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Shiksha Sopan wishes all the members, volunteers, well wishers and the nation as a whole a very happy new year 2015. December 2014 was indeed a cold month but that did not hinder our activities. Shiksha Sopan tried to motivate the children for developing affection with animals and birds by taking the Barasirohi Evening center's students to Kanpur Zoo. 2nd Installment of Dr V N K Merit Scholarship program was distributed in this month. The attendances at the evening centers were low but all centers were functioning. The cells were active in coordinating the activities. The preparations for Annual function in January 2015 were started at some centers.

Dr V N K Merit Scholarship Program

Shiksha Sopan organized a program on 14th December, 2014 (Sunday) for the recipient children of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Program at Old SAC. With the support from our donors, we are giving scholarships to 36 children. This program was also organized to develop bonding among the recipients and to monitor their academic progress. The recipients with their parents were called at IITK and we had 3-4 hours long activity-fun-interaction with them.



Inauguration started with lighting the lamp by Mrs Anjali V Kulakni, Principal Research Engineer, Mechanical Engineering department, IIT Kanpur and wife of Late Dr V N Kulkarni. Mr Anurag Pandey, Mr Bhart Bhushan Deshmukh, Mr Devanand Pathak, Mr Deepak Agnihotri and Shiksha Sopan Science Cell members were present there. The scholarships were distributed to the recipients of 2013 and 2014 batch students and these students with their parents signed on receipts of Scholarship.

All the senior volunteers and Shiksha Sopan Science Cell members gave inspirational speeches to motivate these children. Mr Ranjit Kumar from Shiksha Sopan science cell gave half hour session to them in which he trained them in making different type of caps and also discussed mathematics during this session using these caps. Everyone enjoyed it.

Barsirohi Evening Center

Kanpur Zoo Visit

Visit to Kanpur zoo was an interesting experience for the children of Barasirohi Evening Center. They went to zoo by cab with teachers on 14th December, 2014. Kanpur zoo is near Nawabganj. Mr Vipin Sharma and Ms Geeta took care of whole visit. Some of our volunteers Mohit, Ankit, Archana and Kshama were also present there. These volunteers bought the tickets and all students with these volunteers entered the gate. There were ponds on both the sides of the road. Ducks were swimming in the ponds.

They saw elephants, stags, deer and 'Neelgai' etc. Then they came to the cages of birds. There were different kinds of birds. Peacocks were in large numbers. Then they saw the tigers in their enclosures. They also saw monkeys, chimpanzees and apes. After going round the zoo, they came out and sat under a tree. They had food which they had carried with them. They returned home tired but very happy.



The event was organized to sensitize the children towards Bio diversity and the importance of animal world in our life. The volunteers oriented them towards this goal by properly educating them during the visit. Besides they also learned to move in groups in a disciplined way and shared various responsibilities of management from boarding bus to de-boarding.

Christmas day celebration

Christmas Day was used as an opportunity to do some art practice. Children of Barasirohi evening center made several posters and some beautiful Christmas cards to give homage to Jesus Christ. They also made some posters on legend Saradaar Vallabhbai Patel.

Visits to students' families

At Shiksha Sopan centers, we make an emotional bond with all the children and the volunteers. To make such bonds stronger, our volunteers visit families of the children coming to the centers. Ms Geeta, Coordinator, Barasirohi evening center visited homes of some students named Jagrati, Pragya, Riya, Rishabh and Shejal with our volunteers Mr Mohit and Ms Kshama. All these students were not coming at the center from a long time. In these visits our volunteers talked to the parents of these students and found out the difficulties due to which they were absent from the centers. They counseled the family members and motivated them to encourage their children to come at center regularly.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Special Classes

Special classes on English for 6th to 8th standard students were organized by SASK in the month of December. Mr Roopesh Raghuvver, PhD student, IITK had given these classes and taught about verbs, adjectives, voice, speech and articles etc. He also tried to improve their writing skills. In these special classes he trained them to write letters, essays, report writings etc. All the students enjoyed these classes and learned a lot from him.



Classes on Craft

Some special classes on craft were organized by Ms Seema Verma for the girls of class 6 to 8. In these classes, all these girls made attractive jewellerys by using colored stones, crystal sets, kundan sets and pearls. Apart from this activity, all the students of SASK learnt to make envelopes from A4 size paper. They decorated these envelopes and made wonderful designs on it.



Silence as a mark of solidarity

On the dastardly terror attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar, SASK decided to pay homage to victims of terrorism. So, the children and teachers had a special morning assembly during which they observed two minutes silence on 17th December, 2014 (Wednesday) as a mark of solidarity.

Science Cell Activities

Our Sopan Science cell is working very enthusiastically on science popularization and organizes workshops at different places for both students and teachers. We had done the following workshops in the month of December.

One Day Workshops in Rural Areas

One day workshops at two different places in the same fashion were organized with combined efforts of Sopan Science Cell and Anveshika members. First workshop was organized on 9th December at Ghatampur, Kanpur for and the other one on 11th December at Chaubepur, Kanpur. These are places in Kanpur Dehat. Both the workshops were for govt. school teachers at Junior high school level. In these workshops, we demonstrated some basic science concepts using simple experiments.



Three Days workshop at Anveshika

This workshop was also organized with combined efforts of Sopan Science Cell and Anveshika members. Basically this was a training program organized at Anveshika premises, Indira Nagar, Kanpur from 26th to 28th December, 2014. Dr H C Verma, Secretary Shiksha Sopan, Mr Amit K Bajpai from Anveshika, Mr Deepak Mishra and Mr Vimal Kumar from science cell planned the experiments and their sequences.



Dr Verma gave sessions on science teaching modules. He discussed on heat and Electromagnetism. He also showed a lot of experiments on these topics. He discussed the phenomenon of thermometer and cell motor. Other Sopan members present there, assisted Dr Verma in the program and they themselves presented several experiments. A total of 20 teachers from different locations like Lodhar and Rania, Kanpur attended the programme. These teachers were from different schools and they teach class 6th to 8th. The whole program was coordinated by Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai.

Forthcoming Programmes

Our forthcoming programs are Annual function of Shiksha Sopan, Republic Day celebration and Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship 2015 exam. Republic Day celebration will be celebrated at Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi on 26th January, 2015 (Monday), tentative date of Annual function is 18th January, 2015 (Sunday) and final date of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship 2015 exam is 08th February, 2015 (Sunday).

Other Informations

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