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In the month of November, closing ceremony of special one month evening learning camp was the major activity of Shiksha Sopan. The other activities were celebration of children's day at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, special bag distribution to the children by Shiksha Sopan on the occasion of children's day and teachers interaction program by Shiksha Sopan science cell. Sopan library and Barasirohi evening center were running well.

## **Closing ceremony of special one month camp**

As mentioned in previous newsletter (November, 2016), a Special Evening Learning Camp had been started by Shiksha Sopan from 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at Sopan Ashram. A total of 160 students from class 1 to 8 were enrolled at this camp and we tried our best to establish a connection of class-room teaching with daily-life activities and behaviors. The closing ceremony of this camp was celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Sunday). A full day program was organized by Shiksha Sopan for the children and their parents. The ceremony was celebrated in two parts, in the first part there were different competitions for the children and in the second part there was a stage program by the children for their parents.



## ***Different competitions***

First part of the program was started with prayer of Maa Saraswati. After that all the children were divided into four groups. The 1<sup>st</sup> group was for the children from class KG to 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> was for class 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> was for class 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> one was for class 9<sup>th</sup> and above.

Art competition was held for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> groups. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> group we had writing competition and essay competition was organized for the 4<sup>th</sup> group. A total of 155 students participated in these different competitions and 18 volunteers was there to manage the program.

Mrs Anupama Sharma, Mrs Mamta Barmola, Mr Pawan Mishra and Mr R B Agrawal judged the competitions for the four groups and finally selected three children in each group. Prizes were distributed on the same day in the next session of the closing ceremony of the camp. Ms Prachi Shukla, Ms Shivani Prajapati, Mr Rajat, Mr Om Ji, Mr Rohit, Mr Anand and some other Sopan volunteers and children decorated the whole premises of Sopan Ashram. Mr Ranjit Kumar and his team managed the breakfast and lunch for all the volunteers and children present there.

### **Stage Program**

All the children associated with the camp and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan put large effort for the success of this program. Sopan Ashram was fully packed with audience. Lots of people were seated there. Dr H C Verma, Professor, Physics department, IIT Kanpur, Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh, Junior technical superintendent, Rajbhasha Prakostha , IIT Kanpur, Mr Anil Kumar Mishra from P K Kelkar Library, IIT Kanpur and Mr R P Bajpai from Shiksha Sopan lighted the lamp in front of Saraswati Maa's photo.

A drama was played by some children of the camp. A program named Lalit Poshak Pratiyogita was a center of attraction in which children dressed up themselves in different characters like Hanumaan ji, a beggar, a mad man etc. Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh, Mr Eshan, Mr Anil Kumar Mishra judged these performances and took best three out of these. Prizes were also distributed by judges to the winners of this competition. A drama was also played by the children. Some group dances were also performed by children.



All children showed their hidden talent to the audience. The whole event was centered around commitment to do something meaningful to the society. The 150+ audience too was highly charged and they were very happy by seeing their children on stage.

Dr H C Verma gave an inspirational speech for the audience, he also told about the motto of the camp. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program. Mr Rajat, volunteer of Shiksha Sopan was looking after the whole arrangement of sound and light in the program.

Ms Shivani Prajapati and Ms Prachi Shukla were all the time busy behind the stage to prepare children with their makeup etc. The whole program was full of dances, songs, skits etc. by the children. With the support of everyone, the event found new heights of success.

## **Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra**

### ***Children's Day***

Children's day was celebrated at SASK on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 (Tuesday). Lots of games like Musical Chair, Kabaddi, KhoKho etc. were conducted which all children enjoyed. Palak from class 1 got first prize in musical chair competition. A team of Santosh, Nikhil, Priya, Anahita, Shivani, Khushi, Khushboo and Noorjahan won the kabaddi competition. Similarly a team of Lakshmi, Nishu, Ajay, Ankit, Anand, Anil and Surjit won kho-kho competition. Children enjoyed the function greatly. All these competition were judged by Ms Seema Verma and Ms Sunita Maurya.

Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK also told the stories from the life and work of Pt, Jawaharlal Nehru.



### ***Special Classes and participation in folk dance program***

Some special classes were conducted by SASK teachers for the children studying in class 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. In these classes, children were trained to make some traditional dresses. Rajasthani and Punjabi dresses were prepared by the children by using gota, moti, sheesha and colorful threads. They also made beautiful and attractive jewelleryes.

SASK children also participated in a folk dance program conducted by Opportunity School, IIT Kanpur on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. This program was held on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Opportunity School. Children enjoyed this folk dance program a lot.

### **DESKIT (Bag with table) distribution program**

DESKIT is a study companion for students to aid in comfortable writing and to maintain proper body posture. It is designed and developed at PROSOC Innovators Pvt. Ltd. Shiksha Sopan had taken an initiative and bought DESKITs especially for the rural children to supplement infrastructural facilities at school where they sit on the floor with their backs hunched for long hours. DESKIT prevents health problems that may arise due to bad body posture.



Sopan volunteers contacted to its donors and collected a total of Rs 1,49,500/- and purchased 300 bags from PROSOC. Shiksha Sopan contacted those schools which don't have furniture for students. In this regard we found some contacts of schools in Kanpur Dehat and Chaubepur where students are facing problems because of lack of furniture.

Shiksha Sopan with PROSOC Innovators Pvt. Ltd. and SIIC IIT Kanpur organized a program for DESKIT distribution on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at L7 IIT Kanpur. A total of 106 students came on the day and received the DESKIT. The children became very happy after getting these bags. Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey from Shiksha Sopan were present there.

### **Teachers Interaction Program at IITK**

The teachers interaction program was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016. The teachers were from different Rajkeye Inter Colleges and from different primary and junior government schools. The whole program was designed by Dr H C Verma, Professor, Physics department, IITK and Secretary, Shiksha Sopan. Demonstrations on physics, chemistry, maths and biology were done by professors of concerning departments.



### **Other Informations**

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