

Jamnabai Narsee school in **Kandivli**

EDUCATION FIRST School will come up in a large township by 2012 and will be part of the Methibai Devraj Gundecha Foundation

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MUMBAI: The trustees of Jamnabai Narsee School are all ready to set up a new campus in Kandivli. Scheduled to open in 2012, the new facility will have the same standard of education as the elite Juhu school.

"We will maintain the same quality, standard and core values of Jamnabai Narsee at our Kandivli campus," said Sujay Jairaj, a trustee, who will be actively involved at the new school. The school, however, will not be part of the Narsee Monjee Educational Trust. Coming up as part of a large township in Kandivli (East), just off the Western Express Highway, the school will be part of the Methibai Devraj Gundecha Foundation.

While a name for the school is still to be finalised, its construction on a 2.5-acre plot will begin in the next two months. Just like Jamnabai Narsee, the school will be affiliated to the ICSE board and students will have an option of taking up the Cambridge-affiliated IGCSE

SCHOOL PLAN



■ A file photo of Jamnabai Narsee School at Juhu.

■ The school, to be set up by trustees of Jamnabai Narsee School, will come up in Kandivli (East) just off the Western Express Highway and it is scheduled to open in 2012.

■ The school will be affiliated to the ICSE board and students will have an option of taking up the Cambridge-affiliated IGCSE board in Class 10

■ Initially, the school will admit students till Class 6 and then move a class up every year.

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board in Class 10.

The school will also follow the same criterion of giving first preference to neighbourhood

children and will have a one-acre playground attached for extracurricular activities.

"Academics, sports, co-curricular, and value systems are the focus of Jamnabai Narsee and our next campus will also have the same focus. We will start by admitting students till Class 6 and then move a class up every year. When the school reaches its full capacity, we will have 3,500 students," added Jairaj.

The former principal of Jamnabai Narsee, Jesse Vaz,

will also be involved with the new school.

Residents of Kandivli are glad to have a school of repute come up in the vicinity. "While the school will be new, it will bring with it the 40-year experience of running an educational institution," said Pankaj Banka, who has a three-year-old daughter. "But, school authorities should take into consideration the economic status of the locality before determining the fees and make it affordable for residents."