



Sankalp Trust

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022



**Empowering
Children & Young Adults with Special Needs**



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THE LEARNING CENTRE & SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL

Commitment is what transforms a promise into a reality." - Abraham Lincoln

With the commitment and aim at instilling hope in the lives of all persons associated to our institution, **Sankalp - The Learning Centre & Special Needs School** started the Academic Year 2021 - 22 virtually on June 9th, 2021. With the pandemic hanging in for a year and half, our teachers and staff had definitely learnt to leverage online teaching in very creative and effective ways.

Our curriculum was structured and adapted based on the student's strength and interests which would provide them an opportunity to acquire knowledge in a holistic way. The creative, fun filled activities designed by our teachers using materials easily that were available at home, has been successful in instilling the necessary skills in our students.



Highlights of 2021 - 22



CM inaugurates special needs school at Kolappancheri

Set up by Sankalp, it has state-of-the-art facilities

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CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated Sankalp, The Learning Centre and Special Needs School, on Saturday.

Set up by Sankalp, an NGO, the school at Kolappancheri, Poonamallee, is for students with autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability and young adults with special needs pursuing vocational training, according to a press release.

Sankalp runs a school for children with specific learning disability at Shenoy Nagar. The centre at Kolappancheri, built over 50,000 sq ft, has state-of-the-art facilities and the architecture is open in design with sensory parks which will help children participate in activities



A new chapter: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin receiving a souvenir during the inauguration of a special needs school set up by Sankalp in Chennai on Saturday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

of learning and acquiring skills at their own pace.

"The vocational centre has a bakery and confectionery unit, weaving unit, leaf ware unit, tailoring unit and a computer operational skill unit (data entry). These units provide vocational training and ultimately help them

to earn a livelihood," the release said.

The school, in the last two decades, has served more than 800 students with special needs and 160 of them have been mainstreamed or finished schooling by appearing for NIOS examination.



The Virtual Inaugural of SANKALP – THE LEARNING CENTRE & SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL by the CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMILNADU, THIRU M K STALIN - 9th October, 2021

“Dreams and ideas are worthless if they aren’t backed by the sheer courage to do so!”

20 years back our Directors had a noble dream to build a school which would address the needs of students with different Intellectual Disabilities and that dream became a reality on this day.

Our Chief Minister, Thiru M. K. Stalin inaugurated Sankalp - The Learning Centre and Special Needs School at Kolappancheri, Poonamallee. Started as a small Remedial Centre in a rented premise, Sankalp now ranks first amongst all the other Special Needs Schools in Tamil Nadu. Built over 80,000 sq. ft., with all the required amenities for children & young adults with special needs, we hope to prove vital in helping children with special needs in a holistic development and our young-adults in becoming participatory members of the society. We also hope that this school serves as a model school for many more special schools in India.

Inaugural of our Bakery and Confectionery Unit

Our well-equipped Bakery and Confectionery Unit was inaugurated on 6th September, 2021. The event was presided by our Directors Mr Sulata Ajit & Ms Subhashini Rao, Vocation teachers and staff. Our dear students of Vocational Training inaugurated the Bakery and Confectionery Unit.





Rotary Club presents 'Best Teacher Award'

It is a great joy to our own colleagues accomplishing great heights and being recognized for their commitment. Ms. Anita Kurian, a special educator and the Primary - Coordinator was given 'Best Teacher Award' for creating a positive impact in the young minds by Rotary Club of Chennai Rainbow and Rotary Club of Chennai Amethyst to commemorate the birthday of Dr A. P.J. AbdulKalam.



Education World India Schools Rankings

Education World India Schools Rankings for the year 2021 – 22 was announced and it was a humbling moment for all of us at Sankalp to find Sankalp as the First Best Special Needs School in Tamilnadu and 5th Best Special Needs School in India. It is our perseverance to do our best that has resulted in this outcome.



Schools Ranking for Year 2021-2022 : Special Needs

2021	Institute Name	City	State	Total Score	Score Details
1	Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA), Bengaluru	Bengaluru	Karnataka	875	Show
2	The Aditya Birla Integrated School, Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra	861	Show
3	Tamana Autism Centre – School of Hope, Delhi	Delhi	Delhi NCR	856	Show
4	S.P.J. Sadhana School, Mumbai	Mumbai	Maharashtra	850	Show
5	Mata Bhagwanti Chadha Niketan (MBCN), Noida	Noida	Delhi NCR	846	Show
5	Sankalp, Chennai	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	846	Show



A Proud Moment

Ms. Sulata Ajit our Director was commemorated with **Doctorate in Philosophy** on 25th August 2021 from the University of Northampton, UK for her **research work on Special and Inclusive Education**.

Our Principal bags Best Philanthropist Award

It was a moment of pride for all of us when our **Principal Ms Evelyn John bagged Best Philanthropist Award** from HOPE RESIDENTIAL HOME AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE. The award was a reward for her effortless trying and hard work to bring positive change in the lives of autistic children.



Sankalp Observes World Autism Awareness Day – April 2nd, 2022

“On World Autism Awareness Day we speak out against discrimination, celebrate the diversity of our global community, and strengthen our commitment to inclusion for people with autism.” - Antonia Guterres

Sankalp observes Autism Day

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CHENNAI

To focus on inclusive education and promote learning opportunities, Sankalp The Learning Centre and Special Needs School celebrated

World Autism Awareness Day by organising “Milan”, an awareness programme on the condition of those suffering from autism.

Students from various schools were engaged in ac-

tivities with special needs children. Johny Tom Varghese, State Commissioner for the Welfare of Differently-abled and Carnatic vocalist Bombay Jayashri Ramnath were present.

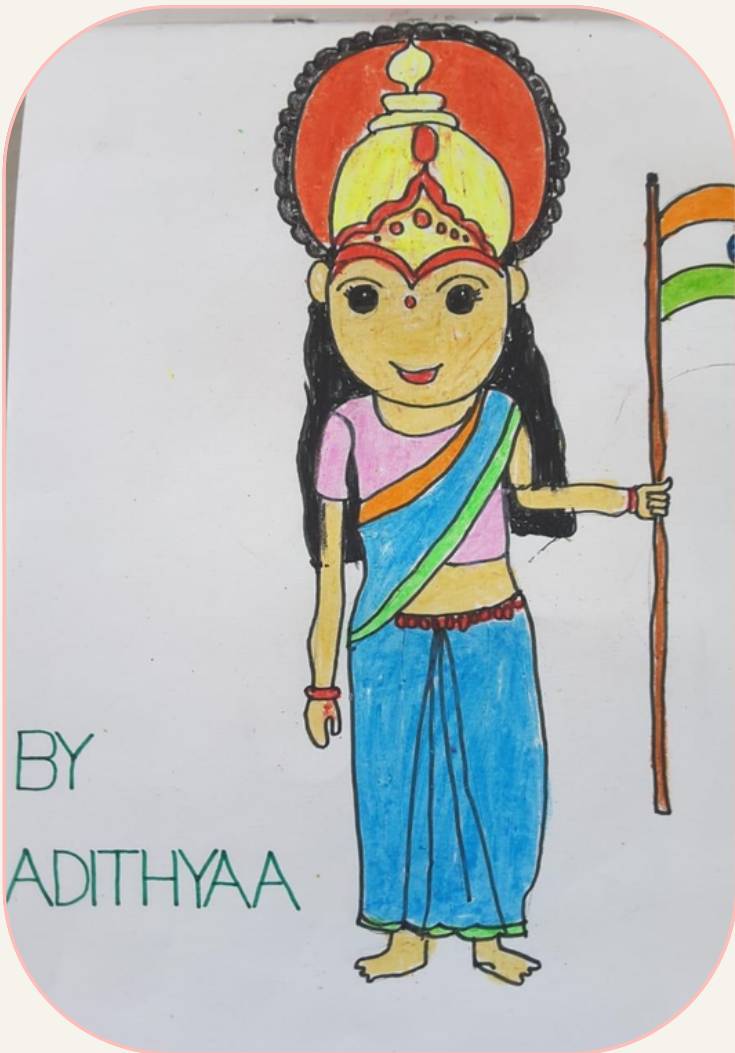


On 2nd April Sankalp organized an Event named "Milan". "Milan" was intended to build a merging space of typical children & children with special needs so as to understand & be aware of the strengths & challenges faced by children with Autism. Every typical child was asked to be a buddy & provide a helping hand to our children with special needs through the course of various activities. Students from neighbouring schools attended the programme and interacted with our students. Typical students were sensitized about the various problems faced by children with autism and how they could help in building an inclusive society. The Chief guest for the Event was Thiru Johny Tom Varghese and the Guest of Honour was Padmashri Smt Bombay Jayashri Ramnath. The Thiru Johny Tom Varghese spoke about the importance of educating not just students but also the parents about how to train and interact with children with special needs. Smt Bombay Jayashri Ramnath spoke about how music is therapeutic.

She also dedicated a song to the audience. The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour planted saplings to mark the occasion.



Student's Artscape



Climate change, its impact and causes

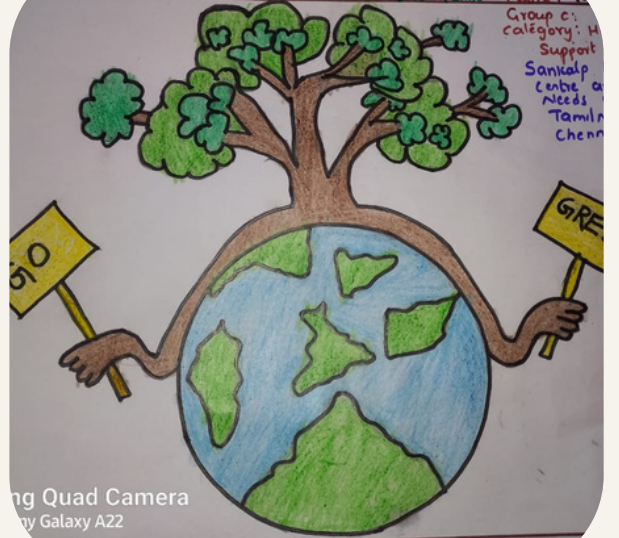


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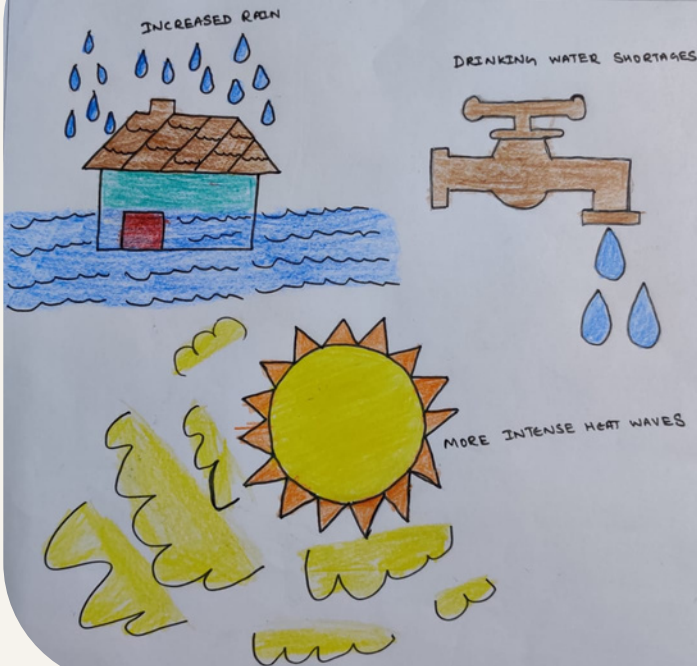


