

# Shiksha Sopan

An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

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Six months down the lockdown declared, Shiksha Sopan volunteers wanted to do some thing more vibrant, more motivating, more constructive together with the ongoing digital classes for various whatsapp groups. A physical meeting of the center in charges and other senior volunteers was conducted at Sopan Ashram on 3rd September. Full care was taken regarding COVID-19 by having proper face mask, hand sanitizer, and social distancing. It was very satisfying for all to see each other, talk to each other and discuss ideas to do something different to enthuse the children and volunteers together.

Two major programs were decided to work on. One was a Google meet class to upgrade language skills of the volunteers and the other was to conduct a fancy dress competition among the children associated with different centers of Shiksha Sopan. Talks are on for a resource person who can joyfully improve the Hindi that we use to speak and write. The course is likely to start in October. The process to conduct the fancy dress competition has already started in the month of September.

## Fancy Dress

All the center coordinators were given the responsibility to enroll the students for the competition. According to the norms decided, each participant has to choose a character; it can be a historic figure, or a National hero or a typical profession-based or any other character. He/ she has to dress up accordingly, appear on the stage and speak some dialogues. Participants were asked to make a video of the performance and send it to the center coordinator through Whatsapp for screening. The process for the screening has been completed in the month of September. The next round is also started and the process is going on.

We are putting up snaps/screenshot from these videos to give a feel and understand the hard work students have put in during the lockdown situation.



## **Financial Assistance for Higher Education**

Shiksha Sopan has a program to provide financial assistance to students associated with Shiksha Sopan for many years, going for education beyond std 12<sup>th</sup> and whose economic background of the family is weak.

Three such cases were considered and approved by Shiksha Sopan in the month of September Two of these are from Barasirohi Evening Center and one from Sopan Ashram Evening Center. Ms. Deepika Srivastava and Ms Priyanka Srivastava of BEC were given assistance applied for B.Sc. and BA programs respectively.

Ms. Avni Sharma is a very bright student of Sopan Ashram Evening Center and passed her 12th this year. I am very sure that you had read about her in August 2020 newsletter. She got selected in NIFT Bhopal. She was also given financial assistance by Shiksha Sopan.

## **Shri Ganesh Prasad Verma Ucha Shiksha Prakalp**

Shiksha Sopan has decided to expand the scope of financial assistance for Higher Education both in terms of geographical reach and kind of courses opted. A new project in the name of Shri Ganesh Prasad Verma Ucha Shiksha Prakalp has been initiated and all applications in this regard will be considered under this project. Dr. Devi Prasad Verma, Retired professor of Mathematics at Patna University has been instrumental to initiate this project in memory of his father Shri Ganesh Prasad Verma.

Shiksha Sopan has constituted a 3- member committee headed by Dr Arun Kumar Sharma, Professor, IIT Kanpur who is also an Executive Committee member of Shiksha Sopan, to work out the detailed norms and decide upon the applications received.

## **Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)**

As per the present scenario of COVID-19, in the month of September too the center continued to teach the students digitally. The brave and supportive volunteers of SASK visited the center regularly for making the teaching modules for students, so that they can teach students through digital networking without any glitch. All the functions falling in September were celebrated digitally because entertainment and celebration is also important in our life to keep the positivity alive.

## Teachers Day Celebration

In India the birthday of our second president Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (5th September) is celebrated as Teacher's day since 1962. Teacher's day is a special day for the appreciation of teachers, it includes celebrations to honor them for their special contributions.

For celebrating this memorable day, Shiksha Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra students wished their respected teachers by giving them phone calls in full enthusiasm, On the other hand some students visited at volunteers homes and wished them teachers day by gifting them beautiful handmade cards . All this was done following all social distancing rules. The principal, Ms. Seema Verma also called and paid her gratitude to Dr. H C Verma and Dr Sameer Khandekar Sir, by wishing them teachers day and also thanking them for their full support in this pandemic situation.



## World Literacy Day

World literacy day is an international observance, celebrated each year on 8th September. It was celebrated for the first time in the year 1967. It is aimed to promote prolific nature of education among the masses. In India each one in the society need to be at least literate in order to live a respectful life.

Ms. Seema Verma started an awareness programs at this occasion of World Literacy Day. She initiated discussion sessions with students and their parents regarding education and its importance in our lives. She told students that they can achieve their goals and make their dreams come true only if they are dedicated towards education, She informed the students about various schemes being run by the government for free education.



## Community Classes

Started in the month of August, community classes was the Nobel initiative taken by the SASK volunteers to continue the education of those students who were unable to take online classes due to the unavailability of smartphones .

One of our SASK student has a reasonably large backyard having natural surrounding, a good number of children can sit there with social distancing. SASK volunteers visited that place regularly and teach the children according to the modules. Before the class, all the safety measures are taken by the volunteers like hand sanitization of every student and checking for a face mask, etc. So the volunteers ensure safety of children as well as of themselves from COVID 19, together with teaching.



