

We care ...



Therefore we are!



BALA MANDIR

a home for homeless children

**A child needs love and affectionate care.
An unwanted child needs even more.**

Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and alongwith late Sri. K. Kamaraj, Late Smt. S. Manjubashini, Founder and guiding light of Bala Mandir, established Bala Mandir in 1949, which over the years, under her able guidance, has grown like a 'Banyan Tree' into a premier Welfare Organisation sheltering thousands of children over the years and spreading its branches into child care, Educational, Vocational and Rehabilitation programmes.

Over the past 5 decades thousands of destitute and deprived children have passed through its portals, blossoming into useful citizens of the country.

Bala Mandir is a home for homeless children. It gives protection and care to any orphan or destitute child who needs it, with no distinction of caste, creed or religion.

Bala Mandir strives to translate into concrete reality the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Personal interest is taken in the welfare of each and every child by trained and dedicated staff.

Admitted below the age of five years, the children are cared for until they are ready to be rehabilitated into society. Bala Mandir serves a triple role: Parent, teacher and community.

Bala Mandir is managed by a dedicated group of Trustees, Executive members and trained staff. It is funded by individual and corporate sponsorships within India and generous funding from individuals and NGOs abroad, besides Government grants from the State and Centre.

CHILD CARE

THE FOUNDLING HOME :

It helps to nurse back to health and life the infants who need constant care and often arrive with many serious health problems. About 100 children below 5 years are accommodated here.

It is staffed by competent personnel, that include a paediatrician, nurse, psychologist and social worker.



THE DORMITORIES :

More than 300 boys and girls are housed in different, simple but well ventilated and comfortable dormitory wings. The emphasis is on community living and the children live in groups under matrons and are supervised by a resident lady superintendent. They learn to look after their own room and premises in course of time.

THE KITCHEN :

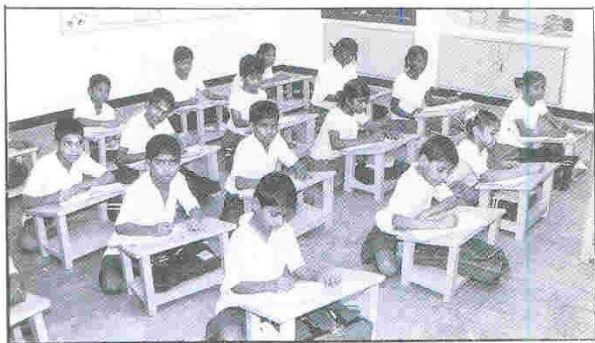
The Kitchen caters to the nutritional needs of all the children. It provides carefully planned, wholesome balanced food to the children, keeping the children's health and hygiene in mind. The children are also supplied milk and yoghurt, through contributions that come from International Service organisations.



EDUCATION

The Schools of Bala Mandir are open to children from the socially and economically backward strata of society in the neighbourhood as well as to the children of Bala Mandir.

The Bala Mandir Nursery School was started in 1952. Recognised as a special school by the Government, it grew into a **Primary School** in 1956. It caters to over 700 children and is housed in a spacious building.



The Satyamurthi High School opened in 1961 and now elevated to a **Higher Secondary School** with an English Medium Section is recognised and aided by the State Government. It educates nearly 800 boys and girls, enjoying a well equipped building.

The Bala Mandir Vidyalaya (L.K.G. to Std. V) started in 1990 and housed in a lovely building gifted by Braade Stiftung, Denmark caters to nearly 250 children. It is a full fledged Primary School with all facilities and qualified teachers, using an integrated method of teaching. **The Creche** linked to the Vidyalaya was started in 1994 and caters to about 100 children in the age group of 6 months upwards to 5 years. Nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks, uniforms and all educational materials are provided.

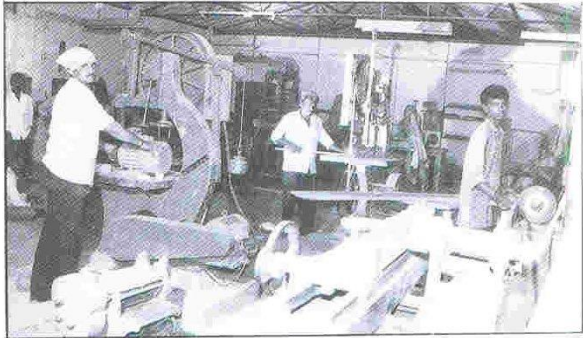
Creche services have been extended into a **Day Care Centre** gifted by Action Children Aid, Denmark in 1998, and linked to the Bala Mandir Primary School, and accommodates another 100 children.

