

Miles To Go

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The woods are lovely,
dark and deep
But I have promises
to keep
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– Robert Frost

Preface

It has been 10 years since we began with this promise to ourselves.

A decade of working with a firm belief in a future where children would have access to a significant education, good health and equal opportunities. Along the journey, professionals and volunteers joined us to become an integral part of this change.

Every journey is filled with challenges, adventures, milestones and unexpected surprises. Ours has been as well. The transformation and achievements of our beneficiaries bear testimony to our efforts along this not-so-linear journey, thus making it worthwhile.

Each person who has travelled with us, has been instrumental in us fulfilling our promise and making the distance so far, richer and more beautiful.

Setting our sight on the future, we glance back and offer our gratitude and love to all those who have been with us.

As we eagerly look forward to new milestones that lie ahead, we also remind ourselves that...

"I have promises to keep. And miles to go before I sleep..."

Each child should have the joy of an innocent childhood, where adults take the right decisions and become their guiding light. The enriching programmes of Kotak Education Foundation encourage students into achieving more, while becoming happier and more confident individuals.



A world of unequal opportunities deserves change-makers and dreamers... A few visionaries saw these dreams and began working towards turning them into reality, which sowed the seed of Kotak Education Foundation.

In 2007, it was registered as a Charitable Trust.

Kotak Education Foundation believes in 'Empowering Through Education' and today, through its various interventions, touches the lives of thousands of lesser privileged students, unemployed youth, teachers, school leaders and parents.

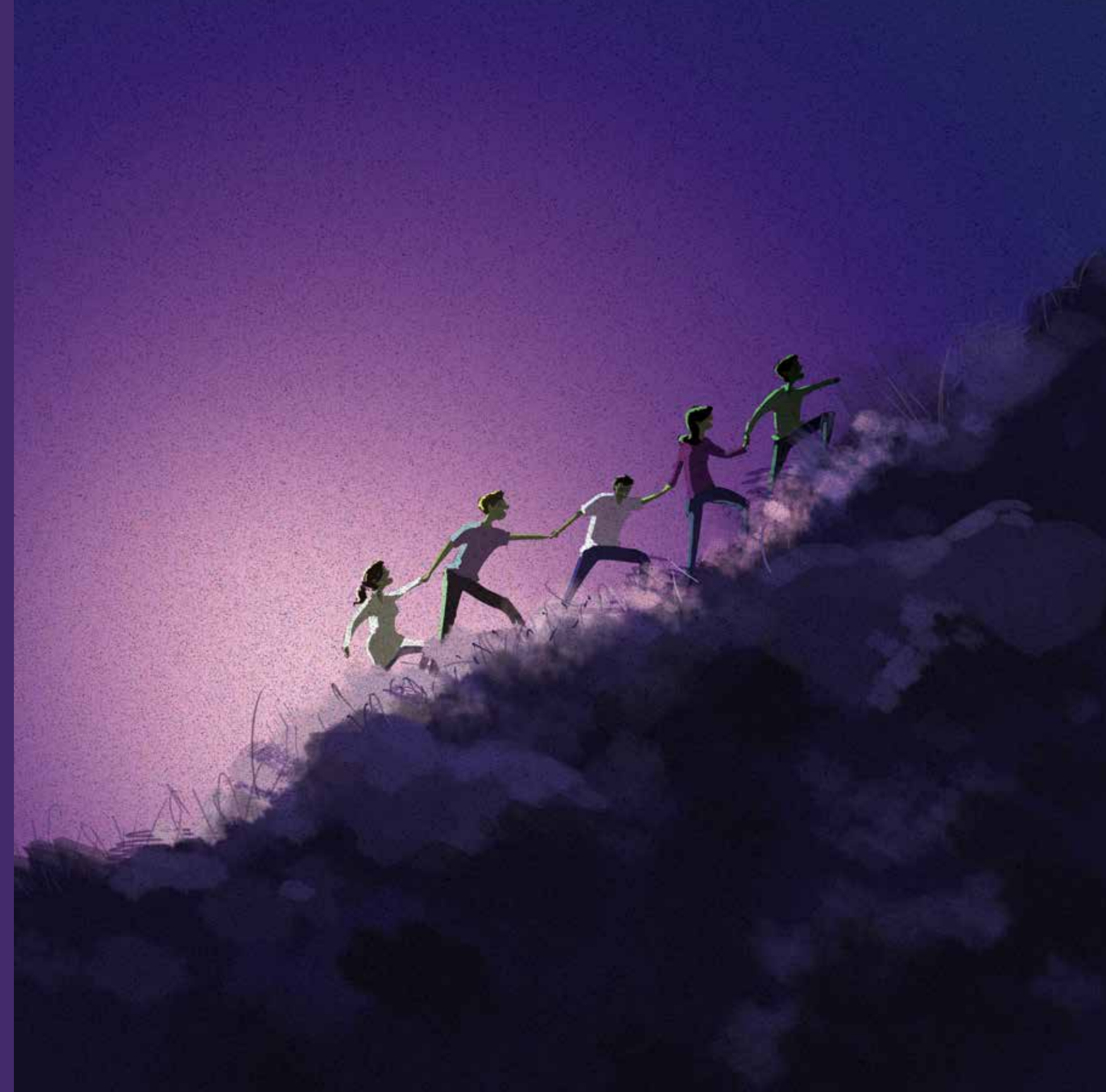
Since inception, Kotak Education Foundation has brought together like-minded people from different backgrounds, who have been integrated across various initiatives and programmes.



