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The month of April was hot in climate and also very energetic for Sopan volunteers who conducted lots of activities such as Examination for VNK Merit Scholarship, Paper art workshop, Nukkad Natak at Ratanpur, Play on Ramanujam's life by NSS students, making of Solar cloth drier and water distillator, Vidai of Mr. Manoj K Moharana.

Dr VN Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship was instituted in the memory of Late Prof Kulkarni and the first selection of students for this scholarship was done in April 2011. The 11 students from class 6, 9 and 11th who were given this scholarship really needed it and many of them could continue education only because of this. They are in regular contact with Sopan volunteers and participate in Sopan activities.

This year we have conducted this scholarship examination on 22nd April 2012. The information brochure and application forms were given to 43 schools in and around the IIT Campus. Mr. Nazir Hussain coordinated the contact programme. A total of 450 applications from students going to class 6th, 9th and 11th were received who were given admit cards.


The examination was conducted at four different centers. Opportunity School was the center of class 5th students. Mr. Pardeep Kumar, Phd Student and Sopan EC Member was the Incharge of this center. There were two centers for class 8th students namely GPN Vidyalaya, Barasirohi and Nav Srijan Vidyalaya, Chak Ratanpur. Ms Puspua Tripathi was the Incharge of the Nav Srijan Vidyalaya center and Ms. Seema Verma of G P N Vidyalay center. Mr. Jai Prakash Maurya



was the Incharge of Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya, Lodhar which was the center for class 10th studentts. About 30 volunteers were involved as Invigilators.

The whole examination was coordinated by Mr. Anurag Pandey. The question paper for class 5th was designed by Mr. Ashish Bhateja and the papers for class 8th and 10th were designed by Dr. H C Verma, who was out of station but still





accomplished his work. The question papers contained Mathematics, Science, Hindi and English and tested on basic understanding, imagination and comprehension. The time duration of the examination was 2 hours. The evaluation, screening, economic survey and final selection will be done in May.

Sopan Vidyalaya

Final Examination and session closing

Sopan Vidyalaya is doing well under guidance of Mr. Ashish Bhateja. The final examination was conducted from 4th April to 21st April. Some interesting features were introduced in the examination system to make it more meaningful. For Class 1st and 2nd students, the examination was conducted without pen and notebook. Children also enjoyed this type of examination and performed well compared to written examination. The idea behind the oral examination was to enhance the learning from surrounding and communication skills of students. The idea was mooted by Seema Verma ji and her vidyalaya team.

Parents meeting and Final results distribution were organized on 29th April 2012 at Sopan vidyalaya premises. Mr. Ashish Bhateja talked with parents about their children's performance in classes. He emphasized that it is a teamwork where parents and teachers work in coordination to make the learning environment for children. The final results of the children were distributed by Mr. Bhateja. The School is now closed for summer vacation.

Creative activities

Paper Craft Workshop: IITK students Mr. Nikhil Raj and Mr. Shiv Kumar conducted a paper craft workshop for class 5th to 8th students. They taught the students how to make colourful flowers, frogs and different types of decorating items from colored papers and also given basic knowledge about three dimensional figures.

Making useful items: Two groups were formed by Ms Seema Verma of Class 6-8 students. The first group was coordinated by Mr. Deepak Pal, Mr. Pal taught the students making files from cardboard. Children made very nice files which were very useful. The second group were coordinated by Ms Sunita Maurya, she taught to students how can we decorate our houses from waste materials and also given tips for precautions during cooking.

Visits of Eminant persons

Mr. Arun Kumar from Canada came to IIT Kanpur for official work. When he heard about Shiksha Sopan, he showed his desire to make a visit and meet Soapn children. He visited Sopan Vidyalaya and talked to children. He told to students that education is the right for everyone and money doesn't matter in getting education. It is sincere effort and strong will that is important for reaching great heights. He inspired the children to work with honesty. Children also interacted with him freely. Mr Arun Kumar praised the efforts of Shiksha Sopan in giving helping hand to the underprivileged children.

