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The journey towards a better social interaction continued by Sopan volunteers in the Deepawali month of November. SASK organized a variety of activities this month. IITK students put up a good Nukkad Natak at several places in Barasirohi. Executive Committee of Sopan met to discuss systematization of the work. Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Committee finalized the schedule of 2013 Examination.

Nukkad Natak on superstition

Shiksha Sopan and NSS students put up an impressive Nukkad Natak on superstitions at several places in Barasirohi on 4th November. The performers were Aditya, Daya, Jyotsna, Namu, Rahul, Rohit and Tanul. On 3rd Nov, these students together with Sopan volunteers made a contact programme in the village to inform about the street play. On 4th Nov. they started with going round in the village shouting and singing to announce that the play is about to begin.

The theme of the play was on medical problems being treated as anger of God or Goddess. One of the students played the role of a Baba Ojha whom villagers refer a serious case. Ojha makes his "Jhad-Phoonk". The Family is repeatedly requested by some educated persons to take the patient to a learned doctor but they continue with the Ojha. The patient almost come to the death point when he is finally taken to a hospital and the life is saved.

The students presented the whole show in an interesting way. Especially the dialogues of Ojha were liked by everyone. The villagers got the serious message in an entertaining way.

After the play, the students interacted intensely with the viewers from the village. They put up several questions to gauge how much of the social message has gone into the minds. Children were very active and answered most of the questions correctly. Students gave small gifts on correct answers.

The preparation and its conduct was coordinated by Sopan volunteer Deepak Mishra who is also coordinating the Science Cell activities.



Nukkad Natak at a village



Interacting with villagers

Activities at Sopan Anaupcarik Shikhan Kendra

Apart from regular classes, SASK conducted several activities to give a multi dimensional exposure to the children.

Traffic Rules

B Tech student Aakriti took up the traffic rules with class 3 and 4 children. First she told about various signs and rules and good practices. She told what kind of accidents occur when people do not obey these rules. Later she prepared a short drama with these children and made the whole story quite interesting and long lasting.

Make your own games

Another B Tech student Nitish gave sessions on making game boards to class 6-8 children. With the help of Chart papers and cardboards, children made beautiful games such as Ludo, Snakes and Ladder, One-day Cricket, James Bond etc. Playing on game boards made by themselves gave immense pleasure to the children.

Fun with papers

Yet another activity on fine arts was given under the Saturday programme "Antar Ke Pat Khol on 10th Nov". Dr Sindrila Dutta, PDF at IITK, spent 2 hours of time with the children and trained them to make different items with paper. Children made Paper basket, flower vase and many other designs. Learning from activities is an effective method and Sopan centers try to implement this method as much as possible to give the children a creative environment.



Fun with papers

Children's day celebration

Children's day was celebrated at SASK on 17th November as 14th Nov was Deepawali holiday. Lots of games like Musical Chair, Aissa Karo, Vaissa Karo, Kalaa Saphed, Kho-Kho etc. were conducted which all children enjoyed. On this occasion, Children presented nice poems, and stories. Class 2 student Yash was dressed as Chacha Nehru and told like Nehru Ji that he likes rose and children. Children enjoyed the function greatly.



Chacha Nehru back in SASK

Half yearly Examination

The half yearly examination will start on 3rd December. In the month of November all subjects were revised by the teachers and students were asked to study at home properly. On 10th Nov, Aakriti and Nikhil went to the families of several children, talked to the parents and encouraged them to continue children's education despite economic hardship.

Deepawali Celebrations

Shiksha Sopan Centers celebrated Deepawali in their own ways. SAC evening center, GAK11-12 and PPYJ children did it at SAC on 10th November. The entire Hall was very well decorated by the children of the centers. All walls were covered with posters showing fine display of art. Very nice Rangoli was put up by the children and lots of Deepak were lit.

The programme started with the prayer Shri Ramchandra Kripalu Bhaj Man by children. Dr H C Verma addressed the children and told about the significance of Deepawali as celebration of return of Shri Ramchandra after 14 years of exile. Through a story on Hanuman he pointed out that often very honest persons can also be trapped by the false praises by selfish people.

Children put up several kinds of programmes focused on Deepawali and the story of Ram. Anuradjha, a student of class 11 narrated the whole story of Ramacharitmanas in about 5 minutes. Some children were dressed as Ram, Laxman, Bharat, Hanuman, Sita etc. and put up short scenes from Ramayana.

A quiz on Ramchandra story was conducted by our B Tech student Vinayak. Children gave very good answers and won chocolates.



Children as Ramayan Characters

It was emphasized that Shri Ram was a great human who never discriminated people on the basis of cast or economic status. He had a complete harmony with the animal and plant world. Depicting him as a God often gives us an escape for not to follow the path shown by him, which should not be the case.

The whole programme was planned and implemented under the guidance of Pushpa Tripathi Ji, the center coordinator of SAC Evening Center. The programme ended with all present congratulating each other and having Laddoo and Samosa.

At Barasirohi, Deepawali was celebrated together by SASK, Barasirohi Evening Center, and GAK9-10 on 12th Nov. All volunteers from Barasirohi, including those who used to be active in past, were contacted and this occasion was used to strengthen bonds between the volunteers. Sh D S Bhadauriya Ji, whom we call Babooji affectionately, led the programme. He performed a small pooja and all present enjoyed the Prasad.

Evening Centers

Barasirohi center observed attendance around 45-50. Apart from their regular after-school support, the center undertook special drive for enhancing General Knowledge of children. Everyday they are given five such information which they learned by heart. Children were told to ask each other questions that they had already learnt and also evaluate each other. This mode is working very well and they are becoming proficient in GK.

On 8th Nov NSS Students put up a test on Maths, English and Science for children of class 6-8. Children did well in the test. Babooji coordinated the test and its evaluation.

PPYJ

Poonam and Manaviya, our class 11 PPYJ students, represented their schools in sports at Gwalior (shivpuri). The team scored 4th in the competition. Deepika of class 9 PPYJ, represented her school in sports meet at Jharkhand. Ishan participated in the Science Model Competition "GENESIS" organized by Sir Padanpat Singhania Education Center at Kanpur. However, these enthusiastic children did not perform well in the school tests and proper counseling is needed. The IITK students who are involved in PPYJ teaching are giving extra classes to compensate the lag.

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

The scholarship subcommittee met on 28th November and fixed up the schedule for 2013 test. The examination will be held on 3rd February 2013. A target of 1000 participation in the test has been put up. A flier is designed giving proper information of the scholarship scheme. Mr Nazir Hussain is given responsibility to coordinate contact programme in the 3 km vicinity of IITK Campus so that all the people in this area undergoing economic hardship know about this opportunity.

The scholarship amount to be given in 2013 will be Rs 58,400. Mr Sudhir Mittal of Ghaziabad, an industrial entrepreneur who runs several social activities for the economically weaker sections, has offered to support this year's scholarship and also to contribute in Scholarship Endowment fund.

EC Meeting

An Executive Committee meeting was held on 20th November to discuss plans to run Sopan activities smoothly. It was pointed out that the internal financial management needs to be systematized and Sopan units should be trained to make budgets and incur expenses in planned way. A financial subcommittee consisting of Dr Sameer Khandekar, Dr H C Verma and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay was formed to streamline the expenses.

Other Informations

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