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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", Visits of Sopan members to Siwan(Bihar) and Dhanbad (Jharkhand), Rakhee to our well wishers from Shiksha Sopan on Raksha Bandhan. All Evening Centers, GAK, 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 17th August (Saturday) from 6:30pm 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 D P Verma, Dr Rakesh Kumar, Mr Ranjan Upadhyay, and Mr Ashish Bhateja lighted the lamp in front of Bharat Maa's photo. Whole surrounding was resounding with "Bharat Mata ki Jai".



A drama was played by SAC Evening Centre children. The theme of the drama was to give a glimpse of the struggle our freedom fighters had put against Britishers. Our old volunteers Mr Hanuman Gupta, Mr Deepu Kumar with some Sopan children gave a dance performance bringing out the mass scale corruption prevailing and need to fight it out. Tiny tots from Sopan Anaupcharik Kendra were a center of attraction when they gave a number of dance performance of Krishna character. Our senior volunteer Ranjit Kumar presented Meraa Joota Hai Jaapani in characteristic Raj Kapoor style.

There was a group dance on Vandemataram put up by Senior students of SAC Evening Center. Another dance was on Rajasthan traditional folks. There were many more song and dance items all centered at our culture and Nation.

Ms Monika and Ms Sneha, IITK students, guided the children studying at SAC Evening Centre to give these impressive dance shows. They themselves participated in some parts of the dance. Shiksha Sopan is very thankful to them. A skit was presented by Sopan children from SAC and PPYJ describing different activities of Shiksha Sopan and their impact. Ms Pushpa Tripathi was the brain behind this special event.



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.

Ms Anupama Sharma did a wonderful job to create a very attractive backdrop on the lecture hall blackboard. Mr Vimal and Mr Atul were looking after the whole arrangement of sound and light in the hall. Whole program was recorded by Mr Vipin Sharma. Seema Verma, Pushpa Tripathi, Vinita Bajpai 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.

A special gift was given to some of the selected children from all units of Shiksha Sopan who gave their best to Shiksha Sopan and showed initiative to do something more than what is normally done at their centers. These students were Manno and Radha from Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Ashwani Nishad from Barasirohi Evening Centre, Manviya and Poonam from PPY(Jr), and Pawan Mishra and Mukesh, old students of Shiksha Sopan who are volunteering to teach at the SAC center.

Dr D P Verma, Dr H C Verma, Dr Rakesh Kumar and Mr Ashish Bhateja handed over the gifts and blessed all these children for their bright future.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Independence Day Program

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated the Independence Day program on 15th August 2013 at Barasirohi. Morning 09:30 was the timing for flag hosting. Dr H C Verma, President Shiksha Sopan, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar and Mr R P Bajpai hosted the flag. Children saluted the National flag and enthusiastically recited National Anthem. Dr H C Verma, Mr Madan, Mr Deepak Agnihotri 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 Shiksha Sopan Anupcharik Shikshan Kendra were trained in making Rakhee on the occasion of Raksha-Bandhan. Ms Seema Verma, Principal SASK, distributed these self-designed and self-made Rakhee to all the well wishers of Shiksha Sopan.

