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The month of August was very busy for Shiksha Sopan Volunteers as well as for children. The main events of this month were "Independence Day", workshops at Anveshika by Science cell, books distribution and Rakhee to our well wishers from Shiksha Sopan on Raksha Bandhan. All Evening Centers, Science Cell and Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra were going well.

Independence Day Programme at L-7

Independence Day celebration is one of the regular functions of Shiksha Sopan. All children and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan put large effort for the success of this program.

Shiksha Sopan Independence Day cultural event was held at L-7 on 16th August (Saturday) from 6:00pm to 08:00pm. The lecture hall was fully packed with audience. Lots of people were seated on the stairs of the lecture hall. Dr H C Verma, Dr Nitin Gupta, Dr Jayant Singh, Mr Ranjan Upadhyay and Mr Anurag Pandey lighted the lamp in front of Bharat Maa's photo. Whole surrounding was resounding with "Bharat Mata ki Jai".



Program was started with lightning the lamp. Saraswati vandana was done by IIT staff and music club. A drama was played by Barasirohi Evening Centre children. The theme of the drama was to give a glimpse of the struggle our freedom fighters had put against Britishers. Tiny tots from Sopan Anaupacharik Kendra were a center of attraction when they gave a number of dance performance of Krishna character. A drama on Gandhi ji was also played by SASK children. Our senior volunteers Mr Deepak Agnihotri and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar put up solo songs like " Har karam Apna Karenge".

There was a group song on "Aashayen (Hope)" put up by Senior students of SAC Evening Center. Another dance was on Rajasthani traditional folks presented by Barasirohi Evening Centre. There were many more songs and dance items all centered at our culture and Nation.

The scholarship was distributed to the selected children in this year as a part of Independence day function. All the recipients with their parents were present. The children were called on the stage and the dignitaries present in the function handed over the scholarship amount with their blessings.

All children showed their hidden talent to the audience. The whole event was centered around patriotism and commitment to do something meaningful to the society. The 600+ audience too was highly charged and they were repeatedly shouting slogans showing their enthusiasm.

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program. Mr Vimal was looking after the whole arrangement of sound and light in the hall. Whole program was recorded by Mr Vipin Sharma. Seema Verma, Pushpa Tripathi and Geeta, etc 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 a theme of National belonging. With the support of everyone, the event found new height of success.



Scholarship Distribution

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Independence Day Program

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated the Independence Day program on 15th August 2014 at Barasirohi. Morning 09:30 was the timing for flag hosting. Dr Sayantani Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Physics department IITK was the chief guest of this program. Dr H C Verma, Dr Sameer Khandekar and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar with our chief guest hosted the flag.



Children saluted the National flag and enthusiastically recited National Anthem. Dr H C Verma, Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mr Madan, Mr Ranjan Upadhyay and Mr Anurag Pandey gave inspirational speech for children.

Children of Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra sang very nice patriotic songs. All members present encouraged the children by clapping loudly. Manno, student of Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, anchored the whole program. Sweets were distributed among all the persons.

Raksha Bandhan Program

Students of SASK were trained in making Rakhee on the occasion of Raksha-Bandhan. On 9th August, 2014, they celebrated this festival. Mr Ashish Betlar, EC member Shiksha Sopan, Mr Kush and Ms Swapnil from IITK were present there. Ms Seema Verma, Principal SASK, distributed these self-designed and self-made Rakhee to all the well wishers of Shiksha Sopan.



Books distribution program

We might be living in a time where computers and the Internet have become the source and means of people's entertainment and knowledge, but the wonderful world of books is still alive and well. A book provides a child with valuable vocabulary, starting from simple basic words all the way to making sentences and expanding their 'word bank'. So books are very important in the development of child.



SASK organized books distribution program on 02nd August ,2014. A total of 36 children from class 2 to class 4 got the books. They were very happy after getting these books.

Science Cell

Training programs at Anveshika

Shiksha Sopan members are making efforts for spreading its effective teaching methodology for science education. A three days training programme was organized by Shiksha Sopan and SGM-IAPT Anveshika at Anveshika premises, Indira Nagar, Kalyanpur Kanpur from 20th to 22nd August, 2014. Dr H C Verma, Secretary Shiksha Sopan, Mr Amit K Bajpai , Mr Deepak Mishra and Mr Vimal Kumar from science cell gave sessions on science teaching modules. A total of 22 teachers from Narwal in Kanpur district, 120 km away from IITK, attended the programme.

Dr H C Verma talked about the methodology of science teaching. In chemistry, he discussed about Carbon and its structure by using some models. These teachers tried to make carbon structures themselves. In physics, he discussed about light and its properties. He also discussed some other experiments among all the teachers and this teaching methodology was appreciated by the teachers.

In a similar fashion, a three day training programme was organized at Anveshika premises, Indira Nagar from 27th to 29th August, 2014. A total of 13 teachers from Urai, 200 km away from IITK, attended the programme. Mr Avinash , Biology teacher, Campus School IITK, gave sessions on biology. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Deepak Mishra from Shiksha Sopan had planned the experiments and their sequence. They also assisted Dr Verma in the workshop and they themselves presented several experiments.



Training programs at Anveshika, Indira Nagar, Kanpur

Higher Education Cell

Higher Education Cell is a program in which children from underprivileged section are given financial assistance to continue studies beyond class 12. In the current year we got 21 applications so far for the support. A subcommittee consisting of Dr Nitin Gupta, BSBE Dept, Dr H C Verma and Mr Anurag Pandey looked at the applications minutely and selected 12 applications for support from Shiksha Sopan. The total amount to be given to these students is around Rs 85,000. In addition we might get occasional requests in the coming months. We have created a corpus for HE Cell with Rs 5,00,000 obtained from one of our Faculty members at IITK. Apart from this we have a committed donor related to another faculty member who is donating Rs 50,000 every year for HE Cell. However, we do need more donation to strengthen the corpus and also to meet the current demands. We appeal the community to donate for this cell.

The name of recipients of HE cell are Ms Soni Kashyap from Nankari, Ms Roli Nishad from Barasirohi, Ms Archana Sharama from Barasirohi, Ms Rachna Yadav from kalyanpur, Ms Preeti Gautam from Nankari, Ms Krishna Kamal from Tikra, Mr Dinkar Mishra from Barasirohi, Mr Pawan Mishra from Nankari, Mr Mukesh Kumar from Nankari, Mr Sunil Pal from Barasirohi, Mr Ashutosh Pal from Nankari and Mr Shivam Kamal from Tikra.

Article on Shiksha Sopan in “The Tribune”

“The Sunday Tribune” from Chandigarh published an article on Shiksha Sopan by Ms Kavita Kanan Chandra on 31st August 2014. It gives a very positive account of Shiksha Sopan and tells about various units and success stories. We thank Ms Kavita for her effort to give a wider publicity to our work. The article can be read by copying the following link to your browser. Article link: <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2014/20140831/spectrum/main2.htm>

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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