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The month of September was full of events. Festivals like Ganesh Chaturthi, Shre Krishna Janmashthami, Teachers day, Independence Day were celebrated by the centers very enthusiastically. SASK and BEC observed, Hindi Diwas, World literacy day and so on, SAEC started a news magazine with children playing the lead role. Science cell organized a 2-day camp of students with much fanfare.

Celebrations of Independence day

Independence day was celebrated by the centers on 15th August, the report was already given in September Newsletter. A combined stage program to collectively celebrate Independence day was organized on 1st September in L-19 of IIT Kanpur to get a feeling of greatness of our country. Each of the centers, SASK, BEC, SAEC, Library put up their stage program.

SASK children performed Saraswati Vadana to mark the beginning of the program and also presented Rajasthani folk dance. BEC girl students of class 8th-9th presented a skit on the struggle of the great women activist Mrs Anandi Gopal Joshi and gave a message to educate every girl child and motivate them to move forward in every field of education.



SAEC volunteers and students presented a very special event in which a speech was presented in 7 parts by 7 volunteers, each speaking his part in a different Indian language. Each volunteer had a partner student from the center who translated that part in Hindi. The message was to promote the sense of belonging to our own languages and culture rather than running for English and English lifestyles. Vinay, a Sopan library volunteer delivered a speech on the former Prime Minister Shree Atal Bihari Vajpayee including recitation of one of his great poems. Apart from these several Dance Song sequences were presented.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

SASK is very good at making a balance between the regular teaching up to the level of Std 8 and making all round development of students. In this month too, they did lots of activities.

Teachers Day

On 5th September, on the occasion of Teacher's day, students played role of teachers and taught their classmates. Students were quite excited to be in this role and tried to imitate their teachers. Finally a joint meeting was held with all teachers, volunteers and students where they shared their experiences as a teacher. The Senior volunteers told the children about "Dr Radhakrishnan" and celebrated the day by cutting cake.



Ganesh Chaturthi

"Ganesh Chaturthi"(13th September) was celebrated in the center and every student chanted prayer along with 'Aarti' of Lord Ganesh. Later on 'Prasad' was distributed in the form of 'Ladoo'. At this occasion students of IIT – Abhishek, Shirish and Namrata and teachers- Sunita Maurya, Seema Verma and Nisha managed the program.



SASK gets projector

On 29th September, IIT Students Abhishek Sawarnya and Anuj(Maths deptt) gifted a projector to SASK to make students aware with digital world. With this projector, a documentary on Shiksha Sopan and a cartoon movie was played. At this occasion, a pen stand and a bag made by students were gifted to Pragya mam and Anuj ji.



Other activities

*ON 1st September, Students of the center participated in a "Song Competition in Sanskrit" organized by Opportunity school on the occasion of Sanskrit Diwas.

*A drawing competition was organized by Techkriti IIT Students for the evening center of Shiksha Sopan. In this competition Riya and Deepali won and were honored T-shirts by Techkriti students.

*At the occasion of "Hindi Diwas"(14th September) speaking and writing competitions were organized in SASK. In speaking competition students presented their views on Hindi.



Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)

Apart from the regular teaching by volunteers. BEC also performed a number of personality building activities. Some of these are described below.

Teachers day was celebrated at BEC with IIT K PhD student Rohit Ji, B Tech student Deepak Ji, PG students Rupali Ji and Amitesh Ji talking to students telling them thoughts of Dr S Radhakrishnan. They motivated the students to follow the ideals of Dr Radhakrishnan. Rupali Ji and Dhananjay Ji counseled the students and asked them to fix up their priorities and goals in life.

On 3rd September,18 "Krishna Janmastami" program was celebrated at the center. The program began with 'Aarti' of Lord Krishna by the Chief Guest Ashish Dixit and Jay Prakash. Later on organizers of center Gita Ji, Sharma ji, Pushpendra ji and IIT Students Ravi ji, Abhishek ji etc also did 'Aarti'. Class 8 student Sneha and Laxmi welcomed guest by singing welcome song.



Under the outreach program of 'Techkriti' IITK, a poster making competition was organized at the center on the occasion of "World Literacy Day" on 8th September. The topic for the poster was "World Literacy". A total of 87 students participated in this event and made beautiful posters. Techriti team offered Art sheets, helped in selection and gave prizes. They were very happy and promised to conduct more such events at the center.



Sopan Ashram Evening Center (SAEC)

The aim of Shiksha Sopan is not only to give them a good education but also to make them completely independent. To achieve this aim, the timing of SAEC has been increased by half hour since September and other activities are also promoted here. Students are also taught music, dance, art, drama etc in small groups according to their interest.

Sopan Samachar

SAEC has started from September its own news magazine in Hindi named as Samvad. The 4-page document gives description of the activities at Sopan Ashram together with other relevant information. Its plan is to involve children in collecting the information and writing articles with own handwriting. The current issue of Samvad giving details of activities in September is also being mailed. The highlights areas follows.

*On 3rd September,18, Mr. Vivek introduced "Atul Maheshwari Scholarship" to the students and registered them in the website for the same.



*On 19th September, Young innovator Gopal visited SAEC. He has made 9 invention at the age of 17 only. He motivated the students to move forward and work in Science and Research field.

*A facebook group was created by Sopan Ashram in which 1.2k members have joined so far and 1.6K shared, commented and reacted on the posts.

*On 19th September special yoga event was organized in accordance to celebrate Yoga Day every month.

*SAEC student Shreya Tiwari made a LOGO for Sopan Ashram. It is very imaginative and inspiring.



Science Cell

Greatest Common Factor (GCF), a Bengaluru based company, brought 30 students from KV Lucknow to our Center for a 2-day camp. The camp conducted on 9th and 10th September consisted of various science based activities, demonstration of simple phenomena's and hands on experiment.



The students enjoyed the workshop especially the making of mobile microscope. In this the mobile phone was converted into a microscope by simple materials assembled together. With its help the students were exposed to a variety of things.

Science Cell also took the full responsibility of conducting Semifinal and final round of "National Anveshika Experimental Skill Test". The events were conducted on 29th and 30th September at Kanpur.

Other Informations

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

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