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Shiksha Sopan organized three major programmes in the month of September 2012 namely, Environmental quiz "Ek Sparsh Prakriti Ka", Night sky introduction through mobile planetarium, and health/eye camps. Sopan ASK celebrated Teachers' day on which newly designed school dresses were given to children. In this month some organizational structuring was done to run our programmes more effectively. All our centers registered increased attendance in this month.

Ek Sparsh Prakriti Ka

As reported in the September Newsletter, Shiksha Sopan and NSS brought out a magazine on Environment awareness and distributed 1000 copies in schools around IIT K Campus. This was followed by a written test and an oral presentation, from which 8 children were selected for the final Quiz competition.

The Quiz competition was held on 1st September in L-16 of IITK lecture Halls. Ms Akanksha Rana of 3rd year M.Sc dual degree, conducted the programme in very impressive manner. After introducing the theme of this whole activity, she invited Shiksha Sopan Secretary Amit K Bajpai Ji to give an introduction of Shiksha Sopan to the 150+ audience present, including parents of the children participants. After this, the team of students led by Mr Shashank Shekhar started the quiz. It had four rounds including a video based round where a video of conversation of some children was shown and important information was given to save energy. After playing the video, questions were asked to each child.

The chief Guest Professor Manindra Agrawal, DRPG, expressed great appreciation that Sopan is doing such things to create awareness about environment in the rural areas. Dr Sameer Khandekar and Dr H C Verma appealed the children to be active contributors in saving the environment and fighting pollution.

All 20 children selected for the first round were given English-to-Hindi Dictionary. The 8 children selected in the second round were given Tiffin Box. From the quiz we selected four children based on their performance. These were from DPR Inter College, Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya (2) and Opportunity School. All these 4 children were given wrist watches as the prize.



“ Planetarium Show”

Knowing about the night sky is always fascinating for children. Shiksha Sopan arranged a mobile planetarium show in collaboration with Jhansi Science Center. Their team came to IITK with the portable planetarium with projectors, blowers, rubber dome etc. We had contacted different schools in the villages and had asked them to send children of class 8 together with one teacher. Children were taken into the dome in batches of about 30 where the resource persons Ravikant Ji and Sanjeev Ji projected the night sky on the dome and explained different stars appearing in the sky at different times of the night in about an hour. He explained the constellations, brightness and relative motion of stars in this period.

About 200 children from 12 schools, and Sopan Centers witnessed the show. For many of the children it was a very exciting experience to see a simulation of night sky in a laboratory and see them moving with time. The teachers were also very happy to have a first experience of this kind.



Inside Planetarium



Children entering the dome

Sopan ASK

Teachers Day Programme

On the occasion of Teachers day, Shiksha Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra(ASK) got a useful gift from State Bank of India, IITK Branch. The Bank manager Mr Virendra Singh Ji and Mr Prakash Lalwani themselves contacted Sopan and gifted two water purifiers for ASK. Sopan expresses its gratitude towards the gesture shown by SBI.



ASK celebrated Teachers Day Function on 9th September. Dr S A Ramakrishna, of Physics Dept and Sh R S Srivastava, Principal of Opportunity School were the honorable guests. Class 7 student Manno gave a speech on the life sketch of Dr S Radhakrishnan. Manju of class 8 talked about “Abhyas”, that is, importance of Practice. Dr Ramakrishna explained in detail the meaning and significance of the name of Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and inspired the children to follow his ideals.



Children in their New Uniform

With new building and new enthusiasm, Shiksha Sopan made new design of school dress. The new dresses were distributed to the children in this function.

Antar ke pat khol

On 15th September, IITK B Tech student Aakriti gave a special Training to the children on Calligraphy. English Alphabets were written in several beautiful manners. Children practiced it and put up these on the wall magazine.

On the occasion of Hindi Day, special programmes were done. Children themselves wrote poems and essays and these were read.

Health Camps

Shiksha Sopan is always involved in conducting awareness programmes which are useful for our local residents. In this regards Shiksha Sopan in collaboration with Vivekanand Samiti IIT Kanpur and Ram Krishna Mission, Gumti No 5 organized two health camps in September 2012.

