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Dear Readers,

Namaste! The April 2025 newsletter contained March activities of all the centres. Kannauj Block Government Schools visit at Sopan Ashram, First Sunday Club for teachers, Dr. V. N. Kulkarni scholarship distribution event, were the measured event at Sopan Ashram. Academic activities at SASK and Pravah Baal Akhabar, SAEC and Sopan library were running very well.

Please find the centre-wise reports given below

Kannauj Block Visited Sopan Ashram

To improve the quality of education, PM Shri Schools of Kannauj Block, visited Sopan Ashram under the platform of Rastirya Avishakar Abhiyaan (**RAA**). Total 297 selected students from std 6-8 came in four consecutive dates. The first visit was conducted on 5th March 2025, and 66 students from two schools were came by bus, these schools were PM Shri composite school behreen and PM Shri composite school kannali.

The visit was started with the song Desh Hame Deta Hai Sab kuch....after that a brief introduction of Shiksha Sopan was given to the students. The amazing and interactive science experiments were demonstrated to the students, everyone enjoyed the experiments. The concept of Air and water pressure was explained by a magical lota and it created curiosity among the students. They also visited laboratories of Sopan Ashram and full filled the purpose of visit.

Other schools from Kannauj block visited on 6th, 7th and 8th March, 2025 with their teachers. Mr. Ashutosh Dubey, teacher from Kannauj block coordinated the visit with Sopan Ashram members.



First Sunday Club (FSC)

First Sunday Club was held on 9th March 2025 at Sopan Ashram. Dr. H. C. Verma sir gave a wonderful talk to the members and the topic was **"Who manufactured water on earth"**. The topic was pre announced and the classroom was packed with the audience. We got to know from Verma Sir's talk that how water is made, where gold and silver come from, we were very amazed to know all this and requested Sir for such talks in future also.

After this talk teachers asked questions from sir, Verma sir gave the reply to the questions. Our next Sunday club will be held in April 13th, 2025 at Sopan Ashram, from 10:00AM.

SATHI NGO Visit

The SATHI NGO is an initiative of IIM Ahmedabad MBA alumni of 1979-81 batches cum BITS Pilani and IIT Kanpur Alumni. They selected 15 students from different interior area of up districts. The state Govt conducts merit cum scholarship exam to all students studying in 8th std of the GOVT schools. The NGO SATHI accessed the merit list of this exam for 2022-23. NGO selected top 150 scorers. NGO offered to all

students to provide online classes in all subjects, during their 9th and 10th. NGO also offered to students to train in conceptual understanding and prepare them to handle higher level questions.

These students came to visit Sopan Ashram with their mentors. Science cell team of Shiksha Sopan demonstrated science experiments to them. Last year also these students visited, some of the students were new. The visit was held on 22nd March 2025. Students enjoyed Sopan Ashram and want to stay here for longer time. Shiksha Sopan team wishes them for their bright future. Ms. Sunita Nagar thanked to Sopan team for wonderful session.

Dr. V. N. Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Distribution Event

A flagship event of Shiksha Sopan concluded on 27th March, at Sopan Ashram. The VNK examination was conducted in December. 1700 students from 70 different schools participated in the examination. The result was announced on 26th January. After this a financial survey was conducted and Sopan team went to their houses and interacted the family members of the students. Answer sheet checking, financial survey of selected students were done by enthusiastic volunteers of Shiksha Sopan. Sopan volunteers celebrated both the tasks as a celebration and completed them very well.





We invited students, parents and the school's principal to join the event. Scholarships, prizes, book grant, appreciation certificate were distributed among the students as well as principals. The programme started with lighting the lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati, Dr. H. C. Verma sir garlanded the flower on the picture of Dr. Kulkarni. A Ganesh Vandana presented by the students of SASK. Dr. H. C. Verma sir motivated the students by his talk. Dr. Anurag Tripathi, Dr. Niraj Mohan Chawake, Mrs Rashmi Tripathi, Mrs. Shruti Dubey were present and distributed prizes and certificates.