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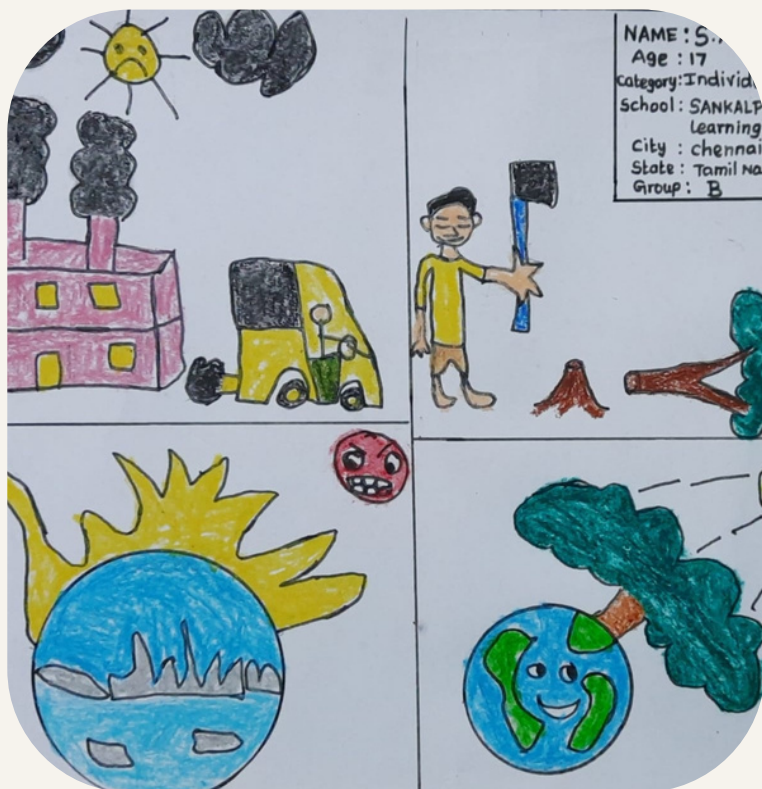
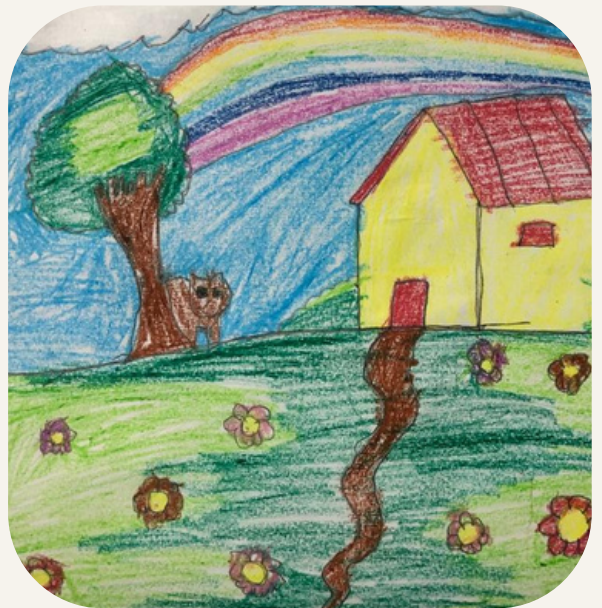
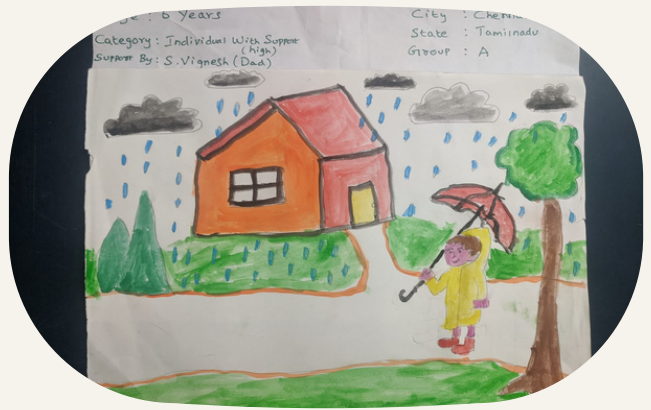
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WHAT IS CLIMATE CHANGE, ITS IMPACT AND CAUSES



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Workshops and Enhancement Programmes for Teachers

In-house workshop conducted by our Director Dr Sulata Ajit

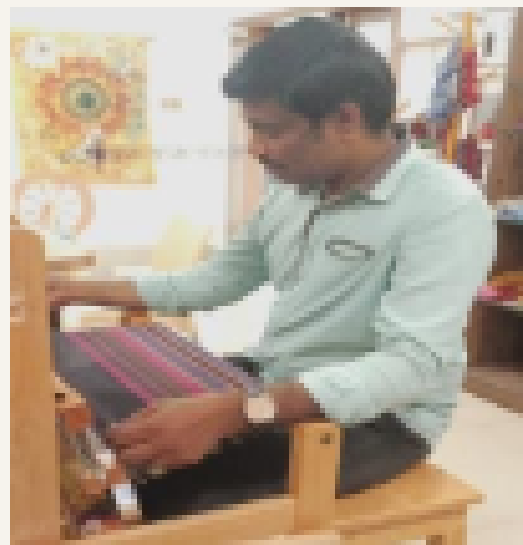
An in-house workshop for teachers at The Learning Centre on 13th June 2021 on the Topic: *Identifying the Learning Style in Children with Autism within a Social Constructivist Framework.*

Skill Training Workshop

Ms. Shanthi Paul and Mr. Prabhu of Sahayika attended a workshop for Skill Training Program organized by Shuttles and Needles between 23rd and 26th August. This aimed at empowering our students with various skills required to become self-sustained and participatory members of the society.

Teachers Subject Competency Test

CENTA Teacher Subject Competency Test was taken by representatives of our school on 31st August. Teachers took the subject expert test for Middle School Level. This was totally a unique and enriching experience.



Parent Programmes

Parent Orientation

Orientation Program for Parents on online classes was held in the first week of June from 11am to 12.30 pm. The session focused on various activities that would be carried on for the academic year and how teachers and parents as facilitators could help the children achieve the targeted goals set in the IEP. The session also focused on the decorum of online classes, importance of discipline and regularity. Many of the qualms of our parents were also addressed in the program.

Stressbuster Program on the last working day of the Term (24th September, 2021)

A stress buster program was organized on the last working day of the term for the students by both Primary and Intermediate. Some highlights of the Program are Rhyme time, Action song, Greeting card making, fireless cooking, freeze dance, tumbler game, leaf and ladyfinger prints.



Celebrations

Independence Day

This year on 13th August 2021 the celebration of 75th Independence Day was held on Google Meet. The lockdown didn't dampen our spirits; the preparation for the celebration was done well in advance. The theme of Art and Craft for the month was Independence Day. Children beautifully decorated their houses along with their Parents using their self made craft items.



The participants of the program were Primary, Intermediate and NIOS. Chief Guests for the program were Dr. Sulata Ajit, Director Sankalp, Ms. Evelyn, Principal Sankalp. Some of the highlights of the program were the Fancy Dress Video on Freedom Fighters, Tricolor Vegetable Collage, Speeches by the students of all the three groups, Skit on Social Responsibilities, Tribute to the Covid Warriors, Slogans on Protection of Nature for a better future and Dance by the teachers for the song Vande Matharam.

Krishna Jayanti Celebrations

Krishna Jayanti celebrations were held on 31st August 2021 on Google Meet for the students of Primary and Intermediate. Students made various craft articles based on Krishna Jayanti. Programs comprised of Fancy Dress videos where children were dressed as Krishna and Radha, Andal Thirukalyanam a Dance Drama by Senior students, Video on Krishna's Birth, Video on Krishna's Govardhanagiri Leela.



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm this year in our new premises. School was beautifully decorated with shiny tinsels and the Christmas tree was the centre of attraction. The colourful programs captivated the children. The program ended with children joyously dancing along with Santa.

The Vocational Group got busy in baking and packing cakes and cookies as a part of the Christmas Celebrations.





