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Shiksha Sopan wishes all the members, volunteers, well wishers and the nation as a whole a very happy new year 2016. December 2015 was indeed a cold month but that did not hinder our activities. 2nd Installment of Dr V N K Merit Scholarship program was distributed in this month. The cells were active in coordinating the activities.

Dr V N K Merit Scholarship Program

Shiksha Sopan organized a One Day Interaction program on 6th December, 2015 (Sunday) for the recipient children of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Program at New SAC. With the support from our donors, we are giving scholarships to 38 children. This program was also organized to develop bonding among the recipients and to monitor their academic progress. The recipients with their parents were called at IITK and we had 3 hours long activity-fun-interaction with them.



Mr Indra deo Dubey, retired In-charge of Swimming Pool, IIT Kanpur, was the chief guest of this program. He is very enthusiastic person and at present he is involved in various social activities. Mr Dubey gave commemorate to Dr V N Kularni and started the program by lighting the lamp in front of MAA Saraswati. He talked to the children and blessed them for their bright future. As scholarship continues for three years for class 6 level and 2 years for class 9 level and also for class 11 level, at any time we have recipients from 3 years. Hence the scholarships were distributed to the recipients of 2013, 2014 and 2015 batch students.

All the senior volunteers and Shiksha Sopan Science Cell members gave inspirational speeches to motivate these children. Mr Ranjit Kumar, Mr Ashok and Mr Deepak Mishra from Shiksha Sopan science cell gave one and half hour session on Science activities, Science demos and puzzles. Everyone enjoyed it. The whole program was managed by Mr Anurag Pandey.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Sports Classes

In the month of December, each Saturday was celebrated as Sports Day. SASK organized special classes on these days. SASK teachers planned these classes in such a way so that each and every children can learn so many things. Children played chess, carrom, snake and ladder, ludo, badminton and football etc. and enjoyed these games. They also learnt the rules of these games and facts about the players associated with these games.

Mathematics Festival

Minimum Mathematics is essential in our daily lives. A function was planned to make an effort towards improvement in mathematics at SASK. On 22nd December, 2015 (Tuesday), SASK celebrated 128th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan and gave a tribute to him. He was a great Indian mathematician. SASK organized this function for class 1st to class 8th children. A quiz was organized for the children of class 1 to 2 in which they use pictogram. Pictogram is a form of writing in which ideas are transmitted through drawing. Such pictograms are characterized by their simplified style, which omits all details that are unnecessary to the desired communication.



Another quiz was organized for the children of class 3 to 8 in which different topics like distance and time, profit and loss, area and volume etc. were used. Four groups were there in the quiz. Sudhanshu (class 4) and Lakshmi (class 7) from Group D got first prize. Sumit (class 7) and Muskann (class 8) from Group B got second prize and Nishu (class 5) and Menka (class 7) from Group A got third prize. A practice test was also there for class 5 children.

Visits to Ranu's family

At Shiksha Sopan centers, we make an emotional bond with all the children and the volunteers. To make such bonds stronger, our volunteers visit families of the children coming to the centers also look for children who do not go to any school due to some reason. Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK visited home of such a child named Ranu who works at a bicycle shop. Other SASK teachers Ms Sunita, Ms Deepti and Ms Nisha also accompanied her. In this visit Ms Seema with SASK teachers talked to the parents of Ranu. Ranu's father Mr Santu is a labour and is not able to afford studies of Ranu. After interaction with our volunteers, Ranu has started coming to SASK and now he is studying class 1 stuff.

Nutrition for SASK children

In this month, on 15th December, SASK decided to distribute some supplementary nutrition to SASK students. Ms Seema Verma, principal, SASK distributed bottled Amul milk among all 75 SASK children. Children became very happy on getting milk. Some of them had taken fruit juice instead of milk. SASK also decided to give nutrition every month.



Science Cell Activities

Our Sopan Science cell is working very enthusiastically on science popularization and organizes workshops at different places for both students and teachers. We had done the following workshops in the month of December.

Teachers workshop at Shivrajpur

On 10th December, 2015 (Thursday), Shiksha Sopan Science cell gave a workshop at Prathmik Vidyalaya, Shivrajpur, Kanpur. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey, Mr Deepak Mishra and Mr Vipin Sharma from Shiksha Sopan had planned the experiments and their sequence. They presented several experiments. About 45 teachers from Govt schools were present and enjoyed the workshop. Some of them also presented science experiments and discussed new ideas.



It was a very pleasant experience that among UP Govt Education Dept and Govt teachers, there are very efficient and dedicated persons. The block education Officer Mr Devendra Patel Ji is a real asset for the schools of Shivrajpur block. Our experiments on air, water, structure of materials were very refreshing, new and exciting for the participants.

Students workshop at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Chakeri

A three hours workshop for 50 students of Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Chakeri, Kanpur was organized by our science team on 18th December, 2015 (Friday). A variety of activities were planned for them. A one hour lecture on "Light Emitting Diode" was given by Mr Anurag Pandey. Mr Amit Kumar Bajapi and Mr Deepak Mishra gave sessions on the topics light, electromagnetism and pressure. Using short experiments they explained the basic laws of air and liquid pressures.



Visit to Sopan Ashram

Mr K N Govindacharya, a thinker, ideologue and social activist, visited Shiksha Sopan Ashram on 25th December, 2015. He has a long association with several social organisations like the RSS, ABVP & the Swadeshi Jagran Manch. Since 2000, he has been working for development of a decentralized swadeshi model of development for Bharat.



He is a great strategist and ground worker who has worked relentlessly as foundation of many people's movements. Mr Anurag Pandey, Mr Ranjit Kumar, Mr Deepak Mishra, Mr Vipin Sharma, Ms Seema Verma, Ms Geeta and all other Shiksha Sopan Volunteers were present there. Mr Govindacharya talked to them. He liked the working model of Sopan Ashram. He gave a very enthusiastic and motivation lecture to all. Dr H C Verma planned and coordinated the whole visit.

Request for making question papers

As we know, Shiksha Sopan organizes Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Test every year since 2011. With the support from our donors, now we are giving scholarship to 38 children. In this year we are going to organize the written test on 03 April, 2016 (Sunday). We need to improve the quality of education in our society. Therefore, we need some good quality question papers. The question paper will have mathematics, science, language. Those who want to help us by making question papers, can mail at anurag.pandey3@gmail.com and get the format of question paper.

Other Informations

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How to donate: *Shiksha Sopan*

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