

Shiksha Sopan

An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

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The month of June was not very hectic for Sopan volunteers because all the centers and the Sopan Vidyalya were closed because of Summer vacation. PPY Summer camp closing, SRP Meet, Result of GAK, and Visits were done in the month of June. All Volunteers are busy in thinking how they will start Sopan activities after the summer vacation.

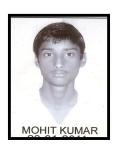
Gahan Adhyan Kendra (GAK):

Gahan Adhyan Kendra started for children of class 9 to 12 for those children they came regularly in Sopan Evening Centers. Shiksha Sopan evening centers only ran for upto class 8th. After the class 8th they didn't have proper platform for learning. Then we started GAK. GAK completed its responsibly and giving the good performance. GAK also developed social upliftment and sanskar in children. These children also works as Shiksha Sopan Volunteers with very positive energy. Ranjit, Deepak Mishra have studied in GAK and working with Sopan Science Team.

The result in 2011 of GAK was very nice, all the children of class 10th and 12th from UP board were passed in good marks. This year also the result of GAK was very nice. The Result of Class 10th and 12th from UP board is given below-

Name of the student	Class	%	Name of the student	Class	%
Mohit K Agnihotri	12	71	Aman Nishad	10	85
Ankit K Sharma	12	66	Piyush Savita	10	80
Sarika Dubey	12	61			
Kshama Dubey	12	61	Arjun Kumar	10	80
Romy Bajpai	12	52	Afsher	10	70
Diksha Dubey	10	72	Roli Nishad	10	65

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These all children belong to the economically weaker familes, but their parents are enthusiastic and they want to make their children literate, it doesn't matter they are illiterate. They have faith on Shiksha Sopan and their team members. Mohit Kumar associated with Shiksha Sopan from last three year, his family is very poor, his father Mr. Brajesh Agnihotri is a very hard worker, he supplies tea shop to shop. He feels happiness and proud to associated with Sopan. Ankit sharma and his family associated with Sopan. Aman Nishad got 85% in high school. He was the regular student of GAK, his brother Arun also studied and passed class 12 in 2011 from GAK. You know about Afsher, we wrote about Afsher in our earlier Newsletters. He is very keen for studies and Shiksha Sopan is given support to him. Arjun Kumar was the brilliant student of Sopan Vidyalaya and passed class 8th from there. He got 80% marks in class 10. Arjun's family is thankful to Shiksha Sopan and its donors. His father Mr. Shiyaram is a laborer and his mother is housewife. He has one brother and two sisters. They study in different classes.

Senior Resource Meet at HBCSE, Mumbai:

Physics Teachers workshop in collaboration with HBCSE Mumbai, Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education Research in a part of TIFR dedicated for improving Science education in India. Among many programmes, HBCSE prepares the Indian

team for International Science Olympiads. Sopan conducted a 3-day workshop of selected Physics teachers from Utsahi Physics working teachers as Senior Resource Persons (SRP) in collaboration with HBCSE. The idea was to let the teachers have interactions with HBCSE faculty involved in education and also to look for closer ties with them.



All these 12 SRPs have come to the NWUPT workshops conducted by Shiksha Sopan at IIT Kanpur and have closely worked with Sopan volunteers. In fact almost all of them identify themselves as Sopan volunteers.

The workshop was inaugurated on 6th June 2012 in the lecture hall at HBCSE. The Director, Prof Ramdas welcomed the teachers and told about the activities at HBCSE. Prof H C Verma introduced Shiksha sopan and its science Cell to the HBCSE faculty. Prof Vijay Singh gave a small presentation on the Olympiad programme. All HBCSE faculty and researchers freely interacted with us and appreciated the good work done by Sopan in the field of Science as well as in social sector. In subsequent sessions, the teachers made plans for the coming year with active participation of Sopan. A 3-day workshop was decided to be done for selected UP teachers on 23-25th, December 2012. Another such programme is planned in Nasik. In academic section, SRPs showed new experiments. Sh Amit Bajpai too had two experiments to show which had designed and put in NWUPT-12. HBCSE faculty gave shows on Chemistry and Physics experiments. A hands on session was conducted where all teachers were made to perform experiments designed for International Olympiad training. From HBCSE, the coordinator of the programme was Prof Paresh Joshi. He was very efficient and helpful in all ways. From academics to management he coordinated the workshop superbly. Mr Vinayak Katdare was a participant SRP and also a coordinator from HBCSE side.

