Omkar Foundation has **opened up 15 on-site community centers in the slums** to encourage more women to skill train in their own localities.

Our Strategy-

✚ Employee Engagement- “Gift a skill Initiative”-

In a bid to receive genuine students for our scholarship programme and encourage our 1000 odd employees to participate in doing social good; we started the “Gift a Skill” initiative wherein the Employees identify & nominate underprivileged youth from their network to take advantage of Omkar Skill development courses and Scholarships (Rs 10,000 each) in order to improve their livelihood. During the last 12 months over 270 youth have been nominated and enrolled under this program by the Employees using a Ready Reckoner brochure made by the Foundation. The employees thereafter take up the role of Mentors to their nominees.

✚ Collaborate with CSR teams of corporates, NSDC partners-

Our 38 training providers with whom we have collaborated to impart 155+ courses are a key element in the project other than us and the community.

✚ Using TV as a medium to reach out to the deserving candidates-

Omkar Foundation runs a bi-monthly 10 part series on Jai Maharashtra TV, specially focused on Career guidance and job information. Eminent personalities from the industry are invited with live call in facility for audience queries.

“Keeping the love of learning above merit!”

-Venkat Rolla
(Head, Omkar Foundation)