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The month of August was very busy for Shiksha Sopan Volunteers as well as children. The main events this month were "Independence Day" function, selection of the children for the Second batch of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship and Scholarship distribution, Health Camp and "EK Sparsh Darti Ka" Pratiyogita. Also, an Introduction programme of Shiksha Sopan was held at Girls Hostel. All Evening Centers, GAK, Science Cell, and Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra were going well.

" Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra"

Independence Day Programme

Shiksha Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated the Independence Day Programme on 15th August 2012 at Barasirohi. This was the first major function after we moved to this new premises. Morning 9.15 was the time for flag hosting. Mr. Rajmohan Pandiwal, software engineer at New Jearsey, and Dr. H. C. Verma, President, Shiksha Sopan hoisted the flag. Children saluted the National flag and enthusiastically recited National Anthem.

Dr. Sameer Khandekar, Treasurer, Shiksha Sopan, explained the meaning of Independence. He differentiated between Swatantrata and Swacchandata and explained that we are independent but it does not meant that we can do wrong things. Mr. Madan Vaijapurkar, sang a song "Desh Ke Liye Jiyen". Dr. H. C. Verma, Mr. Rajmohan, Mr. Amit K Bajpai, Mr. Jaiprakash Maurya gave inspirational speech for children and volunteers.

Children of Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra sang very nice patriotic songs. All members present encouraged the children by clapping loudly. Anusaka and Shivani sang "Ae mere vatan ke logo, jara aankh me bhar lo pani" and the song touched the volunteers and guests' hearts, their eyes became wet. Shivam Kumar, student of Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra anchored the whole programme. Sweets were distributed among all the persons.

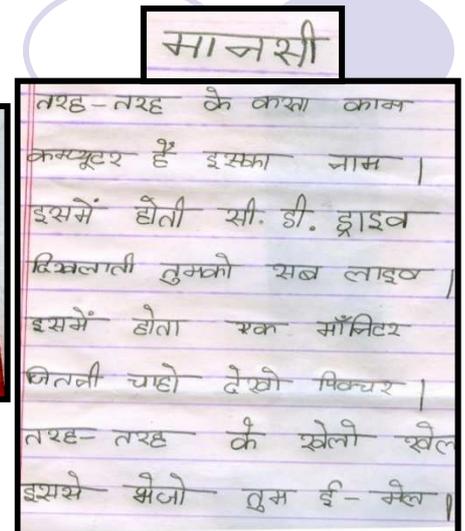


Regular Activities

Under the banner of "Antar Ke Pat Khol" children do variety of activities on Saturdays. On one such occasion, children of class 3 to 5 wrote poems, one poem from Manasi is given on the right. Class 6 to 8 children made nice book marks . On the book marks they wrote very nice slogans for teachers. They will be distributing these bookmarks to Sopan volunteers and donors.



Book Marks



On another Saturday, 26th August 2012, NSS student Ms. Aakriti taught the children about Calligraphy and got them practice with beautiful artistic writing of letters. Children learn so many different things in most interesting manner under this banner. Saturday is totally fun filled and enthusiastic day for children.

Independence Day Event at L-7

Independence Day function is the regular function of Shiksha Sopan. All Centers, GAK, Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, PPY (J) children and their coordinators put large efforts for the success of the event. They have realized that their energy is multiplied many more times when they do such programmes. Children showed their hidden talent to the audience. The whole event was centered around patriotism and commitment to do something meaningful to the society.

Shiksha Sopan Independence Day Cultural Event was held at L-7 on 16th August from 6.30PM. 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. D. P Verma, Mr. Rajmohan, Major Narendra, Mr. Bharat Bhushan, and Mr. Devanand Pathak lighted the lamp in front of Bharat Maa's Photo. Whole surrounding were resounding with "Bharat Mata ki Jay"



A drama was played by Shiksha Sopan Science Cell members. The theme of the drama was to give a glimpse of the struggle our freedom fighters had put against Britishers. It was in the form a story being told by an elderly person to a youngster symbolizing our current generation to get connected with our glorious history. Our old timers Hanuman Gupta, Aman Bajpai and Deepu Kumar especially gave their time to participate in this drama. The audience enjoyed the drama very much. The whole programme was anchored by three volunteers, Mr. Amit Bajpai, Mr. Ashish Bhateja and Mr. Nazir.