Eye Camp at Lodhar

An eye camp was organized at Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya, Lodhar on 19th September 2012. The Population of Lodhar Village around 2000. Volunteers from Sopan and Vivekanand Samiti visited each house and found that villagers had a lots of misconception related with eye. Our volunteers cleared their doubts and invited to join the camp.

Dr. Anju Mishra and one refractionist checked around 210 elder people who had eye problems. A total of 6 were advised to go for Cataract operation. Power for spectacles were given to many, and for some, spectacles were provided at subsidized rates. The Principal of the school Mr. Brajesh was very helpful in conducting the whole camp. A small memento was given to him.

Health Camp at ASK Barasirohi

A health check up camp was organized at Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra, Barasirohi on 30th September 2012. It was also in collaboration with Vivekanand Samiti and Ramakrishna Mission. A massive campaign was undertaken to inform people about this opportunity. On the day of the camp, people started coming since morning. Four doctors including one lady doctor were available for check up. The camp lasted for 5 hours in which a total of 480 people got checked up. Doctors gave the needy ones proper advice and also distributed some medicine wherever possible and necessary.

Evening Centers

Both the evening centers recorded good increase in the attendance. At Barasirohi center, the number was around 90 this month. It was difficult for the 4 instructors assigned to this center to manage so many children. Sh R S Bhadauria Ji helped by taking English classes for the children of class 6-8.

The evening center at SAC also saw a hike in numbers. Pushpa Ji is managing the show with the help of other volunteers. We have gotten four new volunteers in this month for the SAC Evening Center. Ms Malini Sinha, Ex Campus school teacher, Mr Abhishek, a Biology student and two PhD students Ms Sangeeta and Ms Gurvinder from HSS Dept have started giving their time at this center.



Children from class 4 to class BSc come to the center. About 6 children who were in class 12 last year and had gotten assistance at this very evening center are now in BSc in different Kanpur colleges and on their insistence we have to arrange the BSc classes for PCMB. One of these Archana narrated that in the college the teacher asked a question from Biology which only she could answer in the whole class. The teacher was very happy and asked her where does she take extra consultations. Archana told the teacher about Shiksha Sopan Center.

News in Brief

Science Cell

Dr H C verma gave a workshop to Physics teachers at Birla Vidya Niketan, New Delhi. From 84 schools, 136 teachers participated. The experiments were selected, assembled and many of them designed by the Sopan Team. The workshop was a great hit. Dr Verma also gave introduction to Sopan which was appreciated by all teachers. The school gave a donation of Rs 5000 to Sopan to carry on the good work.

Higher Education Cell

In order to run the HE activities well, a subcommittee has been constituted. Sh Somnath Danayak of MME Dept has taken the responsibility of being the coordinator. Other members are Ms Rita Singh, Ms Sushma and Dr H C Verma. The committee held its first meeting to take stock of the things and planned for proper systematization and documentation.

Sopan under Income tax scrutiny

As the annual receipt and expenses of Sopan crossed Rs 10 lacs, its tax return of the year 2010-11 was placed under scrutiny. The Income tax Dy Commissioner Mr Sunil Kumar Yadav called us with the documents. Dr H C Verma, Dr Sameer Khandekar, Mr Deepak agnihotri and Mr RM Gupta (our CA) met Mr Yadav in his office. When he was briefed about the activities of Sopan, he was extremely happy. In the next hearing when Mr Gupta showed him our Account documents, he passed the order stating that All is Well with Sopan's account and no tax is payable.

Other Informations

Web site : For more details please visit www.shiksha-sopan.org

How to donate : The cheques/draft for donations should be made in the name of "Shiksha Sopan" payable at Kanpur. One can also make online transfer to Shiksha Sopan account in State Bank of India, IITK branch in the Account **10426002488** in the name "Shiksha Sopan". The IFSC code is **SBIN0001161**. People in US can use the link <http://indolink.com/iitk/> to donate through IIT Kanpur foundation using credit cards.

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