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The month of January 2020 was very special for every person who is directly or indirectly associated with Shiksha Sopan. There were several festivals celebrated by Sopan but the main source of happiness was that our guide and Patron Dr. H C Verma has been nominated for Padam Shree. January witnesses another National festival, Republic day which was celebrated with great joy.

Republic day Program

Apart from the functions at the centers, Shiksha Sopan celebrated a central Republic Day program at Sopan Ashram. This was conceived by Shri Amit Kumar Bajpai in order to make an impact on the local society. Our senior volunteers and coordinators from different centers attended the function. The highlight was invitation to local people who came in good number. Especially people active in different kind of social activity participated in our program.

The Flag Hosting was done by Dr H C Verma and other prominent persons from the locality. This was followed by National Anthem and then poetry recitation and expressing their commitment to the Nation by several speakers.

As the Padma awards were announced on 25th January only, all present were in jubilant mood. Speaker after speaker spoke about the social initiatives of Dr H C Verma and congratulated him. In his speech Dr. Verma gave credit to this award to all the ground level Shiksha Sopan workers whose dedicated efforts brought the whole work in lime light. He also narrated how this award came to him as surprise as he never applied for any award. He thanked IIT Kanpur for nominating him and processing the file so meticulously.



Dr H C Verma then talked about the Republic Day and told that the real strength of a Nation is in its people. And as long as people of India are committed to Indian values, our Nation will remain strong. Earlier Shri Vinay Kumar Mishra recited his poem in which he put up some negative sides prevailing in India to which Dr Verma was responding. Shri Mr Ajay Agnihotri presented a memento on behalf of Tiranga industries.

Shri Ranjan Upadhyay anchored the program and gave very positive messages of Nation building during his speeches.

Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

SASK is always dedicated towards building the human values in the children. This month also SASK conducted various programs apart from regular teaching. Various activities done in SASK in the month of January are briefly given below.

World Hindi Diwas

SASK takes pride in celebrating various special days recognized internationally. This gives children not only knowledge about the particular topic but also gives a wider vision of the world. In this series, SASK celebrated World Hindi Diwas on 10th January 2020. As we know that Hindi is our mother tongue and we are all proud on it. To increase the attraction of children towards Hindi, SASK conducted a competition “**Poster Likho Pratiyogita**”.



On this occasion SASK coordinator told the children about origin of World Hindi Diwas. It was 10th January 1975 in Nagpur when the first World Hindi Conference was organized and after that this day is celebrated as the World Hindi Diwas.

Wall Painting Prize

In the previous Newsletter we had mentioned about the Wall Painting Competition in which 4 centers of Shiksha Sopan painted one Hall each at Sopan Ashram on a particular scientific theme. In this competition all the participant centers were rewarded by the prize money. SASK utilized this money in purchasing Education Charts of Solar System, Yoga, Healthy Food. They also purchased various sports items like Badminton, Volleyball. Some children were also gifted tiffin Box.



Lohdi Parv and Patang Utsav

India has vast cultural diversity. It is a matter of pride to know about the cultures of different regions and different sects. In this series SASK celebrated Panjabi Festival Lohdi on 13th January 2020.

On the very next day 14th January 2020 they celebrated the festival Makar Sankranti. The children made so many kites on that day and made them fly in the sky.



On the festival of Lohdi students and volunteers arranged the woods and decorated it. First they prayed the God and Goddess and set the fire. They took rounds around the fire and then distributed the sweets among themselves as Prasad. All were very happy to make celebration of Lohari at their center and know about the culture of Panjabi festival.

Open House of IIT Kanpur

IIT Kanpur comes in the topmost institute in India. This year IIT Kanpur is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee and in this Celebration IIT Kanpur conducted Open House on 25th January 2020 for school children residing around IIT Kanpur Campus. In the Open House IIT Kanpur offered the school students to visit different Labs of IIT campus.

SASK children also took part in it where they visited Department of Material Science and Engineering, Humanities, Aerospace Engineering, Earth Science etc. They got so many Information about the activity which are running in IIT Kanpur. Students of IIT Kanpur also displayed the Robotics model to the children.



Celebration of National Festival 26th January

We all know the importance of 26th January in our life. On this day our constitution came into existence. There was a big role of Dr. Bheem Rao Ambedkar in the development of Constitution. This day is celebrated as Republic day of India. SASK celebrated this day with full Patriotism. Students of IIT Kanpur, Shirish Ji and Shiv Ji hoisted the flag of our country, gave salute to our flag and all the person sang National anthem.



Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)

Barasirohi Evening Center always put a lots of efforts in developing the skills in children. In the same spirit this month BEC did many activities like special classes, yoga class and so on.

Special Classes in BEC

On 10th January Students of IIT Kanpur Mr. Rahul and Mr. Abhishek Savarnya , started special regular classes for children of Class 4th to 10th on English Vocabulary and tried to develop their communication skills. In continuation of this Mr. Ravi ji gave the classes on our solar system. He told about the planets with the help of diagram.



