

# Montessori Teachers Training Classes

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Indian Montessori Centre

Indian Montessori Centre (IMC) is an early learning education training centre, set up in 1981. It is the flagship institution of the Teachers Training Institute umbrella of organizations being set by the founder member, Ms. Paramita Biswas, upon her return from completing and subsequently teaching Montessori training to teachers in London.

IMC initially offered a Montessori teacher training course through correspondence. Due to increasing demand and interest, IMC soon began regular contact classes from 1983. IMC is the only Teacher Training Centre for Montessori education in India, which offers a world class, internationally recognized Diploma. IMC has established itself as one of the most authentic, quality centre specializing in training teachers in the Montessori method, in Asia.

## ***Entry Qualification***

Candidates should be at least a graduate with fluency in written and spoken English. Discrimination can be used at personal interview.

## ***Course Highlights***

The Montessori course taught at IMC includes core subjects such as:

Montessori Philosophy, Child Development, Psychology, Sociology, Nutrition and School Organization.

In accordance with Dr. Montessori's philosophy, special emphasis is given on four key areas: Sensorial activities, Mathematics, Language and Exercises of Practical Life.

All teaching is with the use of specialized equipment and care is taken to ensure that each student gets enough time to access all the equipment individually.

## **Special areas of teaching include:**

Environmental Studies, Culture Subjects (Music, Children's Art and Literature) and Computer skills.

Practical teaching practice in renowned schools of Calcutta. is an integral course component.

Exposure to latest teaching techniques and thinking is provided practically through annual updates of course content and theoretically through IMC's international library of books.

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In keeping with I.T. Revolution, IMC trains teachers in computers, for teaching children and for the development of their own skills.

### **IMC Achievements**

- 100% successful results for over 15 years.
- IMC trained teachers are employed in recognized Montessori and traditional schools worldwide, including USA, Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, Dubai and India.
- IMC trained students have opened their own Montessori Schools successfully in Calcutta, Assam, Nagaland and Nepal.
- Due to high demand, IMC refresher courses and Montessori exhibitions are always heavily oversubscribed by the Alumni and professionals in the sector.
- The Founder Member, Ms. Paramita Biswas is regularly invited to teach at The London Montessori Centre, U.K. as an expert consultant.

# Teachers Training Institute's Outreach Programme

Dasghara K.G. School, Hooghly, West Bengal

In keeping with the Teachers Training Institute's mission of imparting quality education through skilled teachers to all, a school for rural, economically less off children was started in Dasghara village, Hooghly District in 1978. The Founder Principal, Ms. Paramita Biswas viewed this as a challenge and began with the aim of reaching latest educational techniques including the use of modern equipment and course content to the students of Dasghara KG School.

Classes are held in English and Bengali by teachers who have been trained at Teachers Training Institute. Modern course syllabus is ensured through yearly curriculum updates. State of the art technology is used to teach these rural children through a full-fledged computer centre with four computers. Dasghara KG School extends from nursery to Class VI, and by the time the children are ready for High School - they speak fluent English and are Computer literate. This is no small feat in a fully rural community with limited infrastructure, based 80 km. from Calcutta.

The school has grown from strength to strength. Currently it has 320 children from nearby villages and is local landmark. Some of the teachers have been there since the school was started, a testimony to their dedication and high interest levels. All teachers are given regular refresher courses at the Teachers Training Institute in Calcutta.

There are plans to expand the computer facilities and gain Government recognition for the computer course, but high capital input is required for this.

# Placement Cell

## IMC

IMC's Placement Cell provides job opportunities to our present / past students in various renowned Montessori Environments in the city. This cell is very active throughout the year. We promptly respond to schools who are looking for capable teachers as well as teachers who are looking for suitable environment.

After completion of the Montessori course, students who are looking for placement, register their names with us and through our Placement Cell, we send them to various schools looking for teachers. Students can also give their choice of preference while registering their names.

An integral component of the Teachers Training Institute's philosophy is not only to train world class teachers, but also to aid them to find appropriate employment. Given the high quality of teaching and strong track record, this is no longer an issue as demand currently exceeds the supply of the teachers from our Centre.

Placement Cell also gives guidance to teachers who are looking for job opportunities outside Calcutta. Besides giving placement opportunities, we also help and encourage our students to set up their own environments and become education entrepreneurs.

In order to facilitate the linkage with reputed Montessori Environments, we have set up our own placement cell within the Teachers Training Institute.