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# Impressions

From its humble beginning in 1999, the Modern Montessori International (MMI) Group, a global education organization, specializing in the Montessori brand of early childhood education, has grown to encompass more than 40 centers worldwide. The group has expanded into Malaysia, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka and most recently, Indonesia. Plans are already underway for further expansion into Indonesia, the PRC and the Middle East. In association with Modern Montessori International (London), the MMI Group was one of the first to introduce the Montessori methodology to Singapore. MMI (London) is the principal college of the MMI Group and has been established in the U.K. for several decades. It serves as one of the primary sources of the Montessori methodology in Europe and in 1999, granted the MMI Group master franchise rights to conduct Montessori programs in Asia Pacific. MMI's flagship, Diploma in Montessori Method of Education is an internationally recognized



**Mrs. Dhara Jajodia**  
Pro Vice Chairperson  
MMI Group

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foundation for its Montessori program. In Indonesia, the MMI Group has appointed a single Franchisee in Jakarta Tiyana Bak Cemuk.

The MMI Group has tied up with Japuria Group in India to develop the Montessori Method of Education in the world's second most populated nation. With over a billion people residing in the country, more than 30% of which are aged below 15, India presents itself as a vast untapped market with endless opportunities for early childhood educators to explore. On 19th January 2009 in New Delhi, MMI officially signed a joint venture agreement with Japuria, who is also the master franchisee for FASB grants,

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**Mrs. Neelu Sharma**  
Principal, MMI, Gurgaon



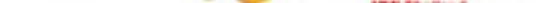
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MMI Colombo, Sri Lanka



MMI Sengkang, Singapore



MMI London



**Dr. T Chandru**  
Chairman / CEO

“The Modern Montessori International Group today has 40 centres worldwide. Its principal office is based in the United Kingdom, with overseas offices in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand.”

## Modern Montessori International India

Pepa Cole and Puma Cole in North India and Nepal

In a span of 12 months, Modern Montessori International (India) Pvt. Ltd. constructed its own four-storey building in Gurugram, Haryana, India. This town is about 45 minutes' drive from the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi. The building, built on leased land, serves as a pre-school, teacher-training center and administration office. Facilities include Montessori-equipped classrooms, a library, a playground, a functional clinic with a medical in-house doctor, etc.

MMI India is now on an expansion spree and it is spreading its wings in Jaipur, OK and Raipur, Gujerat.

Where did Montessori come from?

Montessori education was founded in 1907 by Dr Maria Montessori, the first woman in Italy to become a physician. She based her educational methods on scientific observation of children's learning processes. Guided by her discovery that children teach themselves, Dr Montessori designed a "prepared environment" in which children could freely choose from a number of developmentally appropriate activities. Now, nearly a century after Maria Montessori's first casa dei bambini ("children's house") in Rome, Montessori education is found all over the world, spanning ages from birth to adolescence.

What is the difference between Montessori and traditional education?

Montessori emphasizes learning through all five senses, not just through listening, watching, or reading. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own individual pace and according to their own choice of activities from hundreds of possibilities. Learning is an exciting process of discovery, leading to concentration, motivation, self-discipline, and a love for learning. Montessori classes place children in three-year

gardening, caring for clothes, shoes, and toys. Providing opportunities for independence is the surest way to build your child's self-esteem.

At the school level, many home schooling and other parents use the Montessori philosophy of following the child's interest and not interrupting concentration to educate their children.

In school, only a trained Montessori teacher can properly implement Montessori education, using the specialized learning equipment of the Montessori "prepared environment". Here, social development comes from being in a positive and unique environment with other children which is an integral part of Montessori education.

Is Montessori good for children with learning disabilities? What about gifted children?

Montessori is designed to help all children reach their full potential at their own unique pace. A classroom with children having varying abilities is a community in which everyone learns from one another and everyone contributes. Moreover, mixed grouping allows each child to find his or her own pace without feeling "ahead" or "behind" in relation to peers.

What age does Montessori serve?

There are more Montessori programs for ages 18 months - 6 years than for any other age group, but Montessori is not limited to early childhood. Many infant-toddler programs (ages 18 months to 3 years old), as well as elementary (ages 6-12), adolescents (ages 12-15) and even a few Montessori high schools.

Are Montessori children successful later in life?

Research studies show that Montessori children are well prepared for later life academically, socially, and emotionally. In addition to scoring well on standardized tests, Montessori children are ranked above average on criteria such as following directions for listening attentively, using basic skills, showing responsibility, asking provocative questions, showing enthusiasm for learning, and adapting to new situations.

## An MMI Child....

**Competent:** MMI students are several years above grade level in their basic skills. Also, since the Montessori education is comprehensive, children are often exceptionally knowledgeable in a number of other areas as well.



**Freedom**

**Freedom:** An MMI child is a free child. Whether, its work or play, an MMI child works in an environment where he/she is given complete freedom to explore and enhance his/her abilities.

