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In the month of November, Sopan Ekta Rally was the major activity from Shiksha Sopan. The other were plantation at IITK premises by SASK children, Science lab visit by teachers from different cities, lecture on Mobile Communication at Anveshika and workshops by Science cell . All other centers were running well.

Sopan Ekta Rally

Shiksha Sopan has decided to conduct a program "Run for Unity" (A Bicycle Rally) as a mark of tribute to the efforts of the country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to unite India. We took out this rally on 14 November, 2014 (Friday) at the occasion of Children's Day (Bal Diwas). With swachchh Bharat Abhiyan in full swing, this event was a mix of Run for Unity, Children's day and awareness for Cleanliness. Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai had taken the whole responsibility of this rally. On 13th November, just before starting the rally program, both of them visited the whole route by their bicycles and estimated the time, so that the program can conduct without any interruption.



The event was initiated by Dr Sameer Khandekar, President ,Shiksha Sopan at 9 AM on 14th Nov by giving a motivational speech to all the children and volunteers present there. He talked about three types of cleanliness, Tan (body), Man (mind) and Dhan (wealth) ki swachchhata. Rally started from Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi at around 9:30 AM. The children were carrying placards having slogans related to our unity and were shouting these slogans like "Swaccha Kanpur, Sunadr Kanpur", "Swaccha Bharat, Swasth Bharat" and motivated the society. There were two rows of bicycles guided by Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Amit Kumar Bajapai.

The number of children present in the rally was overwhelming as approximately 100 children and volunteers participated in the event making it a grand success. Rally completed at Sopan Ashram, Nankari. The rally was converted into a meeting where Dr H C Verma and our senior volunteers lighted the lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati.

In the meeting Mr Avneesh Tripathi, Consultant to SSA (Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan) congratulated the children on Children's Day and told the methods to clean our hands. He also motivated the children about the cleanliness of our environment. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai introduced Sopan Ashram, its working style and the volunteers associated with it. All children and the volunteers looked at Sopan Ashram including organic farming in detail and took some vegetables.

Our senior volunteer Mr Madan Vaijapurkar sang patriotic songs to motivate the children. Diksha, Garima, Anamika and Mano from SAC evening center, Pragya, Riya, Divyanshi, Neelu and Karishma from Barasirhi evening center also sang some patriotic songs like "Ae Mere Pyare Watan", "Mera Hindustan" and "Veeron Ki Pooja". The whole program was anchored by Mr Anurag Pandey. All children and volunteers put large effort for the success of this program.



Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Plantation at IITK premises

Lack of trees will cause a lot of harm to us and to our life. So the number of trees should be multiplied by tree-plantation. Keeping this in mind, an event was organized by Dr Sameer Khandekar at IITK premises on 15th November, 2014.

Most of the children from SASK and some Sopan volunteers participated in this event. They gathered at IITK premises where Dr Khandekar motivated them. He told that we should plant trees near our houses and near our villages. He also told that we should plant trees on all the vacant places in our village or town where we live, and we should advise others to do so. Mrs Pragya Khandekar also participated in this event and planted some plants.



Dr Khandekar distributed biscuits to all the children who came for plantation. Children were very happy for the biscuits as well as for the trees. Mr Anurag Pandey coordinated with the children and volunteers in this beautiful event.

Sundar-kand recital

Sundar-Kand is part of our cultural heritage. Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra again organized collective recital of Sundar-kand on 25th November. Shree Madan Vaijapurkar with all the teachers and children participated in this program. With rhythm and collective action, all children enjoyed the event.

Music Classes

Mr Madan Vaijapurkar has taken initiative to start music classes at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. Children from class 5th to 8th were given a prelim practice of music. Mr Vaijapurkar had given both theory and practical classes to the children. The classes are scheduled on every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Mathematics Festival

Minimum mathematics is essential in our daily lives. A function was planned to make an effort towards improvement in Mathematics by SASK. SASK organized a four day function for the children from class 5th to 8th. Mr Ashish Batler, EC member, Shiksha Sopan had taken the whole responsibility of this event. He also had taken classes and teach the tricks to solve the maths questions verbally. Percentage, Profit-loss, fraction etc were discussed in the classes given by Mr Ashish.



Visit at SASK

On 15th November, Mr Deepak Agnihotri, our senior volunteer visited the school and distributed some fruits and biscuits to all the children at his birthday. He also motivated the children towards to goal of our life.

On 20th November, Mr Ramesh Hangloo, founder member of Sharda Radio Station from Jammu & Kashmir and Ms Nidhi Massey from Allahabad Community Radio with Mr Madan Vaijapurkar visited the school and motivated the children.



Science Cell Activities

Workshops at Anveshika

Two similar workshops were organized at Anveshika on different days for different batches of teachers. These workshops were conducted by Anveshika members and Shiksha Sopan Science Cell.

First workshop was organized for Govt. school teachers from 11th to 13th November. A total of 17 teachers were present there. They all learnt about science teaching methodology by using some small science experiments.

In the same manner, second workshop was organized from 24th to 26th November for the teachers of Sarwan Khera Block, Shivrajpur. In this workshop, 27 teachers were present.



Science lab Visit

20 teachers from different cities participated in the "QIP Short Term Course on Ancient Science and Technology" organized by Dr D P Mishra, Professor, Aerospace dept. IITK. All these teachers visited science core lab on 13th November. Sopan volunteers Ranjit, Deepak, Vimal, Atul together with Dr H C verma showed them a number of science experiments developed by Shiksha Sopan. The teachers were very excited on seeing these low cost no cost science experiments.



Classes at Opportunity School

Science Cell has taken the responsibility to develop a science lab in Opportunity School. For this, science cell is giving lab sessions to grade 5th to 8th children regularly. Contents are developed for specific topics like Pressure, Heat, Light, Rocket Principle etc with lots of experiments, hands on activities and questions.

Lecture on Communication at Anveshika

Mr Anurag Pandey, Joint Secretary, Shiksha Sopan delivered a lecture on mobile communication on 17th November to B.Tech first year students of Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology for Handicapped, UP, Awadhपुरi Kanpur. He told the history of mobile communication and also discussed about cellular concept of mobile communication. 48 students and two teachers were present in this one day workshop.



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