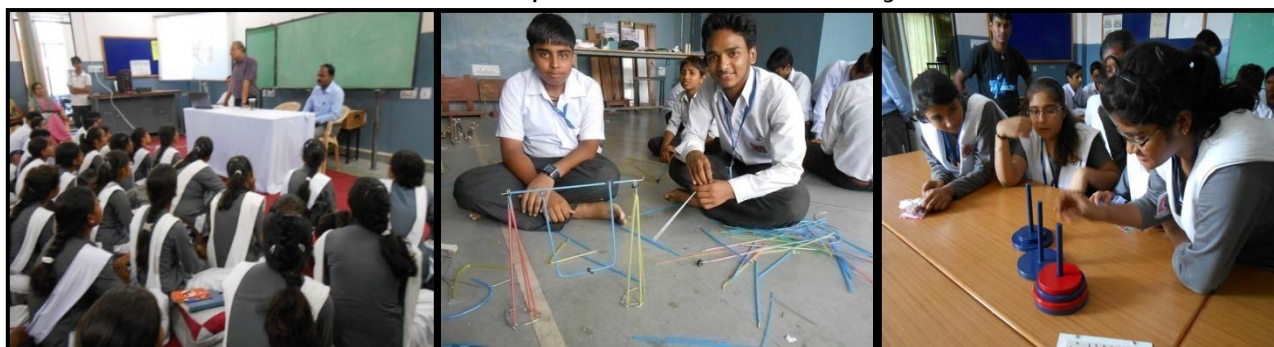
We also gave a Rakhee to Dr Indranil Manna, Director IIT Kanpur and he gave his best wishes to all the Sopan volunteers and children.

Science Cell

FAT PAP SAM at Anveshika

Shiksha Sopan in collaboration with SGM-IAPT Anveshika organized Fun And Thrill Packed Activity Program for Science And Mathematics (FAT PAP SAM) at Indira Nagar on 4th August, 2013 for 60 students of class 11 from Children Public School, Fatehpur. The 6-hour programme started with lighting lamp of knowledge. The first academic programme was a talk by Dr H C Verma in which he described the struggle some of the very successful scientists had to put up. He took three cases, namely Dr C V Raman, Michael Faraday and Madam Curie and brought out their commitment to Science despite all odds.

Mr. Ranjit Kumar with Mr. Deepak Mishra organized a one hour hands-on activity session with the students. Mr. Ranjit Kumar gave straw and magnets to the students and told them to make any structure which comes to their minds with the help of these things. They prepared different types of very attractive models. This activity gave them full entertainment and exercise of brain. In another session, some puzzles were solved by the students.



Parallel to hands-on activity, demonstrations on some experiments on light were done by Mr Jai Prakash of Anveshika. He talked about the basic principles of reflection and diffraction and showed these phenomena by some innovative experiments. An interaction was done by Mr Ajit Agrawal, Manager Saraswati Gyan Mandir , Indira Nagar with the students and teachers present.

Visit to Siwan (Bihar)

Shiksha Sopan team members, Dr H C Verma, Mr Amit K Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Ranjit Kumar conducted a two-day science learning workshop at Narendrapura village near Siwan on 10th and 11th August, 2013. A project for rural upliftment called "Parivartan" by Taxila Education Society hosted the whole workshop.

The programme started with interaction with students. Narendrapura is a remote village and Parivartan has a component where children are called in evenings and given academic assistance. Together with these children some students from Siwan schools were also invited. Dr Verma talked about doing new things, beyond the textbooks and classroom.



The children were given exposure to several Science related activities. Mr Amit Bajpai with Mr Ranjit Kumar demonstrated some science experiments and guided the students to do some hands-on activities. Mr Anuarg Pandey had taken science classes by showing some video lectures.

Teachers from Patna DPS and some Siwan schools had come for the interaction. This was done by Dr H C Verma in the afternoon, where teachers got some innovative ideas for improving the style of their teaching using video clips.

Visit to Dhanbad (Jharkhand)

Shiksha Sopan members Dr H C Verma and Mr Amit K Bajpai, gave a one day teachers workshop at DAV Public School, Dhanbad on 24th August, 2013. Altogether, they gave three sessions, an interaction with class 11th students (about 600) for 1.5 hours, interaction with class 12th students (about 500) for 1 hour and physics teachers (about 80) for 5 hours.

In the whole workshop Dr Verma discussed a lot of science with students and teachers. Dr R K Awasthi from Agra, our Senior Resource Person had actively participated in this workshop and gave a session with Mr Amit K Bajpai to the teachers. They demonstrated the experiments based on optics, mechanics and electromagnetism.

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