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The 29 days of February 2016 were full of activities together with preparation of examinations to be held in March-April. A lot of academic work has been done at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. A get together program was also held at SASK center. Shiksha Sopan team members gave several workshops at different places and organized a teachers interaction program at IITK.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

The vidyalaya team is always coming out with programmes for the around development of children. While making regular teaching in classrooms, several programmes were conducted involving the children.

Kanpur Zoo Visit

Visit to Kanpur zoo was an interesting experience for the children of SASK. They went to zoo by bus with teachers on 06th February, 2016 (Saturday). Kanpur zoo is near Nawabganj. Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK took care of whole visit. Some of IITK NSS students Mr. Lokesh, Mr. Saumydeep, Mr. Pawan, Mr. Mithil and SASK teachers Ms Suneeta, Ms Deepti and Ms Nisha 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 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 tigers in their enclosures. They also saw White Asian tigers, cheetah, leopard, jaguar, hyena, black bear, grizzly bear, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, monkeys, Musk deer and deer,. 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.

Special Activity

With focused work by SASK teachers, children and volunteers have started taking interest in Environment and Nature. They are making others also aware of global warming and other important issues. They started taking initiatives to make their environment clean. To reduce the hazard of poly bags. They have come up with the alternative of "Paper Bags".



A special activity was done by Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK on 13th February, 2016. In this activity children from class 6th to 8th made so many paper bags and wrote on it "DO NOT USE POLYTHENE". By this the children got connected to our environment and helped users to do the same. These bags were distributed to their parents.

Basant Panchami Celebration

Basant Panchami is an Indian festival that highlights the coming of spring. This festival is usually celebrated in Magh. This day is dedicated to Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, arts, science and technology. This year Basant Panchami was celebrated with great enthusiasm at SASK. Everyone prayed to Maa Saraswati for knowledge and wisdom.



Most of the Children of SASK wore bright yellow dresses. The color yellow holds a special meaning for this celebration as it signifies the brilliance of nature and the vibrancy of life. Prasadam was distributed after the Aarti of Maa Saraswati.

Yoga Classes

Mr Sohan Lal Yadav from IIT Kanpur had given classes on yoga at SASK on 27th February, 2016. He told that Yoga asanas are the simplest and the easiest way to reduce our excess weight and meditating our body and mind. All the SASK children attended this class. They enjoyed this class very much and made a commitment that they will do it regularly.



Teachers Interaction program

In this month, the teachers interaction program was held under Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan on 13th February. The teachers were from different Rajkey Inter Colleges and from different primary and junior government schools. The whole program was designed by Dr H C Verma, Professor, Physics department, IITK and Secretary, Shiksha Sopan.



Initial introduction was given by Dr H C Verma. After this teachers and faculty members were divided in subject wise groups and they had more individual interaction. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai from Shiksha Sopan showed a lot of science experiments and discussed about them. All these experiments were designed at Shiksha Sopan Science lab. Mr Ranjit Kumar also from Shiksha Sopan science cell helped in assembling and performing the experiments. Teachers were very happy to see that concepts can be so easily demonstrated through such low cost experiments. At the same time Mr Anurag Pandey from Shiksha Sopan presented many interesting mathematics puzzles in very lucid manner.

Shiksha Sopan Science Cell

Workshop at NASI, Allahabad

Shiksha Sopan members are making efforts for spreading its effective teaching methodology for science education. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Deepak Mishra from Shiksha Sopan gave a teachers workshop at NASI (National Academy of Sciences India), Allahabad on 27th February, 2016. More than 60 teachers from different schools were present there.



Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Deepak Mishra gave science demonstrations with very live discussions to enhance the understanding of teachers present there. Each experiment was like a puzzle and through lots of debate, it was resolved. The main topics were Force and Pressure. With examples from daily life situations these concepts were made more familiar to them. The most attractive part of this workshop was variation of buoyancy as an object is taken deeper in water. The fact that it does not depend on depth was surprising for almost all. It was also like a puzzle and when they understood the concept, it was a lovely experience.

They also talked about the methodology of science teaching among all the teachers and this teaching methodology was appreciated by the teachers. Dr Santosh Kumar from NASI managed the whole program.

Visit by Mr Saleem Khan from CAF, India

Mr Saleem Khan from CAF, India visited Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra on 23rd February, 2016. He talked to the children and motivated them. He told them about the importance of strong determination and hard work and shared many of his own experiences. On behalf of SASK, Ms Seema Verma with her school teachers gave thanks to Mr Khan.



Sopan children felicitated him by giving self-designed and self-made greetings. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Vipin Sharma were present there all the time.

Get-together Program

A get-together program was organized on 26th February by Shiksha Sopan for the volunteers and the children participated in the Annual Function of Shiksha Sopan held on 24th January. The motto of this program was to appreciate the children for their best performances. During this program, Mr Manish Yadav from Auraiya gave a one hour science show.



All the center coordinators and most of the Sopan volunteers with Some of the NSS students were present there. Sweets were distributed after the programme.

Other Informations

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