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MONTESSORI PRIMARY DIPLOMA - MPD

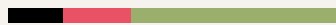
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ABOUT IIMS



Prof. Rajendra Gupta
Chairman

Professor Rajendra Gupta started IIM (Indian institute for Montessori Studies) in 1998 to train teachers at the Montessori Primary level and keep it alive in India. Prof Gupta has twenty years of teaching experience in pre-primary and primary Montessori Schools in India and the USA and has given orientation courses and workshops. He has published manuals for Montessori teachers in the areas of botany, zoology, and language.

When Prof Gupta returned to India after retirement, he was invited to conduct primary training for Indian Montessori Centre. This was the first primary course to be undertaken in India after the departure of Maria Montessori in 1949.

Prof. Rajendra Gupta was instrumental in starting several Primary Montessori schools in Bangalore. The following year Prof. Rajendra Gupta established Indian Institute for Montessori Studies.

A group of trained Montessori teachers passionate about the Montessori method runs IIMS. Hence, the course is enriched with personal experiences, anecdotes and practical tips.

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VISION & MISSION



Vision

Creating Montessori educators who inspire and transform the lives of children.

Mission

- 1.To enable teachers use Montessori method by conducting Montessori pre-primary and primary diploma and certificate courses.
- 2.To empower trained Montessori teachers by refresher programs.
- 3.To inspire educators use Montessori method by conducting short-term workshops.



COURSES OFFERED



1. Montessori Preprimary Diploma - MPPD

Montessori preprimary diploma is a teacher training to assist children from 2 ½ years to 6 years age.



2. Montessori Primary Diploma - MPD

Montessori Primary or Elementary Diploma is a training offered to the teachers to assist children from 6 to 9 years in particular and 9 to 12 in general



3. Montessori Assistant Course - MAC

Montessori Assistant training is a 10 days training for teachers to would like to assist the primary teacher in the Montessori classroom.



4. Montessori Refresher Courses - MRC

A short term course for already trained teachers to refreshing their knowledge about Montessori.

MONTESSORI PRIMARY EDUCATION

Montessori Primary Education builds on the child's experiences gained during the first six years in the family and Montessori House of children, allowing them to explore the world beyond the world of humans and into the universe.

The child of six to nine years needs introduction to cosmic development and the achievement of human beings, using specially designed materials and activities to understand that Nature is a delicate web of interrelationships of which the human being is a necessary part.

The Primary Montessori environment is designed to help children grow in a responsive, self-controlled freedom in a social setting without artificial restraints, presenting traditional disciplines in an integrated way with the understanding that they are cultural gifts bequeathed by previous generations.



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COURSE OF STUDY

1

Lectures and Presentations

The curriculum includes lectures on Montessori child psychology for preprimary children, current educational psychology research, and Montessori theory and practice. The teacher educators demonstrate how the materials are offered to children.

2.

Practicing Presentations and Observations

Practicing presentations with the original material under supervision is crucial for future work with children. The Montessori Method emphasises observation. Thus, students must observe children in Montessori classrooms. Observation helps the future teachers appreciate the expected behaviour and body language of the teachers and other teacher tasks in Montessori classrooms.

3

Material Making

The programme requires a lot of handmade material. As needed, material-making sessions will occur. Because it is an ongoing process, students may be unable to make all the material they need to function in a classroom during the course. Students need to purchase the materials and the stationery required.

4

Assignments

Students must prepare Presentation Albums for all curriculum areas. An outline of presentations will be given during the training. Assignments must be submitted weekly. Students who fail to submit written work and other materials on time may be denied admission to the final exam.

5

Contact Classes

Contact classes will be held during October. All participants practice the presentations at one Practice Centre and get an opportunity to meet and learn from each other.

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AREAS OF STUDY

1

Language

The trainee learns to present language as a marvellous invention of mankind, which is the very foundation of all that makes him human – imagination, thoughts and emotions. They learn how to help the child analyze it into its components through grammar and syntax, study the rules that govern the behaviour of the parts within the whole, and to put them together. They also learn to understand the link between the development of Language and the development of civilization.

2.

Mathematics

Mathematics in the primary takes off from the preprimary, branching out into the study of Arithmetic and the beginnings of Algebra. Many complex concepts like squares and square roots, base systems, fractions and multiples are introduced with the help of materials.

3

Geometry

Trainees learn to move from the concept of basic shapes studied sensorially into analysis of what makes each shape what it is, nomenclature and relationships of one shape to another.

4

Botany

Nomenclature meant to be offered in the preprimary is utilized for descriptions of plants and therefore for their classification. Functions of various parts and their internal structure is also studied at this stage.

5

Zoology

Like Botany, nomenclature around the morphology of animals is linked to their function and leads to classification.

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AREAS OF STUDY

6

Science

Day-to-day activities and simple chemicals found in the environment form the basis for exploring the world of Science.

7

History

The study of History in a Montessori begins with the concept of time. It then shifts to the study of all the events and people that shaped us, starting from the Big Bang through the evolution of life and of man to our times.

8

Geography

Starting from puzzle maps and globes, the trainees learn to move into the study of Geography as a complex interface of Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences. The subject is also linked to the culture and traditions of the areas that we study.

9

Arts and crafts

Arts and Crafts do not form a separate subject but form a part of all that are introduced to the child. The trainees learn to appreciate this fact.

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COURSE DELIVERY



Blended Format

The course is offered in a blended format. Lectures and demonstrations are delivered online, while practice classes are in-person.

Online Classes

Online classes are live lectures and demonstrations of Montessori equipment telecasted on Zoom. Online classes are scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2 pm to 5 pm.