Pongal Celebrations

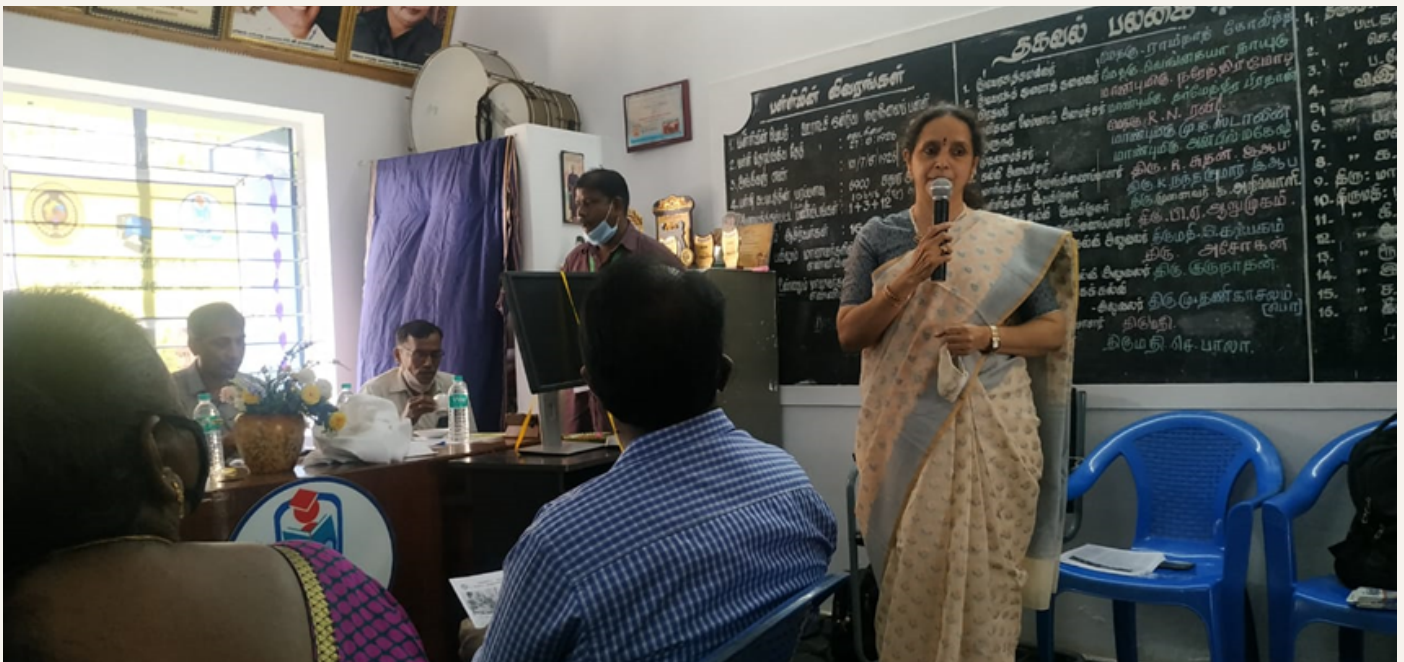
Due to lockdown Pongal celebration was a low-key affair with few Administration and Non-teaching staff but still it was celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm.



Workshops and Programmes conducted by Sankalp

What is the best way to bring inclusion in education and society?

Well it is to educate young minds about the disabilities and what is expected of them to bring in changes for the betterment of the society. Rotary Club organized a program at Government Higher Secondary School of Thirumazisai to create awareness in the community about Autism. Our Director Dr. Sulata Ajit and Principal Ms. Evelyn John were the key speakers for the program. Our new school was introduced to the community and the topic for the day was "Autism and its effects" they also spoke about how the school works hard to bring a change in the lives of the affected.



Talk for Indian Ex-Defence Service Employees Chamber of Commerce and Industries by Dr Sulata Ajit

Our Director Dr Sulata Ajit was invited as a speaker by the Brand Ambassador of E-Fauji Talks to speak on the topic of 'Upliftment through Perseverance'.



Talk by Dr Sulata Ajit

Director Dr Sulata Ajit was one of the Panelists for a Panel Discussion organized by Rotary Dist 3141 Mumbai & Dist 3232 Chennai on the 3rd of December 2021. The Discussion was – Leadership through enabling and empowering the differently abled.



Kalpesh Kabra

Founder Director HWCT - He is a stalwart in several national & international businesses. He has worked in Dubai, Europe and USA. He is B.com Graduate with Masters in Business Administration. HWCT's primary goal is to reach out to support the weaker economic sections of society. Their programs include Digital education, Nutritional development, & PWDs Skill support.



Archana Joshi

Special educator – Ekadaksha Learning Center, dedicated to support children with special needs. She is an Art based therapy practitioner. A Commerce graduate, with degree in Special education (B.Ed-Special Education) & M.Sc. Applied Psychology. A certified professional in Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) using the Avaz AAC app.



Dr. Sulata Ajit

Founder Director of Sankalp (Special Education). Dr Sulata has 31 years of experience in Special education. Further she did her Masters and PhD in Special education from UK. She is a well known speaker and Trainer for Teachers in Autism and has conducted various programs for the State Government Teachers in Autism Spectrum Disorder. She is an author and have also received several awards. This picture taken in Oct 2021 when the Hon Chief Minister of TN, inaugurated their new facility in Chennai.



Articles

Article by Dr Sulata Ajit

Our Director Dr. Sulata Ajit's article was published in Asian Journal of Inclusive Education. The title of the article was "Parent and Teacher Perspectives on Differentiated Instruction for Inclusion of Children with Autism in India."

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Parent and Teacher Perspectives on Differentiated Instruction for Inclusion of Children with Autism in India

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This study aimed to provide insights into the knowledge and awareness of applying Differentiated Instruction (DI) as an interventional tool for teaching children with Autism in mainstream schools, and thereby encouraging inclusive teaching practices. A mixed-methods approach was implemented with a purposive sample of stakeholders. These included mainstream teachers, special educators and parents. The research was conducted using questionnaires (distribution N=188) and 31 semi-structured interviews with respondents from a sample of six mainstream schools in Chennai, India. The findings suggest that stakeholders' view DI strategies as being helpful and applicable for children with Autism. However, apprehensions were expressed, as DI strategies require planning, preparation, effort from teachers and support of other staff members. Teachers suggested the need for formal training in the implementation of DI strategies as this is a new teaching technique to many. Investigation of this evidence-based approach (DI) is a novel study within an Asian context



Events

An event KALANGAANA

Our students participated in various virtual cultural events in KALANGAANA a competition conducted by IRC along with Rotary Bangalore West. The following students bagged the awards in different events.

Yoga - Master S. Niteesh (Junior) 2nd prize

Vocal Music - Ms. Purvaja (Junior) 2nd prize

Instrumental Music - Master Jereik Anto (Senior) 3rd prize & Master C. Abhishek (Senior) Special prize

Art - Master S. Anish (Senior) Special prize

Students also participated in National Science Painting competition conducted by United School Organisation – India. The following children were awarded with Merit Prize

Kwaish Ramchandani

V. Sivasankarn

A.M. Ajay kumar

Chiranjeev Ramachandran

S. Niteesh

Abishai Rohan Mathew

Kushal Anand

B. Hariharan

Mohammed Pervez



New Endeavours

Gardening

There's no better place than the great outdoors for nurturing the mind. Keeping this in mind the management has introduced gardening as extracurricular activity for senior students. Engaging children with ASD in gardening calms them and reduce their anxieties. It also helps in building their social skills and also teaches them virtues like perseverance and patience.



Baking

Our school provides practice baking for our senior students in professional set up. They confidently participate in sieving, mixing dough, rolling, cookie cutting, packing etc.



Donor Engagement

Donor's Visit Sankalp

It was indeed an honor and privilege for all of us at Sankalp to have our donors visiting our new campus at Kolappancheri. Without the support and generosity of our donors we wouldn't be able to achieve what we have until now. Our major donors Johnson Lifts Pvt Ltd., and a team from Supraja Foundation visited Sankalp this April.

**Team from
Supraja
Foundation**



**Team from
Johnson Lifts**



Products made by Vocational students of Sankalp



THE OPEN SCHOOL

If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn.

-Ignacio Estrada

In Sankalp we are always striving to provide more opportunities for our children to flourish in their own way at their own pace.

The Open School reopened for the academic year **2021-22** on **June 1st, 2021** for the teachers and **June 9th, 2021** for the students in the online mode.

All the students who appeared for the NIOS Secondary and Senior Secondary examinations were declared to have passed based on their assignments and marks obtained in the previous years.



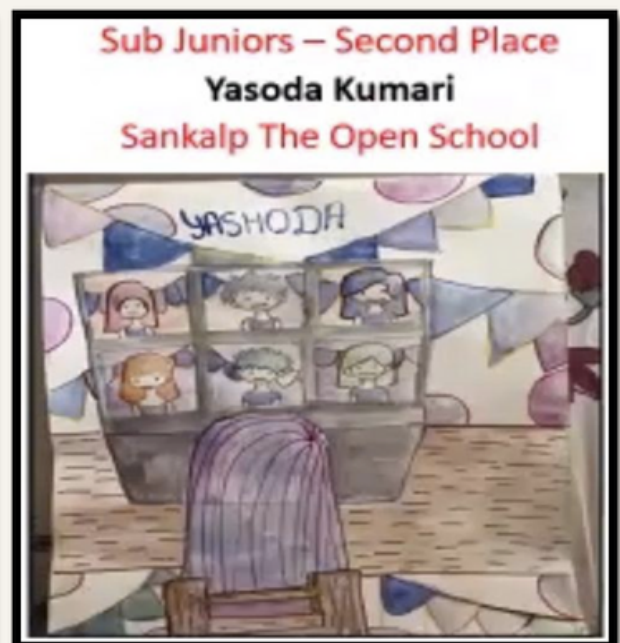
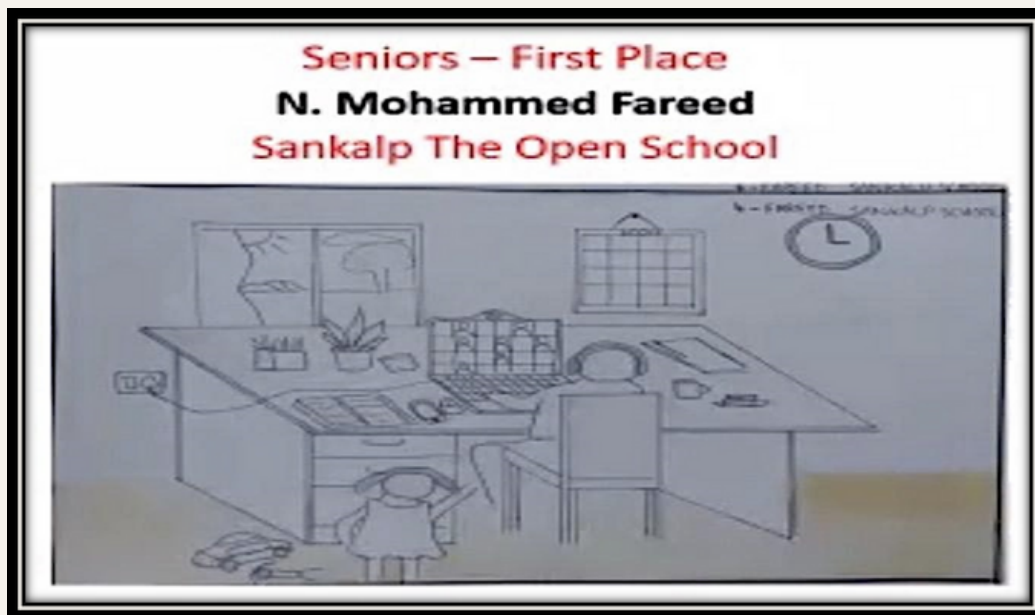
HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021 -22

Soroptimist

Soroptimist International conducted their Annual Interschool Art competitions for Beginners, Juniors, Sub Juniors and Seniors online on August 28, 2021. The students from Sankalp participated in all categories.

