

# **BALA (BUILDING AS LEARNING AID)**

## **What is Bala?**

- ✿ ***Bala (Building as Learning Aid) is innovative concept towards qualitative improvement in education, through developing child-friendly, learning and fun based physical environment building in school infrastructure.***

## **There are two levels of this intervention:**

- ✿ ***Develop the SPACES to create varied teaching-learning situations***
- ✿ ***Develop the BUILT ELEMENTS in these spaces as teaching-learning aids***

## **Why should we do it?**

- ✿ ***It Lets school be conceived in a holistic way***
- ✿ ***It Makes the school a child friendly place***
- ✿ ***It Makes school an exciting place, allowing learning with fun***
- ✿ ***It Creates conducive self-learning situations for children***
- ✿ ***It Allows learning materials accessible to children, at all times***
- ✿ ***It Does not allow the TLM to be stolen or misplaced and hence it can remain orderly***
- ✿ ***It Allows Teachers to adapt them to suit their specific needs***
- ✿ ***It Is more lasting and durable***
- ✿ ***It Can be combined with building repairs and up-gradation***

## **Conclusion**

***Maximising educational value of built structure. Built structure of the school has a dual use:***

- ❖ ***To give shelter to the educational activities.***
- ❖ ***To be a resource for teaching-learning.***
- ❖ ***Planning for school with interdisciplinary approach, with the child in the focus.***
- ❖ ***Taking design ideas to the ground***
- ❖ ***The visible change in schools.***
- ❖ ***Learning in school will be more interesting, joyful for children and teachers.***