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# Shiksha Sopan

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## **HAPPY HOLI to all readers and well wishers**

In the month of March students of Shiksha Sopan were busy in their board and home examinations. Shiksha Sopan organized Holi Milan Samaroh at Type -1 community center among other activities. Regular activities like evening centre, Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra and library went on .

### **Holi Milan Samaaroh**

Holi is a spring festival also known as the festival of colors and the festival of love. FOR KANPURITES', real Holi is on Ganga Mela day which falls on Anuradha Nakshatra. This time, it was on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 (Monday). Holi was celebrated by Shiksha Sopan at Type -1 community center on Ganga Mela day. The weeklong Holi revelry in Kanpur is actually connected to the freedom struggle rather than mythology and ends with the famous Ganga Mela on Sarsaiyya Ghat on the banks of the river Ganga.



Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program. Mr Tripathi and Mr Bapat from IIT Typy-1 community sang different songs on Holi and blessed the children. So many children and some volunteers also sang songs related to Holi. Mr Amit K Bajpai and Mr Somnath Danayak sang different songs on this occasion. Everyone enjoyed these song very much. The whole atmosphere was full with joy and happiness. Some people near community center type -1 were present there and enjoyed by participating in this holi milan samaaroh.

Dr H C Verma, Secretary, Shiksha Sopan, Mr J P Sharma from Opportunity School, Mr R S Srivastava, Mr N K Singh and all center coordinators and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan with their family members were present there. Some snacks were distributed among all of them. Everyone applied colors, exchanged well wishes with each other and enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

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

### **Annual Examinations**

Students of Shiksha Sopan Anupacharik Shikshan Kendra were given so called Annual examinations from 10<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March. It is mainly to acquaint them with the examination system they will face in their later career. In the month of February all subjects were revised and a preparatory test was given. They were then told how to write examinations in a better way.



For the children it was a mix of written test and continuous performance. Credits were given for regular attendance, participation in various activities in the center, taking up responsibility and sincerity, performance in short term tests, etc. Students who had performed well in monthly tests were encouraged by giving prizes.

Name of the students who got 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions in their class are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
1	Ajeet	Simran	Sameer
2	Satyam	Abhishek	Vansh
3	Santosh	Kashish	Priya
4	Anahita	Shivani	Lakshmi
6	Ajay	Shiya	-----
7	Lakshmi	Menka	-----

### **Parent-teacher Meeting**

A parent-teacher meeting was called on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 (Thursday). This meeting was called to discuss children's progress at school and find solutions to academic or behavioral problems. Teachers tried to convey that parents should also be concerned about the academics of the children.



## Science Workshop

SASK organized a one day science workshop on 03<sup>rd</sup> March (Thursday). Some IITK NSS students Mr Surya Prakash, Mr Rahul, Mr Himanshu and Mr Nomendra were involved in this workshop. They trained the children on some new science experiments. The topics chosen for this workshop were density, inertia, heat and air pressure. Children learnt a lot from this science workshop.



## Goraiya (Sparrow) Sanrakshan Week

The tiny sparrow has suffered the biggest brunt of rapid construction by humans in the past few years. Lack of habitat and food are the biggest reasons for the decline in the number of sparrows. Conservation of the house sparrow and its habitat is important as it will also help save much of the common biodiversity as well. Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra organized a six days program named "Goraiya Sanrakshan Week" from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

NSS student Mr Arjun Sinha, trained the children in making nest boxes and told them that installing nest boxes and filling them every day with some grains and water can be a key turn around factor in helping the sparrows. These nest boxes will take care of the habitat as well as food concerns. Sparrows also need our help the most in summers, like all other birds.



A competition for children up to class 5 was organized on 17<sup>th</sup> March on the occasion of Goraiya Sanrakshan Week and on 19<sup>th</sup> March which was the final day of this program, Mr Sohan Laal Yadav from IIT Kanpur gave prizes to the finalists of the competition. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai was also present there in the program.

## Sopan Evening Centre

### Jal Sanrakshan and Goraiya Sanrakshan Diwas

The two programs, Goraiya Sanrakshan Diwas on 20<sup>th</sup> March and Jal Sanrakshan Diwas on 22<sup>nd</sup> March were celebrated at Shiksha Sopan evening centre, Barasirohi. Ms Geeta Kushwaha planned an art competition for Sopan children at this occasion. Some posters were also designed by sopan children.





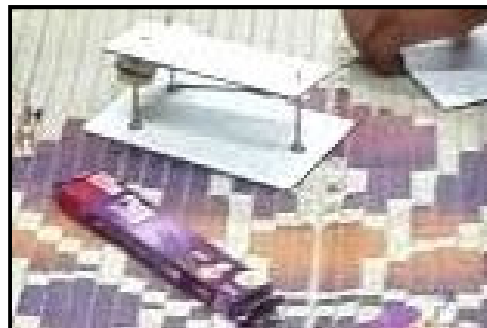
## Children's Houses Visit

Mr Shashank and Mr Nitesh, IITK NSS students with Mr Anoop Asthana visited houses of the children and talked to the parents about the importance of education and encouraged them to participate in the process. They tried their best to motivate the parents. The three also went to families where children were not sent to any school and talked to the parents for sending the children for education.

## Science Cell Activity

### Innovative Experiment

A new and innovative experiment was designed at Shiksha Sopan Science lab. Science cell members designed a mobile microscope in which one can see objects that are too small for the naked eye. In this mobile microscope, a short focal length lens as the objective and a long lens (lens of mobile camera) as the eyepiece were used.



Arrangements were made to change the distance between the lens and the mobile and also to illuminate the object on glass slide for which a separate plate was fixed. At proper adjustments this microscope could give images comparable and sometime better than the standard microscope in schools. The cost of the microscope was well under Rs 100 only.

This mobile microscope was used among the biology teachers in Rashtreey Avishkaar Abhiyaan program held at IIT Kanpur and so many objects were seen by these teachers. These teachers appreciated this mobile microscope.

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## Other Informations

**Web site** : For more details please visit [www.shiksha-sopan.org](http://www.shiksha-sopan.org)

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