Importance of 12 January

12th January is very important for youth as well as for Shiksha Sopan. On this day one of our Hindu monk Swami Vivekananda was born. As we know this day is celebrated as Youth Day in our country. This day is also very important for Shiksha Sopan because in 2001 Shiksha Sopan was established on 12th January only. Shiksha Sopan celebrated its Foundation day with full of energy. Our BEC coordinator Miss Geeta ji told about its significance.

Yoga Class

On 18th January, one of the IITK volunteer Mr. Rahul arranged class of Yoga for the children of BEC. He told the children about the benefits of yoga in our life. Children learnt so many Pranayams and Asans.

Neta Ji Subhas Chandra Bose Birthday

On 23rd January one of our freedom fighter Neta ji Subhash Chandra Bose was born. He sacrificed his life for our country. All the country people remember him on his B'day. Children of BEC and volunteers also remembered him on this day and bowed down in front of his photo. On the same day one of our old volunteer Mr. D S Bhadauriya visited to BEC to interact with students and to share his experiences. Earlier he taught English at our evening center. He is really very dedicated person towards his work.



Celebration of Basant

BEC celebrated Basant Panchami at the center on 30th January. On that day all volunteers and children worshipped Saraswati Mata. Children of Center Riddha, Tapasya and Muskan also sang Vandana Song. After this all the present people also remembered Mahatama Gandhi because on this day Mahatama Gandhi ji was assassinated. They give tribute to him and sang a song "Raghu Pati Raghav Raja Ram"



Sopan Library

To celebrate the new year with integrity, Sopan Library organized the program including various competitions like poem competition, debate competition and many other activities for children of Shiksha Sopan. This program was organized on 5th January 2020 where all children and volunteers from all the centers came at Library. Children participated in all the competition with very high enthusiasm. Library also celebrated youth day on 12th January and Hindi Diwas on 10th January.





Sopan Ashram Evening Center

SAEC brings out its own news magazine named SAMVAD written by children and volunteers of the center. SAMVAD of February 2020 is also attached. The main highlights are given below.

Visits to families to greet new year

All SAEC volunteers from IITK and from the locality, took the opportunity to strengthen bonding with families of the children coming to centers. In the beginning of the months they visited the families, greeted them the New Year and took their suggestions, blessings and feedback

Participation in competitions at Sopan Library

SAEC children participated in the competitions arranged at Sopan Library on 5th January to celebrate new year. There were different races including MEDHAK RACE and JUMPING RACE for Std 1-4, poetry recitation, Just a minute and many more. SAEC participants won positions in several competitions. Especially, 1st and 2nd prizes for poetry writing and recitation were bagged by Ajay of Std 12 and Alok of Std 9 from SAEC.

Greeting cards made by children

SAEC children made New year greeting cards and presented to the volunteers and Shiksha Sopan Senior workers.

Abhivyakti : Farewell to Std 12 students : Wishes to Std 10 students

This is a monthly program of SAEC to showcase the talent of the children. This month it was organized on 26th January. Children were asked to present their experiences at Sopan Ashram and tell about their future plans. This month's Abhivyakti was also focused on students of Std 10 and 12 who are appearing for their board examinations. Parents were specially invited. Apart from regular presentation by the students, speakers counselled the examinees on preparing for the examination without stress. Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mrs pragya Khandekar and Dr H C Verma addressed the audience.

IITK Open house

30 children from SAEC went to IITK Open house event on 25th January. They were guided by Center coordinator Anupama Sharma and senior volunteers Vinay Ji, Aman Ji and Deepak Ji. They visited various labs and Air strip.

Bicycle gifted

A very special gift was given by IITK volunteer Amarpreet Ji to a Std 9 student of SAEC Alok. His school is 4 km from his house and he had to go on foot only spending lot of his valuable time. Amarpreet Ji gifted him a bicycle.

BALSHALI CAMP

On the month of January from 6th to 13th. Shiksha Sopan conducted 8 days Experimental Exposure Camp under the "Bachelor Level Science in Hindi A Learning Initiative" (BALSHALI) project. In this camp, 18 students participated. They all are pursuing B.Sc. & M.Sc. from Kanpur University except one student Mr. Abhishek who is doing M. Sc from Allahabad University. In these 8 days camp they cleared their doubts in physics through selected experiments.



They have done 15 physics experiments during this camp which became boon for them. All the experiments were designed by Science Cell of Shiksha Sopan under the supervision of Mr. Ranjit Kumar. The concepts and ideas of the experiments were given by Dr. H. C. Verma. There were some resource person Dr. Manoj Bhusan Pandey, Dr. Anita Singh, Mr. Gaurav & Miss. Neha in the camp to guide these participants in performing various experiments. Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai coordinated the whole camp. At last in closing ceremony higher education minister of Uttar Pradesh Mrs. Nilima Katiyar distributed the certificates to the participants and gave her blessings to them. Dr. H. C. Verma gave a wonderful message to the participants during the closing ceremony. The whole idea of the camp was to generate curiosity among the students.

Other Information's

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