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New year was welcomed with full enthusiasm. All centres celebrated it with great fervour in the first week of January. The month of January saw determined vigor for work and celebration of various festivals. Anniversaries of great fighters like Swami Vivekanand ji, Subhash Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi, were deleveraged. 26th January, republic day celebrations were made at all centers etc.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Welcoming of New Year:

New year was welcomed by students by making various creative and attractive greeting cards for well wishers of Shiksha Sopan. They also learnt how to make flowers from wool without using needle or scissors. They made flowers which were used to make phone covers, socks as well as purses. That was the exciting day for the students.



Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand

On the occasion of Swami Vivekanand birth anniversary (12th January), Mr. Shirish Gupta (IITK PhD student) offered flowers and lighted the lamps in front of the photo of Swami Vivekanand. Ankit and Anahita (Students of standard 8th and 7th respectively) shared some of the life experiences of Swami Vivekanand. Shirish Ji also gave talk on the principles of swami Vivekanand and motivated students to follow the great path. On the same day, all students were watched a movie based on the life of this great Indian personality. After the event refreshments were distributed among the students.



Birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra bose: (23rd January)

Ankur Ji, IIT student started the celebration of birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose, by offering flowers on the photo. He also introduced students to the life experiences of the great Indian fighter. All students gave slogans of the famous quote given by Subhash Chandra Bose: "Give me blood, I will give you freedom".



Republic Day: (26th January)

With great enthusiasm, republic day was celebrated. Students cleaned the surroundings of school premises in the early dawn of the day and decorated the whole Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra with colourful balloons. Chief guest Amit ji hoisted the flag and all people sang the National Anthem together and saluted the flag. Sonam, 8th class student, hosted the programme very nicely. Many students gave great performances by singing various patriotic songs.



Other activities

- Birthday of Nidhi ji (PhD student of chemistry department, IITK) was celebrated on 2nd January. She distributed chocolates and socks for protection from winter among students. Students thanked her and gifted her handmade greeting cards.
- Sweaters were distributed among 10 needful children for protection against the cold weather by Seema Ji. The students and their parents thanked to Shiksha Sopan.
- Amol Ji gave homage to the father of the nation by offering flowers to the photo on 30th January, death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi,. Seema Verma gave a wonderful speech on some sacrificing life events of Mahatma Gandhi and also gave reasons for celebrating this day as Martyr's day.
- Plants were planted on 23rd January at SASK, towards our better environment.

Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)

Apart from the regular teaching on BEC also focuses on the overall development of students. Hence, many activities are arranged as following:

- New year was celebrated on 2nd January by Class 3-10 students. various acts like story-telling, jokes, poems, etc. were Performed by the volunteers as well as students of BEC. Rohit Gupta, Dhananjay ji motivated students to take and fulfil new resolutions.



- On 9th January, Mr. Pushpendra Ji with 6 students came to Sopan Ashram in the evening. They all stayed there for 24 hours with students of Gyan Vigyan Kendra for strengthening the ties between the centres. Students also learned activities related to computer and science from Neha ji and Pankaj ji. The students were astonished to get introduced to robot's applications in various fields like hospitals, restaurants, etc. They also learnt to create webpage.
- A new activity of sign language (communicating with hand gestures, without speaking) was introduced to students of class 2nd to 5th standard by Abhishek Shrivanya (PHD, IITK) at BEC on 11th January. He also shared his experiences of visiting Kumbh mela with students at BEC on 30th January.
- Mr. Dhananjay (Mtech student, IITK) made awareness on topic of importance of voting on National Vote day (25th January) among students.
- Birth anniversaries of Swami Vivekanand, Subhash Chandra Bose and death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were held on respective days by sharing their life experiences and motivating students to follow their principles.



Sopan Ashram Evening Center (SAEC)

New Year Celebrations:

Sopan Ashram celebrated new year with a talk by Juili Ji. Importance of having dreams in life and achieving them with full might with a creative way was fostered by sharing journey of some famous personalities. 4 Diaries were gifted to students who started writing poems to encourage other students as well. Student made greeting cards were gifted to volunteers, shiksha sopan members and also to Noble book centre and A1 photocopy centres to strengthen the bond with the centre.



26th January, Celebration :

National Flag was hoisted at Sopan Ashram in the morning and National Anthem was sung by all present members. A rally on the importance of education marched from Sopan Ashram to Sopan Library, IIT Kanpur. Many performances were presented by students at the library where there was a combined programme of both centres. The farewell of Mrs. Sapna Ghodpade was also given on the same day and she performed a wonderful song on this occasion. Refreshments were given after the event to all present. This year 16 members renewed their library subscriptions.



Other activities

- On 6th January, Vigyan Chaupal was conducted with 14 IITK students and Sunday class teachers in which 11 experiments were discussed in 2 hours. Also, to promote creativity and to make students believe in themselves, the movie "Taare Zameen Par" was shown in the evening. We also discussed about the movie and how to apply the lessons learnt and students were asked to submit movie review in a prescribed format.
- A STEM workshop was arranged for the students of Sopan Ashram and Barasirohi center. Students of class 6-9 participated in the workshop and learnt a variety of things like website designing, basic electronics, robotics and city planning.
- Craft activities ran on a full swing where students made a unconventional and creative bookshelf for books at Sopan Ashram under the guidance of Omji (volunteer evening centre at Sopan ashram). The plan is to make 3-4 such bookshelves for each classroom in near future.
- Mr. Dipak (volunteer) donated 25 copies for children at Sopan Ashram.
- During 12-16 January, a basic aptitude test of science, maths, English was conducted for all students at the centre. Based on the results, special classes are now arranged in Maths and English.



Science Cell/ DOSTI

- DOSTI project is coordinated by Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai. In this project students from different centers of Shiksha Sopan came to visit Sopan ashram for two days. Where a workshop on 9-10 Jan 2019 was held for these children. The resource persons, Mrs. Neha Jaiswal and Mr. Vikas Jaiswal came from US and told about How to make website? and also gave information about electronics and robotics components.
- 40 Students and four teachers of Swami Vivekanad School came to visit Sopan Ashram in which they learnt about science experiments and tools. We have arranged experiments in three rooms at Sopan Ashram where hand made models from Science Cell were displayed for students.



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