



Shiksha Sopan

An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

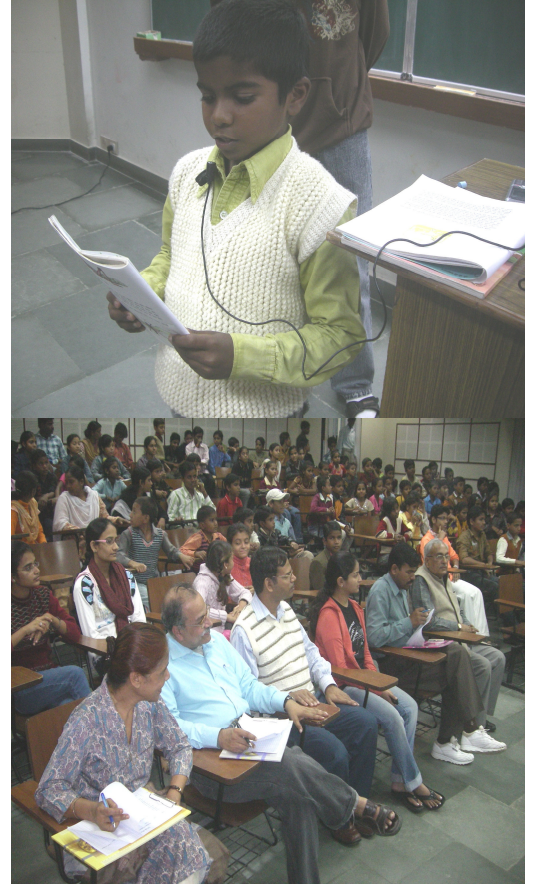
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The main programmes in November were Children's Day celebration, Science shows, music classes, along with the regular activities. PPY study materials, Swavalamban Kendra courses, Gahan Adhyayan Kendra classes all ran very well. Here is a description of the major activities of this month.

Vachan Pratiyogita (Reading contest) on Children's day

This year Shiksha Sopan celebrated Children's day in a new style by organizing a Vachan Pratiyogita for its regular students of class 3rd to 10th. The idea behind organizing this contest was to test the reading comprehension of Shiksha Sopan students and simultaneously to develop an interest in this direction. A total of 179 students from different centers participated in this event. The contest was conducted in two phases, for two days, i.e. 13th and 14th November. Screening round was conducted on the first day, in which 68 students were short listed for the final round, which was held on 14th November. Two groups were made, one for 3rd-5th class and another for 6th-10th class students. First group students were asked to read from hindi books while the second group students did it from english books. A story book was given to all students as a participation gift.



On the second day, two students who topped from each class were awarded an English dictionary along with a book on moral stories as appreciation prizes. IITK faculty and their family member were also invited as a judges for the contest. Beautiful paintings made by Shiksha Sopan children were given to them as a token of appreciation. We experienced that such events are extremely useful for the students and will be organized next year also.

Sanskritik Vikas Prakalp (SVP): Music classes

Sanskritik Vikas Prakalp (SVP) is a newly born activity of Shiksha Sopan. To move one step ahead in this project (prakalp), we organized music classes for one month for our students, volunteers, and their family members. Shri O. P. Tripathi Ji from Nankari village is teaching music very systematically. Presently, classes are held for two hours, one hour each for instrumentals and vocals. Students and volunteers are taking great interest in learning music.



SBI Donation

The State Bank of India (SBI), Naramau Branch Kanpur, has donated Rs. 15000/- to Shiksha Sopan for its three students. These three students are: Manviya, Poonam, and Deepika. These girls got selected through our Pratibha Poshan Yojana Junior (PPYJ), and presently studying in the Jugal Devi School of Kanpur. The donation is targeted to provide better education for these children. The whole amount has been deposited in their school.

Birthday celebration at Sopan Vidyalaya

Dr. J. Ramkumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering IIT Kanpur, celebrated his son's birthday with Sopan Vidyalaya children. Dr. Ramkumar visited with his wife and friend. Sweets and gifts were given by his son, Varun Krishna, to all children of Sopan Vidyalaya. Children sang some songs and poems for Varun, and presented hand made greeting cards to him. Dr. Ramkumar has promised us to give stationary to Gahan Adhyayan Kendra students during their final examination.



