



**Bala Mandir Research Foundation**  
(Unit of Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust)



cordially invites you to the

## **S. Manjubhashini Memorial Seminar - 2018**

### **Inclusion Beyond Barriers**

**Date:** Saturday, 15th December, 2018

**Time:** 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Venue:** Bala Mandir Research Foundation  
No. 31, Prakasam Street  
T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017

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#### **Programme**

10.00 am	Registration
10.30 am	Prayer and Welcome Address
10.45 am - 11.30 am	Presentation by Panelists
11.30 am - 12 noon	Open House

#### **Panelists**

Ms. Namita Jacob	<i>Director, Chetna Trust Senior Education Specialist, Asia Pacific, Perkins International</i>
Dr. Aruna Rathnam	<i>Executive Director, Madhuram Narayanan Centre</i>
Ms. Chitra K	<i>Coordinator, Children's Programme, BMKT</i>

#### **Chaired by**

Dr. S. Anandalakshmy *President, Bala Mandir Kamaraj Trust*

### **Inclusion Beyond Barriers**

Bala Mandir Research Foundation redefined the concept of parenting about two decades ago and has since been a strong proponent of extending the concept beyond its biological confines. Anyone who nurtures, provides care and offers guidance to a child is fulfilling a parental role. That surely is the classic example of inclusiveness! This redefinition is integrated into all our training programmes and the variety of materials we develop and disseminate.

The focus is on accepting diversity and rejecting bias, differentiation and prejudice. We know that any one aspect may be seen as a marker of identity: caste, class, gender, skin colour, language spoken, region of origin, ability and disability and a dozen others. How do we educate ourselves and others around us to appreciate the human-ness of all people? How do we ensure a child's experiences in family, school and neighbourhood are not marred by exclusions?

We are happy to present a panel of professionals who have mastery of conceptual issues as well as years of rich hands-on practice. They wear their expertise lightly and communicate with felicity. They will elaborate on the barriers they have knocked down and the hurdles they have crossed.

Inclusion is not merely a buzzword. It is an attitude to be passionate about and to cultivate with patience and perseverance.