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The previous month was full of activities. Even winter at Kanpur could not lower the spirit of our enthusiastic volunteers. All regular activities ran smoothly. The main programs were Shiksha Sopan's annual function, Republic Day celebrations, and "Hawan" in Sopan Vidyalaya on the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami.

A. Annual Function

This year Shiksha Sopan celebrated its 11th Annual function. The celebrations for this occasion were held for one week from 8th January to 15th January, 2012, which includes various competitions, social awareness rally, games day (Khel Diwas) and stage programme. The details of each event are given below.

Competitions on 8th January 2012

The annual function celebrations started formally on 8th January 2012. Many competitions were organized in Sopan Vidyalaya, which witnessed more than 200 participants from class 1st to undergraduate students. IITK students and faculty were also present in this event. The art competition was coordinated by IITK faculty Dr. Pankaj Apte and IITK student Ms. Sampada. A total of 140 students of class 1st to 8th participated in the art competition. General Knowledge competition was coordinated by Shri Pramod ji, Shri Pradeep Ji, Ms. Sushma Yadav and Ms. Sampada. Laughter competition was also organized this time, in which 13 students participated. It was organized by Shri Amit Kamal ji. Participants entertained everyone present there by telling jokes, mimicry and funny acts. The competitions held for the whole day and all volunteers stayed there till the end. Their hard work is really appreciable. The winners of the competitions were given gifts and prizes on 12th January after social awareness rally.

Rangoli making competition

Rangoli making competition was also held on 8th January. It was coordinated by Ms. Namarata Shukla and Ms. Shikha Agnihotri. They are teachers in our evening center, Gahan Adhyayan Kendra. A total of 40 students of 9th to 12th standard participated in this event. They made very beautiful rangoli. Everyone was astonished to see the creativity of these students. The winners were declared by Shri Pardeep Ji and Ms. Sushma Yadav Ji.



Social awareness rally

Like every year, a social awareness rally was also organized by Shiksha Sopan on the National Youth Day, 12th January, the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. The rally was flagged off by Prof. A. K. Sharma of HSS department, IIT Kanpur by lighting a lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati and Swami Vivekananda Ji's photo. The rally began from the Primary School of Barasirohi village. The rally witnessed the participation of more than 400 children. The main purpose of the rally was to educate people about the bad effects of smoking, chewing tobacco, drinking, gambling, and environment pollution. The people were also enlightened about planting trees and importance of girl's education.



Shri Amit Bajpai, Shri Manoj Moharana, Prof. H. C. Verma along with other Sopan volunteers were present in the rally to motivate the children. Children carried many placards and banners, which displayed the following slogans: **"Andhkaar ko kyon dhikkaarein, Achcha hai ek deep jalayein"**, **"Pan masala khaoge, Bimari mein ghir jaoge"**, **"Padhi likhi behna, Gaon-ghar ka gehna"**. The rally finished at Sopan Vidyalaya. Prof. Verma, President Shiksha Sopan, gave a motivated lecture to the children. Shri Amit Bajpai Ji, Shri Ashish Dixit Ji and Shri Manoj Moharana Ji gave prizes to the winners of competitions held on 8th January.

Khel Diwas on Makar Sankranti

Games day (Khel Diwas) was organized on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, 14th January 2012 in the ground near Jhande Wala Mandir in Barasirohi village. The activity was full of fun and excitement. The outline of the whole program was designed by Shri Nazir Hussain Ji and coordinated by Shri R. P. Varshney Ji. The students of age 6 to 20 years participated in the various games like frog race, kabaddi, kho-kho, shooting, musical chair. Shri Vishwakarma Ji, Principal of G. P. N. Vidyalaya Barasirohi, was also invited for this game festival along with his school teachers. Shri Deepak Agnihotri Ji, Shri J. P. Maurya Ji, Shri Ranjit Ji and Shri Amit K Bajpai Ji were also present.



Stage program on 15th January

Shiksha Sopan celebrated its 11th Annual function on 15th January, 2012. The program was held in the Barasirohi village. Prof. H. C. Verma, Shri Ranjan Upadhyay, Shri Ashish Bhateja and Shri R. P. Varshney lighted the lamp in front of Maa Saraswati. The program began with prayer "Satyam Shivam Sundaram". Our enthusiastic volunteer and EC member Shri Nazir Hussain, along with IITK student Ms. Sampada, anchored the whole program. Many stage performances, consisted of skits, songs, and dance, were presented by Sopan children and volunteers. The whole program was well planned. The selected paintings from drawing competition were also displayed there. Prizes were also distributed by Shri Amit Bajpai, Shri R P Varshney and Shri Madan Vaijapurkar to the winners of various competitions held in the previous week of annual function celebrations.



A huge crowd from Barasirohi village gathered to see the Sopan's annual function. Shri Pardeep Gupta and Ms. Sushma Yadav were also present in the function and helped the organizing team for conducting the program smoothly.

B. Republic Day celebrations at Sopan Vidyalaya

Republic day was celebrated with full zeal at Sopan Vidyalaya. Prof. Avinash from Mumbai University kindly agreed to be the chief guest for this function. The program started with the flag hoisting ceremony by Prof. Avinash, Prof. H. C. Verma, and Dr. Sameer Khandekar. Dr. Khandekar introduced the chief guest to the children and the dignitaries present over there.

Sopan children sang patriotic songs and gave a wonderful speech. Prof. Avinash motivated the Sopan children and told the importance of learning the foreign languages to them. Prof. Verma gifted a pen stand made by Sopan Vidyalaya students to Prof. Avinash.

The Sopan Vidyalaya teachers, Ms. Seema Verma, Ms. Sunita, Ms. Seema and Shri Deepak Pal, were felicitated for their excellent work by Prof. Verma and Dr. Khandekar by giving shawls to them. The whole program was anchored by Shivam, a student of class 7th of Sopan Vidyalaya. Shri Amit K Bajpai gave a vote of thanks to chief guest and children of Sopan Vidyalaya.



C. “Hawan” on Basant Panchami at Sopan Vidyalaya

Sopan Vidyalaya celebrated the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami on 28th January. The Basant Panchami is celebrated as a festival in remembrance of Goddess Saraswati. A “hawan” was organized in Sopan Vidyalaya. Shri Vinod Bajpai Ji from Nankari village kindly agreed to come to perform “hawan”. All children and volunteers sang prayers and requested Maa Saraswati to give knowledge and wisdom. Pencils were also gifted to all students.



Mr. Ben, a PhD student from USA, Shri Amit Bajpai, Shri Pramod Ji, and Sopan Vidyalaya's passed-out students Shyamu and Arjun were also present on this ceremony.

D. Visit of Mr. Ben to Sopan Vidyalaya

Mr. Ben, a PhD student in the USA, visited Sopan Vidyalaya and interacted with the students. Mr. Ben has visited Shiksha Sopan many times before. This time, he taught english words usage for one week and also gave tips for english conversation. He was very happy to meet Shiksha Sopan children again.



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