A knowledge of the English language widens horizons and broadens learning opportunities. The learning programmes of Kotak Education Foundation help students to communicate fluently in English, and become confident individuals. The foundation is of the conviction that the progress of each student is the progress of an entire family, and eventually the society.



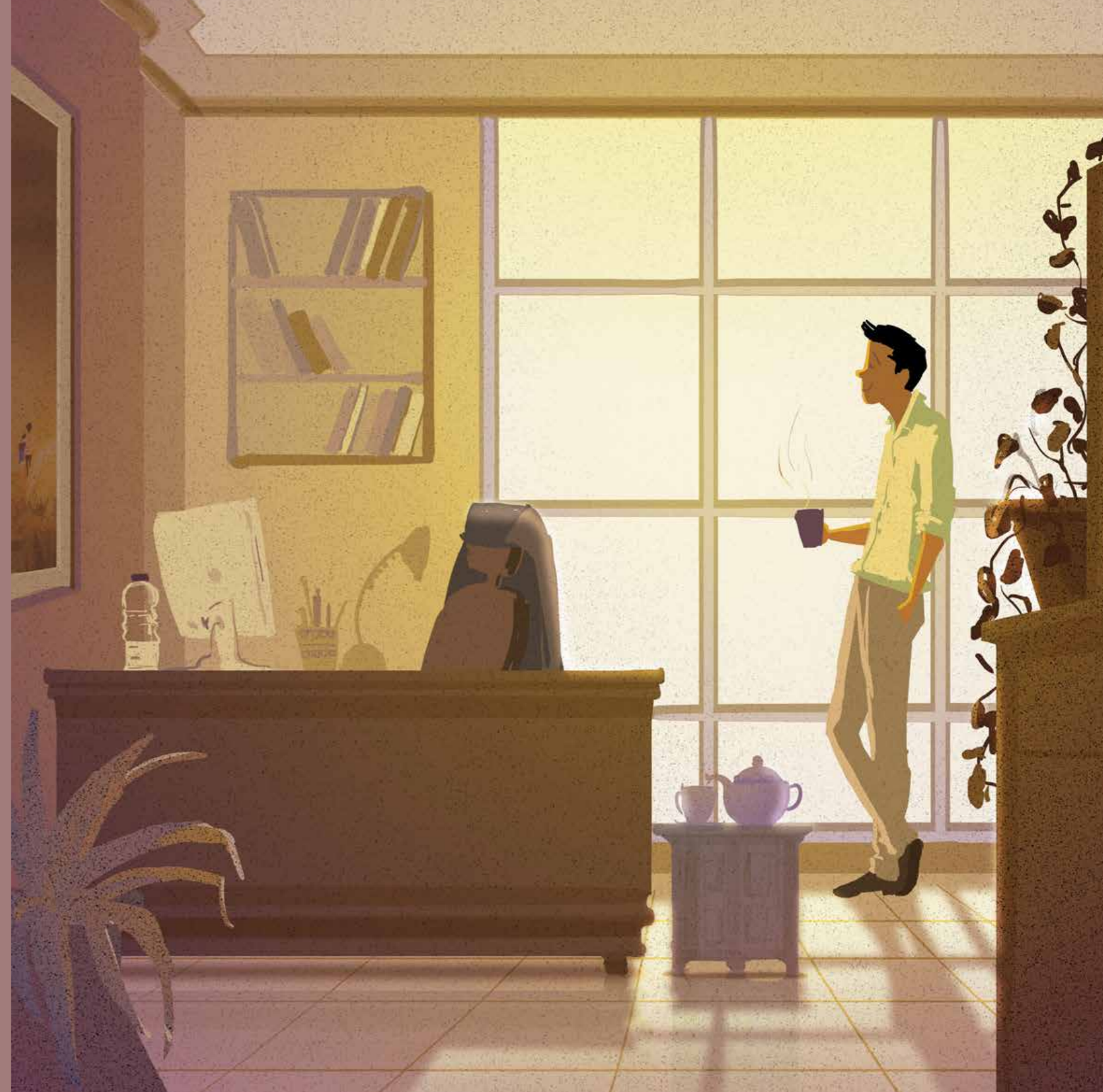
Teachers are like lighthouses, illuminating students' paths even amidst darkness. Kotak Education Foundation recognizes that engaging teachers and improving their skill sets is essential to the overall growth of students. The foundation has devised innovative teaching tools and mechanisms to assist school teachers, thus elevating the standard of education.