Offline Practice Classes

Practice classes are offline since practising presentations should be with actual Montessori equipment in a supervised Montessori environment.

To enable the students to attend the practice sessions and save travelling time, practice sessions are arranged in IIMS-affiliated Montessori Practice Centres. The candidates can select the centre of their choice from the list of Practice Centres on Pages 12 and 13.

The weekly practice class will be on Saturdays from 10 am to 2.30 pm.



ADMISSION

REQUIREMENT

1.

Educational Qualification

Graduation in any discipline. Candidates without graduation are also considered depending on their experience.

2.

Age

The candidates should have completed twenty years.

3.

Medium of Instruction

Medium of instruction is English. The students who want to submit their assignment and albums in Kannada should get a special permission.

4.

Medically Fit

The students physical and mental health is important. They should produce a health certificate.

DIPLOMA

REQUIREMENTS

1.

Attendance

A minimum attendance of 95% is required in the following:

- Lecture and presentation classes
- Supervised practice sessions
- Contact Classes

2.

Assignments and Material making

- Satisfactory completion of all assignments and albums
- Successful preparation of class materials

3.

Final Examination

Being successful in

- the final theory examinations
- Practical examinations and viva.

4.

Financial Obligations

The fulfillment of all financial obligations is a necessary condition.

OTHER RULES

1.

Refund

Under no circumstances will the registration fee or any other fees be refunded. All fee-related amounts applicable in the year of re-enrollment, other than the registration fee, must be paid again if a registered student discontinues or withdraws from the course for any reason and returns to it at a later date.

2.

Dismissal or Withdrawal

Each student is responsible for making sure they meet the course requirements. It is up to the students to know what is expected of them. The rules and regulations of the training course must be followed by the students. Students may be asked to stop the course for medical, psychological, academic, or other valid reasons. Under no circumstances will there be a refund of money paid.

3.

Attendance Certificate

Students who do not appear for the final exams will get an Attendance Certificate, if their attendance is satisfactory and their material files are completed. The person who has the attendance certificate is NOT qualified to run a Montessori classroom on their own.

4.

Scholarships and Placements

The students who cannot pay the course fee can apply for the scholarship, producing proof of their eligibility to get the scholarship. Placement assistance will be provided after the completion of the course.

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COURSE FEES

All fees are payable in advance at the time of acceptance of the application for which the applicant will be notified.

Name	Ammount
Registration Fee	Rs 2,000/-
Tuition Fee	Rs 59,000/-

Stationary

Student-teachers are required to purchase some stationary materials, the list will be provided during the course.

Books to Refer

- **Books by Maria Montessori:** Childhood to adolescence; Education for a new world; Advanced Montessori Method Volume II; To education the human potential
- **Booklets by Joosten:** The Child's Right to Develop; Education as a Help to Life; The Exercises of Practical Life; Helping the Child Unfold its Potential
- **Book by E M Standing:** Maria Montessori: her life and work
- **Books by Prof Gupta:** Montessori Language Program; Researching Montessori Zoology program; Botany as a means of development.
- **Child and You IIMS Annual Journals** Volume 1 to 6
- **Book by Dr S Rekha Reddy:** Nanna Kannada Pustaka Bhaaga 1 and 2; My first book; Meri pehli kitab.

IIMS MANAGEMENT



Director Dr S Rekha Reddy

Dr S Rekha Reddy has been trained by Prof Rajendra Gupta and Meenakshi Shivaramakrishnan. She is well-versed in both pre-primary and primary levels. Dr Reddy has published several research articles, books and presented papers in several conferences. Dr Rekha Reddy has a doctorate from Jain University and is an active podcaster. Know more about Dr Reddy from her orcid ID. <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7350-7492>



Co-director Mrs Nandini Prakash

Mrs. Nandini Prakash is a proficient Montessori Preprimary and primary teacher trainer who is passionate about providing Montessori intervention programs in public and private schools, particularly for children from lower economic strata. In this connection, she has presented research papers at conferences in Brussels, Orlando and the 2013 Montessori Congress.



Secretary Mrs Roopa Kiran

Ms Roopa is a Montessorian for 18 years. Mrs Kiran has a Preprimary and primary diplomas along with a Masters degree in Inclusive Education from Northampton University, UK, Mrs Kiran is an alumna of Brindavan Education Trust and has been awarded Dr Amarnath Rajanahalli Award for Inclusive Practice in a Montessori Environment.

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FACULTY



Faculty - Mrs Radha Nagaraj

Mrs Radha Nagaraj took her pre-primary Montessori training from Mr Joosten and Mr Swamy. Mrs Nagaraj has vast working experience with children in Montessori schools. She has been training teachers in IMTC and IIMS for several decades.



Faculty - Mrs Shahnaz Shakeer

Mrs Shahnaz Shakeer has been a faculty of IIMS since 2003 and has been actively involved in training and consultation. Mrs Shakeer is also a keen researcher and published a poster at International Montessori Conference, Portland, in 2013.



Faculty - Mrs Gowthami Bhargav

Mrs Gowthami Bhargav, an alumna of IIMS, joined the Institute team in 2008. She is a key participant in IIMS Trainers' Training and provides consultation for the preprimary and primary Montessori schools. Mrs Bhargav has published many research papers and presented a poster at Portland's SIIM Conference.



Faculty - Mrs Sundaramma

Mrs Sundaramma has Montessori pre-primary and primary diplomas and B.Ed in Special Education. She has been training teachers for the last 14 years at Gurukul.



Faculty - Mrs Usha Rani

Mrs Usha Rani holds both preprimary and primary diplomas. She has been a visiting faculty of IIMS for many years and presented the poster along with Mrs Gowthamy and Shahnaz at Portland.

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