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The month of October was very energetic for our volunteers as well as for our children. A number of activities were conducted at different centers of Shiksha Sopan. Although Unlock 5 was officially announced but still the risk of Covid 19 is very much there as there was a prediction of the second wave of this pandemic. So Shiksha Sopan asked all its stakeholders to strictly follow the guideline of this pandemic and save themselves as well their families. Shiksha Sopan conducted all its activities digitally.

Fancy Dress Competition

As mentioned in the October Newsletter, Shiksha Sopan digitally conducted a fancy dress competition for the children of Sopan. Some screenshots of the videos submitted in the month of September were shown in the October Newsletter. The last date of submission of videos was 5th October and we received several more entries in this month. All the videos were very attractive and meaningful and it was a challenge for the program coordinator to get these videos evaluated. We contacted some IITK housewives to give their valuable time for this evaluation. Mrs. Sujata Panda, Mrs. Deepa Anand, Mrs. Bhakti Sathe, and Mrs. Pragya Khandekar agreed to help us in this evaluation process. Three groups of participants were formed in which one group was from class 1st to 5th, second group from class 6th to 8th and third was from 9th to 12th. A total of 57 videos were received which were divided in these groups and forwarded to the evaluators on Whatsapp.

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Program

Shiksha Sopan conducts Dr. V. N. Kulkarni Merit Scholarship program for school students every year. In this year the scholarship test was conducted in January and first merit list of 32 students were published based on the written test. The final stage of the selection was to be based on economical survey of the families which got postponed again and again due to Covid-19 pandemic.



Finally it was decided to reformat the process of economic survey and it was conducted in the month of October. We called the selected students in small groups at different time slots with safety measures of Covid 19. Students came with their parents and filled our economical survey forms at Sopan Ashram. Our volunteers discussed with them about the children and their studies. Mr. Himanshu coordinated the whole event. Based on their self declaration the Scholarship committee will decide the final recipients.

Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

As the danger of COVID 19 is still significant, the center continued in semi-digital mode. Different whatsapp group classes and the open air class for selected children were held as in the previous months. A modest start of physical classes was also made in the month of October. The volunteers visited the center regularly for making the teaching modules for children and to plan out the activities. However all the special functions were celebrated with enthusiasm albeit digitally.

Gandhi Ji and Lalbahadur Shashtri Ji Jayanti

On 2nd October whole country celebrates Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shashtri Jayanti as they had played a very big role in the Independence of India. SASK celebrated this day with full of Enthusiasm. Due to Covid-19, only volunteers of SASK were invited physically to garland the photos of Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji at the campus of SASK.

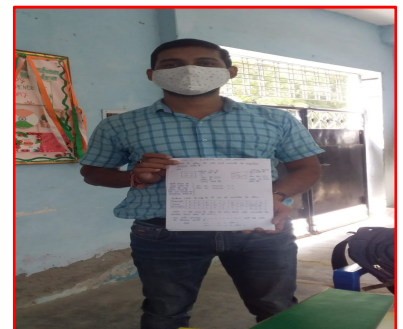
On this occasion, SASK also distributed stationery items to 40 students by following proper social distancing. These stationary were distributed by the chief guest of the program, Mr. Atul Kumar (Secretary, Shiksha Sopan).



Distribution of Study Material.

In SASK, children were facing the problems in Mathematics due to unavailability of proper books. Ms. Seema Verma discussed this issue with Mr. Shubhendra ji, a student of IITK. He came up with hand written study material which was very helpful during solving the mathematics questions.

He prepared study materials for class 6th to class 8th. students were happy to receive this special study materials which was prepared for them only.



Feedback by Parents

SASK also started taking feedback from the parents and discuss the progress in the studies of the children. Seema Verma requested the parents to monitor their children about the studies, update the volunteers of SASK, and keep in regular touch with the SASK volunteers. By doing this children can improve themselves in the studies with the help of their parents.



