

Dempo Kids unique facility: Ved

Dempo Kids have been in existence for two years and have carved a distinctive space for itself by helping young children develop their talents and personality. Ami Ved, pre-school teacher cum co-ordinator spoke to **AJIT JOHN** about the activities carried out and future plans

HERALD: Is Dempo Kids the first facility of its kind?

AMI VED: Dempo Kids is a facility introduced in Panjim with the perspective of kids. This place is established for children from 1 to 12 years old. It is located in a quiet residential area amidst green and clean surroundings, with a broad approach road and sufficient parking space. It spans over an area of 300 sqm covered and 300 sqm uncovered. We have an indoor and outdoor facility. There is childcare for toddlers: is open for children aged 1 to 3 years old in the mornings from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday to Saturday. Care has been taken to ensure ample free space, fresh air ventilation, ample sunlight, stimulating play spots, soft musical ambience, child friendly, cheerful and well



BOARD ROOM

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trained staff. Parents shall also gain access to view their children on cell phones after dropping them at Dempo Kids. Kids shall have the opportunity to engage with guest entertainers/charmers regularly who maybe their own parent/grandparents or a magician, a musician, a story teller. We also have a kid's activity center which is open for children aged 4 to 12 years old in the afternoons from 3 pm to 6 pm, Monday to Saturday. These children will be further grouped into 3 categories: 4-6 years; 7-9 years; 10-12 years. In a day, the child will be exposed to 3 different activities focused to develop

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the physical fitness, mental attributes, psycho social and soft skills. After every activity, 15 minutes refresh break-time shall be given. Care has been taken to balance the child's indoor and outdoor exposure. Every child has the liberty to enroll for 6 days/week or 3 alternate days/week.

HERALD: How many kids have signed up?

AV: We have 40 children from schools as diverse as Sharda Mandir, Don Bosco, kids from Panjim and even Sangolda. Next week we will have a 7 month baby who will be taken care of by our trained staff in toddler care. The response has been good.

HERALD: What are your future plans?

AV: There are plans to launch an international school in a couple of years. It is affiliated to an international course.