

Universal elementary education for all will remain a distant dream for children in India, without qualified trained teachers in classrooms. In order to ensure that every child has access to and learns in a stimulating and supportive classroom environment, the urgent need for the training of a large number of quality teachers can no longer be ignored.

### **Building on a Strong Foundation**

The Nirmala Institute of Education in Goa with over 50 years of service in teacher education has stepped up to fill this large skill gap. At the new NIE Centre for Excellence in Elementary Education we bring together our collective experience and expertise and share this with the community of teachers, children and parents.



**Early childhood education needs special and immediate attention. Children need to be equipped with learning skills that help them learn to think, learn to learn, solve problems, apply knowledge, compute and reflect.**

Our Mission is to initiate and create a new paradigm in elementary education where teacher trainees, in-service teachers and children will be encouraged to reach their highest potential through an integral development of body, mind, heart and spirit.

The Centre will work to build a learning community in which children learn to create and share knowledge, care for each other and work for the progress of their communities and country.

## **Our Unique Educational Value for the child, the parent, the teacher and the community**

- *A learning community with a collaborative and constructivist approach to education and a departure from exclusive rote-learning*
- *An educational curriculum enriched by many subjects: visual art, music, dance, performing arts, film and media studies*
- *Appropriate technology integrated into all programmes to enable learning*
- *Promotion of free and open-source educational technologies and resources*
- *Programmes designed with an awareness of the needs of children with disabilities and special needs to promote inclusive education*
- *Programmes and services at multiple locations to provide equitable opportunity and access for all*
- *Programmes aimed at encouraging students to become catalysts for social transformation*



## **FACILITIES**

The Centre for Excellence in Elementary Education is housed in the newly built NIE Annexe building, with state of the art facilities.



Spacious Classrooms

A Conference Room

A Fully Equipped Auditorium

A Media Centre

Library and Resource Room

## **FACULTY AND TEAM**

The programmes at the Centre are managed by a team of highly qualified and committed staff and external consultants under the guidance and direction of Dr. Rita Paes, Director and former principal of the Nirmala Institute of Education. The faculty include visiting professors and scholars, national and international faculty and collaborations with renowned institutions.

## **SPARK Centre for Structured Recreation**

*A service for parents of children with special needs.* The Centre provides an environment where children with special needs can explore different avenues of recreation which is structured and yet open and inclusive.

**EDUTAINMENT STORE** The in-house store will stock Books, Publications, Educational Toys, Learning Aids, Teacher Training Resources, Tool kits, CDs and Videos at affordable rates. In addition to pedagogical strengths the products will have a local cultural relevance.

## PROGRAMMES SERVICES AND COURSES

The Centre offers a wide range of certificate courses programmes, seminars, workshops and related educational services.

### In-Service Teachers Enrichment Programmes

#### Skill Development Programmes

- Communication Skills
- English Language

#### Short Term Programmes

- Art In Education
- Music In Education
- Theatre In Education
- Dance In Education
- Media In Education
- Teaching In The Age Of Wikipedia

## CHILD CENTRED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

*These programmes will creatively engage every child and tap into their many talents and intelligences for their all-round development.*



**RAINTREE KIDS provides a platform for all stakeholders in education like teachers, parents, mentors, youth, local bodies like the panchayats, social and other community organizations to come together for the welfare and well-being of their children.**

### RAINTREE KIDS LEARNING CLUBS

### RAINTREE KIDFESTS

[Raintree Kids on Facebook](#)

**THE NIE CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION aims to fill the knowledge and skill gap in early childhood education and provide the necessary intervention to upgrade the teacher's skills in response to emerging needs.**

### NIRMALA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

The Nirmala Institute of Education endeavours to create a cadre of professionals committed to excellence, imbued with values and responsive to the emergent needs and challenges in the local, national and global context.

NIE provides prospective and in-service teachers with a stimulating and catalytic environment that is both futuristic in outlook and holistic in perspective for the achievement of excellence.

#### NIE flagship Programs are:

- B.Ed. for Secondary School teachers
- B.Ed Special Education
- Pre-Primary Certificate Course
- Diploma in Elementary Education
- P.G. Diploma in Counselling and Guidance
- M.A. in Wellness Counselling
- Atmashodha Counselling Centre

The Nirmala Institute of Education Panaji Goa, a Secondary Teacher Education College was established in 1963 by the Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary in response to the then urgent need for trained teachers in post liberation Goa. The main goal of the Nirmala Institute of Education at that time was to provide the pedagogical bases for educational expansion through formal teacher education. This college, initially affiliated to the Bombay University, grew into a highly respected institution providing pre and in-service teacher education to thousands of teachers. In 1985 it was affiliated to the newly established Goa University.

[www.nirmalainstitute.org](http://www.nirmalainstitute.org)

# Centre for Excellence in Elementary Education



where every child matters

Every child is unique. Our task is to equip teachers with a repertoire of pedagogical practices to create a learning environment that is open, stimulating and supportive.



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