The Interschool Music and Oratory competitions were held online on September 4, 2021 and our students participated enthusiastically.

Saimitra, Yashoda and Mohammad Fareed won accolades for the school.



Journal of Learning Disabilities Art Contest

K. Shreeram, from Sankalp Open School, won the Journal of Learning Disabilities Art Contest. His artwork will be on the cover of the International magazine Spray painting on MDF Board.



Student of Sankalp secures 1st in a YOGA competition

Our student Santhosh made us proud by securing 1st in a Yoga Event held at Anna Adarsh College for Women on 3rd April, 2022.





Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

Though October was the Learning Disability Awareness (LD) month, LD Awareness activities couldn't be conducted due to COVID restrictions, however we conducted a series of Events in November to spread Awareness about Learning Disability

a. WEBINAIR

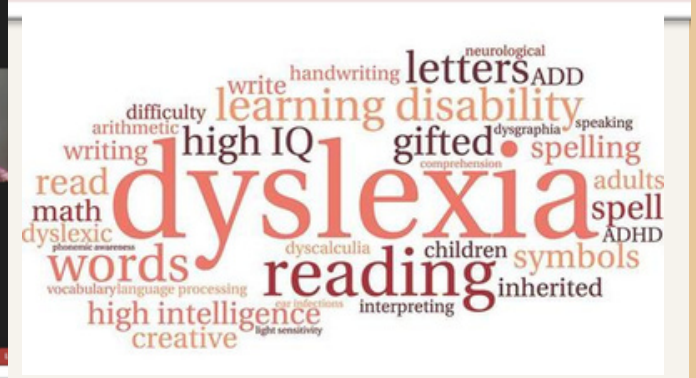
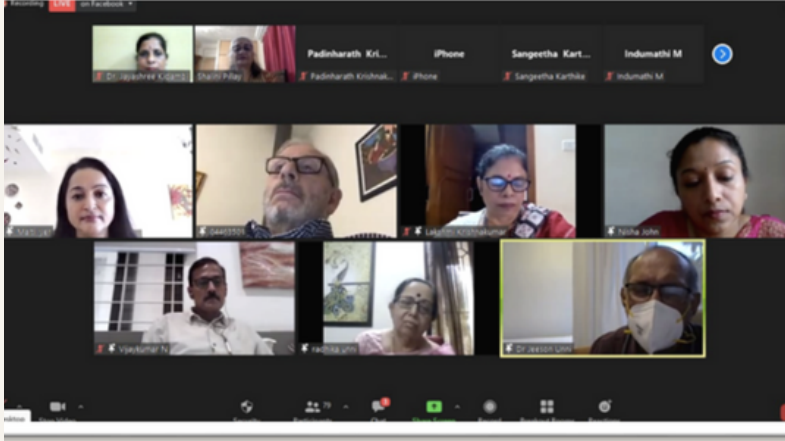
Sankalp - The Open School organized a webinar on the Importance of Executive Functioning Skills to create LD Awareness among doctors, educators and parents on Saturday, 27 November, 2021. More than 100 participants registered for the webinar. The Guest of Honour was Dr. Edward who joined the webinar from Malta. An expert in the field of Learning Disabilities, Dr. Edward gave the participants valuable insights on the need to recognize the lack of EFS in young children so that early intervention is possible. Sangeetha Karthike, the Principal introduced the topic with a short presentation on EFS. The panelists were Lakshmi Krishnakumar- Psychologist/ Director- Sankalp the Open School, Pediatricians - Dr. Vijayakumar, Chennai, Dr. Jesson Unni -Kochi and Dr. Krishnakumar -Kozhikode, Educators - Ms. Radhika Unni and Ms. Nisha John - Chennai and Ms. Malti Iyer -Dubai. The moderator was Shalini Pillay. The panel shared their experiences and answered the questions posed by the participants. The feedback was very positive and the participants found the session very informative.





SANKALP
Learning Imaginatively

**UNDERSTANDING
COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS (EFS)
IN CHILDREN WITH
SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES (SLD)**



b. LD AWARENESS- RUN/ CYCLING/ WALKATHON

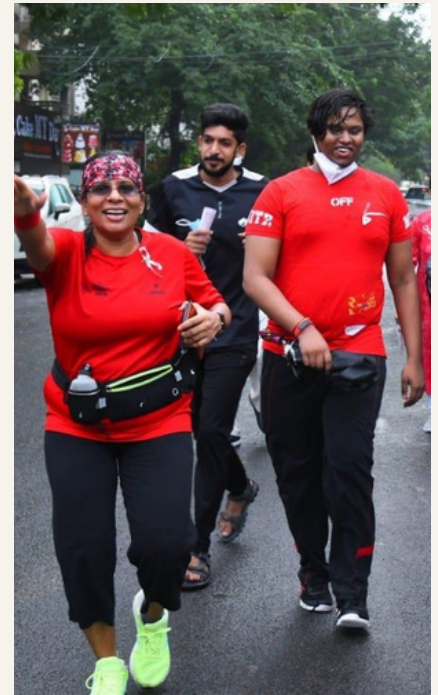
Sankalp- The Open School organized an event on Sunday, 28 November, 2021 to spread awareness to the public on Children with Learning Difficulties. It was a run/ cycling/ walkathon. People from all over the world participated virtually and posted their chosen distance on the social media platforms.

Braving the virus and the weather in Chennai many eager participants turned up at the Shenoy Nagar Metro station for the flag off. The 3 km distance was from the Metro station to Anna Nagar Tower Park. A special mention of Mrs. And Mr. Mohan- Parents of our Principal, Mrs. Suba Mohan participated in a virtual walk in support of the school and Mr. Mohan came to Chennai from Mysore to participate in the event.

At the park Dr. Radhakrishnan. Principal Health Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu met the teachers, parents, students (past and present) and other well-wishers. The Rotary Club of Kilpauk were the main sponsors and members from the club attended the event. Some enthusiastic runners also participated.

Dr. Radhakrishnan appreciated the work being done by Sankalp in the field of Learning Disabilities and motivated the students to do their best in their chosen field of interest. He requested the parents to stop comparing children and instead encourage them to excel in whatever they are good at.





c. Uploading videos on social media

Teachers of Sankalp The Open School made videos on various topics related to Learning Disability and these videos were uploaded on social media such as YouTube, Facebook and Instagram on the Sankalp Trust Page. Some of the topics were 'Brain breaks', 'Identifying odd/even numbers', 'Dealing with problems' etc.

d. Experiences on dealing with SLD children

Teachers of Sankalp The Open School gave writeups on their experiences of working with SLD children. These writeups were uploaded on Sankalp Trust Page on Instagram.

Rotary Club presents 'Best Teacher Award'

Congratulations to Ms. Jayashree Ravi N, a Senior Teacher/ Coordinator at Open School on receiving the 'Arivukkan Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award' in recognition of excellence in education given by Rotary Rainbow and Rotary Amethyst.



Science Exhibition

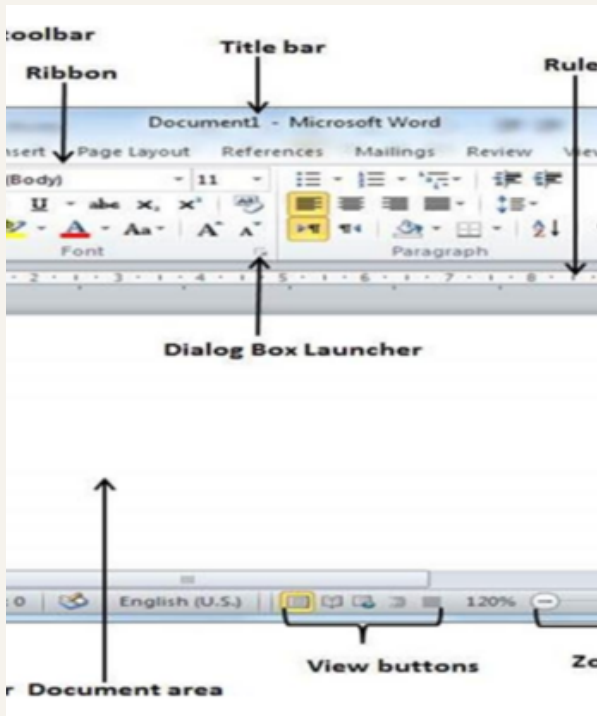
The Annual Science Exhibition was conducted at Sankalp The Open School on 28th February 2022. Students from the Junior, Middle and Vocational groups participated in the exhibition. The students explained the displays and projects with a great deal of enthusiasm. Parents visited the classes and were very happy to see and hear what the children had learnt over the year. Food Stall was organized by Vocational Group from the Open School and the Vocational Group from the Learning Centre. The students sold cakes, cookies and bread.

The students from the Vocational group helped the junior children with their displays. A puppet show was put up by Senior students under the able guidance of Mrs Jayashree Kidambi. The parents appreciated students as well as the teacher's for their whole hearted involvement.



Enhancement Programmes for Teachers

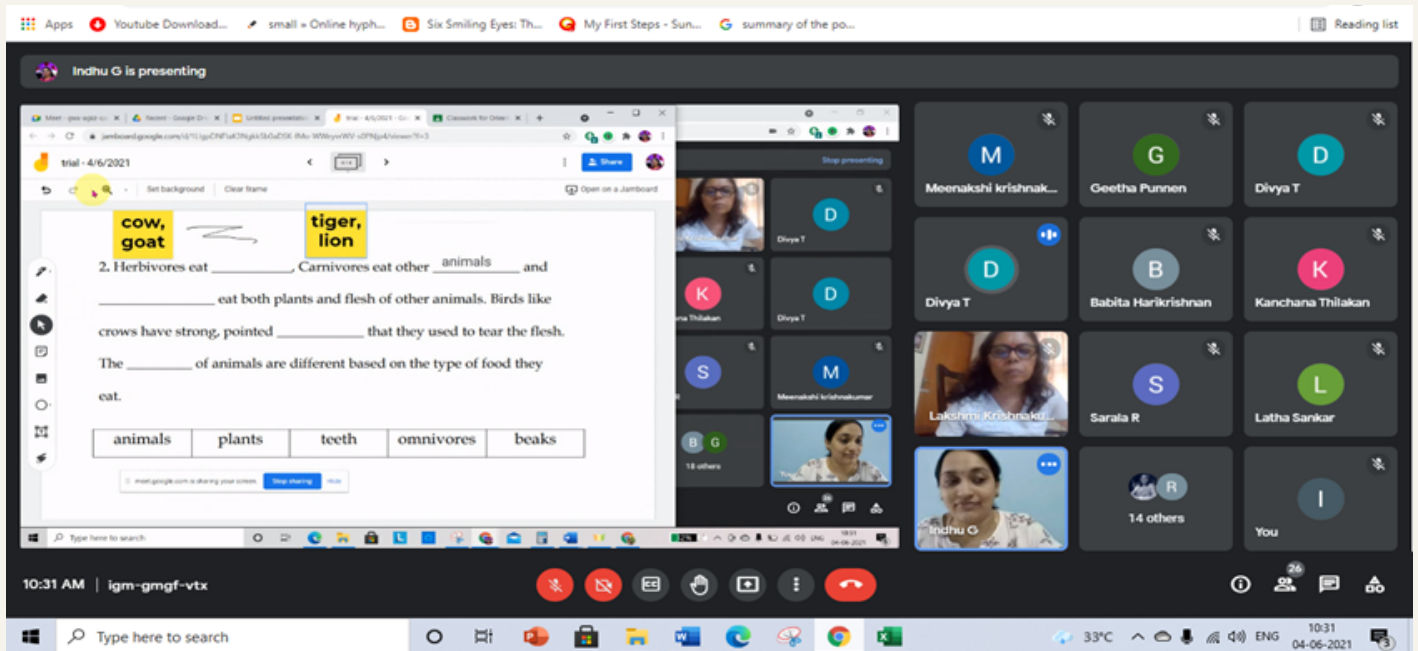
Three Day Workshop for the teachers - MS Office Tools



