

Shiksha

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Shiksha Sopan

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The month of January was very special & most awaited one for Shiksha Sopan as it celebrated its 10th Annual Day Function on 16th of January. The whole month was celebrated with full excitement in the form of various activities like Jagrukta rally, different types of competitions, games, Stage programmes etc. The month also comprised of GBM election & Republic Day celebration at Sopan Vidyalay.

A. Annual Function Celebration

All the Annual Function celebrations were done between 9th to 16th of January. The various activities carried out during this period are as follows:

Art and Rangoli Competition

Inspite of cold winter morning, One hundred & thirty three children from 1st to 12th standard participated in the Art Competition. It consisted of drawing & Rangoli competition. Competition was held at two places. One was sopan Vidylaya Barasirhoi and second was Nalanda School at Nankari. Children displayed their skills in the form of attractive rangolis & drawings of nature, Idols of God & Goddesses etc. each one conveying a special message. The most remarkable thing was, children used all natural colours for preparing rangolis making Sopan Vidyalay the most colourful ever.



Attractive rangolis made by children

Handwriting & Essay writing Competition

On 10th January 2011, handwriting-cum-essay competition was held at Swavalamban Kendra. Large number of children participated in these competitions. The topics for Essay writing were "Reasons for Corruption and ways for its Removal" & "Reasons for Reservation and better Solutions." Ms. Seema Verma and Jaiprakash Ji coordinated the whole competition.



Laughter Competition

Shiksha Sopan organised a laughter competition for 5th to 12th std students. In pre Competition 25 students participated. Participants entertained everyone by telling jokes, performing acts etc. Sopan Alumni Mr. Prashant, IITK, Phd and active sopan worker Ms. Ashu chodhary was present there. They enjoyed the jokes, mimicry etc. They finalized the winners.

Social Awareness Rally

Like previous years, this year also Shiksha Sopan organized a Social Awareness Rally on 12th January 2011, At the occasion of Youth Day. The event was initiated by Professor H. C. Verma & Shri D. S. Bhadauriya ji by lighting a lamp in front of Swami Vivekanand & Maa Saraswati ji's photos. The Rally started from Primary School of Barasirohi. Children carried banners showing slogans of social awareness. The main motive of the rally was to educate the society about the bad effect of social evils like drinking & smoking. The number of children present in the rally was overwhelming as approximately 600 children participated in the event making it a grand success. Children shouted the slogans like **"Pan Masala Khaoge, Bimari me ghir jaoge"**, **"Bharat Mata Ki Jai"**, **"Jal hai to Kal hai, jal hi jivan hai"** and motivated Barasirohi villagers. It's a great achievement of Sopan that none of its volunteers is using any such bad habits. Rally completed at Sopan Vidylaya. Dr. Verma told a story about Swami ji.



Games & Makar Sankranti Celebration

14th January 2011 was celebrated as Games Day in Barasirohi ground. Various games like shooting, guava eating race, frog jump, Kho- kho, Kabaddi, bursting balloons competition etc. Children enthusiastically participated in all the games. All the winners were very happy to receive the prizes they earned for themselves. Being the festival of Makar Sankranti on the same day, people from Swavalamban Kendra enthusiastically prepared Khichadi for everyone.



Participants in Competition

Stage Programme

16 January 2011 was celebrated as 10th Annual function of Shiksha Sopan with full excitement & fun. Dr. H. C. Verma, Mr. Rakesh Maurya, and Mr. Dev Dutt Pal lighted the lamp in the front of Maa Saraswati. Many stage programmes were performed by children and workers of Shiksha Sopan. The stage programmes consisted of plays & acts, dances & songs performed by the children of Shiksha Sopan. The whole programme was very well organised & huge number of people had gathered to have a glimpse of the event.

Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dr. D. P Mishra, Mr. Anil Dadwal, Mr. Madan Vaijapurkar, Mr. Ranjan Upadhyay, Ms. Sushma Yadav, Mr. Abhishek and Mr. N. K. Singh gave the gifts to the winners of various competitions. Mr. Amit K Bajpai anchored the whole programme. Dr. Verma gave vote of thanks to all the guests and the audience.



B. Republic Day Celebration

Shiksha Sopan celebrated Republic Day with full enthusiasm at Sopan Vidyalaya, Barashirohi. Many honourable persons like Dr. Sameer Khandekar, Professor H. C. Verma, Shri. Ranjan Upadhyay, Shri. Bhadauriya ji, Mr. Manoj K. Moharana, Ms Priyanka Gupta were present during the celebration.

Flag hosting ceremony was initiated by Dr. Sameer Khandekar followed by our National Anthem. Later on, Professor H. C. Verma addressed the children of Sopan Vidyalay. "We celebrate Republic Day every year, but each year we should do something new" were the encouraging words by Dr. H. C. Verma. Dr. Sameer Khandekar & Shri Ranjan Upadhyay also expressed their valuable views in the form of small speeches. They conveyed the actual meaning & importance of the word "Republic" to all children present. Children also expressed their emotions by singing patriotic songs. Ms. Seema Verma and Mr. Deepak Pal coordinated the whole programme. All volunteers of Sopan were present there.

C. Shiksha Sopan Alumni Visit

Shiksha Sopan Alumni Mr. Prashant Kumar and Mr. Chandra Mohan Thakur visited the Sopan centers during the annual function programme. They visited the houses of Shyamu, Rupa and Afsher and met their parents. They experienced that Sopan activity has taken deep roots and broad structure. They were very happy to see it.

D. Elections of executives through GBM

A General Body Meeting was conducted on 29th January. The main Agenda was to elect new Executive Meeting as the 3-year term of the present EC is completed. In the presence of around 40 general body members of Shiksha Sopan, Dr. H. C. Verma presented the 3 years report in front of GBM. Mr. Ranjan Updhyay coordinated the whole meeting. The following Executives Committee was elected with the consent of everyone present.

- 1- Dr. H. C. Verma, Professor, IITK, President
- 2- Mr. Ashish Bhateja, PhD student, Vice President
- 3- Dr. Sameer Khandekar, Assoc Professor, IITK, Treasurer
- 4- Mr. Amit K. Bajpai, Nankari, Secretary
- 5- Mr. Ranjan Upadhyay, Nankari, Joint Secretary
- 6- Mrs. Rita Singh, IITK Alumna, Campus resident, Member
- 7- Mr. Pradeep Kumar, PhD student, Member
- 8- Ms. Ashu Chodhary, PhD student, Member
- 9- Mr. Nazir Hussain, Barasdirohi, Member



D. Forthcoming Programmes

The process to select students for the next Pratibha Poshan yojana (Senior) is started. A Kanpur NGO, Talent Development Council has collaborated with Shiksha Sopan to conduct a Talent Search Examination in rural areas of 6 districts including Kanpur dehat and adjoining areas. The examination will be on 13th February at 44 centers in these districts. Over 5000 children are expected to appear.

Other Informations

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

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