



Sols ARC

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"OURS IS a three-year-old special school with only 15 special children. Four years back we had started off as a remedial centre for people with special needs. But when we realised that some children lag behind in their respective schools due to lack of attention. Understand their special needs, we decided to open a parallel school for them.

We have three standards so far and we intend to increase one standard every year. Six special educators take care of the

students. We follow the ICSE curriculum but it has been further adapted and simplified as per the requirements of the students. We have another team of experienced educators who help with the adaptation.

Although we have students who suffer from autism, cerebral palsy and epilepsy, they are unique in their own way. Bevan Rodrigues, for instance is an autistic child, but he is exceptionally good at referring to websites and online encyclopedias.

Reaching out to special needs

We have an upper limit of only eight students per class of two teachers and one helper. This is done to ensure that each child gets proper attention. Our teachers chalk out a monthly schedule for students. We also have monthly workshops for parents, as they need to be sensitised on how to handle the child.

We also generate regular evaluation reports for the reference of parents and teachers so that they can attend to the child likewise.

Apart from academics we have extra and co-curricular activities like computers, dance, singing, drama, fancy dress, recitation, shopping day and so on. We also have various field trips to ensure that our children understand and learn to inter-



Students in a celebratory mood on Independence Day

act with normal people. We also take them out for movies to Fun Republic. The multiplex is cooperative enough to allow our children inside with their own food and drinks as most of them are on a special diet.

Our fees come to Rs 5,800 per month and classes are held from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. We intend to organise an autism awareness campaign in associations with more than 50 schools and colleges in the next month."

