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## A Change in Direction

### A message from the Chief Executive

After eight years as Chief Executive of the Kusuma Trust UK, I have decided to leave at the end of June to explore new opportunities. The Trust has achieved much success and impact through our grants in India, the UK and Gibraltar.

From a small number of projects in 2010, we have achieved change at scale. Our programmes focusing on school governance, community engagement, teaching and learning, school facilities and resources, and support for students are now implemented in 25,000 schools in 105 districts in India, benefiting 2 million students, 81,000 teachers and 110,000 school governors. We have positively influenced mindsets, improved practices, informed government policies and achieved considerable impact.

I am very proud of our team who have served as change agents for this transformation: getting their hands dirty demonstrating new approaches; learning along the way; listening to stakeholders; evaluating the work and using evidence to make changes and influence policy makers; and persevering through many challenges. I would like to thank our Trustees and the many remarkable partners we have collaborated with. As the Trust embarks on a new direction, I wish it much success.

*Dr Balwant Singh*  
Chief Executive



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### A message from the Founders

On behalf of the Trustees and everyone involved with Kusuma Trust UK, we would like to thank Balwant for his leadership over the last eight years. During his tenure the Trust has achieved a lot in India, the UK and Gibraltar. We look forward to continue working with him as an adviser.

Over the last few months we have reviewed our work in light of evolving circumstances and have felt the need to support and engage more with local projects in and around London where we are based. We will be broadening the scope of our work to include Access to Opportunity, Community and Green Spaces as well as Health and Wellbeing. In India and Gibraltar we want to find ways to make our work more sustainable.

This is the last newsletter from our side; further information will be available on our website which will be updated regularly.

Once again we like to thank Balwant and look forward to his continued engagement as our adviser and wish him the best in his other endeavors.

*Dr Soma Pujari and Anurag Dikshit*  
Founders and Trustees