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Newsletter May 2024

**Hello Readers,
Greetings from Shiksha Sopan!**

Our May newsletter includes a brief report on the activities of April 2024 across all Shiksha Sopan centers. This edition highlights various programs, including student workshops, teacher interaction sessions, exam preparation assistance, and visits from former team members.

A center-wise summary is provided below:

Dr. V.N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Exam

Shiksha Sopan has been conducting the Dr. V. N. Kulkarni Merit Scholarship examination for students of standards V, VIII, and X in memory of the late Dr. V. N. Kulkarni, a Professor of Physics at IIT Kanpur. As a mentor from the beginning, he always motivated Sopan volunteers to strive for the best for society. In his honor, we have held this examination annually since 2011.

This year, the examination was conducted on 10th March 2024. Our volunteers visited local schools, encouraging principals to enroll their students in the examination, with the aim of enhancing the academic quality of the society. A total of 700 students from different schools enrolled, and approximately 650 students appeared for the examination, which was held at three centers: Opportunity School in the IITK campus, Sai Applewood Public School on Shivli Road, Kalyanpur, and Rani Lakshmi Bai Inter College, Bithoor.

The staff and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan worked diligently to ensure the smooth conduct of the examination. The results of the first phase were declared on 30th April. Following this, Sopan volunteers will visit the homes of all selected students for an economic survey.



Fancy Dress and Rangoli Competition

Rangoli and fancy-dress competitions were organized by Shiksha Sopan's SAEC Center on 14th April at Sopan Ashram. Children from the locality of Sopan Ashram and all Shiksha Sopan centers participated, with over 100 children registering for the competitions.

The fancy-dress competition was conducted in two phases, with the first pre-round held on 14th April at Sopan Ashram. A total of 70 children from classes 1 to 5 and classes 6 to 8 participated. Some students were selected and given tips to perform their best in the final round. Each participant had one minute to speak about their chosen character. Twenty-two children were selected for the final round. Judges for the pre-round were Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai from Shiksha Sopan, Ms. Ankita Kumari from IIT Kanpur, Smt. Abhilasha from Campus School, and Mr. Om Prakash from IIT Kanpur. Participants dressed as characters such as Rani Lakshmi Bai, the moon, Bhimrao Ambedkar, Shri Ram, and Ravana.

In addition, a Rangoli competition was held for children from classes 9 to 12. This competition was conducted in groups, with each group consisting of two to four children. The results of both competitions, including the final names for the fancy-dress competition, were announced on 17th April.



Annual Function & Ram Navmi Celebration

The annual function of Shiksha Sopan Ashram Evening Center was celebrated on 17th April at Sopan Ashram. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp in front of Maa Saraswati by Professor H. C. Verma, Shri Ranjan Upadhyay, Shri Amit Kumar Bajpai, and Ms. Ankita Kumari. Mr. Vinay Mishra, Center Coordinator of SAEC, welcomed everyone. Following this, the children from classes 1 to 5 and classes 6 to 8 were called one by one for the final phase of the fancy dress competition. All the children presented their respective characters in an amazing manner.

Everyone was addressed by the special guest, Shri Ranjan Upadhyay, who participated in the program. A farewell program was also organized for the center's students in class 12th, including Anuj Kumar, Tarana, Vaishnavi, Shiva Kashyap, Mahima, and Divya. These students shared their experiences in front of the audience.



Prizes were distributed by Dr. H. C. Verma, Dr. Niraj Mohan Chawake, Mr. Ranjan Upadhyay, and the judges of the event.

Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

New Session

On April 3, the new session began at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. The teachers welcomed the children, who were very happy to join their new classes. On the first day, the children were introduced to each other. Sunita ji also narrated an educational story to all the children.

The admission process for new students started on April 5 and will continue until July, during which new students will be admitted.



Games Activity

In April, children participated in game activities for two weeks. Former Shiksha Sopan students, Jaya and Sonam, played various types of games with the children of classes 1 to 4. The children greatly enjoyed playing the games. Afterwards, everyone shared their experiences about the games.



Craft Activity

Every Saturday in April, Seema Verma conducted craft activities for the students. During these sessions, the students were taught to make paper baskets, paper trees, paper pen stands, and other crafts.