Mr. Atul Kumar gave the brief introduction of Shiksha Sopan. Mr. Ritesh singh gave a summary report of the whole event. Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai anchored the event and give a brief introduction about Dr. Vishwas Narhar Kulkarni. Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Mr. Vipin Sharma, Mr. Vinay, Mr. Vimal, Mr. Anubhav, Mr. Ram Prasad Bajpai, Ms Anupama Sharma, Ms. Seema Verma and Ms. Sunita were present.

Turning Dreams into Career

An event 'Exploring New Horizons: Turning Dreams into Career' was initiated on March 23, 2025, to educate the students and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan about the career opportunities that can transform their interest into a life-changing skill. The event is focused on a series of lectures from professionals who built their career in un conventional subjects. The first lecture was delivered by Ms. Neha Verma, lecturer at NIFT Bhopal.

Ms. Neha Verma has a graduation in fine arts from BHU, Banaras, India. She completed her master's degree from University of Hyderabad. She enrolled in a Ph.D. Programme in 2019 at IIT Kanpur. While perusing Ph.D. she got selected as the lecturer at NIFT Bhopal. Ms. Neha has worked on different art form like pottery, block printing and paper... .Her artwork has been shown in many exhibitions. She has kept the session very interactive, and the doubts of students were very well answered. After the lecture, the session concluded with a discussion with Prof. H.C. Verma on identifying artistic ability of kids that can be turned into a career. Ms. Neha Verma was facilitated by Prof. Verma with books written by his father and a Lipan art made by students. Shiksha Sopan thanked to Ms. Neha Verma for her presence at Sopan Ashram.



Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Holi Celebration

Holi was celebrated on 12th March at the SASK. The student dressed up as Radha and Krishna and joyfully celebrated the festival. Sunita ji explained the significance of Holi to the students, while Shreya from Class 8 spoke about Holika Dahan. On this occasion, the student applied Abir and Gulal to each other, enjoying the festive spirit. Ms Seema Verma encouraged everyone to play an eco-friendly Holi and shared important precautions to take before playing Holi.



Craft Activity

This was a wonderful activity! It's truly inspiring to see the student showcase such creativity on the occasion of Holi. Making pichkaris, greeting cards, tray decorations, and colorful paper flowers helped to enhance their artistic skills.

Especially, the students from classes 6 to 8 decorating Holi trays and creating Holika Dahan crafts using cardboard sticks and handmade papers.

These activities not only developed their artistic abilities but also developed their understanding of Holi traditions.



Academic Activity

In March, as part of academic activities, teachers helped students resolve their academic challenges. In mathematics, students from classes 6 to 8 discussed topics such as square roots, cube roots, division, factorization of algebraic expressions, the game of numbers, statistics, quadratic equations, and ancient Indian mathematical methods. They sought guidance from their teachers to clarify their doubts. Class 5 students specifically learned how to find squares

using the ancient Indian mathematical method. Sunita Ji discussed the difficulties student faced in identifying idioms and distinguishing between correct and incorrect words. She also guided them on how to write an essay on the Holi festival, after which the students composed beautifully written essays on Holi. In science, Seema Ji explained the necessity of respiration in living beings and addressed students' queries. Additionally, some students faced difficulties in computer studies. Seema Ji taught them about the computer like turn on and off, input and output devices, how to use mouse, keyboard, CPU, monitor.

Gauraiya Diwas

On March 20, SASK celebrated Sparrow Day. Seema Verma ji, coordinator, SASK, explained the importance of sparrows. Students participated in making small houses for sparrows using cardboard, colored paper, and other materials. Additionally, they took a collective pledge to protect sparrows by regularly providing food and grains at their homes. To raise awareness about sparrow conservation, information was also shared with the parents of the students.



Annual Examination

The annual examinations of students from class 1 to 8 began in March. Teachers prepared question papers based on the students' textbooks. For the first time, each exam was held for only one subject per day. Students appeared for the exams with great dedication and commitment.



Pravaah Baal Akhbaar

Pravah Bal Akhbar of March month was prepared by Shreya of class 8 and Rimjhim of class 5. The following student published their creations and news in the Pravah Bal Akhbar.