A detailed workshop was conducted on usage of MS Office Tools and Google apps for 4 days by the teachers at Sankalp for the teachers to enhance their online skills.

The image shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'Attendance for the academic year 2021 - 2022'. The data is organized as follows:

		Sankalp The Open School																
		Class : M6				Class Teacher :				Kanchana								
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2	Nicolus Cruz	41	56	54	54	205	100.00%	33	51	44	128	100.00%	49	52	60	23	517	100.00%
3	Yalavarthi Sreehitha	41	56	54	54	205	100.00%	33	51	44	128	100.00%	49	52	60	23	517	100.00%
4	Aakash R	41	56	54	54	205	100.00%	33	51	44	128	100.00%	49	52	60	23	517	100.00%
5	Sai Sanjay	41	56	54	54	205	100.00%	33	51	44	128	100.00%	49	52	60	23	517	100.00%
6	Abigail	41	56	54	54	205	100.00%	33	51	44	128	100.00%	49	52	60	23	517	100.00%
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Workshops by Sankalp & Engagement with Sankalp

Enhancing Online Teaching Skills

The staff at Sankalp Open School conducted an outreach workshop on “Enhancing Online Teaching Skills”. This was held on the 16th and 17th of July. Twenty three participants from Chennai, Bangalore and Pune attended the workshop. The programme was very well received and the participants felt the training to be very useful.

Vidyasagar teacher trainee observation



As a part of a the B Ed (Special Education) course the students are required to do an internship in special schools to observe the teaching and learning process and visit schools which work with other disabilities.

In this regard, 6 teacher trainees visited Sankalp - The Open School, to observe the sessions on Dec 6th and 7th. They were assigned to individual classes on a rotational basis between 10am and 12:30 pm so that they could observe Junior, Middle and NIOS groups.

The trainees displayed great enthusiasm and willingness to learn. They mentioned that it was an enriching experience and have also expressed an interest to learn more about assessment tools and IEP.

University of Madras - International Virtual Conference

The Department of Counselling Psychology of the University of Madras, in association with the Indian School Psychology Association organized a International Virtual Conference from the 6th to the 8th of January, 2022. Dr. Sulata Ajit and Shalini Pillay along with other speakers like Dr. Shanthi, Dr. Vasudha and Dr. Thenmozhi participated in a panel discussion on “Intervention & Strategies for Social, Emotional and Academic Success for Children with Special Needs.

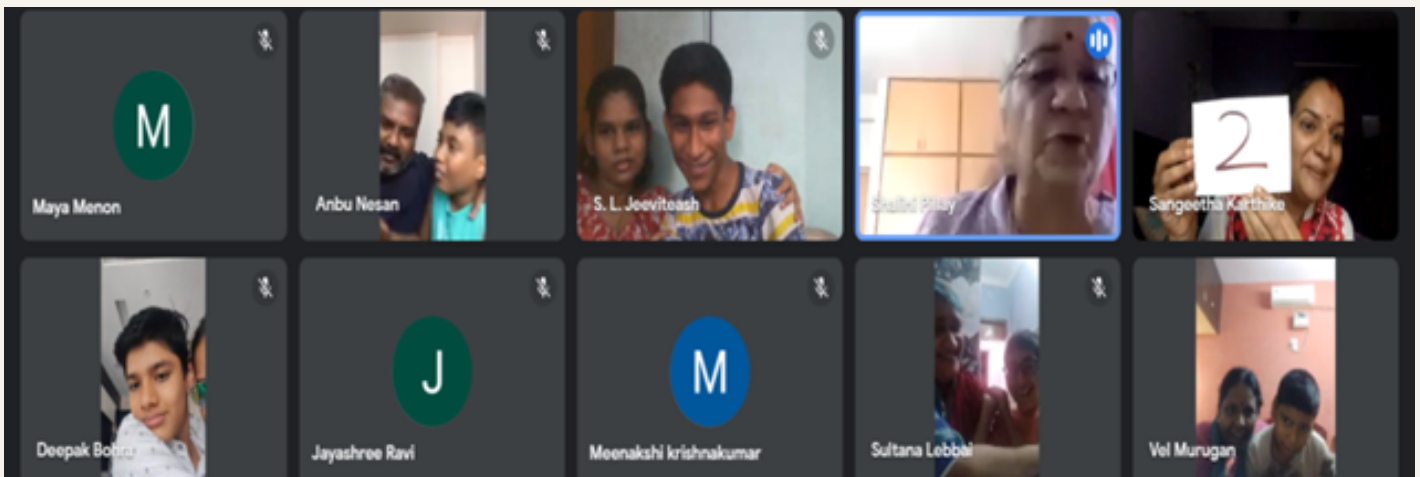


Parent Programmes

Arts Based Therapy for Parents



A series of Arts Based Therapy sessions were held online for the students and parents of the Junior and Life Skill groups. The parents found it very therapeutic and relaxing. They said it helped them connect with the children. They sang, played games and narrated stories with a lot of enthusiasm.



Feedback Sessions

Feedback sessions with the parents of the Junior, Middle and Senior groups was held in school on the 22nd and 23rd of October. The teachers discussed the students' performance over the first term with the parents. The new format of the **Report Cards with Rubrics** was also shown to the parents.

Orientation & Feedback Sessions - Vocational Group

An Orientation was held on Wednesday, 15th December 2021, to brief the parents on the progress of the students in the Vocational Group. The children showcased what they had learnt in Communication Skills and Data Entry Operations through Role Play and Demonstrations. They had also made cupcakes for the parents. The parents were very appreciative of the efforts put in by the students and teachers.



Celebrations

International Yoga Day

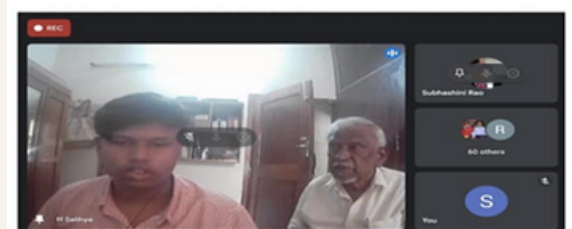
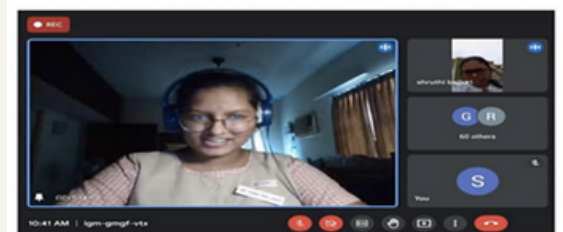
International Yoga day was celebrated with students, parents and teachers coming together on an online platform on 21st June at 4 pm. The short program started off with a prayer followed by an introduction to Yoga. Video clippings of the students demonstrating various asanas (yoga postures) and videos of various celebrities doing yoga were shown. The program ended with the students and teachers doing the Suryanamaskar together.