These two projects greatly benefit those working mothers, destitute or otherwise, from the poorer sections of society.

SOCIO ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES

CARPENTRY :

Started in 1962, is fully equipped with workshop cum-training facilities with the complete set of machinery donated by CARE. It also manufactures furniture, household items, educational toys and equipment required by the Balwadis (Creches) in different parts of the state.



LAUNDRY :

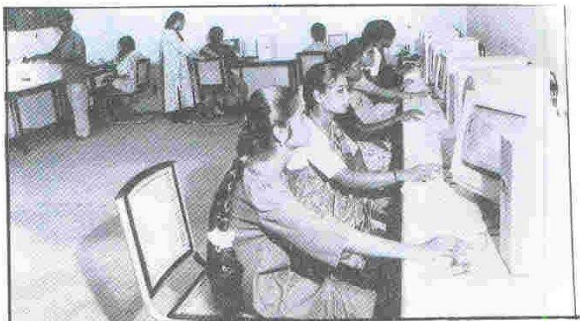
Donated by the Rotary Club of Madras and other private donors in 1965, this unit meets the requirements of the inmates besides taking up additional work on a commercial basis. The unit was recently modernised with the assistance of Action Children Aid, Denmark.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING :

Tailoring, Computer programming, Typewriting, Electrical, Wiring, Book-binding, Plumbing etc., are courses offered. The entire vocational training programmes will shortly be upgraded into an Industrial Training Institute (ITI), funded by Braade Stiftung.

AUDITORIUM :

The Bala Mandir German Hall donated by Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, generates income for Bala Mandir by hiring it out for cultural activities, music programmes, meetings etc.



MEDICAL / REHABILITATION SERVICES

BALA MANDIR VINAYAKA CLINICS :

The services of all the clinics are open to Staff and Children of Bala Mandir, and neighbouring poor. These consist of Physiotherapy, Dental, Homoeopathy, Eye, Paediatric Clinics and Diagnostic Laboratory, with all necessary equipment and are attended by qualified doctors and professionally trained staff.

BALA MANDIR RESEARCH FOUNDATION :

Started in 1983, has been conducting special Research projects to study the psychological and physical problems of destitute, orphan and underprivileged children and has published papers suggesting remedial measures to enable them to go out into the world as normal responsible citizens.

ADOPTION :

Several children have been happily absorbed into loving families.

EMPLOYMENT :

Like young birds taking off from the parental nest, our boys and girls are showing an increasing tendency towards better jobs and careers. Every effort is made to equip them with suitable vocational and educational skills, so as to enable them to earn an independent living. A working women's hostel will be opened to benefit women from the lower income category.

MARRIAGE :

Enables our girls and boys to find life partners, and make their own homes and gracefully fit into the mainstream of society. Applications for marriage are carefully considered by the management and the ceremony performed in a traditional and simple manner, with Bala Mandir providing the couple with basic essentials to start their married life.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

SPONSORSHIP :

Foster parents in India and abroad undertake to sponsor one or more children in Bala Mandir. They not only pay for the maintenance of the child but also provide affection and care through visits and other contacts.

Any help, small or big, in cash or kind, is always most welcome. We particularly request you to sponsor a child at Bala Mandir. See for yourself how wonderful the gift of love is.

SPONSORSHIP SCHEMES:

	Yearly	Endowment
a. Sponsorship of Children :		
i) Individual Sponsorship	Rs.5,000 (or) US\$150	50,000
ii) General Sponsorship	Rs.2,500	25,000
iii) Educational Sponsorship		
Vidyalaya	Rs.500	-
High School	Rs.1000	
b. Food Sponsorship :		
Breakfast,	Rs.750 +	5,000 +
Lunch/Dinner (on Specified dates)	Rs.1,000 +	10,000 +
c. Medical	Rs.1,000 +	5,000 +
d. Marriage	-	5,000 +
e. Education	i) School	5,000 +
	ii) Higher	10,000 +

Cheques/Drafts may be issued to

BALA MANDIR KAMARAJ TRUST

Direct remittances from abroad may be issued to :

Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust, Foreign A/c.No.20504,
Syndicate Bank, T.Nagar Branch. Chennai - 600 017.

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*The only
enduring gift...
Love.*



"One can judge an institution like this not so much by the building, but by the happy faces of little children. The bright and cheerful faces of the children showed how well they were kept and how much you (management and staff) bring that human touch in dealing with them."

Jawaharlal Nehru

October 1952



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from 1949