As a token of respect, Ashish Bhateja Ji presented a Pen Stand made by Sopan Vidyalaya children, to Mr Arun Kumar.



Evening Learning centers

SAC Center

The Evening Learning Center at SAC has been very productive in April. Pushpa Ji and Ruchi Ji have put in lot of effort to make the activities useful. Apart from coordinating the center, Pushpa Ji herself is making children learn English, both written and spoken. Other personality development programmes are also going quite well. Children are given puzzles to solve and mind games to increase their analyzing and thinking power. Also, useful tips are given to maintain good health.

Children talk of their experiences of Sopan center with their friends in the locality and this has resulted in many new children coming to the center. The average number at the center in April has been over 60.

Barasirohi Center

Barasirohi center also recorded a significant increase in numbers as many new things are being taught at this center. Promod Ji and Gita Ji are emphasizing on Oral arithmetic where calculations can be done without writing. Younger children are being taught through figures, diagrams and posters which they are enjoying. Preparation for VNK Merit Scholarship was given separate emphasis for class 6,9, 11 students.

Nukkad Natak

IITK students Devendra, Nikhil, Shivani, Monica, and others in NSS stream prepared short Nukkad Natak on child labour, consequences of tobacco, corruption in public life etc. Shiksha Sopan children Pooja, Deeksha, Deepu and Rahul from SAC Evening center were also in the performing team. These Natak were staged in Ratanpur chak village on 19th April 2012. Shiksha Sopan volunteers made wide public contact in Ratanpur to inform about the Natak venue and timing and villagers including women and children came in large numbers to see the show.

The whole show was designed to entertain the audience and give them proper social message. And it was very successful as the whole lot enjoyed every bit of their acting and presentation. They involved the audience by asking questions at the end of each skit and distributed pens and toffees for good answers.

Drama narration of the life sketch of S. Ramanujan

S. Ramanujan is a great name in Mathematics and all Indians are proud of him. This being 125th year of his birth, Shiksha Sopan decided to enact a drama-narration of his life sketch to let the children know about this great character. IITK students Anniruddha and his friends had written the script showing his childhood, his interaction with Professor Hardy and his mathematical analysis during his illness etc. The drama was staged on 15th April in L-7 with lights, curtains and other drama accessories.



Prof Hardy visiting Ramanujan during his illness

Manoj Moharana Ji completes his course

The Vidai Programme of Mr. Manoj Moharana was held at SAC (Yoga Hall) on 25th April 2012. Mr. Manoj Moharana had joined Shiksha Sopan in 2007 as a volunteer for the big Sopan event "Children's Science Fair". After this, he became an active Sopan worker and participated in all activities of Shiksha Sopan. He was Vice President of the Executive Committee of Shiksha Sopan for two terms. Mr. Moharana is completing his Ph D programme from Mechanical Engg Department IIT Kanpur. He has been appointed as Assistant Professor at NIT, Rourkela.

All Sopan volunteers were present in this Vidai Programme. Mr. Amit K Bajpai, shared his moments spent with Moharana ji. Mr. Nazir and Mr. Ashish Bhateja also shared their experiences with Moharana Ji. A momento was given to him by all volunteers. Mr. Moharana gave toffies to children and told that he will always be in touch with Shiksha Sopan.



NEWS

- Shiksha Sopan alumna, Mr Chandra Mohan Thakur, has passed Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC with 36th Rank. Sopan congratulates Chandra Mohan Ji for his achievement and wishes him a very good career useful to him and to the Nation.

- Summer Camp for children of class 9, selected from various villages under Pratibha Poshan Yojana, will start on 10th May and will go till 10th June. The Camp will be held at Quarter No. 325, IIT Kanpur

- Science team of Shiksha Sopan is gearing up for making new experiments for National Workshop of Utsahi Physics Teachers, to be held on 27th May-1st June at IITK.

Other Informations

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