

Experimental ways of teaching are slowly yet surely becoming the new method of education in several schools in Bengaluru. Theme-based learning, say experts, can fuel the learning process by creating a correlation between what is taught and what the child learns.

Spread over a 25-acre campus on the Sarjapur-Whitefield Road, Inventure Academy's approach to education is based on Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligence (MI).

Nooraine Fazal, co-founder and CEO of Inventure Academy, said that according to cognitive psychologist Gardner's theory, "People have a unique blend of intelligence... Every child is unique and possesses intelligence that is different from another. And based on an individual's MI, each child's potential at the school is determined. And working on building that strength enables the child to learn better". At her school, textbooks are not a medium of learning. In fact they don't exist till Class V.

The idea, said Ms Fazal, is to do away with rote learning and instead teach by themes — this helps students connect with what they are learning. "This approach builds soft and life skills that help children adapt a logical, creative approach in a multi-cultural environment", she said. The transition from interactive learning to textbooks, she said, is smooth.

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