Old cloths distribution in Barasirohi Village

On Nov. 29th, old clothes, primarily ladies dresses, were given to about 12 needy families of the Barasirohi village. The clothes were neatly packed and distributed by a team of Sopan volunteers who personally visited the houses of each family. We would like to especially acknowledge the contribution of Mrs. Srivastava (Owner of Nobel Book Stall, Shopping Complex, IIT Kanpur) and Mrs. Seema Potluri, w/o of Dr. Potluri, Electrical Engineering, in helping us collect the old clothes. If anyone of you wants to donate old cloths, especially warm winter clothing, kindly contact the sopan volunteers or call us to collect the clothes from your house.

Regular activities

1. Evening centers: We run three evening centers at SAC, Barasirohi, and Ratanpur. All centers are running well. NSS students from IITK had gone to the centers to teach them. They also visited children's home and discussed various issues related to the development of children with their parents. Some IITK students visited our centers, interacted with the children, and gave some tips related to time management etc. Pramod Ji is our Barasirohi center coordinator.



He has also studied in the center of Shiksha Sopan in the past. Presently, he is an undergraduate student of Commerce in Kanpur University. Apart from academics, he gives his valuable time for teaching Shiksha Sopan children.

2. Gahan Adhyayan Kendra (GAK): GAK classes ran well last month. Volunteers are working hard to complete the syllabus within December. Monthly tests were conducted in the last week of November. A meeting is also being planned to discuss the performance of each student with their parents.

3. Science cell: Science cell is working hard day and night to develop the experimental kits, and giving demonstrations at various places of India. Ranjit and Rohit went to Ahmedabad and Bhavnagar for science workshops. Deepak Agnihotri left for Cochin and Deepak Mishra is preparing himself for the workshop in New Delhi.

4. Pratibha Poshan Yojana (PPY): Study material has been dispatched to PPY senior students. This is the fourth set of material being sent since July 2009. PPYJ students are attending classes regularly in their school and Ms. Vinita Bajpai is monitoring their studies after school hours. Mr. Shaurya, class 6th student of PPYJ, is performing very well in his school.

5. Swavalamban Kendra: Swavalamban Kendra has started a new batch for stitching course. We are also planning to begin a new course on Jewelry making.

6. Other activity: Mr. Satyaprakash Mishra, a new Shiksha Sopan volunteer, along with Amit Gautam and Ranjit Kumar is developing a machine, which employs muscle power to charge a battery. Further updates will be given in the next issue of Newsletter.

News

Mr. Amit Bajpai visited Narwal village in Kanpur, during mid-November, where two camps were being run by a social organization SAATHI. This is a Non-governmental organization working with street kids, and gives counseling, shelter, vocational guidance, and medicines to homeless children. Amit ji interacted with the children and asked them about their socio-economic conditions to better understand their situation. He also shared his experiences about Shiksha Sopan activities with the Saathi volunteers. Children sang beautiful songs in Bhojpuri language and demonstrated their hidden talents.



From the Heart of Visitors

Many persons visited our centers in last few months. All were amazed and happy to see the dedication of Sopan volunteers. They gave their best wishes to all children for their future endeavors. Recently, one of Shiksha Sopan founding member, Shri Pranay Ji visited SAC center, and could not stop himself to pour his feelings. His feedback is given below.

'शिक्षा - सोपान' केन्द्र पर जब अचानक मैं पहुँचा तो सब कुछ व्यवस्थित ढंग से चल रहा था। युवा कार्यकर्ता 'ध्यानचंद जी', एवं 'अनीता जी' कुशलतापूर्वक केन्द्र का संचालन कर रहे थे। एक भूतपूर्व विद्यार्थी की कार्यकर्ता के रूप में कार्यरत देख असीम प्रसन्नता हुई।

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Web site : For more details please visit www.shiksha-sopan.org

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