Pravah Baal Akhbaar

The Pravah children's newspaper for the month of April was prepared by Durgesh and Shiv Mohan, both from Class 7. In the "Haal-Chaal" column, Muskaan from Class 8 shared her views on the scorching heat experienced during April.



Shreya from Class 8 performed beautiful songs dedicated to Lord Ram on the occasion of Ram Navami. Meanwhile, Aryan from Class 8 shared his thoughts in our "Kalakari" column.

Sopan Ashram Evening Center(SAEC)

Mathematics class by Babita

Babita Kumari, currently pursuing M.Sc. at IIT Kanpur, generously volunteers her time at Sopan Ashram, offering mathematics classes to the students. During her recent session, Babita ji employed a unique teaching approach to explain mathematical symbols and basic formulas to the students. She covered topics such as squares, square roots, and exponents, elaborating on the distinctions between them. Her engaging explanations helped students grasp these mathematical concepts effectively.



Historical Class by Apoorva Jha


Apoorva Jha elaborated on India's rich historical sites to the students, highlighting the country's diverse cultural heritage. India's architectural marvels, such as the ancient churches of Goa and the iconic Taj Mahal, exhibit the nation's exceptional craftsmanship and historical significance.

Qutub Minar in Delhi and Charminar are among the iconic landmarks representing India. Apoorva ji also informed the children about other notable monuments, such as the Mysore Palace in Karnataka and the Victoria Memorial in Kolkata, emphasizing their geographical significance.

New Volunteer discussion

On April 7th, new IIT students were invited to Sopan Ashram, where they received detailed information about Shiksha Sopan and Sopan Ashram. These IIT students were enlisted to teach children at the ashram center. To commence the program, Center Coordinator Vinay Mishra shared essential details about the center and provided special insights into the educational initiatives underway.





Following that, Shiksha Sopan Program Coordinator, Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai, addressed the gathering. He conducted small science experiments, captivating the audience with engaging demonstrations. Additionally, Mr. Yogesh Kumar Jha showcased some visually striking science experiments to everyone present.

Subsequently, Ankita Kumari ji, currently pursuing her PhD at IIT Kanpur and serving as a liaison between Shiksha Sopan and IITK students, elucidated the responsibilities of new volunteers. She emphasized how students from IITK could contribute their support to further the cause of education at the center. The session was attended by 35 new IIT Kanpur students.

Harshita ji Class

Harshita ji conducts weekly Geeta classes for the students, instilling both moral values and education. These classes serve to bolster the students' morale and provide them with valuable insights. Currently, Harshita ji is elucidating the verses of the Gita and their meanings to the students.

Craft Classes

Mahima Kumari is conducting craft classes for students, currently focusing on teaching them lippan art. She instructs students on how to decorate the craft base and choose appropriate colors to ensure a shiny finish. Additionally, Mahima provides music classes, using the harmonium to teach students how to play. This multifaceted approach not only nurtures students' artistic skills but also cultivates their interest in learning new talents alongside their academic pursuits.



Barasirohi Evening Center

New Session

This month, all students received their school results, with each of them passing with commendable marks, reflecting their dedication and hard work. They were warmly congratulated on their achievements, and the new session commenced with renewed enthusiasm. Guidance was provided to the students on effective study habits and how to navigate their new class, ensuring a smooth transition and continued academic success.

The results for classes 10 and 12 were declared on April 20th, with the following outcomes: Khusbu – 65%, Anshika – 82%, Tapasya – 69%.

Earth Day

On 22nd April, Pushpendra ji provided a comprehensive explanation of Earth Day to all the students at the center, emphasizing the importance of environmental awareness and conservation. Additionally, he encouraged students to express their thoughts on the significance of Earth Day through writing exercises.



Sopan Library

- ❖ As usual, the library session commenced with a prayer, setting a serene atmosphere for reading and learning. Students delved into various books of their interest, immersing themselves in the world of knowledge.
- ❖ An exploration of the divine Shiva Tandav unfolded, with each student learning and reciting three verses, focusing on accurate pronunciation and understanding.
- ❖ Anita ji explained in detail why Nandi ji sits in front of the Shiva statue.
- ❖ In Sanskarshala, students recite shlokas, tell stories, and learn moral values. This month, they focused on self-introduction, including name, parents' names, phone number, and house number, enhancing self-confidence and communication.

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