**Adjusting:** MMI children usually strike a visitor as friendly, empathetic, and cooperative. The classroom is a cheerful social community where children happily help each other. It is not uncommon to see a child offering help to another child.



**Adjusting**



**Responsible:** Providing freedom to experiment and yet not overpowering leads the MMI students to be responsible. They learn to treat materials and others with respect.

**Confident:** MMI gives opportunities to each student, not caring for the results and that is why each student is ready to embark on new challenges with an unshakable confidence.



**Confidence**



**Happy:** Most parents of children in MMI comment on how much their children await going to school. MMI students are happy because MMI works scientifically and personally to understand each child and deliver accordingly.





# MMI - A Rewarding Career Opportunity



**Monika Mathegjee**  
Head, TT MMI

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**M**odern Montessori International (India) in association with Modern Montessori International London and Singapore presents an interesting, rewarding and up-to-date Montessori teacher training programme.

The Diploma in the Montessori Method of Education is the foundation Montessori teacher training course for any individual wishing to teach or work with children upto 6 years of age.

This programme is accredited by the Open & Distance Learning Quality Council of U.K., The British Accreditation Council and has also received other international awards and accreditations. It has its training centres in Gurgaon, Jaipur, Greater Kailash II, Delhi, Calcutta and Korda.

The course aims to provide the highest standard of the Montessori Training and develop in students a high level of professional competence as teachers.

#### **The course objectives are:-**

- To discuss the theory and principle of the Montessori Method and its application.

- To develop an appreciation and understanding of the Montessori teaching aids and apparatus.

- To discuss with students the organization of the classroom environment and the management of children behaviour.

- Learners will acquire a better understanding of curriculum planning and thematic teaching.

- Learners will develop an understanding of the theories and principles of child psychology and development.

- Learners will have the opportunity to review the effects of the prepared environment on young children through teaching practice at the MMI preschool.

- Finally the students will go through some enrichment programmes like art & craft, origami, rhyme, movements, poetry, story telling, puppetry, yoga and meditation and FirstAid Training, etc.

#### **Facilities**

Students are provided with spacious airconditioned classrooms, furnished with pinewood shelves containing an array of Montessori teaching apparatus and manipulatives. In addition there is also a student resource library.

This programme includes individualized teaching from a team of dedicated and experienced lecturers, self-corrective materials as well as a stimulating environment. There are excellent job opportunities in India and abroad after the completion of the course. Students find themselves well placed in Montessori as well as formal schools of high repute. They even find themselves equipped to open schools of their own.

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## batch 9 Speaks

"Montessori teachers are in high demand worldwide. So far in my training, I have understood the benefits of the Montessori Method and found security, which most parents seek in entrusting their child's care to the Montessori teacher in a caring, safe and enriched environment."

Montessori at its core is a method and philosophy for teachers and parents alike that provides the positive experiences a child would need in order to develop habits and life skills. In MMI as educators we have respect for others in the classroom, greeting a warm, co-operative and interactive atmosphere. This course is not only providing me with a thorough insight and knowledge into teaching and boosting my morale but has also encouraged and enabled me for promising future career prospects worldwide.

-DEEPIKA MITRA

I joined this course to become a professional in the aspiring teaching career. After joining this course I realised that it not only helped me to get trained in the teaching line but also changed my outlook towards life. This course has made me more positive and a confident person. The ambience of the institute is very soothing. The teachers and the faculty members are very supportive. They are always there to guide.

-SUCHITA SINHA

My experience with MMI has been very thrilling and satisfying. It has changed my outlook of life and made me more organised. My attitude has become positive and I have become more tolerant. The dedicated and co-operative team of teachers have made it very interesting and enjoyable.

As this course is internationally recognised, it offers a promising future overseas. Here I have gained knowledge of how a child grows and develops. At this centre, training is given according to international standards, unlike other institutes.

-BALJIT DOLLY

Being at the MMI has been like a roller coaster ride, extremely enabling and exhilarating and equally exhausting too. Having seen neat shelves of Montessori materials lined up in school set-ups, I always had a deep urge to possess the key to unveil the mysteries of this methodology which, having been successfully implemented all over for more than a hundred years has proved that it is 'the' way children ought to be taught. The 'burden'



of teaching and learning are transformed into wonderful experiences here where the learner is not led, he automatically leads himself from concrete presentations to endless connections and abstract understandings.

-ANURADHA BAKHSHI

**Modern Montessori International Ltd offers an internationally recognised diploma in Montessori education and prepares teachers to pursue a fulfilling and rewarding career in teaching. Modern Montessori International India is the pioneer in the field of Montessori education and is among the first institutes to bring the Montessori Method to India. It has successfully trained 8 batches of teachers and made a difference in many lives, spreading the vision of Dr. Maria Montessori who believed that the training of the teacher is "the training of the spirit". MMI aims at making true Montessorians and believes that its students will make a difference and guide the future generations to become responsible citizens of the world. MMI has students from different walks of life and every batch that passes out feels very deeply for the Montessori philosophy and methodology.**

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