

The previous month was full of activities. Even winter at Kanpur could not lower the sprit of our enthusiastic volunteers. All regular activities ran smoothly. The main programs were Shiksha Sopan's Annual function, Republic Day celebrations, Swami Vivekanand Jayanti celebration at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. Science Cell is actively involved in organizing various workshops.

Annual Function

This year Shiksha Sopan celebrated its 15th Annual function. The program was held at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi near Sabji Mandi on 24th January, 2016 (Sunday). Shri Vinay Trivedi, Manager, Shri Shakti Degree College, Shankhahari, Ghatampur was the chief guest of this program. He with Mr Ranjan Upadhyay and Mr Anoop Asthana lighted the lamp in front of Maa Saraswati.

The program began with Saraswati vandana. Many stage performances, consisting of skits, songs and dance were presented by Sopan children and volunteers. The whole program was well organized and huge number of people had gathered to have a glimpse of the event.



The main attraction of this function was puppet show. Puppetry is a form of theatre or performance that involves the manipulation of puppets. It is very ancient, and is believed to have originated 3000 years BC. This show was presented by Mr K. K. Rai from Lucknow. He used rod puppets. A rod puppet is a puppet constructed around a central rod secured to the head. A large glove covers the rod and is attached to the neck of the puppet. Mr Rai showed three different stories and gave motivational messages to the audience through this show. The messages were on Swachhta Abhyaan, Human rights and Dahej pratha. Everyone enjoyed this show. All the dignitaries present there appreciated this program.

Mr Atul was looking after the whole arrangement of sound. Whole program was recorded by Mr Vipin Sharma. Ms Seema Verma, Ms Geeta and Ms Kshma, etc were all the time busy behind the stage to prepare children with their makeup etc. With the support of all Sopan science cell members and all center coordinators the event found new height of success. Some other senior volunteers of Shiksha Sopan were also present there. Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Amit Kumar bajpai anchored the whole program.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Swami Vivekanand Jayanti celebration

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated Swami Vivekanand Jayanti on 12th January, 2016 (Tuesday). Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anuarg Pandey, Ms Shushma Yadav and Ms Ashu Chaudhary lighted the lamp in front of Swami Vivekanand and showed their gratitude towards him. All of them talked to students and told about sacrifices of Swami ji. Children presented speeches on Swami ji and also recited poems and sang patriotic songs.



There were short speeches about the occasion by the children themselves. The whole program was anchored by Ms Deepti.

Gift by Ashu ji and Shushma Ji

Ms Ashu Chaudhary, PhD scholar, IITK and Ms Shushma Yadav, PhD Scholar, IITK as well as Sopan EC members, decided to donate mats to SASK. Both of them are associated with Shiksha Sopan for a long time. Ms Shushma and Ms Ashu donated these mats on the celebration of Swami Vivekanand Jayanti.

Republic Day celebration

Shiksha Sopan celebrated Republic day with full enthusiasm at SASK, Barasirohi. Shri Anurag Pandey, Shri Ram Prasad Bajapi, Shri Amit Kumar Bajpai, Shri Vipin Sharma and Shri Ishant were present during the celebration. Flag hosting ceremony was initiated by all the senior volunteers present there followed by our National Anthem. All the dignitaries present there expressed their valuable views in the form of small speeches.





They conveyed the actual meaning and importance of the word "Republic" to all children present there. Children also expressed their emotions by singing patriotic songs.

New Year celebration and Warm Clothes distribution

at Shiksha Children studvina Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated new year program "Welcome Year 2016" on 02nd January, 2016. Some of the IITK students decided to distribute warm clothes to SASK children on this new year celebration program. They also distributed chocolates to SASK children. The names of these students are Ashwani Kumar ji, Dheeraj Pratap ji, Nidhi ji and Dewasi Bhardwaj ji.



This distribution program was organized by our senior volunteer and an IITK Ph.D student Ms Ashu Chaudhari and Ms Shushma Yadav. On behalf of Shiksha Sopan, Ms Seema Verma gave thanks to all these students.

Teachers Interaction program

In this month, the teachers interaction program was held under Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan on 09th January. The teachers were from different Rajkeey Inter Colleges and from different primary and junior government schools. The whole program was designed by Dr H C Verma, Professor, Physics department, IITK and Secretary, Shiksha Sopan.



Initial introduction was given by Dr H C Verma. After this teachers and faculty members were divided in subject wise groups and they had more individual interaction. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey from Shiksha Sopan showed a lot of science experiments and discussed about them. All these experiments were designed at Shiksha Sopan Science lab.

Shiksha Sopan Science Cell

Shiksha Sopan science cell members are making efforts for spreading its effective teaching methodology for science education. With this aim, our volunteers had done different workshops at different places.

Workshop at Mall, Lucknow

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Deepak Mishra gave a workshop at Block Resource Center, Mall, Lucknow on 10th January, 2016. All of them showed science experiments on force, pressure, electricity, magnetism and light. They also discussed the basic concepts behind these topics. Mr Yogesh Jha from Anveshika also showed some of the experiments. Mr Devendra Patel, Khand Shiksha Adhikari, Shivrajpur, Kanpur, coordinated the whole workshop.



Workshop at Omkareshwar, MP

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Deepak Mishra gave a workshop at Shri Omkareshwar, Mata Anandmayi Ashram, Khandwa, MP on 19th January, 2016. All of them showed a lot of experiments and discussed about them. More than 70 students with their teachers were present there. Mr Santosh Sarwate, Manager, Shri Mata Anandmayi Ashram, coordinated the whole workshop.

Workshop at Shivdharia, Deoria

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey gave two day workshop at Deoria district on 28th and 29th January, 2016 in Abhyanand Shiksha Sansthaan, Shivdharia, deoria. A total of 400 students and 50 teachers attended the whole workshop. The whole workshop was organized by NASI (National Academy of Sciences India, Allhabad). Prof U C Srivastava, Dr Neeraj Kumar and Dr Santosh Shukla from NASI were also present there.



Mr Pandey and Mr Bajpai also talked about the methodology of science teaching and discussed so many physics experiments among all the participants and the teaching methodology was appreciated by all the teachers present there. Mr Santosh Shukla from NASI managed the whole program.

Other Informations

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