Mr. Amit Katheriya did a wonderful job to create a very attractive backdrop on the lecture hall black board. Mr. Pramod kumar was looking after the seating arrangement in the hall. Seema Verma, Vinita, Geeta, Pushpa Tripathi, etc were all the time busy behind the stage to prepare children with their make up etc. With the support of every one, the event found new height of success.

“Ek Sparsh Dharti Ka”

Shiksha Sopan is always involved in conducting programmes which are very useful for our Atmosphere, Nature, and Nation. Shiksha Sopan and NSS made a joint programme for creating awareness about the environment. Under this initiative, NSS students brought out a magazine called “Ek Sparsh, Dharte Ka” having articles about air, water, birds, etc., among which we exist. We distributed about 1000 copies of this magazine to students of class 6-8 around the campus.

As a follow up action and to ensure that children do read the articles and feel attached to our environment, Shiksha Sopan and NSS organized competitions based on the contents of this magazine and the local environment of the children. As a first step a written test was conducted on 26th August in Opportunity school where 284 children from 12 different schools appeared. Most of them were well versed with the contents given in the Magazine. We selected 20 children from this test for the next rounds.



These 20 children were asked to give an oral presentation about their local environment, its problems and possible solutions, on 31st August and from this 8 children were selected for the third round, the Quiz Contest to be held on 1st September.

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

Selection of the 2nd batch

As reported earlier, 20 students were selected in the first round according to their performance in the test conducted. Wizmin India, headed by our EC member Ms Rita Singh, conducted an economic survey of all the families of these 20 students. The subcommittee for this scholarship, involving Sh Anurag Pandey (coordinator), Sh Devanand Pathak (Music teacher) and Sh Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh (from Hindi Cell) met to take final decision. Mr Ranjan Upadhyya and Dr H C Verma were also present. Based on economic conditions, the most deserving 10 students, 4 from class 6, and 3 each from class 9 and 11 were selected.

Meeting with all recipient s of the scholarship

All the 11 children from the 2011 batch and the newly selected 10 children from the 2012 batch were invited with their parents for an interaction session on 10th August 2012. The programme started with paying homage to Late Dr V N Kulkarni by offering flowers to his photo. The parents of the children from the first batch described their experiences how the scholarship benefited their children. In some cases, education of the child could continue only because of this scholarship. Anurag ji and Amit Ji told about the background and procedures to them. Devanad Ji and Bharat Bhushan Ji gave them blessings and encouragement.



Distribution of Scholarship

The scholarship was distributed to the selected children 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.

Health Camp at Opportunity School

A health camp was organized at opportunity School by Shiksha Sopan and Vivekanand Samiti with active help from Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Kanpur. Two dentists, an eye specialist and 2 physicians came from Ashram. Together with Dr OP Mishra and Dr Sutapa Mondal from IIT Kanpur health center, this team of 7 doctors examined about 300 + children of Opportunity School. Many of the children were diagnosed with need of spectacles and were given proper power numbers for the same.



Proper health cards were printed and the basic data like height, weight, age, etc were collected and recorded for each child prior to the camp. The observations of the doctors are recorded on these cards. This will be kept as permanent record in the school for future reference.

As the number of children was quite large, we had made arrangements to entertain them while waiting. Short films on health issues were shown on projector in the waiting hall. Biscuit packets were distributed to all the children.

All the doctors were given mementoes as a token of respect. They were very happy to look at the efficient management of the show by the volunteers.

Shiksha Sopan and Vivekanand Samiti will be organizing an exclusive Eye-Camp for the elders (specially cataract detection) in the village Lodhar on 9th September. Another health camp for Shiksha Sopan and Prayas children will be organized on 30th September.

Other Informations

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

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