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# Shiksha Sopan

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Shiksha Sopan wishes all of you a Happy and Prosperous Dipawali. In the month of October, Shiksha Sopan celebrated Gandhi ji and Shastri ji Jayanti at Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi and showed its gratitude towards them. Evening Centers celebrated Dipawali with children and volunteers. Shiksha Sopan science cell organized a science program at L-7, IIT Kanpur for some of the govt. school teachers as well as children. Shiksha Sopan started a special one month evening camp at Sopan Ashram for the children of Nankari and Chakratanpur.

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

### ***Gandhi ji and Shastri ji Jayanti Celebration***

Shiksha Sopan celebrated Gandhi ji and Shastri ji Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2016 at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi. Chief guest of this program was Dr Sameer Khandekar, Professor, Mechanical Engineering department, IIT Kanpur. Dr Khandekar together with Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar, Mr Nikhil and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay lighted the lamp and started the program. Dr Sameer Khandekar told the students about sacrifices of both the legends Gandhi ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri ji. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar also told about the biography of Gandhi ji and Shastri ji.



All 70 children of the center and Sopan volunteers attended the function. Some of the IITK students Mr Nikhil, Mr Kush, Mr Abhishek and Mr Saurabh were also there. Children presented speeches on Mahatma Gandhi and Sh Lal Bahadur Shastri ji and also recited poems and sang patriotic songs. "Vaishnav Jan to Tene Kahiye" was sung by some of the school children. There were short speeches about the occasion by the children themselves. Mr Madan Vaijapurkar sang a song "Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwaan". Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay also motivated the children to follow the path of Ahinsha.

### **Stationary Distribution**

Stationary distribution program was also done on 2<sup>nd</sup> October at the occasion of Gandhi ji and Shastri ji jayanti at Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. These stationeries were distributed to the students studying in class 1<sup>st</sup> to class 8<sup>th</sup>. Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar, and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay distributed the items to the children. Children became very happy after getting these stationeries.

### **Special classes on Craft**

Students of SASK were trained in making gifts on the occasion of Dipawali. They made these gifts using ceramic, stones and fabric colors. They also celebrated this festival. Ms Seema Verma, Principal SASK, distributed these self-designed and self-made gifts to all the well wishers of Shiksha Sopan.



### **Rangoli competition**

Rangoli competition was planned for the children studying in class 5 to 8 at SASK on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. Mr Abhishek, PhD student, IITK selected the winners of this competition. Dipali and Sneha got first prize in this quiz competition. Mandavi and Sonam were selected for second position and Anshu and Ajay were on third position.



These selected students got prizes on the same day. They became very happy after getting the prizes.

### **Special One Month Evening Camp**

A special one month evening camp was initiated by Shiksha Sopan at Sopan Ashram from 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 for the children of Nankari and Chakratanpur. A total of 160 students from class 1 to 8 are enrolled in this camp. Two of our senior volunteers Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai are actively involved in managing the camp.



Some of the Sopan volunteers and some IITK students are also coming to give sessions to the children. The duration of these sessions are 1.5 hours. We are trying our best to establish a connection of class-room teaching with daily-life activities and behaviors. This camp is special because of its teaching methodology. Different methods were used to teach the children. Some special methods/activities which were done at this camp are on next page.

## **Digital Classes**

To teach the children in a different method we decided to give them some digital classes. In these classes we showed them some animated moral stories on projector and instead of asking questions and getting answer from them, we told them to make some questions themselves out of these stories. They did it very sincerely and made some beautiful questions.

## **Student as a teacher**

The idea was "Students should decide how they wish to present their lesson to their fellow students." Engaging students in teaching fills a gap in student learning. Keeping this in mind we decided to engage some students in teaching. We told them to participate as a teacher. Using this method multiple intelligences were honored throughout the class.



## **Teaching through games**

We decided to teach them through different games. One of the games was for addition. The instruction for this game was when a student sits at their position he/she will count as 2 points and for standing at their position he/she will get 3 points. Now to start the game, we told them to make a circle then turn to right and start running. The instructor shouts a number and children try to make that number. For example if the instructor says 9 then three of the children can stand together or three of the children can sit and one can stand to make 9. Through this game they started to learn addition. We used such games to teach different topics.

## **Dipawali celebration at Barasirohi Evening Center**

The festival of Dipawali was also celebrated at Barasirohi evening center on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 (Friday). Mr J P Sharma, retired vice principal, Opportunity School, IIT Kanpur and Mr Madan Vaijapurkar, Ms Sangeeta Verma attended the program. Mr Madan Vaijapurkar sang a song and talked to the children. There were short speeches about the occasion by the children. They also sang devotional songs and lighted lamps around the boundary wall of the campus.



The songs were sung by some students namely Nitya, Sneha, Mahima, Sagoofi, Priya and Abhishek. Ms Geeta, Ms Kshma and some other Sopan volunteers were also present there. All of them enjoyed this festival.

## Shiksha Sopan Science Cell

### **Science Program at IITK**

Shiksha Sopan members Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Deepak Mishra gave a two hours science session at L-7, IIT Kanpur on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. A total of 70 students from class 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> from different govt. school attended the workshop. About 35 teachers also attended the workshop. These resource persons discussed about different phenomenon of Light.



Dr Anurag Tripathi, Assistant Professor, Chemical department, IIT Kanpur managed next session of this program and explained about area of circle and angles. Some IITK students assisted him and showed that how the area of a circle is  $\pi r^2$ .

### Upcoming Program

One month special camp will close on 20<sup>th</sup> November. Shiksha Sopan is going to organize a full day program for the children studying at the centre on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

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## Other Informations

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