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# Shiksha Sopan

*An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment*

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The month of May was very hot but all the centers run by Shiksha Sopan gave their output as usual. Final selection of recipients of Dr. V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship, Sundar-kand recital at Barasirohi evening center, Stationary distribution at SASK and Science Workshops at different places were main programmes in this month.

## **Final Selection of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholars 2015**

The sub-committee of Dr. V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship was very active in the last month. As reported in our previous newsletters, Sopan organized the scholarship examination at Opportunity School, made an economical survey of the screened candidates and on the basis of the Survey report, the selection-committee selected 17 students for Dr V.N.K. Merit Scholarship 2015.

On 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Shiksha Sopan organized Scholarship Distribution Function to give the scholarship amounts to the recipients. All the students of the new batch of scholarship and the old batch were given scholarship amount in this function. Parents of all the scholars and Sopan volunteers were also present in the programme.



Mr. Vinay Trivedi, Manager, Shri Shakti Degree College, Sankhaahari, Ghatampur was the Chief Guest of this program. He together with Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Anurag Pandey lighted the lamp and inaugurated the programme.

Shri Anurag Pandey, coordinator of the Scholarship scheme introduced the background of this initiative and gave an outline how this whole process was completed. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai told the audience about other activities of Shiksha Sopan and also introduced the guests and our prominent workers including the members of the scholarship subcommittee. Mr Anil Mishra from P K Kelkar Library department, IITK, Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh from Rajbhasha Prakoshtha, IITK and Mr Ranjan Upadhyay, EC member Shiksha Sopan were present there.

The scholarship holders from previous years expressed their experiences in the programme. Several of them expressed their gratitude towards Shiksha Sopan and told that only with the help of this scholarship they could continue their studies otherwise it would have stopped. They advised the new batch students to make best utilization of the scholarship and to be in regular contact with Sopan volunteers.

The following students are finally selected to get the scholarship.

Group	Selected Student's Name
Class 5 <sup>th</sup>	1- Piyush, 2- Vaibhav Tiwari, 3- Anjali Yadav, 4- Kr. Shrashti Srivastava, 5- Ajay Gautam
Class 8 <sup>th</sup>	1- Anu Mishra, 2- Kr. Payal Nishad, 3- Keerti Gupta, 4- Nisha Savita, 5- Alok Trivedi, 6- Jyotirmay Mandal
Class 10 <sup>th</sup>	1- Shivam Savita, 2- Raju Verma, 3- Kajol Tiwari, 4- Shiva Kumar Kamal, 5- Shivam Yadav, 6- Pranjul Yadav

The committee members of Dr V N K Merit Scholarship, decided to update the scholarship amount up to 50% in each category from the year 2015, the updated scholarship amount for different groups are given below:

Group	Previous Scholarship Amount	Revised Scholarship Amount
Class 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rs 1500	Rs 2200
Class 8 <sup>th</sup>	Rs 2000	Rs 3000
Class 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rs 3000	Rs 4500

There was a special case of Mr Ajay Gautam, studying in class 5 at Shiksha Sopan Anaupacharik Kendra who is selected in this scheme. He is already getting all the financial support from Shiksha Sopan for his academic needs and hence committee members decided that there is no need to provide the scholarship amount at this time. So we have decided to make a Fixed deposit of Rs 6600 for him which will mature just after 3 years.



### **Exam Results of students at Sopan Centers**

The class results of Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra was very encouraging. The children at this center belong to economically weaker families. However, their parents are very enthusiastic and they want to make their children literate, even though they themselves might be illiterate. They have faith on Shiksha Sopan and give full cooperation to us for making their children learn.

The results in 2015 board exams of children from Shiksha Sopan SAC Evening Center were also very nice, all the children of class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> passed with good marks. The Results of Class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> are given below:

Name of the Student	Class	%	Name of the Student	Class	%
Anshika	10	83	Saras	12	93
Shivani	10	82	Aakriti	12	81
Raju	10	82	Preeti	12	80
Shivam	10	81	Vikas	12	76
Shikha	10	79	Subham	12	68
Anju	10	78	Khushbu	12	67
Sandhya	10	74	Ankita	12	67
Radhika	10	74	Anuradha	12	67
Pooja	10	59	Pradeep	12	66
Prateek	10	62	Deepak	12	63
Kiran	10	60	Sanjeet	12	54

### **Sundar-kand Recital at Barasirohi Evening Centers**

Sundar-Kand is part of our cultural heritage. Shiksha Sopan Barasirohi evening center organized collective recital of Sundar-kand on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Tuesday). Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar, Sopan Science cell members with some other Sopan volunteers and children participated in this program. With rhythm and collective action, all children enjoyed the event.



Dr H C Verma from IITK, Shree Om Narayan Trivedi, principal, ONMT school and Mrs Uma from GPN Vidyalaya were present there and enjoyed the whole program.

### **Stationary Distribution at SASK**

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra organized stationary distribution program on 15<sup>th</sup> May ,2015. Students from class 1 to 8 got the books. They were very happy after getting these books. These book were distributed by Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Vipin Sharma.



### **Programmes stimulated by the contribution from Microsoft India and its Employees as a part of Annual Giving Campaign**

Shiksha Sopan was validated to be one of the NGOs for the Annual Giving Campaign of Microsoft India. We had an excellent response from the employees the contribution collected has been instrumental in taking up some new activities and strengthen some ongoing activities. The details of these activities are given on the next page.

## 1. Technology Induced Maths Education (TIME):

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, about 15 bright students of class 5 will be selected from the underprivileged families who have good aptitude for Mathematics for Project TIME. In this Android based Mathematical apps will be used to create more interest and skills in the children. The process of selection is already on with aspiring children been given challenging task to do in summer vacation. The resource persons are being identified and the project is likely to start in July.

## 2. Demonstration Experiments Environment for Physics Teachers' Insight (DEEPTI):

Shiksha Sopan has undertaken to produce videos in live environment where a small science demonstration will be shown to teachers or students. We plan to produce 20 such videos in this year of 2015-16.

## 3. Summer Camp:

Pratibha Poshan Yojana (PPY) is an ongoing programme of Shiksha Sopan, in which we select talented students from in deep interior villages and nurture their talent through 3 consecutive summer camps. We are going to have a summer camp of 21 days for about 14 children of class 9 in the month of June. With Microsoft contribution this year the camp will have new features of exposure to various walk of life.

## 4. Dr V N Kulakrni Merit Scholarship program:

Shiksha Sopan started this merit scholarship scheme in the year 2011 in memory and honor of Dr V. N. Kulkarni, a very competent scientist of IIT Kanpur. It is meant for economically weaker section of the society, who are way behind in the race of development and because of lack of facilities whose intellect is not being utilized for the society. With Microsoft contribution, we have raised the scholarship amount and will be doing more interaction meets to monitor the performance of the recipients.

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## Other Informations

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

**How to donate:** *Shiksha Sopan*

(a) You can pay through credit/debit card by going to [www.godparents.in](http://www.godparents.in), clicking "support a child" from the left top panel, selecting Shiksha Sopan from the "caretaking NGO" list at the bottom left of the page and then selecting a child from the list. Click on "Be my Godparent" below the photograph.

(b) You can write cheques/draft for donations in the name of "Shiksha Sopan" payable at Kanpur and send to the address given below.

(c) Online transfer can be made in State Bank of India, IITKanpur branch. Account No. **10426002488**, Account name "Shiksha Sopan", IFSC code **SBIN0001161**

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