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Month of April was a very fruitful for us. To sensitize people on the issue of water conservation, Shiksha Sopan conducted Poster Making competitions and Social awareness rallies. Preparation for Dr V N Kulkarni Merit scholarship was in full swing in this month. Science Cell has done considerable work to put up a Science Gallery at Sopan Ashram, Nankari.

Events on Water conservation

Water conservation is a global issue and it has already assumed dangerous dimensions. Drinkable water is depleting fast and all of us must understand the seriousness of the issue and contribute towards water conservation to the maximum extent possible.

Shiksha Sopan has taken major initiatives in the month of April to make people aware of the importance of using water judiciously. On 15th April we organized Poster Making Competition at two places, one at Barasirohi SASK/BEC and other at Nankari-Ratanpur Sopan Ashram. This was followed up by two Rallies going into the lanes of the villages and giving message to the villagers about water conservation. All volunteers of Shiksha Sopan were very excited about the events and they put lots of effort to make the event successful. The reports of the events follows.



Shiksha Sopan Anaupchark Shikshan Kendra and Barasirohi Evening Center

SASK and BEC teams worked hard for the event. Ms. Geeta was the overall coordinator. She called all the volunteers for a meeting in Barasirohi who are currently active and who were active in past but now are busy in their professions. The meeting was held on 7th April at the center. Ms Seema from SASK, Mr Vipin Kumar and Himanshu from core management team, Old stalwarts Mr Jaiprakash Maurya and Mr Amit Katheria and many more were present and planned for massive door-to-door contact.

Poster Making Competition

On 15th April, morning 9 AM onwards was the Poster making competition. A total of 152 children from std 4 to Std 12 came with their colours and pencils. A3 size drawing sheets were provided by the center. The event was inaugurated by BEC senior volunteer Mr Anup Asthana, Mr Amit K Bajpai and Mr Jaiprakash Maurya through Saraswati Poojan. Before starting the poster making, all the dignitaries addressed the children and told them about the need to conserve water and to work in collaboration to realize this on ground. Other senior volunteers involved in conducting the event were Seems Ji, Sunita Ji, Nisha Ji, Monika Ji, Namrata Ji, Geeta Ji, Kshma Ji, Amit Katheria Ji and Nazir Ji.

All children were given light refreshment after the event.

Preparation for the rally : placards and street play.

From 15th April to 21st April, all the senior workers of BEC and SASK made placards on which slogans regarding importance of conserving water were written. A total of 35 placards were made at BEC and about 15 at SASK. Working together for a cause was a very good experience and training for everyone. About 25 BEC children also prepared a very interesting street play on water crisis and our responsibility in this regard.

Rally on 22nd April

Finally the long awaited day arrived. Children were pouring into the center from 4 PM. About 300 of them were in the campus, all with full determination and enthusiasm. Most of the Sopan senior workers were present to flag the rally. Dr Sameer Khandekar addressed the children once again telling them why they should be water activists.

With the placards in hand, raising slogans like (जल तो है सोना, इसे नहीं है खोना) (जल है, तो कल है) (भारत माता की जय) the water activists procession moved through the dense population of Barasirohi. People were curiously watching some 300 children marching and occasionally talking to people. The impact was clearly visible. A person who was watering the front of his house using submersible pump, stopped doing it saying that he wont waste water. At many places elderly people started gossiping that they should not use excessive water and so on.



In between the 2 hours of procession, BEC children enacted the street play. Lots of local people assembled to see the play. It was written in a the local dialect in a humorous way but the message of water conservation was loud and clear.



After the procession, children collected back in the SASK/BEC where prizes were given to the winners of Poster making. Prizes were in two categories, children up to 12 years and 12 years onward. The main prizes were Canvas and drawing-painting materials. There were several incentive prizes too.

At Sopan Ashram

We also run an Evening Center at Sopan Ashram in Nankari-Ratanpur. At this center too, there was Poster making competition on 15th April. A total of 159 children participated. The enthusiasm level was very high. Dr H C Verma addressed the children before the event started.

The water conservation rally was organized on 29th April. Together with about 300+ children from the local region, senior workers from Barasirohi also participated in the rally. The BEC team performed the street play in this rally too.

After the rally, children assembled at Ashram. Incidentally, on 29th April Hon. Itself PM had broadcasted Man KI Bat and he had talked on water conservation at length and had appealed to the people to participate in this work. PM's address was played on a laptop and the Public address system. All children and our volunteers got the message.

Prizes were given to the winners of Poster Competition.

Sopan volunteers Himanshu Ji and Vipin Kumar Ji were in the lead role and had done a fantastic job to make this event so impressive.



Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

New admissions

SASK functions to teach those children who do not go to school for some reason or the other. Though it is informal but the teaching methodology is quite impressive, thanks to the school team and the IITK students who volunteer to give time at the Kendra and implement new ideas.

There was a huge pressure from even well-to-do families and they wanted their wards to study in this center. Overall, 20 new children were admitted for the next year.

A SANSKAR Class was organized, especially for new children, where human values were discussed, the qualities and multi-facet development were emphasized, behavior towards elders and friends were talked about, role of Art and music were told and so on. Children were given some practice on Casio keyboard. IITK student Shrish Ji led this drive.

Sharbat party

SASK organized Sharbat Party on 26th April. All children were given Sharbat, Glucon-D to drink. In view of hot summer round the corner, children were told why drinking sufficient water is necessary for body.

Sopan Ashram Evening Center (SAEC)

In the month of April, we have gotten excellent volunteers from IITK for SAEC. Dr Anurag Tripathi of IITK had taken the initiative to induct these volunteers. Tarun Ji, Kamini Ji, Ashwini Ji and Amit Ji are regularly putting their efforts to make the basics of academics of these children strong.

Mr Abhishek Dass, a freelance teacher, has joined SAEC and together with Science Cell, has set up a Science Gallery there. Children from SAEC were exposed to interested science experiments.



Science Cell

Under the IAPT-KVS project, Science Cell of Shiksha Sopan conducted 4 workshops for KVS Physics PGTs. Two of these were at IIT Guwahati and two were at IIT Kanpur. Sopan team made an experimental box for each participant with which almost 36 experiments could be conducted. Teachers were highly motivated from these workshops.



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