

Sir Shapurji Billimoria Foundation

The Foundation was registered in 1998 under the Bombay Public Charities Act to promote “integrated education.” (I.E.)

Our Mission and Commitment :

To provide **equity, access and quality** in education for children through integration.

IE believes that “*a child is first and foremost a child and the ability, disability or giftedness, secondary.*” It recognizes that while **ALL CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL**, there may be differences and variations in their **capacities, talents, pace, extent, limits and inputs** to learning. Hence we need to integrate (i) educational philosophies (ii) teaching - learning methodologies (iii) subjects and disciplines to cater to diversities.

Advantages of Integrated Education :

For Children, Teachers, School and Society -

- **Humanizes education** and provides opportunities for new skills and knowledge.
- Encourages teachers to function in **multiple settings, develop** alternative teaching methods, **fosters professionalism.**
- **Cost efficient** method of training by integrating methodologies of general, special and remedial education
- **Discourages fragmentation** of the education system

Our Activities :

- **Organized short term courses** that included workshops, seminars and orientation programmes for educational institutions
- Designed innovative **training manuals**
- Conducted educational **research** and
- **Networked through** our **newsletter** – “The RITE Step” and **website** “www.riteeducation.org”

Diploma in Integrated Education – 2003

In view of the above and the need to develop a **comprehensive approach** to the teacher education, the Foundation **launched** India’s first **innovative 2 year Diploma in Integrated Education.** This is recognized by and affiliated to **SNDT Women’s University** and the **National Council for Teacher Education, GOI.**

UNICEF in its publications (2003, 2005) on “**Examples of Inclusive Education**” (in South Asia), featured our Foundation as the **only one in India** to offer a full time course and **one among five in all of South Asia.**

Innovative Features:

The course addresses the needs of children within the **spectrum of their existing diversities.** Its salient features are :

- **Knowledge of diverse needs and skills,**
- **Adoption of an eclectic approach** to teaching methodologies
- **Integration of different disciplines**
- **Development of appropriate resource material** and
- Inculcation of **humanism** and **creativity**



*Roda B. Billimoria,
Founder Trustee*

Proposed Institute of Integrated Education

Land recently acquired from CIDCO in Kharghar, Navi Mumbai.



Trustees
on an inspection visit to the site

Justification :

- To recognize that “special needs” cannot be ignored by the education system, reflective of international current policies
- To demonstrate the feasibility of integration and influence policy

The Foundation will establish **India’s first comprehensive Institute of Integrated Education** to include:

- A **Centre for Teacher Education** – with hostel facilities (for around 300 students) to conduct full-time / part-time courses, and develop e-learning modules
- A **Demonstration School** (initially for 250 children) - to be a placement centre for student teachers and serve as a **model for replication**
- A **Unit for Research and Documentation** - to develop indigenous literature, training manuals, conduct educational research and network with organizations
- A **Resource-cum-Pedagogy and Study Centre** (with guest house facilities) where teachers / students / parents and educationists can participate in workshops and access resource material

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Our Trustees :

- **Prof. Suma B. Chitnis** - Educationist and Sociologist, Former Vice Chancellor, SNDT University, Mumbai
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- **Ms. Roda B. Billimoria** - Educationist

Our Auditors :

- **S. B. Billimoria & Co.**

The Core Team :

The Foundation consists of people who have a rich and varied academic background. Their care and concern is a reflection of their identification with the Foundation’s ideology.