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# Shiksha Sopan

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The previous month was full of activities. Even winter at Kanpur could not lower the spirits of our enthusiastic volunteers. All regular activities ran smoothly. The main programs were Republic Day celebrations, Swami Vivekanand Jayanti celebration and Basant Panchami Celebration at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra. Science cell was actively involved in organizing various workshops at different places. Gyan Vigyan Kendra and Sopan library are also going well.

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

### ***Republic Day celebration***

Shiksha Sopan celebrated Republic day with full zeal at SASK, Barasirohi. Sopan EC members Mr Rahul, Mr Atul Kumar and Ms Monika were present during the celebration. Flag hosting ceremony was initiated by Dr Sameer Khandekar, Professor, Mechanical Engineering department, IIT Kanpur and Mrs Pragya Khandekar followed by our National Anthem. Later on, both of them addressed the children of SASK. Dr Sameer Khandekar gave the guest speech and explained the need of constitution and inspired the children to know about the laws under the constitution and follow them. He also motivated the sopan children and conveyed the actual meaning and importance of the word "Republic" to all children present there.



All the dignitaries present there also expressed their valuable views in the form of small speeches. Children expressed their emotions by singing patriotic songs.

Some of the IITK students Mr Nikhil Baranwal, Mr Abhishek Panchal and Ms Namrata were also present there. Me Seema Verma, principal, SASK gave vote of thanks to the dignitaries present there.

### ***Warm Clothes and Bicycle distribution***

A Warm clothes and Bicycle distribution program was also organized by SASK on the occasion of Republic Day. Some of the IITK PhD students Md. Zafar, Mr Narendra Singh, Mr Kanji Babu, Mr Ajitesh Singh, Mr Pavan Kumar, Mr Sharad and Mr Suresh from Chemistry department distributed warm clothes to all the children studying in class 1 to 8. Children became very happy by getting these clothes.



Two bicycles were donated by Mr Ajitesh, PhD scholar, IITK to SASK children Ms Priyanka and Ms Princee. Some of the hand made gifts were given by SASK children to these IITK students. On behalf of Shiksha Sopan, Ms Seema Verma also gave thanks to all these students.

### ***Swami Vivekanand Jayanti Celebration***

SASK celebrated Swami Vivekanand Jayanti on 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 (Friday). Mr Shirish and Ms Namrata, IITK students, lighted the lamp in front of Swami Vivekanand and showed their gratitude towards him. They distributed fruits among all the children. Both of them talked to the children and told about sacrifices of Swami ji. Children presented speeches on Swami ji and also recited poems and sang patriotic songs.



### ***Lohari Celebration and Gift to SASK***

Lohari was celebrated at SASK on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. This is a Punjabi festival and all the children of SASK came to know about the history behind this festival. Some Of the IITK students present there told the history of Lohari festival.

Mr Rahul, Ms Monika, PhD Scholar, IITK as well as Sopan EC members with Ms Rajiya decided to donate mats to SASK. They donated these mats on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.



### ***Basant Panchami Celebration***

The Basant Panchami is celebrated as a festival in remembrance of Goddess Saraswati. Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra celebrated Basant Panchami on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 (Monday). Mr Abhishek Savarnya, Mr Neeraj Das and Ms Namrata Das from IITK were present there. Ms Seema Verma with Ms Suneeta and Ms Nisha also celebrated Basant Panchami with all children. Yellow fruits were distributed among children.

## Shiksha Sopan Science Cell

Shiksha Sopan science cell members are making efforts for spreading its effective teaching methodology for science education. With this aim, our volunteers had done different workshops at different places.

### **Workshop at Badhapur, Kanpur Dehat**

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey gave one day workshop at Badhapur, Kanpur Dehat on 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. A total of 40 teachers attended the whole workshop. Mr Pandey and Mr Bajpai talked about the methodology of science teaching and discussed so many physics experiments among all the participants and the teaching methodology was appreciated by all the teachers present there.



### **Workshop at Urai, Jalaun**

Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey gave another one day workshop at Govt Girls Inter College, Urai, Jalaun on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. A total of 45 teachers attended the whole workshop. They showed science experiments on force, pressure, electricity, magnetism and light. They also discussed the basic concepts behind these topics. Our experiments were very refreshing, new and exciting for the participants.



It was a very pleasant experience that among UP Govt Education Dept and Govt teachers, there are very efficient and dedicated persons. Mr Anil Gupta, Principal, GGIC managed the whole workshop.

### **Workshop at Sopan Ashram**

A series of workshops are planned by Dr H C Verma for Uttarakhand teachers. A total of 300 govt. school teachers will be trained in this year in these workshops. Shiksha Sopan science cell members are actively involved in these workshops as they are making new and innovative experiments. A starter workshop of resource persons was planned at Sopan Ashram on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January.



The workshop was intended to give a flavor of Basic Physics at high school level both in experiments and in theory. It was focused on deeper understanding and analysis of the phenomena and developing competence in applying the Principles in a given situation.



## Sopan Evening Centre

### **New Year celebration**

New year was celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> January at Sopan evening center, Barasirohi. Children of Sopan evening centre celebrated this new year 2018. Mr Atul, Secretary, Shiksha Sopan, Mr Aneesh, Mr Anoop Ashthana, Mr Abhishek were present there and celebrated the year 2018. Birthday of Jyoti (class 11), Parul (class 5) and Mohan (class 10), students of evening center was also celebrated on the same day.

### **Swami Vivekanand Jayanti, Basant Panchami and Republic Day celebration**

Swami Vivekanand Jayanti, Basant Panchami and Republic Day were celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January respectively at Sopan evening center, Barasirohi. Some of the students showed their hidden talents on these days. Ms Geeta Kushwaha, coordinator, encouraged these students.



### **Visit by Prof. Jhalkeshwar Tiwari**

Prof Jhalkeshwar Tiwari, Principal, Pt. Mannulal Kanya Mahavidyalaya visited Sopan evening centre on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Mr Tiwari talked to the children and motivated them. Ms Geeta told about Sopan activities to Mr Tiwari and he became very happy on knowing Sopan activities.

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