

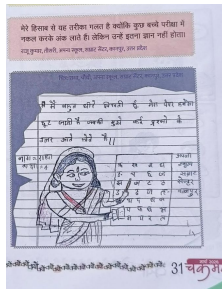
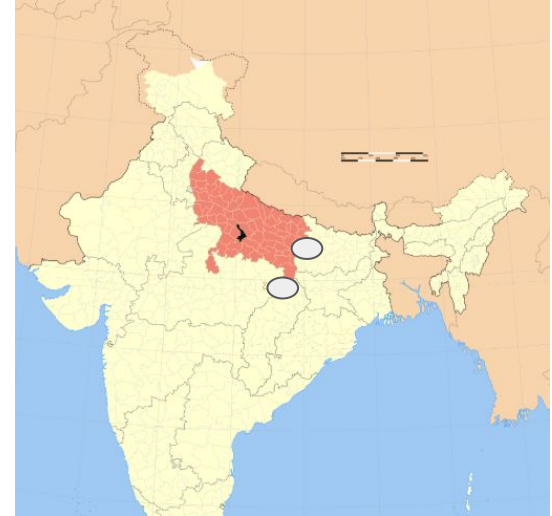


Apna Skool

2026-27 mid-year progress report

Apna Skool

- Started by Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti, IIT Kanpur in 1994.
- Acts as bridge school for children of migrant kiln workers.
- Asha SV has funded this program since 2000.
- Serves approximately 650 children annually.
- Students learn reading, writing, arithmetic and participate in extracurricular activities such as singing, dance, artwork, drama, storytelling and sports.
- Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/apnaskools/>



Apna School Highlights

Serves 600-650 children. This year expected to serve up to 700 children.

60% of the families are new each year.

Thirteen centers operate for 6 hours a day and 8 centers are run for 3 hours a day.

57 boys and 54 girls—are now studying in 15 govt hostels in Bihar.



हमारे दोस्त तो बाहर का खाना खाते हैं, जैसे समोसे, बताशे, फिंगर। कभी-कभी हम भी खाते हैं। पर हमें घर से ये सब खाने के लिए मम्मी-पापा पैसे नहीं देते। हमें भेलपूरी बहुत पसन्द है जिसे हम घर पर बनाकर खाते हैं। पापा हमारे कहते हैं कि घर का खाना ही खाना चाहिए, जो साफ होता है और जिसे खाकर हम बीमार नहीं होते। मुझे दाल-चावल खाना बहुत पसन्द है। पर वो कभी-कभी बनता है। केला, गाजर, मूली खाना हमें अच्छा लगता है।

नन्दिनी, छठवीं, अपना स्कूल, तालियागंज सेंटर, कानपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश

हमें अच्छा खाना चाहिए, जिसमें प्रोटीन और विटामिन हों, ताकि हमारा शरीर बोले, “थैंक यू, बहुत मज़ा आया। ऐसा खाना नहीं खाना चाहिए जो हेल्थ को नुकसान पहुँचाए। वरना पेट बोलेगा, “अरे! ये क्या खिला दिया? और फिर डॉक्टर अंकल से दोस्ती करनी पड़ेगी।

सुमित पाण्डे, आठवीं, आरोगी बाल संसार, ग्राम प्यूड़ा, नैनीताल, उत्तराखण्ड

Funding Request 2026-27

Particulars	Description	Salary Without EPF / Unit Cost	Amount on each Line for the FY (Salary Calculated including 12 % EPF contribution upto of the salary ceiling 15000)	FOR REFERENCE Budget Proposed for 2025-2026 (45 % of the total budget For ASHA SV)	Budget Proposed for 2026-2027 (45 % of the total budget for ASHA SV)
SALARY					
Academic Coordinator	12 months @Rs. 27500	27,500	351,600	152820	158,220
Office Coordinator (2)	12 months @Rs 20000	20,000	523,200	224640	235,440
Field Coordinators(3)	12 months @Rs 22000, Rs 21000, Rs 16000	22,000	285,600	123120	128,520
		21,000	273,600	117720	123,120
		16,000	212,160	90720	95,472
Transport Coordinator	12 months @ Rs. 20000	20,000	261,600	112320	117,720
Part time Accountant	12 months @ Rs 12500	12,500	168,000	69552	75,600
Health worker	12 months @ 14000	14,000	188,160	78624	84,672
Teachers grade-1 (5)	12 months @ Rs 15000	15,000	1,008,000	423360	453,600
Teachers grade-2 (8)	10 months @ Rs 14000	14,000	1,254,400	524160	564,480
Teachers grade-3 (10)	8 months @ Rs 13000	13,000	1,164,800	483840	524,160
Janitor	12 months @ Rs 8500	8,500	114,240	48384	51,408
Subtotal on Salary			5,805,360	2449260	2,612,412

