

Project: Sankalp Welfare Society (<https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=620>)

Type of project: Education for children from the urban slums Site Visit

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Date: September 11, 2026

Time: 12.15 pm IST (duration: 1 hr. 30 min.)

POSITIVE OBSERVATIONS:

- 1) The school exhibited a very clean environment. The students were well-attired in their school uniforms. The passages, classrooms and the central courtyard, as well as the entrance to the school, were well-maintained.
- 2) The visually appealing charts that were displayed in the corridors and in the classrooms presented a creative look, and it is obvious that they would be providing intellectual stimulation to the students.
- 3) Students were seated in a disciplined manner within the classrooms.
- 4) The students responded to the questions asked, and most of them were eager to do so.
- 5) The teachers were teaching interactively.
- 6) The entire functional structure was spelt out very clearly by the Admin. Team.
- 7) It was good to note that the experience of the elderly academicians was being taken.
- 8) Proper lesson planning is being done by the teachers, who are also maintaining a monthly record of all activities that are conducted.

SOME SUGGESTIONS:

- 1) More attention needs to be given to the cleanliness of the washrooms. Soap should always be available, mopping should be done on an hourly basis, and any unwanted material should be removed from the area. Some disinfectant could be used to provide a hygienic smell to the place.
- 2) At least 2 computers should be installed in the school, and students should be made to experience their functioning on a regular basis.
- 3) Proper lesson planning is being done by the teachers; however, it would be good if in addition to the content that is tackled on the various days, the methodology could be spelt out in greater detail.

- 4) One-on-one sessions could be held over a period of the year to provide mental and emotional support to the students.

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