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The month of March witnessed a mega competition "**Ramayan Ko Jaanein**" on the Ramayana and Shri Ram Charitmanas. In spite of their hectic work schedule for successfully conducting this gigantic competition, Shiksha Sopan volunteers easily managed all regular activities, i.e., evening centers, Sopan Vidyalaya, Science team's preparations for the forthcoming annual workshop, NWUPT-2012, etc. smoothly.

Ramayan ko Jaanein Pratiyogita:

The aim of Shiksha Sopan is to provide an education with moral values. With this point in mind, we keep organizing various activities that are aimed to further nurture these values. Last month, Shiksha Sopan organized a big competition on the Ramayana and Shri Ram Charit Manas under the banner of a newly created activity "**Reviving Indian Cultural Heritage (RICH)**".

The idea to organize a competition on the Ramayana was initially conceived by Dr. Anantha Ramakrishnan of Physics Department, IIT Kanpur. More than 600 students of class 1st-12th from 35 schools participated in this event. The whole competition was coordinated in two stages: preliminary and final. The preliminary phase was conducted on 18th March, 2012, Sunday. Three groups of classes 1st-5th, 6th-8th and 9th-12th were made, and three different kinds of competitions were outlined for each group. "**Kahani Sunao**" competition was planned for class 1st-5th, in which children were asked to tell a story on an event based on the Ramayana. For class 6th-8th, a written quiz and an oral quiz were conducted in the preliminary and final stages, respectively. "**Recitation of the verses from Shri Ram Chari Manas**" was theme of the competition for students of class 9th-12th. The final round was conducted on 23rd March, 2012 in L-7, IIT Kanpur.

The whole event was wonderfully managed by the dedicated team of Shiksha Sopan. Prof. H. C. Verma, President, Shiksha Sopan, Dr. Anantha Ramakrishnan, and Shri Ranjan Upadhyay Ji were the mentors for the whole program. Their dynamic personality was the source of energy for the volunteers to work day-and-night to successfully organize the whole event. Dr. Ramakrishnan and Dr. Nachiketa Tiwari, a faculty in the Mechanical Engineering Department, IIT Kanpur personally went to distribute registration forms in various schools adjacent to IITK campus.



Shri Jai Prakash Maurya and Shri Nazir Hussain, an EC member of Shiksha Sopan, did the admirable job of contacting various schools and distributed the registration forms. The whole program wouldn't have completed successfully if Shri Pramod Kumar, our enthusiastic volunteer, hadn't prepared the data of registered participants in excel sheet. The preparation of systematic records in excel sheet, subsequently, made the management easy for the organizers. The whole event was coordinated by Shri Ashish Bhateja and Shri Amit Kumar Bajpai with the help of the enthusiastic and motivated volunteers of Shiksha Sopan. We are fortunate to have a great team of dedicated volunteers. The details of each contest are provided below.



Kahani Sunao Pratiyogita

This competition was organized only for the primary level students. The children were divided into 12 groups. Shiksha Sopan volunteers, IITK faculty, IITK campus residents, NSS students, IITK students and respectable persons from Nankari and Barasirohi village were invited to listen to the stories from children and give their judgement. Smt. Malini Sinha, Dr. Anubha Goyal, Dr. Naren Nayak and Shri Devi Prasad Verma were also kindly agreed to come for the judgement.



After first round screening, around 32 children were selected for the second round, which was also organized on the same day, 18th March. The second round was conducted by Shri Ranjan Upadhyay Ji, Dr. Anantha Ramakrishnan and Shri Devi Prasad Verma Ji. Finally, from the second round screening, seven children were chosen for the final stage and two children were declared winners in the final round held on 23rd March, 2012.

Quiz on Ramayana:

The students of class 6th-8th were eligible to participate in this contest. We received registration forms from more than 525 students only for this competition. In the preliminary round, the written quiz was conducted for 1.5 hours in the morning on 18th March from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Around 400 students sat for the written quiz. Shiksha Sopan volunteers, our many well-wishers from Nankari and Barasirohi village, IITK students and NSS students came for the invigilation and evaluation of answer sheets after examination. Top seven children were selected for the oral quiz, which was conducted in the final stage on 23rd March. There were total four rounds in the oral quiz, including visual and geographical round.

In the visual round, the students were shown a photo of an event of the Ramayana and they were asked to tell about that event. Whereas, in the geographical round, children were told about an event and they had to show the place on the map of India where that event took place. For example, if the event is "Bharat's marriage", then the place to show on the map is Bihar. Finally, two students were declared winners after the oral quiz.