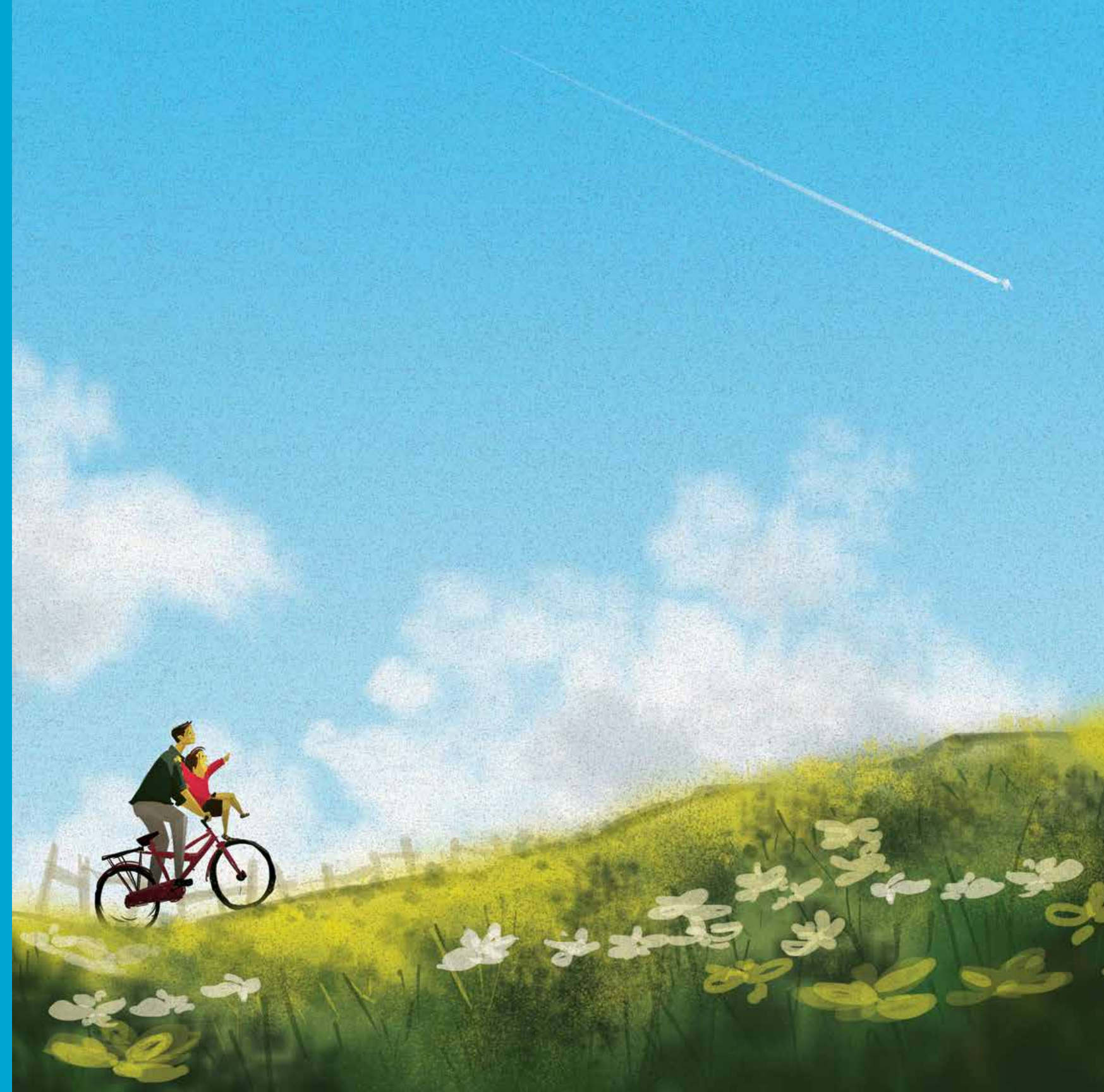
Every student who succeeds, symbolizes an achievement for Kotak Education Foundation. Today, scholars nurtured and guided by the foundation, have procured admissions into prestigious educational institutes. Tomorrow, they will make a meaningful difference to the world.



