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March is the month of examination for the students and most of our activities at the centers were tuned towards this. Apart from this, there was distribution of 2nd installment of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit scholarship, planning towards next years Scholarship Exam. Shiksha Sopan Library too had some creative activities and gotten a new set of books related to Hindi Literature.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Goraiyya Divas

SASK celebrated Goraiyya Divas on 20th March. Because of modern communication systems, Goriyya is becoming rare species. To sensitize children towards bio diversity, SASK put up a Goraiyya Bachao Poster Making event. Also children made Cardboard houses for Goraiyya and wrote the message " Sweet Sparrow, Come Back Home".



The Principal, Ms Seema Verma narrated the importance of birds to the children and all of them promised that they will put food and water for birds in the open spaces in their houses.

World Water Day

SASK celebrated World Water Day on 22nd March. Children did plantation in earthen pots to keep the environment green and clean so that it helps water retention and cycle. They also made posters on water conservation. Children were asked to talk to their family members and neighbors regarding proper use of water and hence spread awareness towards water.



Visit of Dignitaries

Ms Karuna Sharma, an activist for world piece, visited SASK on 26th March together with our EC member Ms Monika Dhankar and IITK PhD scholar Archana. During interaction with children, Mrs Sharma was told about the teaching system. She gave good suggestions and motivational messages to the students and teachers. Children presenter her self-made paintings.

Examinations

Examination was conducted between 12th and 27th March. Parents meetings were held to discuss the performance of children. Prizes were given for the performance in the exams and also for regular presence in the Center. Reports cards were also distributed after the meeting.



Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)

Children from class 4-10 from different schools of Barasirohi and around come to BEC. In the month of March the main focus was on preparation for examination. The volunteers taught them the subject and also counseled on stress-free preparation. Special classes for Mathematics were arranged.

In order to connect children with Great Indian culture and traditions, they were told about New Year (Chaitra Shukla 1) in Indian system which was on 18th March. Knowledge about New year in other states was also given. Similarly, story about Ramnavami (25th March) was told.

Other events

Art and Craft classes are being conducted on Saturdays. In the month of March children learned to make wall hangings among other things.



Science Cell

Workshop for Govt school students

Under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Shiksha Sopan Science Cell conducted a 3-hour workshop for Govt school students from Kanpur district. Together with 40 selected students and their teachers, about 50 IIT K student volunteers of UBA also attended the workshop. They are supposed to do similar activities in the villages.

The session started with Dr H C Verma welcoming the participants and asking the question what they perceive as Science activity or Science learning. He gave options like "vigorous laughing, playing, telling stories, cramming and writing". Everyone denied for the first three and voted for the last two. Dr Verma then turned the table and told that today's Science session will involve no cramming and writing but doing the rest three.



Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Ranjit Kumar demonstrated about 30 science experiments. The session was very interactive and children did laugh vigorously several times during the session.

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

Each year we distribute the scholarship in two installments. The second installment for the year 2017-18 was distributed on 29th March in an impressive function at Type-1 Community Center. 30 recipients with their parents and large number of Sopan volunteers were present.

Mr Anurag Pandey conducted the program and motivated children to do studies with commitment. At this occasion, Shiksha Sopan Ptresident Dr Sameer Khandekar, Treasurer Dr H C Verma, Libray coordinator Ms Pushpa Tripathi, Senior volunteer Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai gave them tips to do well in the life.



Plan for 2018-19 scholarship test

The examination for scholarship in 2018-19 is to be conducted on 3rd June. The 30 students receiving the scholarship on 29th March were asked to spread the information in their schools and other schools in their localities. Each was given the information brochures and the application forms to make the society aware of the opportunity.

Shiksha Sopan conducted a meeting of its core workers on 21st March and planned strategies to reach out to a large number of students with economically weaker background. The area of 4-5 kilometers from IITK Campus was divided into 6 zones and teams were formed to contact all schools in these zones where such students are studying. The teams are visiting schools and telling the Principals and authorities about the benefits of this scholarship. They are all very cooperative and ensure for large participation from their schools.

Dr V N Kulkarni Merit scholarship is not only to provide money to some deserving students but also aims to bring a general upliftment in the academic standards of the schools where such students enroll. Keeping this in mind we have given an incentive to schools. The top 25% of the schools having largest student enrollment in the scholarship test will be given a Science Experiment Kit with which they can perform experiments in their classrooms. We have also offered free training to their science teachers on using the kit effectively.

Sopan Library

Sushree Shashikala Memorial Library runs at Type-1 Community Center. Good number of students come to Library to study their curriculum subjects and also story books. Recently a very rich collection of Hindi novels, poetry and story books is added to the library.

A number of ladies from the nearby locality come regularly to the library and help in arranging, issuing the books etc and also guide students on what to read according to their level.

These volunteers made beautiful Magazine stand and File stand from cardboards and beautifully decorated them.



Upcoming Events

15th April : Poster making on Water Conservation at three Centers

22nd April : Rally in Barasirohi on Water conservation

29th April : Rally in Nankari-Ratanpur on Water conservation

Other Informations

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