



Shiksha Sopan

An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

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In the month of May 09, our focus was on Summer Camp of PPY children, Swavalamban kendra and participation in NWIPT 09. Results were declared for class 10 and class 12 children and a good amount of counseling was done to individually decide the future course of our children.

Sopan Swavalamban Kendra(SSK)

The 9 girls from Barasirohi completed One-month bag making course. They learned making 4 kinds of bags during this period. On 4th May we had a small function which marked the closing of the Bag making 1st batch course and beginning of 4 new courses (a) Repairing Electric Appliances, (b) Making Artificial Jewelries, (c) Beautician's Course and (d) Sewing. In the first course 10 children were admitted whereas in each of the other three courses, 20 participants were admitted. In the repairing course, all the children admitted were boys whereas in rest of the three courses only girls were admitted. All these were present together with the 9 girls of Bag making course.

The function started with Lamp lighting before the Image of Goddess Saraswati followed by Introduction to Shiksha Sopan by Dr H C Verma. The working of Swavalamban kendra was introduced by the Kendra Sanchalika Mrs Pooja Mishra. All the Trainers of the 5 courses were introduced to the gathering. The coordinator Shri Jaiprakash ji narrated the schedule and told about the rules to be followed by the trainees.



A good participation came from the IITK Campus community. Principal of Campus School Mrs Sushma Vora, Principal of Opportunity School Mr R S Srivastav, Social activist and Shiksha Sopan EC invitee member Mrs Rita Singh, SRE Electrical Engg Mrs Neeru Chabra, Mrs Nazma, Mrs Sangeeta Upadhyay, Secretary of Womens Association Mrs Guhapriya, Professor in ME Dr M S Kalra were some of the Campus residents present to encourage the children.



The programme also had a display and evaluation components. The bag making girls were given an examination at the end of the course which involved making two bags, one of the variety of her choice and the other from choice of the trainer. These 18 bags were on display with names written on it. After the function was formally over, each of the willing visitors (a total of 15) was given an evaluation table. The table contained names of the candidates and columns for marks. Each visitor then looked at all the bags and gave marks. The final result was compiled by taking average of all these marks for each candidate.



All the visitors greatly appreciated the skill that the girls acquired in just one month training. Many of them had seen a Sopan programme for the first time and they blessed the children and congratulated the team for putting up a useful show. A display of artificial jewelries was put up by the corresponding Instructor.



PPY Summer Camp started

From the examination conducted in the month of February, 11 children were selected for the Summer Camp 2009 under Pratibha Poshan Yojana. Nine of these had also attended Summer Camp of 2008. There are seven girls and four boys. The 36-day camp started on 23rd May in Quarter no. 458 allotted by the IITK administration for the purpose.

Classes for Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and English are given everyday. Each class is for 75 minutes duration so that the teacher has good opportunity to dwell upon the topic and get it practiced in the class itself. Normally two instructors are present during the class so that monitoring of each child can be done properly.

Apart from the regular classes, Computer education, Science experiments, Cultural and sports activities are also part of this summer camp. A team of around 24 members comprising IITK Faculty, Students, local volunteers and some teachers from outside IITK and even outside from Kanpur city, is involved in academic activities. Other than this, few other local volunteers are involved in other management related aspects of this camp.



During the camp itself, that is on 30th May, results of these children of Class Xth Board exams were declared. Out of 11 children, 10 passed with 1st division and 1 with IInd division. 3 Children got more than 75 %. Highest among them was 83.5%. It is heartening to see that our guidance to these children has been helpful to them. According to our English instructor Mr Srinath, all the boys were happy with their performance and most of the girls were unhappy as they expected better results. Proper counseling was done to tell them that it is the skill and knowledge that will finally count.



Priyanka Sengar who scored 83.5% marks in UP Board class X exam

Participation in NWIPT 09

Shiksha Sopan science cell actively participated in the academic management of "National Workshop on Innovative Physics Teaching.", NWIPT-09. held on 15th May to 20th May. All the 50 experiments designed for the workshop were assembled by our Science Cell and properly placed at right place at right hours. In the process they also learnt a lot. Those involved closely with this activity were Deepak Agnihotri, Rohit Nishad, Ritosh Shukla, Deepak Mishra and Ranjit Kumar. Mr Amit Bajpai, despite his semester exams going on provided a good guidance to the team. All 42 teachers were quite impressed by the almost flawless management by Shiksha Sopan volunteers.

The registration bags were stitched by Sopan swavalamban Kendra girls who had done the one-month training course.

Shiksha Sopan children put up a 2 hour cultural show on 19th May evening. The children gave a very good performance comprising of dances, songs and skits.

The participant teachers were quite impressed by the Sopan Children and Sopan activities. Each participant gave a token donation for Shiksha Sopan.



News from Sopan Vidyalaya, Evening Centers

The school management committee decided to make some significant changes in the system. The examinations were given in somewhat more formal manner. Some of the children who did not perform well were counseled together with their parents and were asked to repeat in the same class. The results are being analyzed and detailed roadmap is being prepared to find out ways of strengthening the academics of the children.

The school is closed for the summer vacation. The teachers are gearing up for the next session. After Jaiprakash Ji got involved in SSK, Seema Verma has taken the charge of the school and has motivated the fellow teachers in a nice way.

The evening centers at Barasirohi and Ratanpur are closed for vacation. That at SAC, IITK is open only for games. Children of this center together with the center coordinators Dhyanchand and Anita Kamal come everyday for 1.5 hours and play games.

What People say about us

I read the Shiksha Sopan Newsletter for the month of May. I have been following the progress for approximately two years now. I must say that the progress made by Shiksha Sopan has been terrific in a short time. I am very impressed by the vocational training, science training and the Pratibha Poshan Yojana. I loved to see the young minds designing and flying the paper planes. Someday, some of these young children will be designing and flying real planes! Great work.

.....Mr Kamalesh Dwivedi, CIO, Network Solutions, Colorado

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