The lack of education should never be a deterrent to success. A world of opportunities opens up for those who are willing to seek, and Kotak Education Foundation has provided these opportunities to thousands of young boys and girls, giving them a chance to shine under the spotlight.



Parents play a pivotal role in the lives of children. Guiding parents towards 'The Art Of Positive Parenting' is a conscious decision made by Kotak Education Foundation. By initiating their involvement in school activities and helping parents create a happy home environment, the foundation strengthens the bond between parents and children.



The focus of Kotak Education Foundation has been the all-round development of children. Hence, special attention has been given to wellness programmes addressing their health and nutritional needs.

Awareness, prevention and corrective measures are the cornerstones of this objective. Kotak Education Foundation is fulfilling its role in the building of a healthy nation, believing that each step taken, is a step forward.



Hardships can be a testing time for any family and often the first sacrifice made is a child's education. To sustain children in education despite their various challenges, Kotak Education Foundation not only ensures that they continue their schooling, but also provides constant mentoring, support and coaching helping them overcome their adversities and achieve more.



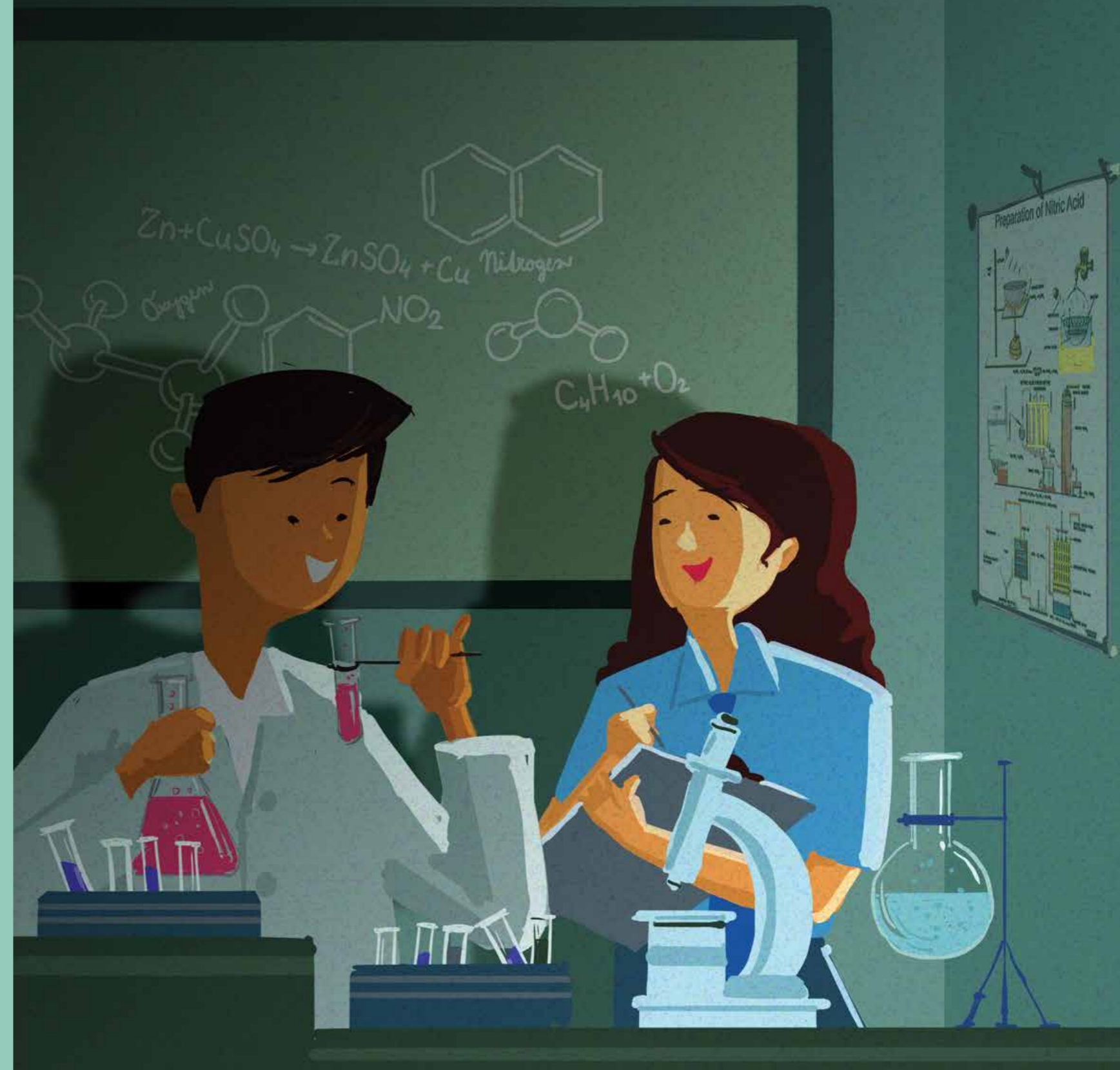
School leaders are akin to the captain of the ship, steering the team towards the desired destination. Hence, Kotak Education Foundation works towards honing their management skills and ensuring they are empowered at every stage.

