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Shiksha Sopan

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November 2010 has witnessed a mix of academic and cultural activities. Deepawali celebrations and Children's Day were the main events, which Shiksha Sopan children celebrated with their teachers and enjoyed the most. The evening centers, Sopan Vidyalaya, PPY, and other regular activities ran well.

Hindi Writing Contest

14th Nov

Shiksha Sopan organized a Hindi writing competition on 14th November 2010 as a part of Children's day celebrations. A total of 106 students of class 6th – 9th from various schools of nearby villages participated in this contest which was conducted simultaneously at three places, Nalanda School Nankari, Sopan Vidyalaya Barasirohi and SAC IITK. A paragraph on Cultural heritage of Kashmir was selected and was loudly read by a senior Sopan volunteer. Children had to write it correctly and with good handwriting. The answerbooks were brought from all centers and evaluated in the next four hours. The number of mistakes varied from 0 to 67.



Baharat Bhushan ji from Hindi Cell giving dictation

In the evening, a function was organized to celebrate Children's Day. Our senior volunteer Ranjit Ji conducted the show. Pramod Ji presented introduction of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and his love for children. Prof H C Verma talked about the peace efforts by Pandit Nehru on Kashmir front when the Indian Army was instructed to stop operation in Kashmir in 1947 and history of occupation of part of Kashmir by Pakistan. Packed with songs by children, the function went very well. Top 4 from each of the classes in Hindi writing were given special prizes. All 106 children were given a gift pack containing two pens and a Sopan poster.



Shubhra Jyotsana Ji from Banasthali Vidyapeeth addressing the children Pramod Ji telling about Chacha Nehru in the function Indian tradition, a prize recipient taking blessings from Seniors

21st Nov, Kanpur Paryatan and Litti Chokha

The top ten students from the Hindi writing contest who had made less than 8 mistakes were given special encouragement package. The selected students were taken for Kanpur Darshan. Amit Ji and Ranjeet Ji took them to two places- JK temple and Shobhan Mandir. The excursion started in the morning at 8:30 AM and continued till 2 PM. Children enjoyed the beauty of both places. Amit ji told the history of these temples to them. They came back to Swalamban Kendra where Litti Chokha lunch was organized for these children, their parents and Sopan workers. Jai Prakash Ji and his team prepared delicious Litti Chokha.



Littee Chokha Preparation

The invited parents and their bright children were introduced to all volunteers of Shiksha Sopan. Amit Bajpai Ji conducted a game in which everyone had to tell the name of a great personality and the great work done by him/her. The crux of the game was that the person on his or her turn had to tell the names of all personalities which had been told by other persons just before him or her. It was an absolute fun with a lot of information. After that, all persons present there were blessed with a moral story told by Prof. H. C. Verma. Lunch was served with love by our volunteers. After lunch, Amit Ji gave his blessings to all children and motivated them to go ahead in their life. The event was over with a smile on everyone's face.



A student narrating his experiences of Kanpur Paryatan

Sopan Vidyalaya

Parents Meeting

School and family are two most important units in the development of children. In order to have coordinated efforts Sopan Vidyalaya arranged Parent-Teachers meeting on 2nd November. Parents were very enthusiastic and came in large numbers. Parents were informed about the academic achievements of the children.

Posters by Children

In order to bring out the creativity, students were asked to make posters on various topics. They made very good posters on diverse topics like, Solar energy, Phases of matter, centrifuging etc. Though most of the material was from their textbooks, giving it a new presentation was also quite interesting and encouraging. Amit Bajpai Ji visited the school on 22nd November and talked to students on the Posters they had made. He also gave tips on science model making. He emphasized that a deep knowledge and good understanding of the subject is necessary to prepare a good science model.

Excursion to Zoo

An excursion to Kanpur Zoo was organized on 13th November. All 69 students along with their teachers and Shiksha Sopan volunteers went for this

wonderful trip. Sopan Vidyalaya principal Seema Ji , Jai Prakash Ji, Nazir Ji, Reeta Ji, Sunita Ji, Deepak Pal Ji were present in the trip.

In a disciplined manner all students went through the zoo and saw animals and birds. After roaming in the zoo, they gathered in a park, shared their excitement while having lunch. They sang songs with their Principal Seema ji and our GAK student Payal. They also played some games under supervision of Nazir Ji. Children enjoyed the trip as well as the food. The trip was full of entertainment and information.

From Centers

Evening centers

Evening centers are running as usual. Children were very enthusiastic in the Deepawali festivals. At each center children celebrated Deepavali in their own manner. Apart from regular teaching, usual programmes for personality development like telling inspirational stories and playing games continued. This month Pramod Ji took a special drive to visit students' families in Barasirohi with IITK students. This was to develop stronger bonds with the population and also to ensure increased participation at evening centers.

PPY J

The four class-9 students and three class-7 students under Pratibha Posha Yojana Junior came regularly to study in the evening after their school hours under supervision of Ms. Vinita Ji. A monthly meeting with parents of these children was conducted by Vinita Ji on 1st November. Chandra Shekhar Ji was also present in the meeting.



Manviya and Ishan

Shaurya

Parents were informed about the progress of their children. Shaurya of class 7th and Ishant of class 9th begged 2nd prize in their respective class category in the Hindi writing competition. Manviya won the consolation prize in the competition in class 9th category.

V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

An amount of Rs 2,34,000 has been, so far, received as donation mostly from IITK faculty, some students and employees. A new account has already been opened to manage this scholarship. Shiksha Sopan would like to appeal to its well wishers to help raising funds so that this amount may be raised to Rs 10 lacs. In that case we will be able to help about 15 brilliant but economically weaker students every year from the IITK neighbourhood.

Higher Education Cell Update

Since last couple of years, Shiksha Sopan is also supporting some of the young bright students going for higher education. At present, we are mentoring in total 8 such students. Ragi, daughter of our dosawala Mr. Ravi is in her MCA last year and doing consistently well so far. Similarly, another

girl student Nivedita who is also doing MCA from Jagran Institute of Management, Kanpur is also performing well. Shubhangi, a regular student of our Gahan Adhyan Kendra, passed her XII th exam with very good marks, and is continuing her brilliant performance in B.Sc. Program at Dayalbagh University, Agra.

Rashmi, who is associated with Shiksha Sopan from last 7 years not only as a student but also as one of our active volunteers, is the first student from Shiksha Sopan joining B.Tech. program. She is currently pursuing her B.Tech. 1st year from Ruhelkhand University, Barieley, a Govt. institute. Similarly, Ranjit and Deepak, long time associated students of Sopan and now very active volunteers, are also continuing their higher studies in BCA and B.Sc. program from Kanpur University. Another student of Sopan evening center, Aman is all set now to make his career in the amazing world of aeronautics. He is pursuing graduation program in Aeronautics maintenance course from Lucknow. Latest in this series is Neha, a highly enthusiastic student of our evening center who took admission this year in Diploma in Electrical Engineering is also studying hard. Our senior volunteer Chandra Shekhar is closely monitoring their academic progress and mentoring them in shaping their career for a bright future ahead. All these young children who joined as a student in our evening centers since the perception of Shiksha Sopan as a dream project to help the underprivileged sections of the society, have now become invaluable assets of Sopan. We have some donors to support few individuals out of them. However, we are always looking for more donors for continuous support to their studies and also to help more and more young bright students around us.

Other Informations

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