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The month of June was not very hectic for many of the Sopan volunteers because most of the centers and Sopan vidyalaya were closed because of the summer vacations. Pratibha Poshan Yojna Summer camp and Board results of students of our evening centers were the main events in the month of June. Discussions were held to plan out Sopan activities in the new session after the summer vacations.

Pratibha Poshan Yojna (Summer Camp)

Introduction and Inauguration

Shiksha Sopan organized a summer camp for 16 children (14 boys and 2 girls) of third batch of Pratibha Poshan Yojana (Senior). They are now studying in class 8th. These children have been selected through a two-level examination conducted by Shiksha Sopan and Talent Development Council (TDC). The complete details related to the examination have been given in the news letters of April and May 2014. This is the first summer camp of children selected under PPY (Sr.) 2014. We conducted the camp at IIT Kanpur, Type-3, House No. 3015 from 1st June to 20th June, 2014.



The inauguration of the camp was held on 1st June at House No 3015, IIT Kanpur. The children came with their parents on that day. Inaugural function started with lighting the lamp by Dr Animangsu Ghatak, Professor Chemical Engineering Department, IIT Kanpur, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay. A small introduction of Shiksha Sopan was given by Mr Ranjan Upadhyay. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, treasurer, Shiksha Sopan was also present there and anchored the whole program. Mr Anurag Pandey, Joint Secretary, Shiksha Sopan introduced Pratibha Poshan Yojana and told that this is an effort to reach out to the unprivileged, but talented students and nurturing their skills. He also explained the camp's schedule to the children and their parents. The children were excited for the summer camp. The inauguration ceremony ended with a delicious lunch.

Regular Classes

In the Camp there were many well thought programmes to give the children exposure to technology and also our cultural and traditional knowledge base. Lots of interaction with dignitaries from various fields were arranged. We planned to teach children in a non-traditional way. We included speed mathematics, Hindi, and English in the academic curriculum. Speed mathematics and puzzles were included to enhance children's mathematical calculations and to sharpen their logical and rational thinking. Ms Swati Chaudhary, an IITK student, taught speed mathematics in an interesting way. The children enjoyed this subject the most. Mathematics was also taught according to the syllabus of UP board. These classes was taken by Ms Nirupma of Opportunity School, IITK. Dr A K Sharma, Professor, Humanities and Social Science Department, IIT Kanpur and Mr Vishal, IITK student taught Hindi through a different method. We kept Hindi story books in the camp. English was also taught in the camp. The purpose was to improve their grammar, vocabulary and sentence composition. These classes were taken by Mr Suresh Ailawadi, consultant, CE Department and Mr D. S. Bhadauriya, volunteer Shiksha Sopan.

Special Classes

(a) Astronomy

Mr J. P. Chaturvedi, former Head of the department, Gorakhpur University had taken the classes of astronomy. He told about moon's positions, different stars and their constitutions. Using a telescope he showed different stars to the children. Children learnt about the planets, galaxies, binary-stars. It was for the first time that they saw Saturn planet and they were very amazed to see the rings around it. All the children enjoyed it.

(b) Science

Mr Abhishek Anchal , an IITK student, showed some videos on scientific phenomenon. Mr Ranjit Kumar and Mr Deepak Mishra from Shiksha Sopan science cell showed some experiments to these children. They learned a lot using these experiments. Mr Anurag Pandey also showed science videos on force to these children.

(c) Art and Craft

8-day classes were given on Art and Craft. Ms Seema Verma and Ms Preeti from Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra were the resource persons. Under their guidance children made beautiful drawings, sceneries and other decoration items.



Visits and Interaction program

All the children visited IITK Radio (90.4 FM) and students recorded their voice on Radio. They also learned how FM radio works. We are very thankful to Mr Devanand Pathak Ji , Mr Devraj Singh Ji and all other staff of Media Center IITK.

These students also visited our core lab where they enjoyed many games, puzzles and some interesting experiments. Mr Ranjit Kumar with their team members made this possible. Dr Amey Karkare, Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Engineering Department, IIT Kanpur helped us in visiting IITK Computer Lab. He showed mother computer to these children.