Recitation of Verses from Shriramcharitmanas:

This competition was particularly designed for the students of class 9th to 12th. Approximately 40 students participated in the preliminary stage on 18th March. Many well-learned persons and scholars were invited to judge the performance of participants. Shri Yogesh Shukla, Dr. Nirmalya Guha from HSS Department, IITK, Shri Rajat Upadhyay, Shri Amit Mohan Shukla from Nankari were among the judges for preliminary round competitions. Six students were short listed for the final stage competition and, finally, two were declared winners after conducting the final round contest on 23rd March. Smt. Pragya Khandekar was among the judges for the final round competition.

All short listed students of each group were given prizes on 23rd March. Apart from that the parents of winners of each group were also felicitated on the stage. The first and second prizes were a bicycle, and a wrist watch & scientific calculator, respectively, for the group of 9th-12th class. For class 6th-8th, the first prize was Rs. 2000 as school fee with a pair of badminton racquets. Whereas, the second prize was Rs. 1000 as school fee along with a pair of badminton racquets. The first prize for class 1st-5th was Rs. 2000 as school fee and a carom board. The second prize for primary level children was Rs. 1000 as school fee along with a carom board. The children were happy and the parents were proud while leaving for their home after the grand function on 23rd March. A special prize was also awarded to Aman, a class 5th student of Sopan Vidyalaya, Barasirohi for his brilliant performance in story telling competition.

In the final function on 23rd March, IITK campus children along with their parents were invited on the dais and children wished new year in their respective languages; parents explained the meaning in English or Hindi to the audience. Also, two girls performed classical dance on the Ramayana.

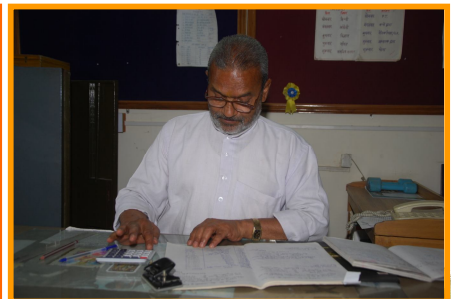
"I have never seen such competition in my whole life", were the remarks given by Shri R. S. Srivastava Ji, Principal of Opportunity School IIT Kanpur. It was, indeed, a big compliment to the Shiksha Sopan and its whole team.



Judges with Participants



Classical Dance in L-7



Shri R S Srivastava

News in Brief

VNK Scholarship Examination:

VNK scholarship started last year in memory of Prof. V. N. Kulkarni. The scholarships are given on merit-cum-means basis to the students, who will move to the class 6th, 9th and 11th. This year the examination will be organized on 22nd April, 2012 in the villages around IITK campus. Shri Anurag pandey Ji, a Shiksha Sopan volunteer, is coordinating the test this time.

Achievements

Shaurya Kumar Singh, a class 8th student, who was selected in PPY (junior scheme) in 2009, has secured 1st position in his class in the final examination. Congratulations to Shaurya and his mentor Ku. Vinita Bajpai. We are also thankful to our respected donors for their kind support.

Poem on River Ganga

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जो गंगा, करती है जन-जन को, अपने निर्मल जल से पोषण ।
"विकास" की अंध-स्पर्धा में, कर रहा स्वार्थी मानव आज इसका शोषण ।
कहीं डालता है कूड़ा, कहीं करता रसायन से विषैला ।
तो कहीं बहा के मल-मूत्र इसमें, कर रहा निर्मल जल को मैला ।
बनाए बाँध, रोक इसकी अविरल धारा, हो रहा पावन जल प्रदूषित ।
की पूजा-अर्चना माँ मानकर जिसको, किया उसका दामन कलुषित ।

Para-2

रे मनुष्य! तनिक सोच-विचार!
पर्यावरण को आज किस मोड़ पर तू ले आया है ।
होकर मग्न भौतिक उन्नति में, प्रकृति से निज सम्बन्ध को बिसराया है ।
कहाँ गया तेरा विवेक? जो यह देख समझ नहीं सकता है ।
जिससे चलता है जीवन, वही अन्न इसी जल से पनपता है ।
याद रख ! तेरे अत्याचारों को कर नज़र-अंदाज़,
भागीरथी, आज भी मौन रह निरंतर बहती है ।
तभी तो गंगा, मात्र पानी न होकर, गंगा मैया कहलाती है ।

-आशीष भटेजा, 14 मार्च, 2012

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