

Shiksha Sopan

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Dear Readers, Greetings from Shiksha Sopan!

The month of October witnessed significant activity across all our centers. The visit to Sopan Ashram school progressed successfully, SASK remained actively engaged in Baal Akhbar and various other events, and the Sopan alumni visited Sopan Ashram, strategizing for the future. Comprehensive reports from all the centers are provided below.

Sopan Ashram Activities (SOASHA)

School Visited to our Sopan Ashram

Sopan Ashram took the initiative to invite numerous schools for visits by dispatching letters that included a Google Form link for the schools to provide their information. Following this, the Sopan Ashram team scheduled and coordinated visits with the respective school authorities. In October, 12 schools participated in the program, bringing approximately 600 students and teachers. During their visit, participants enjoyed the Science lab and various activities at Sopan Ashram. Further details about the visiting schools are outlined below.

Date	Name of School	Date	Name of School
3 rd October '23	Jai Narayan Vidya Mandir Inter College	11 th October '23	Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre, Kaushlpuri
4 th October '23	KV IIT Kanpur	12 th October '23	Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre, Kaushlpuri
5 th October '23	R. G. Girls Intermediate College, Goa Garden,	13 th October '23	St. Mary's Orthodox School, Keshvpuram, Kanpur
6 th October '23	Delhi Public School, Barra	17 th October '23	Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology for Handicapped, Kanpur
7 th October '23	Dr. P R Wasson Public School, Govind Nagar	18 th October '23	JNV Sarsaul and KV Chakeri
9 th October '23	Scholar Mission School, Baikunthpur, Bithoor Road	25 th October '23	Air Force School, Chakeri, Kanpur
10 th October '23	Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre, Kaushlpuri	27 th October '23	Dr. VSEC, Kalyanpur, Kanpur

Feedback by Mrs. Shobha Das, Principal, Shree Sanatan Dharm Education Centre, Kaushlpuri, Kanpur

Very grateful to you for organizing such enlightening and informative sessions for students at Sopan Ashram. 🙏

Students were extremely happy. It was their heartfelt desire to visit the place and finally it was fulfilled. They feel greatly encouraged and motivated by what they experienced there. The teachers are full of praises for the way you managed everything. It is truly a paradise for children. God bless you!



Meritorious Student's Camp

A two-day camp was conducted at Sopan Ashram on October 29-30, 2023, specifically for 15 high-achieving 9th-grade students and their parents. Lodging and meals were provided for a total of 30 attendees. These students hailed from diverse districts of Uttar Pradesh, including Bhadohi, Balarampur, Hamirpur, Basti, Praygraj, Lkhimpur, Bareilly, Azamgarh, Kanpur Dehat, Jaunpur, and Saharanpur. The coordination between the students and the organizing team was facilitated by Mr. DD Maheshwari, an alumnus of IITK and IIMA, who also stayed with the students. The camp's inaugural day commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, led by Dr. Sameer Khandekar, Mr. DD Maheshwari, and Mrs. Sunita Nagar from the SAATHI organization.



On October 29th at Sopan Ashram, students experienced a day of both enjoyment and valuable learning. They participated in diverse activities, including science experiments, outdoor experiments, and hands-on sessions covering topics like breadboards, series-parallel connections, and electronic components. Two informative interaction sessions were conducted—one by IITK faculty, Dr. Niraj Mohan Chawake, and another by Mr. R M Gupta, a Chartered Accountant.

A night sky observation, facilitated with a telescope at Sopan Ashram, allowed students to marvel at the moon. Both students and their parents expressed contentment with the sessions and the overall arrangements at Sopan Ashram. The following day, after breakfast, the group visited various IIT Kanpur facilities, including the Computer Center, PK Kelkar Library, Material Science Lab, TA (Diamond Jubilee Building), Flight Lab, NC Flexi Center, and LHC. Lunch was provided at the IITK Mess. Feedback was taken by the students, and Dr. Sameer Khandekar offered his blessings, and Mr. DD Maheshwari extended a vote of thanks to the organizing team.

Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Together with free education for children, SASK conducts several programs to develop a variety of skills in them. The following activities were conducted in this month.

2nd October Celebration

As we know, 2nd October was the day when Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri were born. Both of them contributed their lives to the Nation so our country celebrates their birthday every year to remember their work and sacrifices.

Prof. H. C. Verma and Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai were invited as guests. They inaugurated the program by garlanding and lighting the lamp. Ms. Seema Verma, Coordinator of SASK, hosted the program.

Kajal and Shreya of class 7 sang Gandhi Ji's favourite bhajan "Vaishnav Jana". Avantika of class 4 presented a poem highlighting the attributes of Lal Bahadur Shastri ji.

Chief guest Verma sir told the children about Gandhi Ji's truth and non-violence. Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai (Secretary) highlighted the great work done by Mahatma Gandhi Ji. On this occasion, stationery were distributed among the students.



Making Science Model

In the month of October, children from class 6 to 8 were taught to make science projects and science models to deepen interest in science. Seema Verma said that apart from books, science can be explained and taught to children in many other ways. Students were very happy with such kind of activities.



Parents Meeting

A parent's meeting was organized on 30th October where parents of all the children attended the meeting. In the parents meeting, the quarterly examination marks of the children were shown and parents were advised to ensure that every student has proper study at home. Parents were happy to see their children progress and develop other skills, which were mentioned in the meeting.



Baal Akhbaar

Pravaah Baal Akhbaar for the month of October was prepared by Durgesh and Shivmohan of class 6 on 2nd October. Avantika and Rani of class 4 published a very beautiful picture of Gandhi Ji and Lal Bahadur Shastri Ji. A poem 'Mere Pyare Bapu' presented by Avantika. In the art column, the picture of Ravana on Vijayadashami and views about the fair (Mela) were published.

Divyanshi of class 8 presented information about the glory of different forms of Maa Ambaa during the nine days of Navratri.



Sopan Ashram Evening Center(SAEC)

Aman Prasad and Vivek Kumar Visit

On October 1st, former IITK alumni, Mr. Aman Prasad and Mr. Vivek Kumar, visited SAEC. Mr. Vinay Kumar Mishra delivered a detailed presentation through PPT, outlining the center's activities.

During their visit, Mr. Aman Prasad encouraged the children, emphasizing the importance of persistent effort in the face of difficulties. He advised them to tackle challenges with increased hard work and to maintain unwavering courage. Mr. Vivek Kumar similarly boosted the morale of the children with uplifting words. Both alumni also met with Dr. H. C. Verma and other volunteers, sharing their feelings and experiences at Sopan Ashram.



Meeting in IIT Campus

To facilitate the seamless execution of SAEC activities, a monthly meeting is convened with volunteers at the IIT campus. During these sessions, IIT students and Mr. Vinay Mishra, SAEC coordinator, collaboratively discuss strategies for the smooth progression of future activities. The recent meeting included the participation of Aman Prasad Ji and Vivek Kumar Ji. The primary focus was on the Abhivyakti program, and a unanimous decision was made to incorporate Shri Ram-themed competitions in the upcoming event.

Along with this, Aman Prasad and Vivek Kumar also shared their old experiences of how they used to guide the children when they taught in Sopan. They also gave some tips to everyone present there.



Competition

Ramayana competitions were organized at Sopan Ashram on 22 October. It was specially arranged for the children of Sopan and the children who are living close to Sopan Ashram. The first competition was a quiz based on Ramayana and the second was a painting competition also related to Ramayana. 30 children participated in the quiz competition and 25 children participated in painting competition. The winners will be awarded in some program in the coming month.

Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)

At Barasirohi Evening Centre, all the children were told about Ganesh Mahotsav by Kshama ji. The children of the center made beautiful paintings of Lord Ganesh on the occasion of Ganesh Utsav.

Poonam ji our ex-volunteer, interacted with students and gave special classes for 10 days of her vacations.

Sopan Library

Sanskar Shala is being run two days a week for small children in Shiksha Sopan Library. In which children of library members and children of IIT campus are coming. Children are taught about their religious scriptures.

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