

## **2010 Activity report of OSS**

The two teams from US and UK arrive in Kolkata on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010.

This time, we performed 14 surgeries. This included 6 spondylolisthesis, 2 TB spine surgery, 2 idiopathic scoliosis, 3 congenital scoliosis and 1 kyphosis correction.

The OSS team makes final ward rounds on all the patients on the day of departure. It was very emotional for the team. Several of the patients and their families bend to touch our feet – a traditional West Bengal sign of respect and appreciation. They call us “Gods”, but of course we are not worthy of such praise. A simple smile on a patient’s face is all we need to remind us why we came here. The entire team is appreciative of the opportunity to have made a difference in the lives of those patients we came in contact with during our short stay in Kolkata.