

**Shiksha**

**Sanskar**

**Swavalamban**

# Shiksha Sopan

**An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment**

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## Happy Holi to all readers of the Newsletter and well wishers

In the month of March students of Shiksha Sopan were busy in their board and home examinations. Shiksha Sopan Volunteers organized a general health camp at Nankari, put up a paper-jewelry stall at Girls' hostel IITK, and organized Holi Milan Samaroh at SAC among other activities. Final selection of Dr. V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship recipients from the 2013 tests was done.



## General Health Camp

Shiksha Sopan organized a general Health Camp on 17th March 2013, Sunday, in collaboration with Swami Vivekanand Samiti and Ram Krishna Mission at Vivek Shiksha Sadan, Nankari. The campaign for the Medical camp was done at a very large scale. The team of fifteen volunteers went door to door in the village of Nankari and explained about the medical camp. We had put up posters at some locations so that the information spreads out over a large number of areas.

The camp started at 10:00AM. Five doctors associated with Ram Krishna Mission hospital, Gumti, Kanpur and three medicine distributors were present in this camp. Among the doctors, Dr. G. K. Tiwari and Dr. R. M. Gupta were physicians, Dr. Sutapa Mondal from IITK, health center and Dr. Mohita Gulati were Gynecologists and Dr. Samarth Bora was Child Specialist (Pediatricians). Around 410 persons came for health check up. We registered all the patients in our records and these were sent to the doctors according to their needs.

Very old persons too came in large numbers for medical checkup and felt very happy after discussing their health problems with the doctors. Patients got medicines as per their requirements.



Shiksha Sopan Volunteers Shree Amit K Bajpai, Shree Ranjeet and Shree Vipin Sharma were present all the time and managed the programme. Two students from GH, Ms. Swati Kesari and Ms. Reena Verma were also present in the health camp as volunteers of Shiksha Sopan. A number of IITK students who are members of Vivekanand Samiti such as Rahul Jagtap, Subhodip, Ajay Vikram, salaman were actively involved in the conduct of this camp.

### **Sopan Steps for Swavalamban**

As reported in the Newsletter of January 2013, we have started classes for making paper Jewelry in Barasirohi village with Ms. Asmita Tiwari, Kidwai Nagar as the resource person, Kanpur. She is a very enthusiastic girl and has prepared her student well. They had put up their exhibition of jewelry at old SAC at a very short notice. The audience were very happy to see the good quality of paper jewelry. In the second phase, Ms Asmita and her team members made some more jewelry for selling.

Ms Tiwari contacted Ms Sushma, Phd student and Shiksha Sopan volunteer for putting up a stall of these jewelry. Ms Sushma arranged to put up the stall at GH, IITK on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The hostel students were very happy to see the talent of the girls and they purchased a good number of paper jewelry. Ms. Asmita also told to the viewer about the precautions to be taken while using paper jewelry.



**Stall of Paper Jewelry at GH**

### **Holi Milan Samaroh**

Shiksha Sopan organized Holi Milan Samaroh at Old SAC (Yoga Hall) on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2013. The students and volunteers from all centers of Shiksha Sopan were present in the programme. A businessman of Kanpur, Shree Aryas Mishra, was the chief guest of the programme. He runs several business projects, like Making LEDs, tour and travel etc. His father is a prominent builder of Kanpur. He is also involved in some projects with IITK on energy conservation.

Mr. Aryas Mishra came with his team of partners to celebrate Holi with village children. They brought a set of Pichkari, Gulal, Pen and Note book for each of the two hundred plus children. Mr. Mishra and his team distributed these gifts among the children. All put gulal on each other's faces. The whole atmosphere was full with joy and happiness. The faces of children were looking colorful. Children were very happy to share Holi celebration with the guests from the city. Mr Mishra and all the guests were also very happy on seeing the whole event so nicely presented by Sopan children in a sober but vibrant manner.



