

**BALKENDRA SCHOOL, INA**  
***A DREAM COME TRUE***



The seed of Balkendra was sown by Mr. Gauri Ardhnareshwarn, Chairman, AAI in 1993. This school was started on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1993 with one teacher, Ms. Bhagirathi, one helper and seven children. Today it stands as a fully grown tree and many children have enjoyed its fruits in the form of good education and a healthy environment.

To begin with, there was only a garage, and we had to depend on the AAI and benefactors for every necessity. While ground preparations were being done, admissions were going on simultaneously. Till 2005, the school functioned out of two rooms, for fifty students. When Mrs. Archana Agarwal took over charge as President, Kalyanmayee, a near transformation took place. In her dynamic leadership, she provided tremendous support in taking Balkendra to new heights. She took keen interest in the holistic development of Balkendra and a new building was made in 2008 with modern infrastructure. Today the student strength is more than 200 and we are forced to restrict the number of admissions due to limited space. Earlier, aid was given to the school by AAI, but now it is an independent Kalyanamayee unit. It has an independent account under the observation of the Education Committee of Kalyanamayee.



The school considers education to be a lifelong process which therefore deserves a strong foundation. The goal of the school is to inculcate in the students love for learning and a desire to excel at every level. We work towards exploring the innate potential of each child, believing each child to be unique. Our goal is to stimulate their curiosity, guide them to explore, help them to acquire skills and instil in them the joy of learning.

We consider every child who enters the doors of Balkendra as a sacred trust from God. We aim at a harmonious, wholesome and holistic development. Our programmes incorporate an integrated curriculum that promotes learning through music, art, drama, dance, projects, field trips and outdoor play.

I sincerely acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of our dedicated teachers who all form the indispensable core of Balkendra, as also our support staff.

I also forward thanks to Mrs. Archana Agarwal, President, Kalyanmayee, for her constant support. I gratefully acknowledge the support provided by members of the Education Committee of Kalyanmayee and the administrative staff.

Administrator, Balkendra  
Anita Gulati