Investiture Ceremony And Sankalp Alumni Meet, 2021

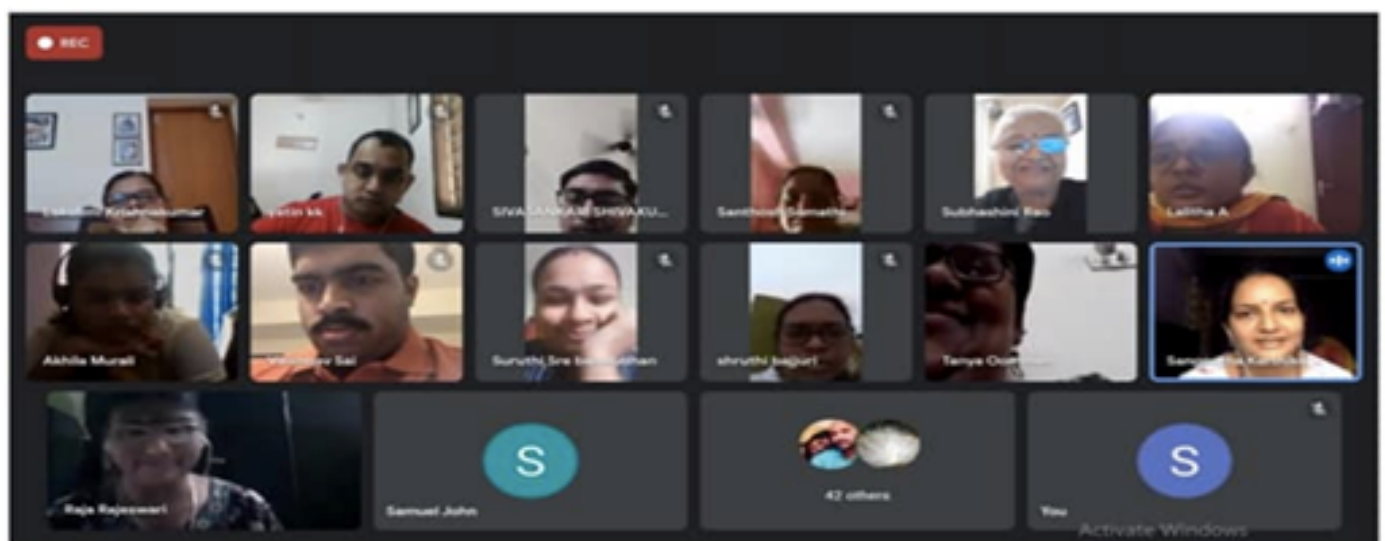
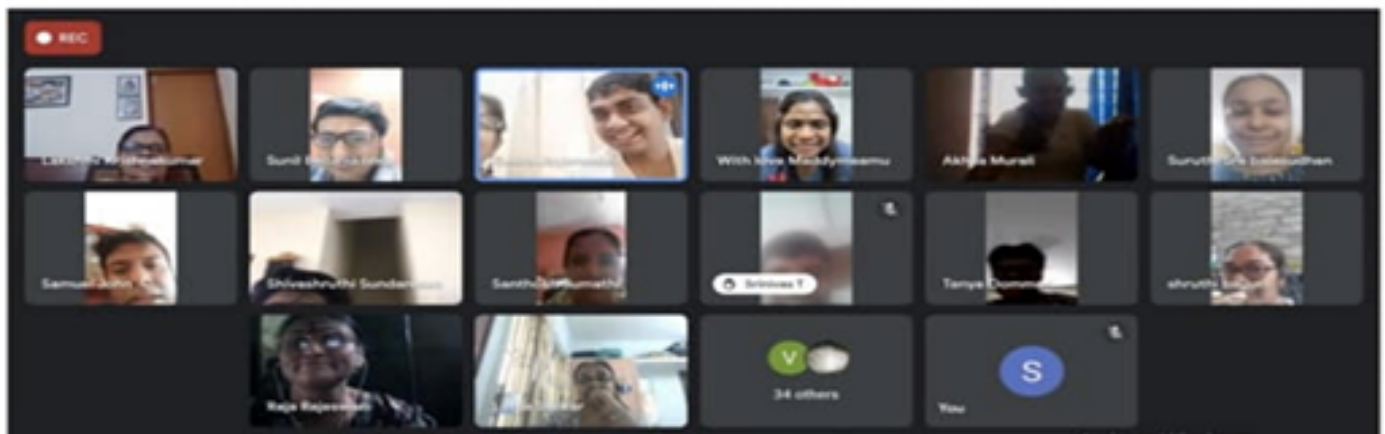
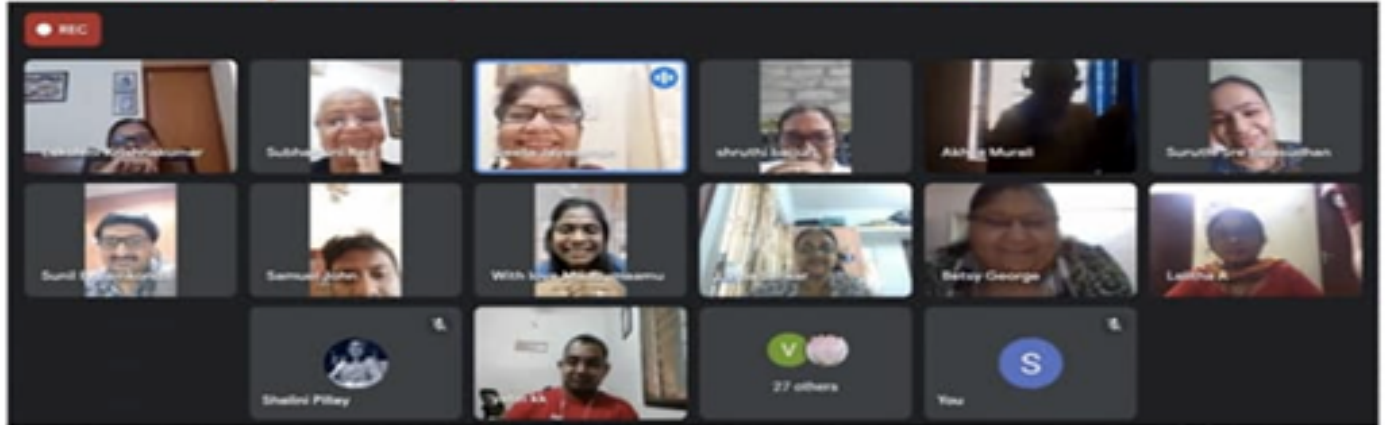
The Sankalp Alumni Meet was organised on July 10th, 2021. The virtual meet was a blessing because it enabled students to connect from Chennai and other cities across India. It was very exciting to meet the alumni, especially the Senior students after so many years. While the students were connecting online, there was time for interaction among the teachers and students.

The event commenced with a virtual Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected leaders. The parents of the Leaders pinned on the badges.



Followed by that, the Alumni Students introduced themselves and spoke about what they were doing. The teachers at Sankalp felt elated to know that some of the students were pursuing their studies at reputed colleges and some of them were employed in different sectors. The Open School has successfully sent out more than ten batches of students who have completed their graduation. The meeting ended with some fun and games played online.

Sankalp-The Open School Alumini Meet 2021-22

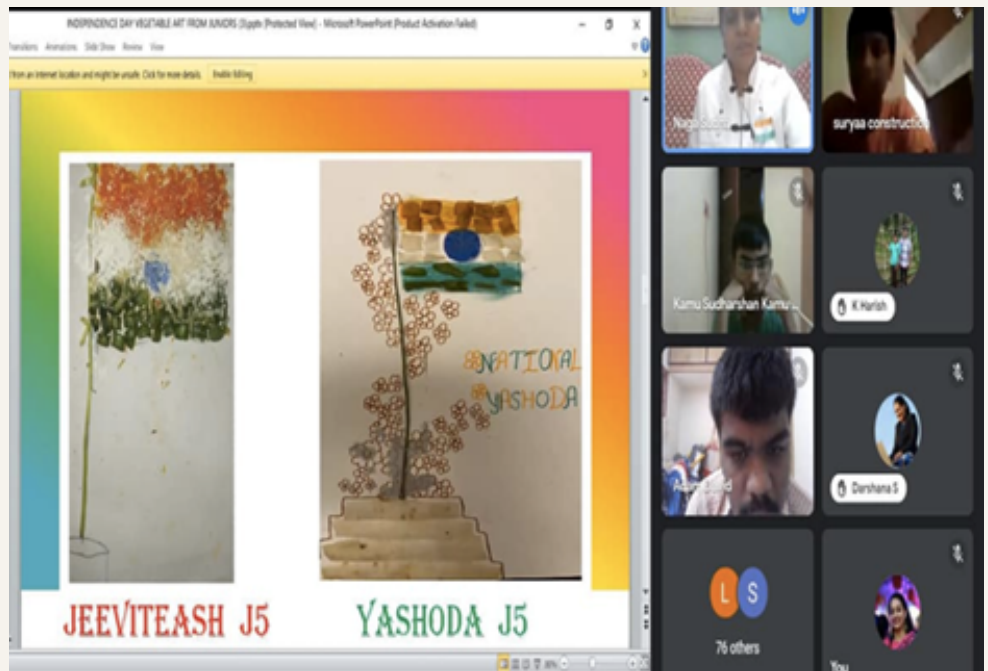


Independence Day Celebrations

The 75th Independence Day was celebrated online on Sunday, 15th August, 2021,. The programme began with **Sai Sugesh playing** the National Song **"Vande Matram"**. This was followed by the National pledge taken by the School Pupil Leader Kushal R of SS2 on behalf of the school. Shri Nithya sang the invocation song. The students of the Junior and Middle groups presented **'Unity in Diversity "** by wishing everybody a Happy Independence Day in their mother tongue -Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Gujarathi, Rajasthani and Hindi. The artwork done by our Junior students was displayed.



The Assistant School Pupil Leader - Aditi Ramachandran of SS2 conducted a quiz. Thanish of NIOS 2B spoke on the importance of Independence. The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks.

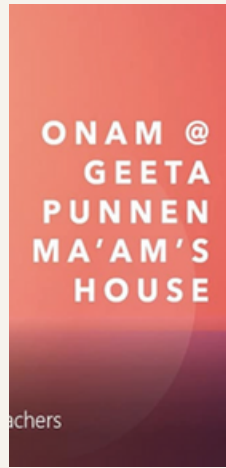


Onam Celebrations

The Onam celebration was held virtually on Aug 23, 2021. The event commenced with an invocation song which was played beautifully by Sai Sugesh on the keyboard. The significance of the festival and the events which happen during the festival was presented to the students in the form of a PPT. This was followed by a quiz. The students of the Junior and Middle groups exhibited their talents by making colourful Pookalams.



The art work done by the students related to Onam was also presented. The event concluded with the non-teaching staff wishing everyone a Happy Onam. The pookalams and the sadya or feasts prepared by the Malayali teachers for Onam was shown to the students.



Teachers Day Celebrations

The Teachers Day was celebrated on 8 September, by the students of Sankalp- The Open School. The programme started with a welcome speech by the School Pupil Leader Kushal R. followed by a Power Point presentation on 'Why Teachers Day is Celebrated'. The students from the Junior group imitated their favourite teachers. The students displayed cards that they had made wishing teachers on Teachers' Day.



The students from the Middle group wrote about their teachers and the Senior group shared their most memorable experiences with their teachers. The Senior group conducted a game for the teachers. The program ended with the song - 'Thank You Teachers'.

The compere for the programme was the Assistant School Pupil Leader Aditi R. The whole programme was thoroughly enjoyed by the teachers and they had a great time.

Children's Day Celebrations

The Children's Day celebration was conducted online on November 15th, 2021. A small introduction about the importance of Children's Day and why it is celebrated was given.

Various online games were organized for students. The program ended with a mock online classroom enacted by the teachers. The children enjoyed the short skit which also gave them some insight into their online classroom behaviour.

Christmas Celebrations

On 23rd December, the children of our school were able to celebrate Christmas with a short offline program. The school was beautifully decorated with the greeting cards made by the children and balloons. The ceremony began with quotes from the Holy Bible which was read by Ms. Geetha Punnen. This was followed by Christmas carols rendered by Mrs. Shalini Pillay, Tanya & Krislyn.

The senior students from SS 1 A and SS 2 presented a short skit on the birth of Jesus Christ.



Shreeram. K from 7A and Aditi Ramachandran from SS2 shared their experiences on how they spent Christmas the previous year by helping others.

Keerthana B. from SS 2 entertained the audience with a medley of Christmas carols on the keyboard.