Mr Amit Bajpai introduced Shiksha Sopan activities to the guests from the city. Children presented their songs and speeches with the theme of Holi. The center

Coordinator Ms Pushpa Tripathi organized a Quiz based on Holi. Mr. Ranjeet Kumar, coordinated the whole event. Mr. Anurag Pandey shared the activities of Dr. V N Kulakarni Merit Scholarship in front of the children and the guests. We invited to Mr. Aryas Mishra to introduce his team. Mr. Mishra talked with children and wished all a very happy Holi. Mr. Mishra interacted with sopan team and said that he will always be there to help in Shiksha Sopan activities.



### **Final Selection of Dr. V N Kulkarni, Merit Scholars 2013**

After the selection of 30 students in written exam of Dr. V N Kulakarni Merit Scholarship 2013, Wizmin Initiative for Social Transformation Society was requested to conduct the economical survey of these thirty selected students. A team of two members from the society went to children's residence and talked with their family members and assessed their economical status. On the basis of their observations, the society made the survey report.

Based on the survey report, the sub-committee of Dr. V N Kulakarni Merit Scholarship, selected sixteen students out of the thirty. The following students are finally selected to get the scholarship.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Selected Students Names</b>
Class 5th	<b>1-</b> Alok Verma, <b>2-</b> Satyam Kuril, <b>3-</b> Abhijit Tripathi, <b>4-</b> Akas Shukla, <b>5-</b> Brahmarishi Shukla
Class 8th	<b>1-</b> Kajol Tiwari, <b>2-</b> Abhishek Rathour, <b>3-</b> Raju Verma, <b>4-</b> Shivam Kumar, <b>5-</b> Poonam Yadav, <b>6-</b> Priyanka Kamal
Class 10th	<b>1-</b> Rupa Sharma, <b>2-</b> Vikas Tiwari, <b>3-</b> Khushboo, <b>4-</b> Shubham Gupta, <b>5-</b> Arun Kumar

The sub-committee decided to give the scholarship to these children on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in a function where all Principals, old recipients and Parents will be invited. We will give Rs 1500/- to class 5<sup>th</sup> students, Rs. 2000/- to class 8<sup>th</sup> students and Rs. 3000/- to class 10<sup>th</sup> students. Committee also decided to give this amount in two installments to the children.

### **Regular Activities of Shiksha Sopan**

#### **Sopan Anopcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)**

Students of SASK are given so called Annual examinations in the month of April. It is mainly to acquaint them with the examination system they will face in their later career. In the month of March all subjects were revised and a preparatory test was given. They were then told how to write examinations in a better way.

Though children generally do not miss the school as they enjoy the activities here, SASK honored those with least absence by giving them a set of books as a gift. On the banner of "Antar ke pat khol" children learnt several games which can be played without costly instruments and without big fields. Children thoroughly enjoyed these games. SASK timing is changed in the summer, it open in the morning at 7:30AM and off at 12:30PM.



### **Pratibha Poshan Yojna (PPY)**

The 4 students Naresh, Ishant, Manaviya and Poonam of class 11 and two students Gopal and Deepika of class 9 were given intensive teaching as they had their final tests. The class 11 students are facing difficulty due to change over to English textbooks but are working hard to overcome this. After the exams were over, they were given a refreshing break with movies, picnic and other recreational activities. On 13<sup>th</sup> March these children were taken to the historical place Bithoor. Mr. Jagat, B.Tech, Student, IITK and Ms. Vinita, Coordinator, PPY(J) accompanied them who told them about the importance of the place. The day-long visit was truly enjoying.

### **Evening Learning Centers-Old SAC, IITK**

The Evening Learning Center at SAC was intermittent due to Holi break, Techriti break and exams. Two of IIT B Tech students, Ms Surabhi Singhania and Niharika have started a new programme of group discussion with the children at this center. Children are given a particular topic and they come prepared with their thoughts on this topic. Then the two mentors coordinate the discussion. This is helping the children in streamlining their thoughts and to present them in an orderly fashion.



### **Science Cell**

Science cell has planned to come up with short video clips which can be used by teachers during their lessons. This will allow the less privileged schools to get benefited from the electronic technology and will be a good substitute of the costly smart classes. We are exploring the possibility of low-cost projection system in the classroom using mobile phone technology.

## **Other Informations**

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