

## Sankalp Special school – virtual site visit by Shrushti Shah on 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022

### **Attendees:**

Asha Silicon Valley Chapter – Shivani, Shobha, Vijay, Abhinav Shrushti

Sankalp Special School –

Dr. Deepti – Project partner

Anupama – school co-ordinator

Swati – Pshycologist

Teachers –

Alka Dixit

Priyamvada Bajpai

Archana Dwivedi

Preeti Bhalla

Shabana Azmi

Beena Jaiswal

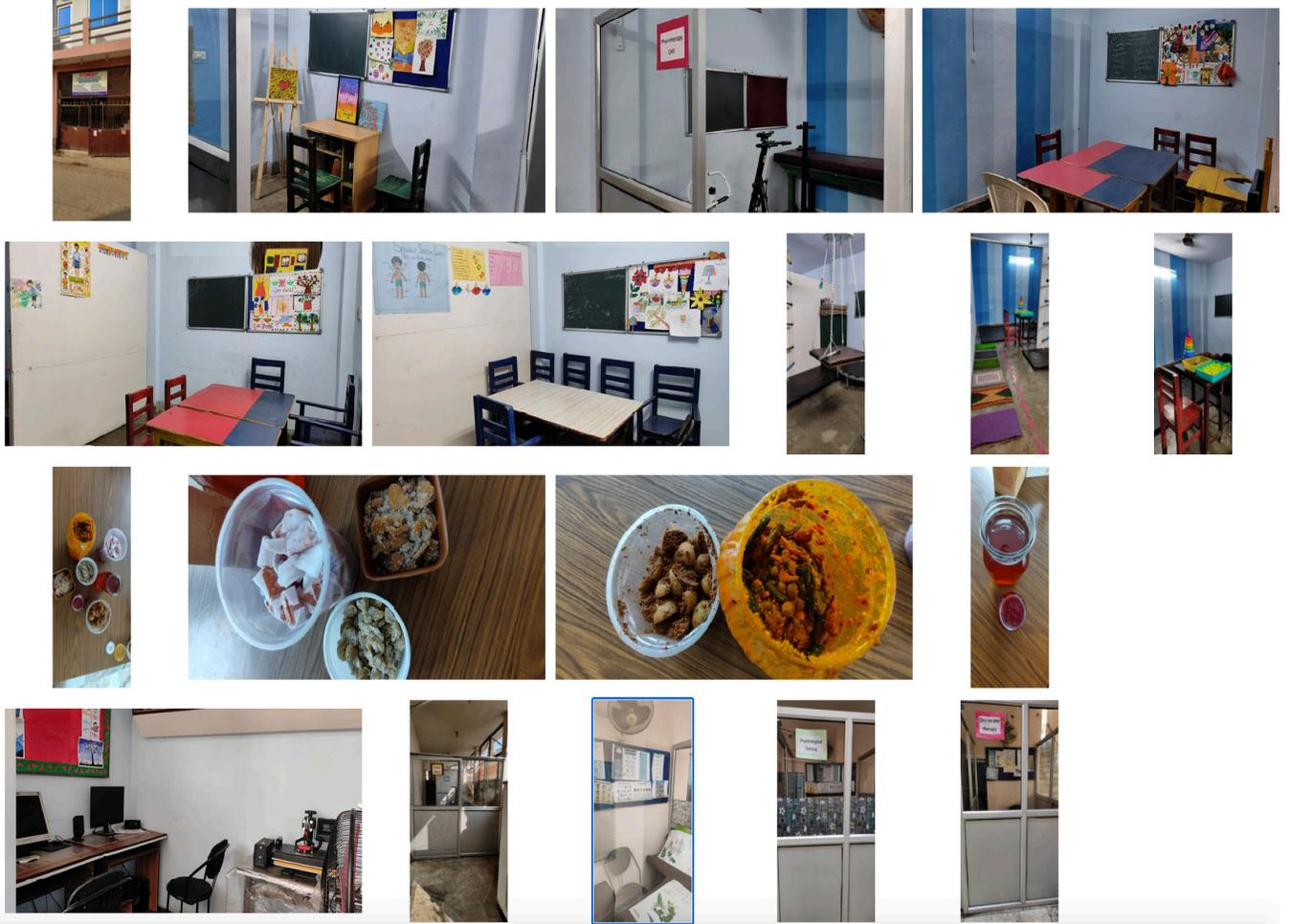
Speech therapist - Nazreena Tabassum

Dr. Deepti joined the zoom call with all her staff. She showed the school starting from the office and the open space where they have all the equipment for vocational training. There was equipment for paper plate making (automatic and manual), sewing machine, T shirt printer, etc. She walked through all the classrooms, including co-ordinator's office and psychologist office. There were couple of teacher, including physiotherapist, who were talking online classes. Due to omicron, they had to close the school and start back on online classes. Dr. Deepti also showed the early intervention unit that was setup for younger kids. They have a good setup for physical exercise and other activities. She showed the area setup for vocational training including gas for cooking, sewing machine. There were lot of kid paintings there were set up for display as well. They usually convert these paintings to cards, canvas, mugs etc for their sale. They also showed us pickle, candies, mugs, hand towels, diyas, etc the kids have made till now. There is open space in the front for kids to play, do their activities and get out of the classrooms. The school campus looked neat and clean and well organized.

Pandemic definitely has impacted not only kids progress but also teachers and parents moral. They are hoping to get back to normal routine soon. The number of students has dropped to 50% after pandemic. They are hoping to get back some of the old students once things goes back to normal. Vocational center did give some good insights on how to setup vocation as part of the kids curriculum in the school. So by the time they reach the age of 16 or 18, they understand the concept of vocational training. They are getting some guidance and help from professionals outside to help train teachers and even for vocational center.

Shivani brought up topics such as animal therapy and kids going out of school with Dr. Deepti. Overall all the staff looked happy and dedicated.

Below are some pics of the school, including online classroom -



Eg of online whatsapp group

