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# Shiksha Sopan

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The 28 days of February 2017 were full of activities together with preparation of examinations to be held in March-April. Apart from other activities, a lot of academic work has been done at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. Shiksha Sopan science cell team members gave several workshops at different places. Sopan evening center and Sopan library are running well.

## **Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)**

The vidyalaya team always comes out with programmes for the all-round development of children. While making regular teaching in classrooms, several programmes were conducted involving the children.

### ***Kanpur Zoo Visit***

Visit to Kanpur zoo was an interesting experience for the children of SASK. They went to zoo by bus with teachers on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 (Saturday). Kanpur zoo is near Nawabganj. Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK took care of whole visit. IITK PhD students Mr. Abhishek Savarnya and SASK teachers Ms Suneeta Maurya, Ms Roopa Katiyar and Ms Nisha were also present there. After getting the entry tickets, they entered the main campus to experience the natural beauty. There were ponds on both sides of the road and ducks were swimming in the ponds.



They saw elephants, stags and 'Neelgai' etc. Then they came to the cages of birds. There were different kinds of birds. Peacocks were in large numbers. Then they saw tigers in their enclosures. They also saw White Asian tigers, cheetah, leopard, jaguar, hyena, black bear, grizzly bear, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, monkeys, Musk deer and deer. After going round the zoo, they came out and sat under a tree. They had food which they had carried with them.

The event was organized to sensitize the children towards Bio diversity and the importance of animal world in our life. The volunteers oriented them towards this goal by properly educating them during the visit. Besides they also learned to move in groups in a disciplined way and shared various responsibilities of management from boarding bus to de-boarding.

### **Art Competition**

An Art competition was planned for SASK children on the day of zoo visit. The competition was held in the premises of the zoo. All the children were divided into two groups. One group was for the children from class 1 to 5 and the other for class 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Abhishek Savarnya, PhD scholar, IITK was the judge of this art competition. He selected a total of five students from these two groups. The first three students Mr Ankit, Ms Shivani and Ms Jaya were from the first group and another two students Ms Nishu and Ms Sneha were from the second group. Prizes were distributed to these children on next day by Ms Seema Verma, principal, SASK. Children became very happy getting these prizes.



### **Basant Panchami Celebration**

Basant Panchami is an Indian festival that highlights the arrival of spring. This festival is usually celebrated in Magh. This day is dedicated to Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, art, science and technology. This year Basant Panchami was celebrated on 01<sup>st</sup> February with great enthusiasm at SASK. Everyone prayed to Maa Saraswati for knowledge and wisdom.



Yellow fruits and sweets were there for the children. The color yellow holds a special meaning for this celebration as it signifies the brilliance of nature and the vibrancy of life. Prasadam was distributed after the Aarti of Maa Saraswati.

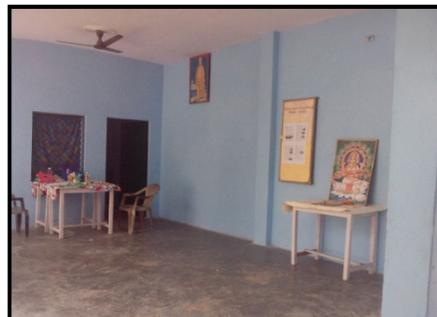
### **New volunteers from IITK**

Some of the IITK students Ms Rucha Dighe, Pranshu Tripathi, Abhay Singh, Deepak Kumar, Shivam Singh, Pratik Vora, Monika, Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Surabhi, Priya, Kuldeep Singh, Vijay Kumar Saini, Shubhajit, Vaibhav, Renu Yadav, Anudeep, Vivek Kumar and Shivam Puri started coming at SASK to help the children in their academics. They started to come at SASK after so many efforts of Mr Nikhil and Mr Kush, IITK undergraduate students. Ms Seema Verma welcomed all the new volunteers. These volunteers are giving classes on Science, Mathematics and English.

## **Whitewash at SASK**

This year Shiksha Sopan got Four Hundred Canadian Dollars (\$400.00 CDN) from Mrs Rajeshwari Janakiraman, Secretary-Treasurer, VSEI-Canada Inc., Calgary, Canada. This donation was used to whitewash the building of Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra.

The school building was white-washed within 6 days. The compound was also cleaned of bits of paper. After completion of whitewash of SASK, children prepared pictures, maps, diagrams and charts for their class-rooms. Shiksha Sopan is thankful to Mrs Janakiraman for the support.



## **Shiksha Sopan Science Cell**

### **Five days workshop at Jammu and Kashmir**

As mentioned in previous newsletter, a series of workshops are planned by Dr H C Verma for Jammu and Kashmir teachers and Shiksha Sopan science cell members are actively involved in making science kits for the trainee teachers. Some of the senior volunteers are also making efforts for giving these workshops a new height.

### **Workshops at Jammu**

A workshop was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February at State Institute of Education, Jammu. Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Vijay Kushwaha from Shiksha Sopan showed some science experiments in this workshop. A total of 20 govt. teachers attended this workshop. Some workshops are also planned in the month of March.

### **Workshops at Kashmir**

In a similar fashion, four workshops were planned at State Institute of Education, Kashmir. These workshops were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. Mr Atul Kumar and Mr Abhinav Mani Tripathi from Shiksha Sopan showed some science experiments in these workshops. More than 40 govt. teachers attended these workshops.



Some other resource persons Dr Brajesh Pandey from Pune, Mr M S Marwaha from Chandigarh, Mr Minish Gulati from Udhampur and Mr Mukul Rathi from Baraut were also involved in conducting these workshops.

More than 300 science kits prepared by Shiksha Sopan were distributed among the trainee teachers till now. More than 30 science experiments can be performed in the classroom using this kit. Teachers were very happy getting these science kits. Dr H C Verma has made a big team for organizing and also for conducting these workshops.

## Sopan Evening Centre

### **Basant Panchami Celebration**

Basant Panchami was celebrated on 01<sup>st</sup> February, 2017 at Sopan evening center, Barasirohi. Children of Sopan evening centre Mahima, Tashu, Anshika and Sandhya sang "He Sharde Maa" and everyone prayed to Maa Saraswati for knowledge and wisdom. Ms Geeta, Ms Kshma, Mr Rohit, Mr Anand and Mr Anoop Ashthana were present there.



### **Special Classes**

Mr Anoop Ashthana, Mr Rohit and Mr Anand gave classes on puzzles, general knowledge using different games on every Saturday in the month of February. Ms Geeta Kushwaha and Ms Kshma Dwivedi were also involved in these classes.

### **Upcoming Programs**

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship exam will be held on 02<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 (Sunday). Shiksha Sopan is also going to organize a full day program named "Ramayan Ko Jaane" for the children of class 6 to 8 on 09<sup>th</sup> April (Sunday). Sopan science cell is going to organize a three day science workshop for teachers from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April.

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