Weekly Home work to children

As mentioned earlier, a modest start of conducting physical classes at SASK was made in this month. In the first step, Miss. Seema Verma decided to call the students in small groups at the center once a week to discuss their weekly progress and give homework to them for the next week.

"Aaj Ki Baat" Program

"Aaj Ki Baat" is an innovative program initiated by SASK in the community class. This program was started on 21st October in which volunteers put efforts to try out a new method of teaching. "Aaj Ki Baat". Is designed to given the children lively environment for learning and to make them even more enthusiastic. The program gives a platform where the children express themselves in front of others and learn the thing from others. It also helped in filling the gap between children and teachers.



Barasirohi Evening center(BEC)

October month was somehow quite busy for all volunteers and children of BEC. There were various activities done in this month which are given below.

Celebration of Gandhi and Lalbahdur Shashtri jayanti

Coordinator of evening center Ms Gita ji decided to celebrate Birthday of our freedom fighters Gandhi ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri ji with the children of BEC who do not have smart phones and are not able to take part in online classes. Geeta Ji is already in contact with them as she teaches them at their homes. The children wreath on the photos of these two great persons. On this occasion children drew the pictures and express their thoughts in their own words in presence of Geeta ji.



Online Carrier Guidance Session

From the month of October, some IITK students started career counselling for the BEC children. Students decided to conduct this session once in a week. In this session students guide and motivate the children for their future according to their fields of interest. The first session was conducted on 24th October, which was taken by Archita Ji who is pursuing Post Graduation from BHU. In this session children from class 9th to 12th participated. Archita ji gave good suggestions to these children for their future.



Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel jayanti

Iron man of the country Shree Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was born on 31st October 1875. He was the person who united all the states into one country after the independence and also played a vital role in our independence. He was the first Deputy Prime Minister of India.

BEC remembered him and celebrated his Birthday on 31st October with full of Enthusiasm through online mode. Geeta ji told the fact to children about the Statue of Unity which is build in Gujrat on Narmada river and designed by "Ram Vanji Sutar". Geeta ji gave chance to the listeners to asked questions. Students took the chance and discussed about Patel ji.



Fancy Dress Competition

Some of the children were busy in preparing for the fancy dress competition. 15 children participated in this competition and played different-different character/role like Rani Lakshami Bai, Doctor, Corona Virus, Gandhi ji, Narendra Modi etc. Through this program, they not only utilized their spare time but also gave a social message to their audience.

Sopan Ashram Evening center (SAEC)

In October month SAEC volunteers and IITK students did lots of meetings through the zoom app and also did interaction sessions with the students of SAEC. SAMVAD of November 2020 giving SAEC activities in October is also attached. Some highlights are given below.

Highlights of Some Activities

- SAEC conducted a volunteers meeting on 6th October to discuss the upcoming program and making a route plan for the children.
- One of the SAEC students Master Manish got selected in Polytechnic.
- To prevent the SAEC children from the effect of Covid 19, distribution of face mask was done by SAEC volunteers.
- To create the interest of children towards co-curricular activities, SAEC children were encouraged to participate in the fancy dress competition organized by Shiksha Sopan. The children played different roles to give a social messages to the public.

Sopan Library

In the month of October the library was running between 5 PM to 6 PM with full precaution and safety measures of COVID 19. Every member of the Library strictly followed the Precautions. The activities at this center are as follows.

- On 2nd October library celebrated the Birthday of Father of the Nation Mahatama Gandhi Ji and second prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji. Miss. Pushpa Ji wreathed on the photos and remember both of them.
- Library also celebrated World Nature Day on 12th October with the library members and discussed how we can prevent our environment from pollution.
- Missile Man and former president of country Dr. Abdul Kalam were born on 15th October. To remember him and his contribution towards the Nation, library members celebrated his birthday.
- Shiksha Sopan organized a fancy dress competition for the children in which library children participated with full of dedication.

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