Alex from the Vocational group disguised himself as Santa Claus much to the delight of the children and adults. He distributed goodies to the students.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Pongal Celebrations

13th January 2022, the Open School organized a virtual celebration of the festival of Pongal. The program began with Tamil Thai Vazhthu. The children participated by sharing short videos about how harvest festivals are celebrated in the different states of India. The importance of Pongal and the significance of the four days of celebration was presented in the form of a video. A student from the vocational group performed the Surya Namaskara saluting the Sun god. Kolams done by the non-teaching staff and the Prayers and Puja performed at the school premises was shared virtually.

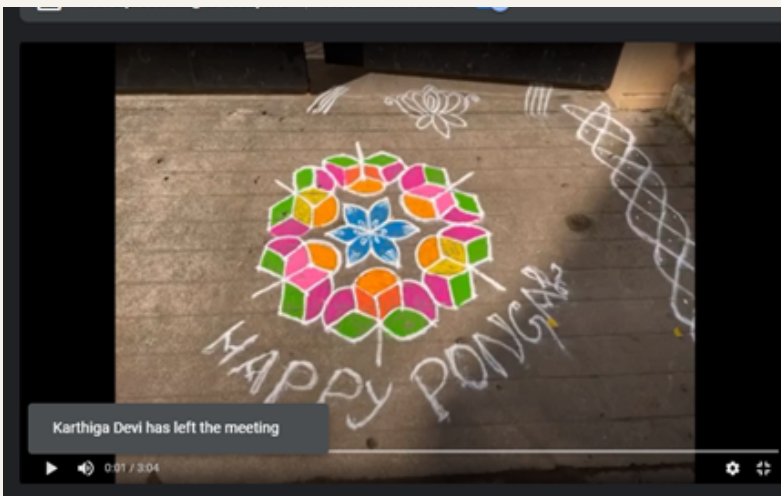




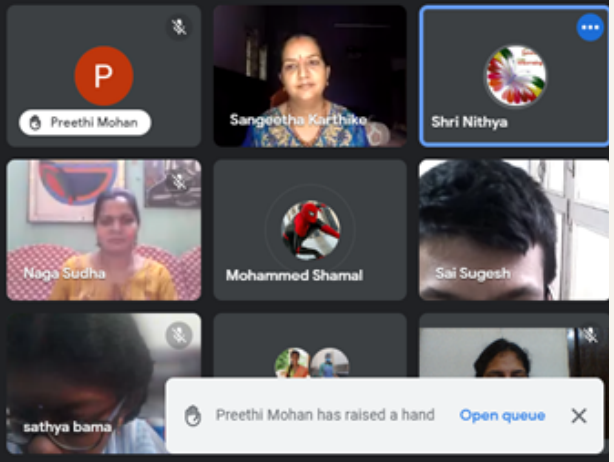
Tanya Mehta
SS1A



Yashodha M6 -
Lohri



Karthiga Devi has left the meeting



Republic Day

The 73rd Republic day celebration was held virtually by The Open School on the 26th January, 2022. The students and teachers participated with great enthusiasm. The flag was unfurled virtually and the pledge was taken on behalf of the school by the School Pupil Leader- Kushal. A short speech on the significance of the Republic Day was delivered by Tanya Mehta of SS 1 A. Mrs Lakshmi Krishnakumar, Director- The Open School addressed the students.

The highlight of the celebration was the presentation of the scroll of honour to the students for their exemplary behaviour and efforts in the year 2021. Virtual certificates were distributed.



Art by Raymond – SS1A





Guest Lectures

Junior Group

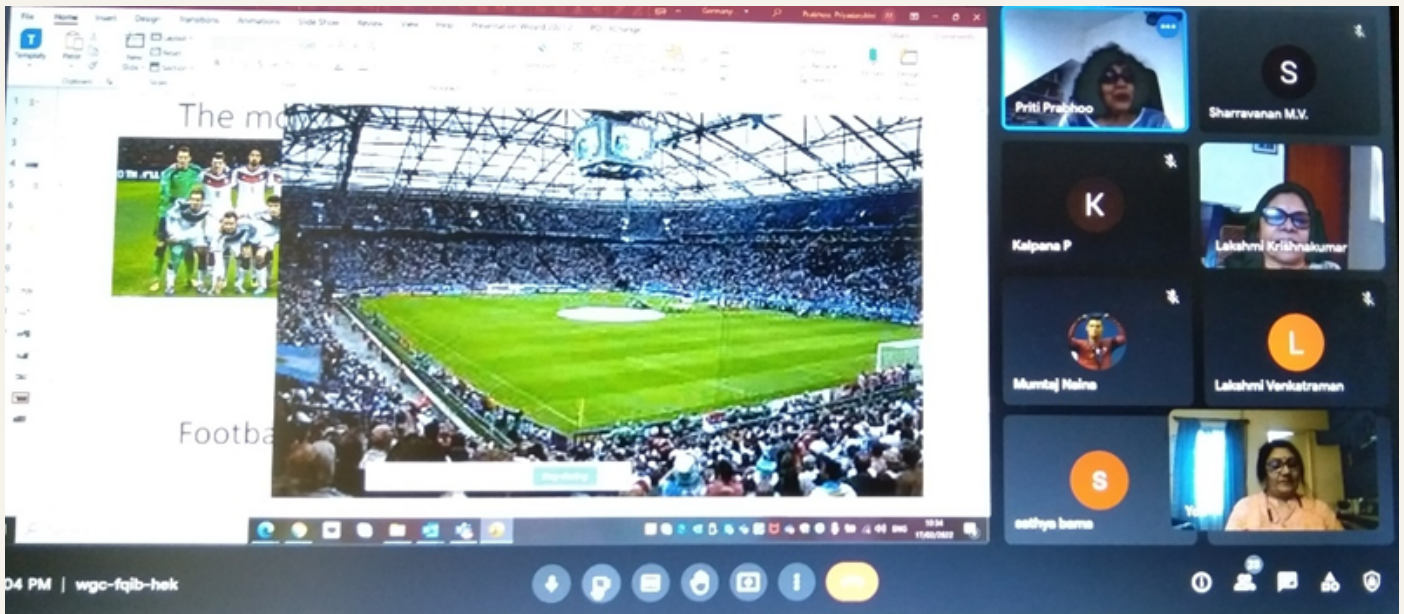
The annual guest lecture for juniors was held on 23rd February 2022. Rajalakshmi Praveen, Special educator, interacted with the students. She played memory games and engaged them in a circle time to help the students form friends which they had been missing due to the pandemic. The students enjoyed all the activities.



Middle Group

The Annual guest lecture for the middle group was held on 17 February 2022. Ms.Priti Prabhoo made a virtual presentation from Germany about the country. The students were taken on a tour of the country and Ms. Prabhoo told them about the capital, currency used there, the flora and fauna and the weather conditions. She also discussed the school life and the various sports activities that children participate in. The students had a lot of questions for her. It was a very interactive and enriching session.





Senior Group

As part of the Guest Lecture for Seniors for the academic year 2021-22, Mr. Hemakumar BE NLP - Life Skill Trainer conducted a session on **Goal Setting and how to pursue towards one's Goal**. It was an interactive session and he involved the students with small activities to help them set their individual goals and tips on achieving it.



Events

Farewell Party

The Senior Secondary students organized a Farewell party for the students of Class 12 on March 11th. The students shared their memories of school life. The teachers wished the students the very best in the future and spoke about their experiences. The students enjoyed games like paper dance and balancing the balloon. Later, the Directors and Principal addressed them and gave them a small Memento.





Field Trip to Supermarket

The students from the Vocational group were taken to a supermarket as a part of the Retail Skills class. The students were taken around the shop and asked to identify brands and categories of items available at the supermarket. They also gained practical knowledge of the working of a supermarket.

Students of Open School participated in the World Autism Awareness Day Event held in our Kolappancheri Campus

The children participated very enthusiastically in the all events. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves playing musical chairs and many more fun activities. As an outcome, two of our children surprised us by sharing their experience through drawing and painting.





My Experience

On Saturday the 2nd April 2022, my school took us on a field trip to Sankalp Learning Center & Special Needs School in Kolappancheri. Over there there was an Autism Awareness program where different people come and speak about it. I have learned that autism is nothing but a disorder where one has difficulty in social interaction and communicating. The school also had a OT room, baking room, playground and many fun activities for the children. The teachers there also showed us how leaf cups are made, box design are made. It was a very nice experience. I learned a lot of things and wish to spend some more time there. I really thank my teachers for taking us on this trip.

2nd April is also known as
World Autism Awareness Day.

Tanya



Grade 4 student participated in the State Level Athletic Meet

Our student of Grade 4, Rishi R participated in the State Level Athletics Meet recently.



VIRTUAL TOURS

The Junior Group (4th, 5th & 6th August, 2021)

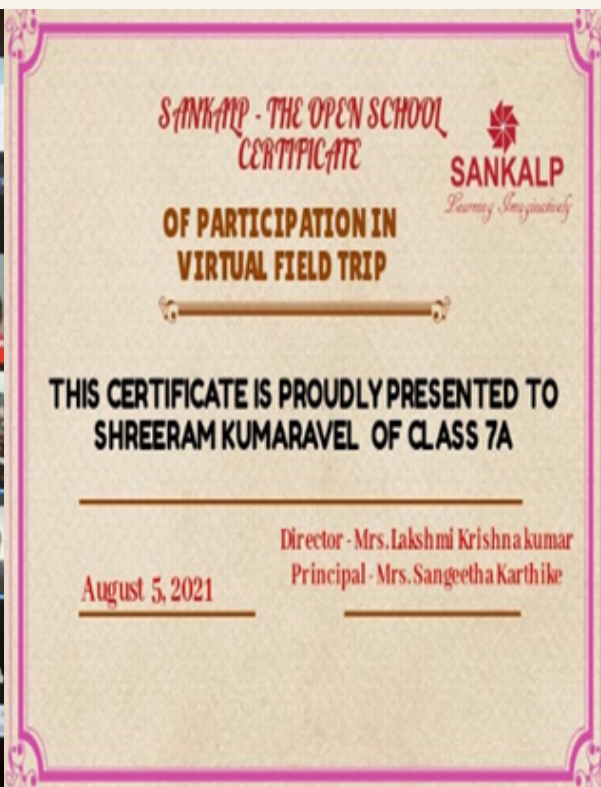
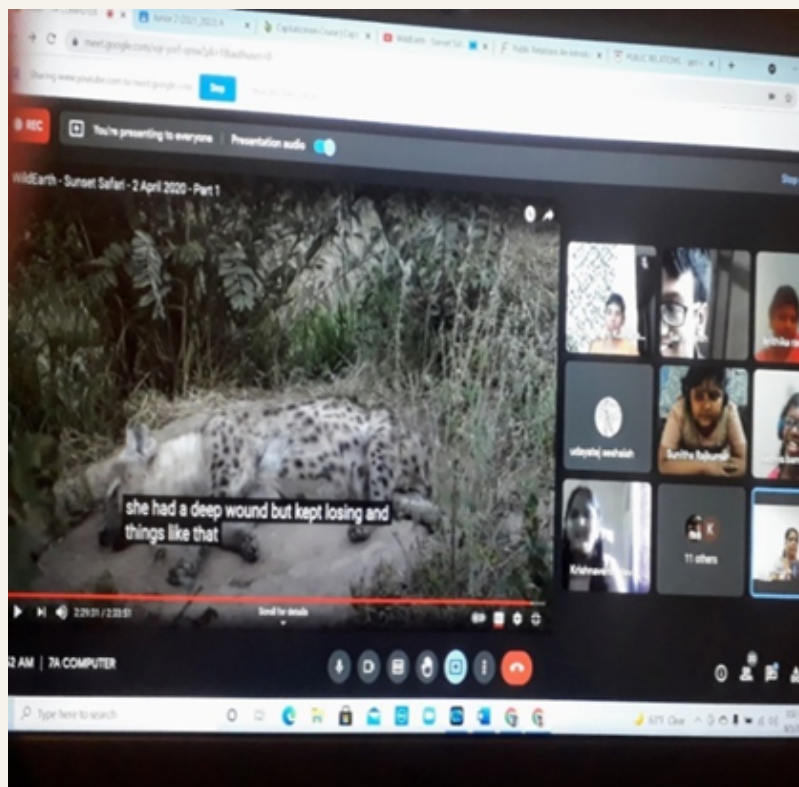
The students of the Junior group were taken on a virtual tour to Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata. The students were shown several animals and birds such as leopards, macaws, monkeys, alligators, lions, elephants and so on in the zoo.