Kajal of class 8 presented a beautiful poem on Holi in Bal Kavita. Shreya of class 8 presented a beautiful illustration on Holi festival. Mohan of class 7 presented the story of Holika. Avantika of class 5 published a beautiful illustration on Women's Day.



Sopan Ashram Evening Center(SAEC)

Preparation for Annual Program

The Sopan Ashram Evening Center is actively preparing for its upcoming annual festival. All the student are enthusiastically engaged in various activities, including dance performances, drama, and singing. In addition to these performances, several competitions are being organized, with the center making dedicated efforts to ensure their success.



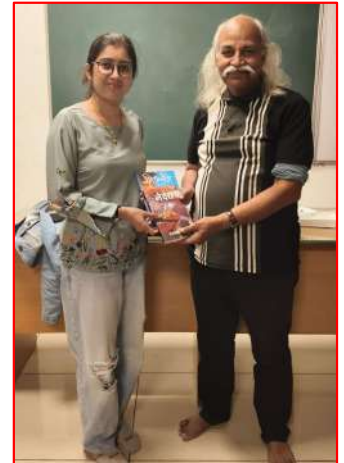
SAEC Visit by Shivani Ji

Shivani Ji, who has completed her PhD from IIT Kanpur, visited Shiksha Sopan on 15th March. She has previously taught classes 11 and 12 at SAEC.

During her visit, she met Verma Sir and had an engaging conversation with him. She asked him about his career, his deep interest in science, and how he became involved in the field. Verma Sir answered all her questions with ease.

Shivani Ji also toured the Sopan Ashram lab, including the electronics lab currently being developed by Hariom Ji—whom she had taught. S

She remains connected with many students at the center and continues to provide them with guidance from time to time. Shiksha Sopan wishes her a bright future!



Barasirohi Evening Center(BEC)

This month, all the student at the center were diligently prepared for their school exams. They showed great enthusiasm and dedication for the final exams of the session.

With the guidance and support of Pushpendra Ji and Kshama Ji, the students successfully completed their exam preparations.

Additionally, three students from the center who were in Class 10 received special assistance. Pushpendra Ji helped them by solving board exam papers, ensuring they were well-prepared for their exams.

Holi Celebration

On 12th March, Pushpendra Ji explained to all the student at the center why Holi is celebrated. He told them that Holi symbolizes the victory of good over evil, love, brotherhood, and the arrival of spring, which is mainly celebrated on Phagun Purnima. It is a festival of colors, in which people apply colors to each other and celebrate.

Kshama Ji also told the student in details about the story of devotee Prahlad and Holika on this day. She asked all the student to avoid chemical colors and advised them to play with colors very carefully. Former students of the center—Deepika, Priyanka, Ajay, Jyoti, Saurabh, and Rishu—were present on this day. Kshama Ji wished all the student a Happy Holi.



Visit

The visit of Kalyani Gupta ji, Ankit Sharma, Aneesh Sahu, and others on 22nd March to the center was a valuable experience for the student. Kalyani Gupta ji led the student in singing an inspiring song "हमें उन राहो पर चलना है जहाँ गिरना और संभालना है "

After the song, the visitors shared valuable insights and life experiences with the student, motivating them with their stories and good advice.

Sopan Library

Pushpa Tripathi ji and Shipra ji taught yoga to the students who came the library. They have been guiding the student on the importance of *Om*, its correct pronunciation, and techniques for improving concentration. Their approach is tailored to the student's age, ensuring they understand and benefit from these teachings.

Women Day Discussion

On Women's Day, a discussion was organized at the center where everyone shared their views on women's rights and duties. Many members of the library actively participated in the conversation, contributing their perspectives on the topic. Bharat Sumaya ji was also present on this occasion, making the event even more meaningful.

Other Regular Activity

Currently, along with the daily programs in the library, the student are being prepared for the upcoming 6th April program at Sopan Ashram. Additionally, an educational story is narrated every day, usually in a systematic manner by the library members.

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