

TRAINING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATORS TO PROMOTE INCLUSION

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Special Educators from many schools and centres across Goa, which support children and adults with disabilities gathered to study and learn in a certificate course on Tools for Inclusive Practice. A unique private-public partnership between the Goa State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights, Sangath India, and Keystone Institute India joined hands with teachers to work towards inclusion.

The three day, creative and collaborative learning event was launched by Ms. Ayushi, IAS Assistant Collector North Goa, and Mr. Peter F. Borges, Chairperson, Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Elizabeth Neuville, Executive Director of Keystone Institute India, and Percy Cardozo, Inclusive Education Project Lead at Sangath on [September 6](#), 2023 at South Goa Collectorate.

20 selected special educators and administrators learned and practiced powerful planning tools to envision positive inclusive lives for people with disabilities. The lively and energetic group learned person-centered, practical tools they could and will use right away. As well they were also challenged and supported to shift mindsets towards lives of belonging and community for people with disabilities. This world-class event will surely spark energy and action towards Goa's upcoming Purple Fest in [January 2024](#), a celebration of our inclusive and diverse Goa.

Peter Floriano Borges, Chairperson of Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said, "Improving the quality of teaching and learning is vital for inclusion of children with disabilities in mainstream schools. This requires changes and adaptations in content, teaching methods, and promoting innovative structure of the educational system to provide learning opportunities for all children.

Goa SCPCR has been driving inclusive education policy reforms through a working group, which includes capacity development of education institutions and teacher training.”

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