



Shiksha Sopan

An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

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First of all Shiksha Sopan congratulates all Bharatiyas on the successful launch and working of Chandrayan-I. At the time of this writing it is already in the Lunar orbit. Starting from its going to earth's orbit on 22nd October, its completing five rounds of earth with increasing apogee, its journey of about 380,000 km in Lunar transfer orbit, and its Lunar orbit injection, all operations had been flawless which shows the perfection with which ISRO team has implemented this mission.

India stepped into space for the first time in 1963 when a small rocket of 3.5 inch diameter was launched from Thumba. In just 45 years India has developed the most advanced technology in all aspects of spacecraft projection and control. Hats off to our scientists and engineers.



Chandrayan-I lifting
on 22nd October 6.22
AM, Picture from
ISRO web site

From the Centers

The Evening centers at Type-1, Barasirohi, and Ratanpur are doing well. The average number of children in all these centers was around 40 in the month of October. Ms Ritu Misra visited these centers several times and taught YOGA. In the recent months there had been a significant increase in the number of children coming to the evening centers. The society now has greater expectations from us and there is a need to run the evening centers in a more productive manner in terms of Shiksha, Sanskar and Swavalamban.

Gahan Adhyayan Kendra has some problems. The coordinator Mr Rajesh Shukla got a Govt job and is not able to continue. Together with coordinating the center, he was also the Biology teacher for class 9-10. At the moment we don't have a biology teacher. Mr Hanuman was then given the responsibility to take care of Gahan Adhyayan Kendra as coordinator, but within a fortnight he too got a job as Network Engineer in the hardware training center UPTEC and has joined it from 3rd November. Hanuman was the Chemistry teacher in class 9-10 and we have to look urgently for a chemistry teacher too.

From Sopan Vidyalay

Sopan Vidyalay is running well under the guidance Shri Jaiprakash Ji and Seema Ji. With the improved infrastructure (new boards in the classrooms and inverter battery installed to take care of power cuts) there is an enhanced enthusiasm in the teachers and students. Sopan Vidyalay Management Committee met in the first week of October and made some important decisions.

(a) A common examination will be conducted at class 5 level for all Barasirohi schools to give the children a measurement of their academic competence at a larger scale. In UP, there is a so called Board examination but the evaluation is done by the local school teachers and almost every one passes with good marks. Our examination will help the children and their parents to more realistically know their performance. We can later think of helping the bright ones in some ways.

(b) We will admit our students of class 5 to class 6 only if they pass our class 5 examination apart from the board examination.

(c) The children in Vidyalaya will be provided woolen sweaters at subsidized rates for the coming winter.

2nd October celebrated

Sopan Vidyalaya celebrated Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Jatyanti on the occasion of 2nd October. Drawing, Debate and Singing song competitions were arranged and gifts were given to selected children. On 2nd October speakers narrated the contribution of both these great persons towards making India strong.



From the Science Cell

Science Cell has added one more member in it. Ritosh Shukla, a resident of Nankari village, had been regularly coming to SAC Evening Center for studies during his school days. He is now in BSc Part-I and all these days he was a regular worker of Shiksha Sopan. Now he is inducted in the Science Cell and is thoroughly enjoying making new experiments. We pay him a small honorarium that helps him to partially support his study related expenses.

The Science Cell has made, in the month of October a complete kit of 100 experiments and have classified them in three levels: Lower (class 1-5), Middle (class 6-8) and Higher (class 9-12). This kit is made on request from the Indradhanush project of DRPG IITK under which children of Opportunity school, Campus school and Kislaya Nursery school do various activities in the evening. This will be a useful resource for any organization willing to do science activities for children.

Science Cell has also developed science games for kids and our members Deepak and Ritosh have given two sessions to children of class 1 and 2 using these science games and the children had a nice time.

Pratibha Poshan Yojana

The 12 children of class 10 under our PPY, who camped with us at IITK during Summer, are showing distinct confidence in their studies. The answers to our postal study material this month has clearly shown this positive difference. They often contact us over phone and discuss their academic difficulties.

Three study materials have already been sent to these students in the fourth is likely to be sent by the end of this month.

The four children under PPY (Junior) are also doing well at Jugal Devi Saraswati Vidya Mandir. They are now in class 7 and enjoying their education. Mr Pawan mentors them in the evening at the evening center of Type-1.

More Sopan News

- Mr Ashish Bhateja, a committed Sopan worker during his M Tech at IIT Kanpur, has left his job in Bangalore and has come back to IITK to join PhD programme. This will give a great boost to Shiksha Sopan activities.
- The President of Shiksha Sopan, Shri Ranjan K Upadhyay is blessed with a baby boy on 1st November. Shiksha Sopan welcomes the new comer to this planet.
- Dr Sameer Khandekar has made lots of streamlining in financial management. All honoraria are now being paid by cheques, Imprest money is sanctioned to key workers, new receipt books are printed with 80 G approval mentioned and so on.

Poem

मैं और मेरा परिवेश

हे देव

तुम अदृश्य तो हो ही अलभ्य भी हो
अबोधवस्था में
हर उपलब्धि का प्रवर्तक मानता रहा
पर उपलब्धियाँ भी सूक्ष्मतर
हो कर तुम्हारी तरह ही अलभ्य हो गईं
अबोध अब भी हूँ
पर विस्मृत कर चुका हूँ तुम्हे हे देव

मनीषियों ने स्मरण कराया
देव तो अन्तर्मन में है
पर मेरा तो अन्तर्मन भी खो गया है
समय की विशाल धारा का बिन्दुमात्र जीवन
क्षुधापूर्ति की व्यवस्था करने में
हो जाता है व्यतीत

दिखता है चतुर्दिश
अस्तित्व के लिये संघर्ष करता मानव
अस्तित्व के लिये संघर्ष करती धरा
अस्तित्व के लिये संघर्ष करता व्योम
और अस्तित्व के लिये संघर्ष करती प्रकृति

मूक द्रष्टा नहीं हो सकता मैं
इस संघर्ष का अंश बनना है मुझे
कैसे देखूँ मैं अपने अन्तर्मन को
और कब देखूँ मैं अपने अन्तर्मन को

हे देव यदि तुम मेरे अन्तर्मन में हो भी
तो मुझे क्षमा करना
तुम्हारा अस्तित्व मेरे लिये अर्थहीन ही रहेगा
तुम मेरे लिये अस्तित्व विहीन ही रहोगे
संभव है, तुम्हारे आशीष और सानिध्य के बिना
उपलब्धि विहीन रह जाऊँ मैं
पर मैं नहीं जगाना चाहता अपने अन्तर्मन को
क्योंकि मैं स्वयं जागृत रहना चाहता हूँ
अपने परिवेश के लिये।

**From the Secretary, Shiksha
Sopan**

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