CHILDREN-CENTRIC EXPENSES					
Particulars	Description	Units	Total Expenses		
Educational Supplies for 700 children	for 700 children @ Rs 825	700	577,500	234000	259,875
Library, Lab, Video Library	Rs 18000	18,000	18,000	7200	8,100
Uniform for 700 children	For 700 Children @ Rs 1450	700	1,015,000	409500	456,750
Sports Item	Rs 42000	42,000	42,000	17100	18,900
Health and Hygiene supplies for 700 children	for 700 children @ Rs 110	700	77,000	0	34,650
OPERATIONAL COSTS					778,275
Particulars	Description	Units cost	Total Expenses		
Van Fixed and Running cost	12 months @ 23000	23,000	276,000	118800	124,200
Phone, internet, electricity bills	12 months @Rs 3200	3,200	38,400	16200	17,280
Annual Function, celebrations	Rs 42,000	42,000	42,000	18000	18,900
Excursion, tour	Rs 75,000	75,000	75,000	31500	33,750
Teachers' training/tour	Rs 32,000	32,000	32,000	13500	14,400
Subtotal on Operational Costs		463,400	198000	208,530	
MISCELLANEOUS / CONTINGENCY	Rs 4,25,000	425,000	425,000		
Subtotal on Miscellaneous/contingency		425,000	180000	191,250	
Total (for the year) excluding Nutrition		8,423,260	3495060	3,790,467	

Budget request:
37.90467 INR

Asha SV and Apna Skool

Funding support started over 2 decades ago, primarily offering operational support.

In 2022 Asha SV supported the nutrition program as a one-time funding need of the program due to challenges with another granting organization

In 2025, In addition to the operational support we also funded the nutrition program @ 10 lakhs.

Asha SV support	Amount
2025-26	30.4 lakhs* (\$34,942*)
2026-27 (requested)	37.90 lakhs

*for operational support

One-time Funding Proposal

- Nutrition program support
- Building toilets at one of the school sites
- Technology: computers/laptop and tablets

Approx 2376000 INR



Vishal Kathuria to contribute: \$10,000/year for 2 years + \$5220 through his donor advised fund
Asha SV ask for one time funding: 9.66 lakhs INR

Apna Skool one time Budget proposal (ASHA SV) 2026-2027					Budget Proposed for 2026-2027 (60 % of the total nutrition budget for ASHA SV)
V	NUTRITION				
	Particulars	Description	Units cost	Total Expenses	
1	Nutrition Coordinator	8 months @ Rs 7500	7,500.00	60,000.00	
2	Cooks(5)	8 months @ Rs 6000	6,000.00	240,000.00	
3	Cook Helper-cum-caretaker (2)	8 months @ Rs 2500	2,500.00	40,000.00	
5	Hot Prepared meal (for 650 students, at Samrat center)	Hot Prepared meal (for 650 students, Samrat center) @ 20 Rs per child for 200 days	4,000.00	2,600,000.00	
6	Dry Snacks including boiled eggs and fruits (for 50 students)	Snacks: Rs 10 per day per child for 200 Days	2,000.00	100,000.00	
7	Transportation related to nutrition		15,000.00	120,000.00	
Subtotal on Nutrition				3,160,000.00	1896000
Toilet Construction					
1	Four rooms toilet at Samrat Center	for 60 students		40000	
Subtotal on Toilet Construction				40000	
Tablets and Laptops					
1	Tablet for Students	10	20000	200000	
2	Laptop for Teaching work	5	40000	200000	
Subtotal on Tablets and Laptops				480000	
one time Budget proposal to ASHA SV for 2026-2027					2376000

Project Update

- Starts in October and goes through July. Go back to villages
- During off season team does site visits
- Support admission in government schools to maintain continuity.
- Support with classes on
 - Financial stability
 - Saving
 - Family planning
 - Nutrition
 - Sanitation
 - Medications
 - Pashu-palan : small business
 - Women's movement self starting
 - Farming on land

Key Educational Achievements & Transition Highlights:

- **Government School Admissions:** Successfully mainstreamed **23 students** into government formal schools during field visits (3 students in Class 9, 2 in Class 10, 2 in Class 12, and 16 other students across secondary grades).
- **Higher Vocational Training:** 2 students (**Ravi & Arvind**) were successfully enrolled in ITI programs (Electrician trade).
- **Higher Education:** 1 student (**Ragani**) enrolled in B.A. Education at Maharishi College (affiliated with Bundelkhand University).

Project Updates

2. FUNCTIONING CENTERS OF APNA SKOOL (AUGUST)

A total of **167 students** are actively attending informal learning centers across Kanpur (U.P.) and Bihar.

