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10.00am to 01.00pm



Sambasivan Auditorium  
MSSRF, Taramani,  
Chennai - 113

## Panel Discussion

Who Cares?  
Progress and  
Challenges for  
Early Childhood  
Development

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**Celebrating  
Ms Mina  
Swaminathan's  
Birth  
Anniversary**

## PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10.10 am: Welcome address

Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson – MSSRF

10.10 – 10.40 am: Celebrating Mina Swaminathan's legacy through songs

Ms Bindhumalini

## PANEL DISCUSSION

10:40 - 11.00 am: Setting the Context

Moderator: Dr Anjana Mangalagiri, Senior Fellow,  
Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

11.00 - 11:15 am: Remembering Mina Swaminathan - An Icon of Early  
Childhood Care and Education in India

Dr Adarsh Sharma, Former Director, National Institute of  
Public Cooperation & Child Development, New Delhi

11:15 - 11:30 am: Integrated Early Childhood Development: How are we  
faring against Minaji's legacy?

Dr Sumitra Mishra, Executive Director, Mobile Creches,  
New Delhi

11:30 - 11.45 am: Is politics failing our children? Overcoming obstacles to  
Early Childhood Development in South Asia

Dr Manzoor Ahmed, Professor Emeritus, BRAC Institute  
of Educational Development, Dhaka, Bangladesh

11.45 - 12 noon: Leaving no Child Behind - How Inclusive is Early  
Childhood Care and Development?

Dr R Sujatha, Consultant, SDG- UNICEF India with  
Planning & Development Dept, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

12.00 - 12:50 pm: Summary & Open Discussion

12:50 - 01.00 pm: Vote of thanks

Prof Nitya Rao, Director NISD & Professor of Gender &  
Development, University of East Anglia, UK



**Join us virtually  
via Zoom**



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