



Empowering through Education



Udaan - A journey from Foundation to Employability

On 16th August 2014, Udaan completed 10 years.

The journey had begun with a heartfelt conviction that each child should have equal opportunities to realise his/her potential and rise above the cycle of illiteracy and poverty to change his/her future. All those children at the construction sites playing with stones and rolling in mud or taking care of their younger siblings while their parents worked at the site, were heading for a future that held little promise. Project Udaan started with 26 children and a simple aim to help children enrol into mainstream schools. With them followed their friends, often in school, who despite being in class 3 could barely read or count till 100. We realized that our aim was construed and we needed to do much more for these first generation learners; we needed to ignite interest in learning, bridge learning gaps and inspire a commitment from children towards continuous education. This responsibility took the shape of Udaan Learning Centre in the gymnasium of Hiranandani Foundation School, after their regular school hours.

With time, word spread, 26 beneficiaries grew to 200 and positive learning curves for every child emerged. Mothers in bastis in and around Powai started looking towards Udaan as an opportunity to better their children's tomorrow.

Steadily, project Udaan graduated into Udaan India Foundation in 2009, a registered non-profit, with a goal to 'Empower through Education'. Milestones unfolded progressively, with every programme being a spontaneous response to the need to equip children with the most relevant, effective and valid knowledge. Small victories in the form of a batch passing Grade 10, students excelling to enter engineering and IT courses, parents comprehending the significance of education, like-minded people joining hands with us, and most importantly, children discovering realistic goals, has