We had kept one hour session everyday for interaction with some eminent personality. Many of IITK faculties, Students, Staff members were invited in this session. Some of them were Dr Abhash Singh, Dr Y M Joshi, Dr Neelesh Gurav, Dr S Matheswaran, Dr Neelkanthan, Dr Sameer Khandekar, Dr Amey Karkare, Ms Achla Joshen, Mr R S Srivastava, Mr Harish Awasthi, Mr Devanand Pathak, Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh,

Mr Gopi Nath, Mr Balkrishna Mehta, Mr Ashish Bhateja, Mr Pranay. Sopan thanks all the workers who worked hard to make this camp a great success.

Shri Anil Gupta and Shri S N Aggarwal from Talent Development Council (TDC) also visited the summer camp. They shared their lot of valuable time with the participants discussing about their future plans and motivated children to take up the cause of nation building. Shri R. C. Gupta of TDC also visited the camp several times and distributed many items to all the children.

Dr Pradip Sinha, Professor, BSBE Department, IIT Kanpur invited all the children and associated volunteers on Dinner and gave a farewell party to all of them on 19th June, 2014. The interaction with Dr Sinha and Mrs Sinha was very enjoyable. The whole camp was coordinated by Mr Anurag Pandey.

Exam Results of students at Sopan Centers

The results in 2014 board exams of children from Shiksha Sopan SAC Evening Center were very nice, all the children of class 10th and 12th from UP board passed with good marks. The Results of Class 10th and 12th from UP board are given on the next page.

The class results of Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra was very encouraging. The children at this center belong to the economically weaker families. However, their parents are very enthusiastic and they want to make their children literate, even though they themselves might be illiterate. They have faith on Shiksha Sopan and give full cooperation to us for making their children learn.



Children in IITK Radio FM



Children with Pranay Ji

Name of the Student	Class	%	Name of the Student	Class	%
Anand	10	80	Jyoti	12	55
Rohit Agnihotri	10	76	Aakash	12	68
Priyanka Gupta	10	71	Saurabh	12	71
Rahul	10	82	Ekta	12	64
Poonam	10	70	Diksha	12	70
Anuradha Gupta	12	75	Rishabh	12	69
Dinkar Mishra	12	78	Shilpa	12	62
Suneel	12	65	Preeti	12	72
Ranjit	12	50	Suraj	12	60
Roli	12	76	Anand	12	65
Avanish	12	79			

Farewell to Ms Leelawati Krishnan

Ms Leelawati Krishnan, Professor in HSS Dept has superannuated on this 30th of June. From the very beginning she has encouraged Sopan volunteers and has supported our efforts in many ways. Some of the Shiksha Sopan senior workers including Dr H C Verma, Shri Amit Kumar Bajpai, Shri Anurag Pandey and Shri Deepak Agnihotri met her on 24th June. Mrs Leevati Ji and all of us went down the memory lane and re-lived all those happy moments again.



She re-asserted her commitment to the cause Shiksha Sopan is pursuing and promised for all kinds of help possible at her end. Dr H C Verma presented her a memento prepared by Sopan children, especially for her.

Other Informations

Web site : For more details please visit www.shiksha-sopan.org

How to donate: *Shiksha Sopan*

(a) You can pay through credit/debit card by going to www.godparents.in, clicking "support a child" from the left top panel, selecting Shiksha Sopan from the "caretaking NGO" list at the bottom left of the page and then selecting a child from the list. Click on "Be my Godparent" below the photograph.

(b) You can write cheques/draft for donations in the name of "Shiksha Sopan" payable at Kanpur and send to the address given below.

(c) Online transfer can be made in State Bank of India, IITKanpur branch. Account No. **10426002488**, Account name "Shiksha Sopan", IFSC code **SBIN0001161**

(d). People in US can use the link <http://indolink.com/iitk/> to donate through IIT Kanpur foundation using credit cards.

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