

Sankalp Special School, Kanpur

2026 Mid Year Review

Background

- Caters to children with special needs (autism, behavioral problems, learning disabilities, speech/language issues, mentally challenged)
- Project's goal is to nurture these kids with targeted attention and therapy so eventually they become self-sufficient
 - Individual progress plans for each child, 6 children per teacher, Physio/Speech/Behavioral therapy, vocational training for 16+ children with mild intellectual deficits
- Supported by Asha-SV since Fall 2009
 - Asha Stars project: Like any other Asha-SV project except the funds sent are only those that have been directly donated to the project.
 - Before April 2015, funds were sent to Asha Kanpur for the disbursements and funds utilization was monitored by Asha Kanpur. But now, the project runs as a part of Asha Kanpur and the financials are completely managed by Asha Kanpur.
 - Funds are generated locally as well.
- **FB page** – facebook@sankalpspecialschool
- **Insta id** : _humarasankalp_

Current statistics

- Students - **64** (52 for schooling and 12 for vocational training)
- Staff
 - Centre Head (Honorary)
 - 1 Coordinator cum computer instructor
 - 1 Vocational Consultant
 - 1 Physiotherapist (part time) + 1 physiotherapy assistant
 - 1 Speech teacher (full time)
 - 2 teachers for vocational section
 - 9 teachers for classes
 - 3 Supporting staff
- 2 Hired vans (1 doing triple round)

Highlights of 2026-27 till now

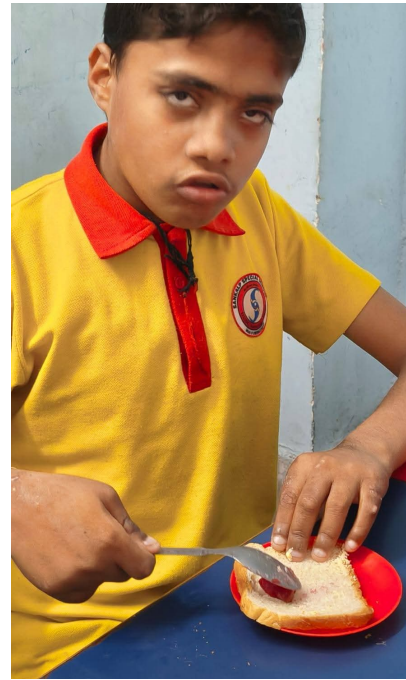
- As per our MOU with the CSJM University (Kanpur Univ.), we had 6 interns with psychology background for one month developmental psychology and counselling internship with us during April. We were able to sensitize them and give them hands on experience in handling children with developmental issues.
- An interactive workshop on menstrual hygiene was organized by volunteers of an organization “Period-Sakhi” for the mothers of all our female students. Their queries related to handling their ward’s period related issues were suitably answered during this session.
- Due to some issues with the land-lord and some misunderstandings, our centre coordinator left the job after May due to which we faced a crisis and all the renovation work was delayed. However, we managed to get some work done during June end and early July so that we have consumed around 2 lakhs from the renovation budget that we had received in April 2026. We plan to get the remaining work done during Dusshera holidays and winter vacations after we receive the remaining budget.

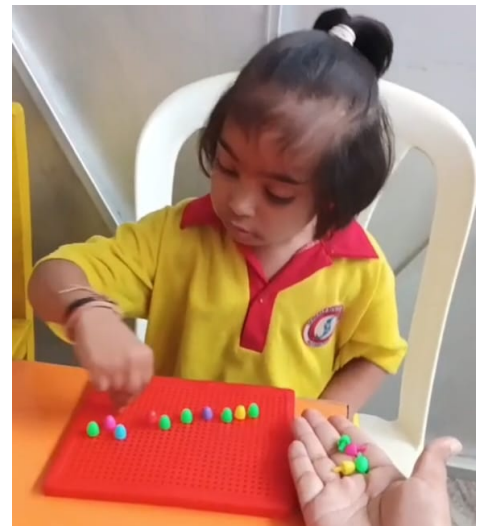
- One of our very old teacher who was working in the vocational unit is now functioning as the coordinator and computer instructor. She is not as meticulous as the older coordinator but she knows our functioning very well and is familiar with the staff and parents so she was my first choice for this work.
- After getting new partitions made, we are able to create a new class and take up some new admissions. The admissions we have got are of children of 5-8 years age group in whom we can work nicely and get good and encouraging results.
- As for the teaching staff, I shifted the psychologist to the new class till we are able to find another good teacher. For the vocational class, I have shifted one teacher (who is very creative) from the regular class to the vocational class and in her place, have appointed mother of a new child who had come for admission. She used to work in a normal school before this child was born and being a parent herself, knows how to manage the children.
- After all these changes, regular school activities are being carried out as always.

- We have tried to further improve our physical therapy section and have incorporated occupational therapy exercises and slightly complex exercises for the children rather than sticking to only the conventional physiotherapy regimes. Through this, we aim to improve the functional ability of our children in their everyday activities.
- A meditation workshop for our teachers was carried out by Heartfulness Meditation organization. The goal is to bring out more awareness and patience among the staff for a better functioning.
- As always, we celebrated various special days with enthusiasm. These include celebration of Earth day, Mother's day, Independence Day and Rakshabandhan.
- The biggest challenge that I am facing right now is related to the coordinator's functioning but I hope she will learn to function more efficiently with time. Till then, I have to be on alert mode and actively see to the things.
- Another constant problem is that the most of the staff always keeps looking up to me for guiding them and mostly lack positive self-direction.











Future Plans

- As stated earlier, the remaining renovation work will be carried out during October to December. This will include purchasing furniture and almirahs, floor polishing and repairing, tile work etc.
- Preparation for our Diwali exhibition and sale is going on and I am planning to start giving a basic stipend to atleast 2 children of the vocational unit from the amount that is collected.
- We are planning to start internships in our physical therapy department as well so that we get some skilled working hands there since we have a good work load in this section now.
- We also think of charging a certain fees for these internships so that we are able to generate some funds as well. However, for this, we need to have someone who can attend to these interns on a regular basis. Currently, I do so but I am not able to go to the centre very regularly.
- We need to actively involve more social volunteers with us so that we can use these contacts for generating funds, for enhancing sale of our vocational section and for getting more innovative ideas. Again, we need someone who can actively coordinate with these volunteers and do the follow-ups.

Thank you