

VISION

Bala Mandir endorses the rights of all children and envisions for them loving care, good upbringing and opportunities for development, especially for children in difficult circumstances.

MISSION

- ▶ To serve foundlings, orphans, abandoned, destitute, socially and economically deprived children, irrespective of caste, creed, gender and religion through Institutional and Non-Institutional programmes for care, all around education, medical support, rehabilitation and related research.
- ▶ To collaborate, coordinate and affiliate with Indian and International agencies in similar fields of work.
- ▶ To work with the Government for the formulation of suitable policies in the area of child care and provide support for its effective implementation.

CODE OF CONDUCT: EIGHT CORE VALUES

- ▶ Child Centric Behaviour
- ▶ Respect for Law and Rules
- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Caring for Environment
- ▶ Equality and Team Work
- ▶ Secular Outlook
- ▶ Professional Approach
- ▶ Continual Improvement and Striving for Excellence

SUPPORT US

SHARE WITH BALA MANDIR – Your sharing can help brighten a child's world!

- ▶ Share your talents: Skills and expertise
- ▶ Share your time: Interact and play with our children
- ▶ Share in other ways: Sponsor a meal, education, or medicines for children

Support / Sponsorship Schemes

Support For	Details	Donation	
Food Expenses	Meal expenses on a specific date	Rs. 3,000/- (breakfast /tea)	Rs. 5,000/- (lunch /dinner)
School Education	Annual educational expenses per child	Rs. 5,000/- (primary)	Rs. 7,500/- (high school)
Vocational Training	Sponsorship of a trainee	Rs. 15,000/- per trainee	
Higher Education	Sponsorship for higher education	Based on the requirements of the student	

In addition, you can choose to sponsor our events, outings or infrastructure requirements. All projects taken up by Bala Mandir comply with CSR norms.

Contact us at donations@balamandir.org for more details.

Cheques / Drafts may be issued to BALA MANDIR KAMARAJ TRUST

Direct remittances can also be sent:

Within India: Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust, A/c No. 041894600000947, YES Bank, T. Nagar Branch, Chennai 600 017. IFSC Code: YESB0000418

From abroad: Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust, RBL BANK LTD, T. Nagar Branch, A/c No: 309003304567 IFSC: RATN0000113 Swift Code: RATNINBBXXX

You can make your contribution through credit or debit card on our website or from any YES Bank ATM.

All donations are exempt from Income Tax under Section 80-G of I.T. Act. Registration No. in terms of Section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 - 075900033



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All children need loving care.

A child without a family needs it all the more.



Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust

OVERVIEW

Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, Bala Mandir was started in 1949 by late Sri K. Kamaraj and Smt. S. Manjubhashini. Today, it is a premier Social Welfare Organisation, which has, over the years sheltered children in difficult circumstances and those from socio-economically deprived backgrounds.

Bala Mandir has gone beyond child care and rehabilitation, and today runs Educational Institutions that cater to children across different age groups – Pre-primary, Primary and High School. The units, located on its campus in the heart of urban Chennai, include a Vocational Training Centre, Medical Units, an affiliated Research Foundation and a Home for Girls in Nagercoil. Bala Mandir is a registered society under the Tamil Nadu Society Registration Act, 1975.

Without distinction of caste, creed, religion or gender, thousands of orphans and destitute children have passed through the portals of Bala Mandir to become responsible and happy adults.

Bala Mandir is an independently run organisation. Besides the 150 plus paid staff, there is a group of dedicated Trustees, Members and volunteers who take on specific responsibilities for its functioning.



CHILD CARE

Admitted below 6 years, children grow up in Bala Mandir till the age of 16/18 years. A large number of them who are in the infant and toddler stages are nurtured with care and attention, in an environment specially created for them. The older children stay in well-ventilated and comfortable dormitories. Children have plenty of opportunity to learn, imbibe good value systems, and live in harmony with others. Activities to enhance self-reliance, cultural and social development, and independent thinking find a place in their schedule. Each child is treated as an individual endowed with unique traits.

A Home set up in Nagercoil in 1990, as a branch of Bala Mandir, houses only girls and runs a Day Care Centre. It will soon expand its activities.

EDUCATION

Day Care Centre: A supportive and stimulating centre, this is a great help to working mothers in the neighbourhood. The centre caters to close to 200 children below 6 years of age. Trained teachers and caregivers attend to them through a well-organised Early Childhood Care and Development programme. The young children are provided with nutritious meals and snacks, and their health and development problems are

also addressed. Teachers keep in close touch with the parents through home visits.

Bala Mandir Schools: Vidyalaya, set up in 1985 caters to the children of Bala Mandir and the urban slum, to give them additional attention, and provide impetus to their learning. The school has classes from KG to Standard V English Medium with the Montessori system and a well-defined bilingual curriculum.

Bala Mandir Primary School and Satyamurthi High School are State Government-aided schools, started in 1952 and 1961 respectively. Children are given holistic education, with a focus on value education, life skills, spoken English, sports, library, and computer classes. Where required, children are provided with learning support.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational training is provided for adolescents with aptitude from socio-economically deprived backgrounds. Set up in 1999, the BM-PH Mortensen Industrial Training Centre (ITC) meets the needs of the rapidly growing demand for skilled technical workers in the industrial sector. Training is provided in the Electrical and Fitter trades, recognised by the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT). On completion of training, trainees are placed in industries.

New short-term courses are being offered to meet industry-specific requirements. The present courses on

‘Carpentry for Interiors’ and ‘A/c Mechanic’ will be followed by other courses for the enhancement of the scope of training, and extension of vocational training for youth.

Sports, computer, employability, and life skills classes are built into the curriculum, to provide the trainees with holistic education and to help them develop their all-round personality.

REHABILITATION

Adoption: Over the years, hundreds of infants and young children have been placed legally in adoption into loving families in India.

Home Sponsorship: Boys and girls discharged from Bala Mandir after school education and rehabilitated with their families are prepared for integration into society, and provided with financial support through a home sponsorship programme till they are able to earn independently.

Social workers provide ongoing counselling for the rehabilitated children.

Higher Education: Higher education support is provided to Bala Mandir children from the Home, and the children of staff and alumni. At college level, they are encouraged to take on part-time jobs to ‘earn while they learn’.

Employment / Marriage: Support is provided to Bala Mandir boys and girls who have grown up in the

Home to find gainful employment, based on their educational levels. Orphan girls are also helped to find suitable life partners.

A simple marriage ceremony is performed at Bala Mandir and the couple is provided with basic household requirements. Bala Mandir also serves as the natal home for the married girl.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Medical: Comprehensive health care is extended to all the children in the Bala Mandir Home, the educational institutions and staff across the units. The Vinayaka Clinic has visiting doctors who undertake annual health check-ups, and all referrals are followed up in partnership with reputed hospitals and medical professionals. All children are provided with basic education on health through the Total School Health Programme. Along with physical health, the mental health of children is addressed through counselling for behavioural issues and learning problems.

Cultural Activities: The Bala Mandir Cultural and Learning Centre has a yearly calendar of events to provide adequate opportunity for the development of children’s cultural and artistic talents. Opportunities are provided to compete and interact with a larger group of children from different educational institutions. The activities include an optimal mix of value education, legal education, music, theatre, dance, arts and crafts, etc.

