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🎯 Professional Summary

Creative and compassionate early years educator with over 15 years of experience in international and multicultural learning environments. Skilled in IB-PYP, EYFS, and Montessori methodologies with a passion for nurturing curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking in young minds. Known for implementing engaging, play-based learning strategies and developing impactful curricula.

👤🏢 Professional Experience

✳️ Shanthi Niketan Indian School – Doha, Qatar

Current Role

Early Years Educator

Elite International School (American Curriculum) – Doha, Qatar

Feb 2024 – June 2024

Grade 1 Homeroom Tutor

Universal Wisdom School (IB & Cambridge) – Pune, India

Feb 2022 – June 2022

Admission Counsellor

- Facilitated student admissions for upcoming IB & Cambridge branches.
- Promoted inquiry-based learning concepts to prospective families.

Project Purukul – Dehradun, India

Oct 2020 – Feb 2021

Founder & Volunteer Teacher

- Empowered local women through skills training (sewing, knitting).
- Volunteered teaching support to underprivileged children.

MIT Vishwashanti Gurukul IB School – Pune, India

June 2014 – Sept 2020

Senior Kindergarten (Prep 2) Homeroom Teacher

Pathways World School (IB) – Noida, India

July 2010 – June 2014

Pre-Nursery Form Tutor

- Underwent extensive IB PYP training.
- Led sensory-based and inquiry-led classroom strategies.

Lotus Valley International School – Noida, India

2009 – 2010

Nursery Teacher

GemKids International Preschool – Kannur, India

2006 – 2009

EYFS Lead & Administrative Support



Academic Qualifications

- **International Pre-Primary Teacher's Training (Distinction)** – Professional Institute, Calicut (2006)
- **MA in Mass Communication & Journalism** – Mangalore University (1995)
- **BA in Psychology** – Mangalore University (1992)
- **Diploma in Travel & Tourism Management** – Mangalore University (1992)
- **Diploma in Computer Software ('A' Grade)** – Mangalore University (1992)



Key Skills

- Phonics, storytelling, and early literacy strategies
- PYP inquiry-based learning
- EYFS curriculum planning
- Sensory and play-based learning
- Classroom management
- Parent communication and newsletters
- Curriculum design & exhibition mentoring
- Safety and wellbeing in classroom settings



Professional Development & Workshops

- **Inquiry Circle Workshop** by Kath Mudroch – Jan 2025
- **Analytical Thinking Learning Continuum Review** – April 2025

- **IB PYP: Making it Happen** – Sep 2011
 - Jolly Phonics (2010), Montessori (MMI, 2012), Sensory Play (Learning Matters, 2012)
 - Storytelling (Julia Gabriel Team, 2013)
 - Reggio Emilia Conference (2014), SAIBSA & PYP Network Meets (2015–2017)
 - Floppy Phonics (2016)
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Additional Experience

- Sub-Editor, **The Canara Times**
 - Press release writer, Kannada-English Translator, Crime & Weather Reporter
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References

- Mrs. Kiran Aymen – English Coordinator, Elite International School
- Mrs. Ayushi Jaiswal – Homeroom Teacher, Elite International School
- Dr. Vineeta Sood – Librarian, Pearling Season Int'l School
- Mr. Abhimanyu Dasgupta – PYP Head, Agha Khan Academy