S.N.	CENTER NAME	STATE / LOCATION	NO. OF STUDENTS	TEACHER'S NAME
1	Tatiyaganj Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	9	Urmila (4 Days), Kuldeep (4 Days)
2	Kalra 3 Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	20	Nirmala
3	Murari Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	15	Nazma (3 Days), Manju (3 Days)
4	R.S Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	13	Sadhana
5	Kadhaikheda Apna Skool (Indra)	Kanpur, U.P.	13	Muskan
6	Dhamna Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	13	Kalpana
7	Gangaganj Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	19	Renu
8	Kalra -2 Apna Skool	Kanpur, U.P.	15	Raksha
9	Gambhirpur Apna Skool	Bihar	20	Pradeep
10	Chiraiya Apna Skool	Bihar	30	Pradeep
Total Active Students:			167	Mainstreamed: 65

4. CURRENTLY RUNNING LIBRARY CENTERS (U.P. & BANDA)

To nurture reading habits outside regular school hours, 4 community library centers actively engage **81 regular readers**.

S.NO.	LIBRARY CENTRE LOCATION	TIMINGS	TEACHER / FACILITATOR	READERS
1	Tatiyaganj	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Madhu ji	18
2	Rahanas, Maharajpur	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Sadhana	18
3	Brahmanagar, Chaubeypur	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Raksha Didi	20
4	Khapatiya Kalan, Banda	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Arvind & Ichchha Ram	25
Total Library Readers:				81

5. GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ENROLMENT ACROSS 23 VILLAGES (BIHAR)

A total of **640 children** across 23 villages in Bihar are studying in local government schools, including **251 Apna Skool students** and **389 other village children** mentored under the initiative.

Project Updates: Social stigma to social pride

- Children not going to school, now more children and parents want them to go to school and hostel for high school.
- More girls enrolled than boys: 52 girls and 24 boys enrolled in Hostels in Bihar

2.11. Stitching machine (Supported by SJV Foundation)

Under the initiative of the **SJV Foundation**, a sewing machine was provided to **Ms. Karishma Prajapati** in Khapatiya village to support her tailoring enterprise. She currently operates her tailoring business locally within the village, stitching suits and various garments.

Speaking about her journey, Ms. Karishma shared that her primary motivation for learning sewing and embroidery was to achieve financial independence and become self-reliant. She reported earning a monthly income of **₹2,000 to ₹2,500**. Additionally, she expressed her sincere gratitude to **Vijaya Didi** for her support.



Success stories

From Brick Kilns to a Bright Future: The Story of Keshar Devi



Keshar Devi was born into a humble family in Hamirpur, Uttar Pradesh, where her parents worked as migrant laborers at various brick kilns. Because her family had to move constantly to find work, Keshar and her siblings were unable to attend school regularly during their early years. However, her life changed completely when she was in Class 3 and her family moved to a kiln in Kanpur. It was there that she joined the Apna Skool – Murari Center, a moment that became a major turning point in her life.

With the steady academic and financial support of the Apna Skool team and SOS Scholarship by Ashok Gupta ji, Keshar remained dedicated to her studies and successfully completed her education through Class 12. Today, she is a hardworking young woman who is balancing a professional job while pursuing a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree. She is also training to become an Ophthalmology Assistant, showing her strong commitment to building a better career in healthcare. Keshar credits her success to the guidance she received, stating that Apna Skool gave her the confidence to move forward in life. Her journey is a powerful example of how consistent support and the right opportunities can help a child overcome difficult circumstances and achieve their dreams. Through her hard work, Keshar has transformed her future and serves as an inspiration to her entire community.

Keshar Devi B.Sc. 1st Year

Nutrition Program

- One centralized kitchen @ Tatiya ganj
- All food is prepared at one site and using e-rickshaw for food delivery
- E-rickshaw is more affordable and reliable

Project Update: Bathroom Construction

- Samrat center has four classrooms. These will serve 60 children.
 - 2 toilets with tanker on top, with a sink and tap
 - Try in one site first.
 - Anticipated to start in October 2026
- Working with DM to get the kiln owners to invest in the facilities such as classrooms for children. Have a good working relationship with the DM who in turn is working well with the Kiln worker union and the Kiln workers.

Laptop and Tablets

- Tablet and laptop: prices increased 20 K tablet now 35 K
 - To stay within budget, reduced number of tablets and laptops they plan to purchase
 - Installed monitors at the hostel campus so more children can attend on-line classes
 - Teachers training on how to use laptop/ computer, How to use laptop, in classes, how to project
 - 9 hostels have 3 classes, 3 hours in duration
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- Mobile library 2 hours each day (Eklavya sansthan)

Succession Planning

Vijaya Didi is still actively involved. Realizes she is aging and cant do the running around herself as much. Has had recent health issues

Sangeeta Verma Didi: manages day to day operations in Kanpur

Murari Kumar: graduated from IIT Kanpur, volunteered with Apna Skool 5 years, currently working in Mumbai and continues to work closely with Vijaya Didi, and Sangeeta Didi with program planning, trouble shooting and finding solutions to challenges

Vijaya didi asked for support for Mukesh Kumar as a Asha Fellow (Rs 45,000/month stipend + Rs 30,000 annual expense grant)