PPY summer camp closing ceremony:

Pratibha Poshan Yojana's one month summer camp ended successfully on 10th June. Shiksha Sopan volunteers worked hard in organizing and running the camp smoothly. The closing ceremony was held in the yoga hall at old SAC. Shiksha Sopan volunteers and Sopan well-wishers were present in the closing ceremony. Shri Deepak Raje Ji, Shri Pranay Ji, Lt. Col. Omesh Shukla and Prof. H. C. Verma were requested for lighting the lamp in front of Saraswati Maa. The program began with the Saraswati Vandana. The camp's report was presented by Shri Ashish Bhateja. He told that the main motto of the summer camp is to inculcate the human values in the children. The camp was planned in such a way that the children can get maximum exposure to various societal problems in addition to the good quality subjects teaching.

The lecture on Ganges pollution was taken by Dr. Rashmi Sanghi. She taught the children that how as an individual they can contribute in maintaining the cleanliness of our national river, Ganga. Prof. J. P. Chaturvedi Ji also visited the children and gave information about the rare event of Venus transit that occurred on 6th June, 2012.

The Astronomy club of IIT Kanpur organized an observation session in the morning of 6th June at IIT Kanpur Air strip. The Astronomy club coordinator, Ms. Neha, also invited the summer camp children to come for the observation session. Prof. Chaturvedi was also there and explained the whole phenomenon interestingly. Lt. Col. Shukla also accompanied the children for the observation session of Venus transit. Two officers of the Indian Army, Lt. Col. Omesh Shukla and Major Narendra Tripathi, who are pursuing their Master's studies at IIT Kanpur, visited the summer camp and shared their experiences in the Army. They told students about the career prospects and life style in the Indian Army. Children were very enthusiastic and honored to meet them and few students also shared their desire to join the Army to serve our nation after listening to them. A cricket match was also organized by Deepak Arya between the summer camp children and students of Prayas- an organization which works in IIT Kanpur to cater to the educational needs of underprivileged children. These were some of the things which were presented in the camp's report.

Prof. H. C. Verma shared inspiring thoughts with the children. He asked the students to aim for developing an all-round personality. A student should always try to improve his thought process. The characteristics of a good student are giving respect and love to his/her elders, younger and friends, developing good habits, keeping cleanliness in our home and society, etc.

Shri Deepak Raje Ji was also invited for the closing ceremony. He shared a story of parrots and a hunter with the children in a lucid way. He insisted on the necessity for developing the wisdom to understand the concepts that are being learned. It is very easy to get marks in examination by just cramming, but a good comprehension and wisdom is required to solve the real life problems. The challenge lies in the later, these were the inspiring words of Shri Deepak Raje Ji.

Shri Pranay Kumar, one of the founders of Shiksha Sopan, shared his experiences before and after establishing the Shiksha Sopan. He told about the difficulties that they faced while sowing the seeds of our organization, Shiksha Sopan. He told the audience that they took 6-7 days while deciding the name "Shiksha Sopan". He asked the students to contribute to the society in whatever form they can, like teaching their neighboring children, maintaining the cleanliness of their village, having good thoughts in mind, etc. The pamphlets describing the various activities of Sopan were also distributed to the children's parents. They were also requested to further inculcate the values that were developed in the students in the summer camp. The children shared their experiences of this year's summer camp and promised to bring the learned things into their life.

SBI, IIT Kanpur donated Fans:

In the Month of June, all SBI Banks donated ceiling fans to school in all over India. In this scheme, SBI IIT Kanpur decided for donating ten fans to Shiksha Sopan (शिक्षा सोपान अनौपचारिक शिक्षण केंद्र बरासिरोही आई. आई. टी. कानपुर), which is running in Barasirohi village nearby IIT Kanpur campus.



In the month of June-2012, Shiksha Sopan has shifted to a new building in Barasirohi. We need all basic electric appliances for running the center properly. SBI IIT has given us big support by donating ten ceiling fans. SBI IIT Kanpur has given fan fitting charges also. We inaugurated our new building in 1st July 2012. The manager Mr. P. Lalvani and Chief Manager Mr. Virendra Singh of SBI IIT Kanpur also came in the inaugural session. They were very happy to see the enthusiasm of Shiksha Sopan volunteers and promised to stay in touch with Shiksha Sopan.



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