

# ACADEMICS AND THERAPY GO HAND IN HAND AT THIS SPECIAL SCHOOL

**A**fter 13 successful years in education, The Lexicon Group has decided to embark upon a unique journey this year. They have launched a support school for children with special needs, The Lexicon Rainbow School, in Pune. Pankaj Sharma, president of The Lexicon Group of Institutes talks to us about the special, new venture of the group...

## **What led you to start this school?**

Our community is ripe with stigmas and prejudice, and I think as the educated and privileged members of society, it is imperative that we come together and take action. We recognized the need for such a school, and hence decided to launch The Lexicon Rainbow School.

## **What is unique about this school?**

You may have come across spaces that offer therapy and schools that offer academics, but there has not been one place that offers a blend of both. This school offers a perfect harmony between therapeutic intervention and academic rigour. It eliminates the challenging nature of meeting all the varied needs for children with



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special needs, as we will be offering both under one roof.

## **What types of disabilities are you equipped to deal with at the school?**

We have a very able and dedicated team of psychologists, counsellors, special educators, teachers and staff who are qualified to support students with a wide range of developmental disabilities. To name a few, we can support students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Downs Syndrome, Sensory Processing Difficulties and most learning difficulties. Any parent can visit our school and meet the centre head for a one-on-one assessment of their child's diagnosis.

## **Do you think this will make a difference?**

Absolutely! Each big revolution starts with a small step of change and transformation. I am also planning to have volunteers attached to this organisation. They will be trained to do early intervention in children so that help can be rendered to them at an early age. I believe that problem located is problem solved.