The students were shown a virtual souvenir shop where they were asked to pretend to purchase items such as keychains, statues, t-shirts, mugs and so on. They were also shown a virtual snack shop where they took a lunch break and pretended to buy snacks such as popcorn, ice cream, burgers and sandwiches. The tour concluded with a short discussion about the places they were shown, the activities they did, and the animals and birds that they saw.



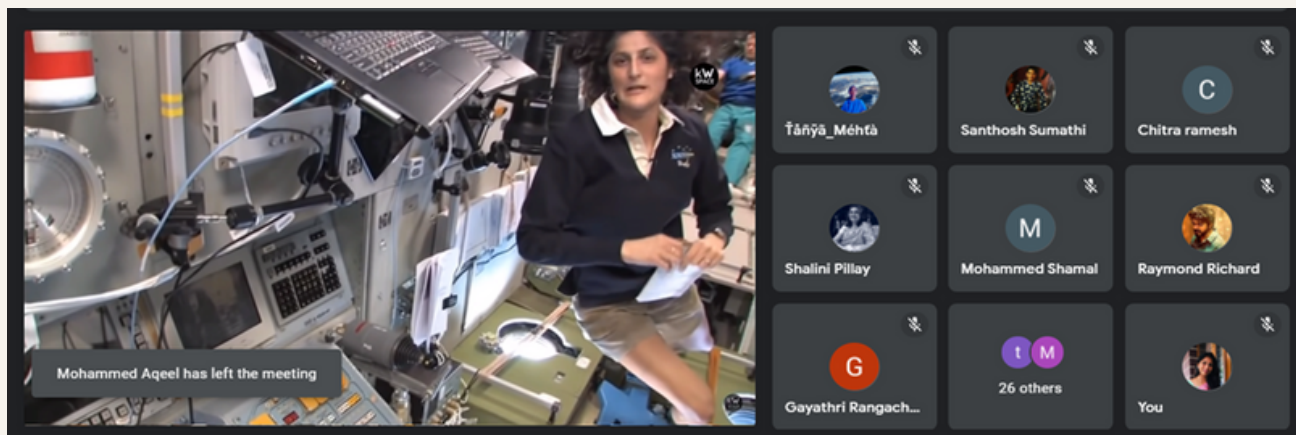
The Middle Group

Children of the Middle group were taken to the SUNSET SAFARI in Africa on a virtual guided tour. They witnessed many African animals in the forest. A tour quiz was conducted based on the video clipping. Children participated with zeal and enthusiasm. At the end of the tour, each participant received a participation certificate.



The Senior Group

The field trip for the students of the Senior group was organized on 6 August, 2021. The children were taken to the "International Space Station – Inside ISS", a tour conducted by Sunitha Williams. The students enjoyed the virtual tour, as it was like an eye opener that helped them understand the advancements of science and life in space.



Donor Engagement

The Rotary Club Of Chennai Bharathi - Donation Of Refurbished Laptops

The Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi, donated 10 refurbished laptops to Sankalp - The Open School to help students attend online classes. A small program was organized on 15th August, 2021, at 4.00 p.m. at the school. Representatives from the Rotary Club of Chennai, Bharathi were present at the function and handed over the laptops to the students.



THANK
YOU



Our Operations

Sankalp					
Unit	Students	Directors	Teachers	Admin	Ancillary Staff
The Learning Centre & Special Needs School	96	2	19	4	12
The Open School	100	1	20	1	7
Total	196	3	39	5	19



Our Trustees

Name	Designation	Highest Educational Qualification
Dr. Mullasari Ajit Sankardas	Founder & Managing Trustee, Director- Cardiology (Institute of Cardio Vascular diseases, Madras Medical Mission)	MD., DM., FRCP
N.R. Krishna Kumar	Founder Trustee CEO and Domain Director, Karminn Consultancy Network (P) Ltd	B.Tech (Naval Architecture)
Y V Rao	Founder Trustee Divisional Regional Manager - Retired, Syndicate Bank	MA., (Economics) MA., (Public Administration)
Capt. V.K. Rajakrishnan	Trustee CEO, Tristar Container Services (Asia) Pvt Ltd	Master Mariner (B Sc - Nautical)
K. Radhakrishnan	Trustee, Director, (TATA Fiora Online Ltd, Mumbai)	MA (Econometrics)
Vijay Kumar Vaddadi	Economist & International Business Strategy Consultant	M.A. in Industrial Economics & Economics of Public Utilities & Social Infrastructure, University of Bombay
K.F. Manavalan	Trustee Advocate - Madras High Court	B Com, LLB



Core Management Team

Name	Designation	No. of years with the organization	Highest educational qualification
Dr Sulata Ajit	Founder Director, Special Education (Sankalp – The Learning Centre & Special Needs School)	21	Doctorate in Philosophy (Special and Inclusive Education (The University of Northampton UK)
Mrs Lakshmi Krishnakumar	Founder Director, Special Education (Sankalp – The Open School)	21	M.A - Psychology
Mrs Subhashini Rao	Founder – Emiretus Mentor	21	M.A History
Mrs Sumathi Rajakrishnan	Director – Administration and Vocational Training Unit	21	BSc – Home Science, PG In Yoga Therapy



Financial Statement: 2020 - 21

SANKALP				
No.2, I-57, Horizon Villa, 10th Street, Anna Nagar, Chennai - 600 102.				
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31.03.2021				
Liabilities	As at 31-03-2021		As at 31-03-2020	
Capital Account:			11,24,18,794	
Corpus Fund	12,73,68,794		11,20,197	
Corpus Fund - Unutilized Foreign Contribution	16,35,658			
TATA project (Sch -1)	25,94,015		(21,22,930)	
General Fund	(48,70,383)			
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	48,92,618			
Less: Depreciation on fixed assets	(8,47,147)			
Less: Previous Year Income Tax Demand Adjusted	(1,46,899)	13,06,26,657	(27,47,454)	10,86,68,608
Current Liabilities:				
Duties & Taxes	34,683	34,683	2,45,907	2,45,907
Provisions:				
Audit Fees Payable	1,16,703		1,16,703	
IT Filing Fees Payable	90,000		60,000	
PF Administration Charge payable	3,903		4,033	
Professional Charge Payable	14,305		5,400	
EPF Employer A/c	97,322		1,00,574	
ESI Employer A/c	27,790		28,548	
EPF Employee A/c	93,675		96,806	
ESI Employee A/c	6,438		6,615	
Salary Payable	5,750		(1,025)	
Retention of Leo construction	5,95,776		5,95,776	
Sundry Creditors	13,92,277	24,43,939	3,97,785	14,11,215
Advance Fees Collected New Admission	-		2,76,550	
Advance Fees Collected - Occupational therapy	2,000			
Advance Fees Collected for 20-21 (LC) - New admission	-		11,97,875	
Advance Fees Collected for 20-21 (OS) - New admission	-		10,14,250	
Advance Fees Collected for 21-22 (OS) - Tuition fees	1,63,000			
Advance Fees Collected for 21-22 (LC) - Tuition fees	1,00,700			
Advance towards project cost - TATA	30,00,000		50,00,000	
		32,65,790		74,88,675
Total		13,63,70,979		11,78,14,405

Sankalp

M. Anil

Managing Trustee



Assets	As at 31-03-2021		As at 31-03-2020	
Fixed Assets (Sch - 2)		6,31,86,895		6,62,85,937
Capital WIP		5,63,45,760		
Deposits				
Caution Deposit	19,168		20,000	
Electricity Deposit	43,908		7,908	
Fixed Deposit	25,000		1,08,67,131	
Telephone Deposit	2,499		2,499	
Loan	-		1,83,600	
CMDA - Building Development	10,31,500		10,31,500	
Rental Deposit	7,20,000	18,42,075	12,20,000	1,33,32,638
Current Assets				
Prepaid Expenses			64,112	
Sundry Debtors	(11,915)		1,85,260	
Advance towards Fixed assets	9,81,000		1,68,90,815	
Cash-in-Hand	5,023		35,883	
TDS Receivable	91,008			
TCS Receivable	14,515	10,79,631	4,64,150	1,76,40,220
Bank Accounts				
State Bank Of India	5,40,246		8,99,502	
Union Bank of India - 64413	51,26,647		1,29,10,940	
Union Bank of India - 10000592	35,55,215		6,24,065	
Union Bank of India - 74646	31,89,084		50,00,906	
Union Bank of India - F.C.1 A/c.65615	15,05,427	1,39,16,618	11,20,197	2,05,55,610
Total		13,63,70,979		11,78,14,405

Note: Significant accounting policies form part of Financials

As per my report of even date



V. ANANTHARAMAN
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AAS & ASSOCIATES
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V. ANANTHARAMAN
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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Date: 29/08/2021



For Sankalp
Sankalp



Managing Trustee



