

Dear Friend,

We would like to invite you to Maitri 2016 that will be held under the aegis of the Indian Montessori Centre in collaboration with Kalakshetra on Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September 2016 at Kalakshetra, Chennai.

The theme of the conference is **Maanava Lila, the child's cosmic task.**

The Indian Montessori Centre has been organizing conferences and gatherings for the past many years for fellowship and professional development of educators, be they teachers, trainers, heads of schools, alumni or parents. It is a time to replenish one's energies, to rejuvenate, to share one's discoveries and the pitfalls that come our way as we enable children to learn, live and be contributing members of the human society that they are born into.

This year's Maitri, we would like to highlight the history of the Montessori movement in India, including the special relationship between Kalakshetra and the Montessori movement and the influence it had not only in India, but on the approach of the Montessori pedagogy globally.

The Montessori Method is available for the whole period of childhood, from birth to 18 years old, though it is mainly known for its pedagogy for the preschool years. We will be showcasing the Montessori environments, from birth to adulthood in the conference.

The objectives of the Maitri 2016 conference are:

- To celebrate the reach of Montessori education in India.
- To advocate the principles of Montessori education as a step towards practicing democratic and peaceful ways of living and learning.
- To make the practice deeper and wider so that more children, parents and teachers benefit from learning and living in a congenial, active atmosphere.

It is an opportunity to meet in friendship as we continue to learn. And that is what Maitri stands for - learning together in friendship. Let us celebrate by coming and being together...

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,



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