## **Parents Meeting**

On 16th September, SASK volunteers conducted a parents teachers meeting in a different manner. They visited student's home while maintaining all the decorum of COVID-19. In the meeting parents' feedback regarding their children's studies were taken. Talks were on how well they were doing in this pandemic situation and most importantly what they are expecting in the future regarding their studies and career. Ms. Seema Verma also visited some of the students' places and gave them useful study material and asked them to use it appropriately. She also requested their parents to give them their full support and encourage them to study, so that they can follow a proper study schedule in this pandemic also.

## **Barasirohi Evening center (BEC)**

Though unlock has been declared and normalcy is returning, we have to be careful that no second wave of pandemic comes to our Nation. Thus BEC has yet not started physical classes and the online classes are going on as usual through Whatsapp. The other activities of the centre are also going on either at online platform or with limited attendance with full care.

## **Teachers Day Celebration**

BEC celebrates teachers day every year with utmost sincerity. This year the scenario was very different but BEC volunteers did conduct the program to underline the importance and to pay gratitude towards teachers. The function was organized on Zoom on 5th September around 55 people attended the meeting. The whole was meeting arranged and coordinated by Mr. Abhishek Savarnya ji, IITK student, Executive Committee member of Shiksha Sopan.



Some students visited the volunteers' residences and presented them beautiful and creative hand made cards, and they got their blessings. Ms. Priya Sharma, Ms. Tapasya, Mr. Saurabh, and Ms. Gungun recited poetry in front of Ms. Geeta ji and presented one beautiful card to her. These students also presented cards to BEC volunteers for paying gratitude. Students also discussed their problems with the volunteers which they were facing regarding studies. Volunteers also motivated the students for their studies Mr. Abhishek Savarnya ji, IITK student, Executive Committee member of Shiksha Sopan.



## Introduction of New volunteers

One of the IITK volunteers Mr. Abhishek Savarnya introduced some new volunteers at Barasirohi Evening Center. Regarding this, a Zoom meeting was conducted over which new volunteers interacted with students and their parents. All the volunteers discussed with the students about their studies schedule and explained the way they will conduct the classes. Parents were very happy to interact with IITK students in the meeting.

## World Literacy Day

On the 8th September BEC celebrated World Literacy Day with students and volunteers. BEC volunteers interacted with children through online medium. Discussion were done on the value of education in our life. Senior volunteers encouraged the children to make their dream true by focusing on it and achieve their goals.



## Sopan Ashram Evening center (SAEC)

In the month of September SAEC volunteers and IITK students did a lots of meeting through the zoom app and also did interaction sessions with the students of SAEC.

SAMVAD of October 2020 is also attached. Some highlights are given below.

## Highlights

- 1-On 3rd September Volunteers of SAEC decided to hold a meeting regarding how to teach students in this pandemic situation.
- 2- On 13th September, JEE announced their results in which Master Shailendra, student of class 12th got selected.
- 3- On 20th September one of the students name Anjali made a beautiful painting of peacock with waist motives.
- 4- On 30th September Master Piyush, a student of SAEC got selected in polytechnic.
- 5- In September SAEC also held the fancy dress competition in which 24 students participated with full of energy and after the competition all the participants get a register and a pen from the center after competition.
- 6- Teachers day was celebrated on zoom . 28 students together with IITK students participated in it. Class 12th students recited poetry and all students wished their respective teachers happy teacher's day. Beside this new volunteers were also introduced in this meet.

## Sopan Library

From the mid of September, the library is opened from 5 PM to 6 PM by taking all the safety measures in this pandemic situation. Each and every member of the Library has to follow the rules of COVID-19 strictly.

The activities held in the month of September 2020 are as follows-

On 5th Sep, Library volunteers and students celebrated the Teacher's day in the remembrance of the second President of India Dr. Saravepalli Radhakrishnan. Library members also gave tribute to Shrimati Savitri Bai Fule,

Library also celebrated the Hindi Diwas on 14th September where Mrs. Pushpa Tripathi told the students about how Hindi was originated and came into existence and how it became the Rajbhasha of our country India.

In September results of IIT JEE main were declared in which one of the Library members Ritik Tiwari qualified in this exam. Another former library student Rahul who was pursuing B. Tech from Krishna Institute of Kanpur, was placed in Mahindra Company.

As we know Shaheed Bhagat Singh gave a big contribution on making our country free from Britishers. All library members remembered him on his Birthday which was on 28th September.

## Science Cell

As mentioned in our Shiksha Sopan Newsletter of September 2020, our science cell volunteers are engaged in developing a science kit for class 8th students under the project from Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. In September, the development of 25 science kits was completed. An instruction video will be recorded next month and then the kits will be delivered for use.

Beside this, Mr. Vijay Kushwaha one of our dedicated volunteers of Shiksha Sopan science cell, prepared an experiment based on logic gates. Through this experiment, students can easily figure out what is a logic gate and how it works.



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