

# The Dalai Lama launches Transformative Teachers

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In honor of their 25th founding anniversary, The Goa Institute of Management (GIM) has announced the launch of a new collaborative program with the Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT. A specialized version of Transformative Teachers program will work with all faculty and Board of Governors of GIM to explore integration of ethics and values based learning.

In the presence of His Holiness the Dalai Lama at GIM's campus in Sakhali on Wednesday morning, GIM director Ajit Parulekar said "Ethics and values is something the world is in much need of. This novel initiative will be the first of its kind and we are very excited about it." Speaking about the new program, the Dalai Lama stated that, "India's traditions are moral and secular principles, not dependent on religious belief. India has the ability to combine modern education and ancient Indian education about mind and emotional well-being".

Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, founding director of The Center at MIT, was in town earlier in the week to facilitate the launch of the new programs.

GIM and The Center have also agreed to launch the Transformative Teachers program targeted towards K-12 grade teachers to integrate the development of cognitive skills, social-emotional understanding, and ethical purpose; enabling them to make a profound and lasting impact on their students. Select public and private schools in Goa will participate in this new venture. The Center's core programs target institutions of higher learning and business and governmental organizations and sets a new benchmark for how ethics and empathy learning should permeate all of aspects of civic society. Currently programs are being offered in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, India, Japan, Indonesia and parts of the African continent.

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