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# *Shiksha Sopan*

*An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment*

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**News Letter January 2009**

Shiksha Sopan wishes all the members and well wishers a very happy year 2009. With 2009 coming to existence, Shiksha Sopan Newsletter has also successfully completed one year. The decision to bring out a Monthly Newsletter was taken in late 2007 and the first issue was brought in January 2008. Since then the Newsletter has been published regularly and posted to the Shiksha Sopan community in the first week of each month.

The year 2008 was very fruitful for the Shiksha Sopan activities. In this year the Evening Learning centers were strengthened, a number of special lectures and training programmes were conducted, Science Cell actively propagated Science popularization programmes, Sopan activities were expanded to distance rural and hilly areas through Pratibha Poshan Yojana and so on. We hope we will serve the society even better in the year 2009.

Here are brief descriptions of our activities in December 2008.

## **Work by MBA and Law students**

The Evening Centers at Barasirohi, Ratanpur and SAC had a good time as some Law and MBA students from outside Kanpur institutions participated in the centers' activities. Ms Nandini of National Law College, Jodhpur, Ms Rupali Dhandhanian and Mr Ankur Dwivedi of Jaypee business school, Noida spent about 3 weeks in December with our children at the three centers. This was part of their academic programme and their institutions approached Shiksha Sopan to allow them to work at its centers so that they get the exposure of problems faced by rural society.



Rupali of Jaypee Business School receiving letter of Appreciation from Prof H C Verma

All three were delighted to interact with the children, to teach them about various general topics, to play with them newer games, to tell them newer stories and so on. They spent considerable time going to the families of our children meeting the parents and other family members.

## From the Centers

The Evening Centers showed very good attendance and response from the children. Despite infrastructural difficulties of space, light and sitting arrangement, all the centers gave good performance. With 40 plus attendance at each center, coordinators did a good job to engage them in various activities together with group teaching. As IITK students were still away, general topics like vocabulary, GK etc were practiced.

A new member Ms Anita Kamal is added in our team to strengthen the Evening Centers extra curricular activities. She has NCC background and is very effective in giving children physical exercises, games and story telling.

Special attention was given to games. Children learn a lot about social life from the games. To work as a team, to understand the importance of planning to work according to the plan, to compete with others but still to cooperate with all, etc are some aspects. And all these without the hassel; of listening to lectutres on Moral values.

An Antakshari Programme was organized at SAC Evening Center on 12<sup>th</sup> December. It was conducted in a very systematic manner. The children not only enjoyed the event but also learned how a pure entertainment programme can be conducted in an orderly manner.

## Gahan Adhyan Kendra(GAK)

With Ms Sangeeta assuming the responsibility to coordinate Gahan Adhyayan Kendra activities, this center has functioned better in December. Sangeeta not only teaches Biology to class 9 and 10 children, she also constantly tries to inculcate good human values in the children. With Board Examinations approaching closer, Senior Sopan workers are also getting involved in teaching at GAK, especially at class 12 level.



Childreenn studying at Ratanpur Center



Learning about social life through games



Antakshari at SAC Evening Center

## Science Cell Activities

Shiksha Sopan gave a two-hour Science Experiments Show on 18th December to the selected 200 school students of Madhya Pradesh on an educational tour organized by MP Science and Technology Dept. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai was the main presenter, Deepak Agnihotri and Ritosh assisted him. All the students and teachers were deeply impressed by the simplicity of the experiments and the rich Science Content it had.

In another major event, we conducted a workshop on Science teaching in Haldwani, Uttarakhand, organized by Sarvodaya Sadhana Samooh, an NGO working in Himalayan region. Deepak Agnihotri and Dr H C Verma were the Main Resource persons. About 125 Science teachers from Haldwani, Naital, Pithoragarh and other neighbouring places.



## Contact among IITK Faculty and Alumni

Shiksha Sopan contacted all faculty members of IITK in December end through a small gift. It was a simple gel pen with "SHIKSHA SOPAN" written on it. A one page flyer giving the main programmes of Shiksha Sopan and other information was also given to them. It was to pay respect to our faculty who have always encouraged us in our efforts in various ways.

Shiksha Sopan put up a stall in the Alumni Association programme of Silver Jubilee Reunion of batch of 84. Through various posters and flyers on the stall, Shiksha Sopan passed on the information about its activities to the visitors.

## Sundarkand

In a unique way to say bye to 2008 and welcome 2009, a SUNDAR KAND PATH was organized at Sopan Vidyalaya on 30<sup>th</sup> December. About 100 children and local residents of Barasirohi participated. Copies were distributed to the people present and all of them chanted the verses. Local people appreciated the programme as this was something different from the common way of celebrating new year.

## Future programmes

### January 1:

An Eye test camp to be organized at Barasirohi Sopan Vidyalaya. Doctors Team from Khairabad Eye Hospital to come with the testing equipment and identify diseases in the eyes of people coming over to the camp. Those needing eye operations would be taken to the Hospital and treated. We express our gratitude towards Khairabad Hospital team who agreed to help the people without charging any cost.

### January 11 :

Various competitions like Mhandi, model making etc

### January 12 :

Social Awareness Rally to be taken out by Sopan Children. Placards and slogans will talk against the social evils and make appeals for constructive work

### January 18 :

Annual function of Shiksha Sopan with about 2.5 hours of Stage Show.

### January 24-26 :

Mini Camp of Children of Pratibha Poshan Yojana. Their preparation for the board examination will be reviewed and necessary academic help will be provided.

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## Other Informations

**Web site** : For more details please visit [www.shiksha-sopan.org](http://www.shiksha-sopan.org)

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