Through the years, these leaders have positively impacted the overall development of their schools.



A strong foundation ensures a solid future and schools are the ground on which children can build their dreams.

Kotak Education Foundation engages in building, repairing, restoring and maintaining the infrastructure of partner schools, to ensure that the aspirations of the students have a firm footing before they take wings.



The future is changing and the horizons are widening. It is time to make children and youth see beyond the ordinary. The journey has just begun, and Team KEF is ensuring that many more children and youth will have a brighter tomorrow.



KEF Intervention Details

Umang reinforces the English language comprehension and communicative skills of children from partner schools, thereby building their confidence and ability to pursue higher studies and careers.

School Teachers Enrichment Programme (STEP) is an intervention with an integrated approach whereby teaching skills of teachers of partner schools are upgraded, leading to improved student proficiency levels.

Kotak In Search of Excellence (KISE) recognizes and honours the achievements of those students, who despite their challenging circumstances have scored brilliantly in their Std 10 exam. It aims to nurture excellence and motivate them to pursue their career goals and aspirations.

Unnati is a short-term skill development programme for the underprivileged, unemployed urban youth who have dropped out of formal education. The program aims to support these youth so that they become contributing members of the community, thus helping their families rise out of the vicious circle of poverty.

Parent Intervention Programme (PIP) creates awareness among the parents about the importance of being actively involved in their children's upbringing and the role education plays in attaining a successful life. By employing different methodologies, PIP works towards capacity building amongst the parents.

Health, through its awareness, preventive and corrective measures endeavours to improve the health status of the students from partner schools and helps them inculcate healthy lifestyles, which leads to better education.

Udaan gives wings to the most marginalized students. It provides an opportunity to these children, battling severe hardships and are at a high risk of dropping out from the education system.

School Leadership Development Intervention (SLDI) aims at empowering partner school leaders so that they can provide quality leadership, impacting the overall development of the school.

Special Projects, caters to the infrastructural needs of partner schools to create a safe and hygienic environment for better education.

A silent journey spanning 10 years. A journey of transforming lives. The chronicling of each intervention as it took shape to meet the needs along the path. It's time to share the same with the world...

Created by KEF Communication department, this Coffee Table Book captures the essence of the humongous task the foundation has undertaken so far.

*So much has been achieved and yet so much remains...
It is a long walk ahead...*