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Shiksha Sopan

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The month of March was fully packed with lots of activities by Shiksha Sopan. Second Level examination to select new batch of PPY (sr) was conducted in IIT Campus, followed by evaluation of answerbooks. Holi Millan Programmes, Saheed Divas were conducted at Evening centers. PPY (J), GAK, Library and Swavalamban Kendra were running very smoothly. Here is a description about this month's activities.

A. Second Level Examination for PPY selection

To select the new batch of Pratibha Poshan Yojana, Shiksha Sopan along with Talent Development Council (TDC), conducted a Second level examination on 13th March 2011 in IITK Premises. The first level of this examination was carried out on 13th February, 2011 at total 37 centers in the interior remote areas like Ramabai Nagar, Kannauj, Hameerpur, Jaloun, etc. for children studying in class 7th (Newsletter March 2011) . From the 4147 children participated in the first level examination, 150 children were called for the second level.

104 children out of 150 were present in the second level examination. The test was conducted at L-1 & L-2 (Lecture Hall Complex) premises of I.I.T Kanpur.

Prior to the examination, a science show was given to the children to relax them and mentally prepare them for the examination. Mr. Amit K Bajpai demonstrated Science Experiments in the front of children and involved all of them into the interactive session. Children were excited on seeing such things, perhaps for the first time and enjoyed every bit of it. They were then given snacks by TDC before the examination started.

A parallel session of Science Demonstration was conducted by Sopan Vidyalaya Children for the parents in a separate hall. Small Kids of Sopan Vidyalaya demonstrated Science Experiments in Very interesting and Magical mode. The parents enjoyed the activities and clapped for children. These included experiments based on air pressure, attraction- repulsion, sound of music from water & so on.



Amit ji demonstrated Science Expt.



Jai Prakash Ji addressing the parents

Mr. Jai Prakash ji Introduced Shiksha Sopan to the parents and discussed the problems on education, especially in rural areas.

The time provided for the test was 1 hour and thirty minutes. Whole examination was smoothly coordinated by Dr. H. C. Verma. Evaluation was done just after the exam and later 24 Children were finally selected for New batch of PPY(Sr.).

The Shiksha Sopan Volunteers Pardeep Gupta, Shushma Yadav, Ashu Choudhary, Vinita Bajpai, Abhishek Kumar, N K Singh, Nazir and Ranjeet were present in the exam. TDC Members Mr. R C Gupta, Mr. Anil Gupta, Mr. G D Verma, Dr. B M Agrawal etc. were present and helped in conducting the examination.



B. Spreading Health Awareness, Nukkad Natak

In order to spread health awareness among people, a series of nukkad natak (roadside plays) were performed by Shiksha Sopan on 17th March 2011. The Natak were performed by five I.I.T. K, NSS students and the Children of GAK (Gahan Adhyayan Kendra). The script was written by Mr. Shashank (NSS) who was also the coordinator of the nukkad team. He taught all of them about dialogue delivery, face expression etc. The natak were performed at three different venues in the Village of Barasirohi.

The messages of the play were (a) the importance of Pulse Polio drops (b) causes and prevention from Malariab and (c) severe problems of smoking. The play showed in an impressive way that if parents ask their children to fetch things like cigarette or other tobacco products, even the child gets into the practice of smoking . This results into many harmful diseases may ultimately lead to death at a very young age.



Hundreds of people watching Nukkad Natak

Dr. H.C. Verma gave a brief speech to the localities about the diseases born out of mosquitoes and polluted water. The whole event proved to be a grand success as hundreds of people had gathered to watch the plays and keenly watched, listened and applauded for the same. Cheers to the volunteers for their efforts. Visit to the link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R2R6uvvgBjQY> to see the play.

C. Holi Millan at SAC

Holi was celebrated at SAC center of Shiksha Sopan in different forms on 18th March 2011. Children sang songs related to Holi. Everyone applied colours, exchanged well wishes with each other and enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Mr. Amit K Bajpai, Mr. Anurag Pandey and Mr. Ranjeet were present there. They also applied Gulal to all the children and enjoyed the programme.



D. Pratibha Poshan Yojna, Junior

Annual examinations of PPY (J) Children was Completed from 1st to 14th March 2011. All the children performed well in the examinations and have received First class overall in class. Following are the marks obtained by Junior P.P.Y children: -

Poonam – 74%, Naresh – 64% , Manviya – 70%, Shaurya – 90, Gopal – 78%
Deepika – 73%

Among these children, Poonam has received a special prize from the school for 100% attendance.

E. Events at Centers

18th March 2011: Sopan children were provided some significant information about the occurrence of super moon. Children were told that super moon is a natural phenomena where the moon comes somewhat closer to the earth. They were told that it is not in any way related to earthquake or tsunami. They were asked not to get influenced by all the rumors spread concerning it.

23rd March: centers of shiksha sopan observed Shaheed divas in different ways. Children were informed that our 3 freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were hanged by the British force on this day i.e. 23rd March, 1931. Therefore, this day is remembered as "Shaheed Divas" in the memory of these young, courageous warriors of the nation. At SAC children gave tribute by being silent for 2 minutes and lighting candles around the tress in the remembrance of these freedom fighters.

23rd March: Some of the active Sopan workers from Barasirohi met at Gahan Adhyayan Kendra. Mr. Umakant Dubey from Barasirohi who is currently pursuing B.tech from Noida was very happy to see the progress made by Shiksha Sopan in the recent years.

25th March : Mr. Chandan Kumar, B. Tech from IIT Kanpur and Alumni of Sopan visited Barasirohi Evening Center and met Shiksha Sopan Volunteers. He was very happy to see the evening center running properly. He also visited other centers of Shiksha Sopan.



News:

1-Two Sopan Alumni Got Married

Two Alumni of Shiksha Sopan got married in the month of March 2011. Mr. Kalpesh Mehta married to Ms. Krupa on 7th March 2011. Mr. Kalpesh Mehta is doing Phd from National University of Singapore and had been the Vice President of Shiksha Sopan during 2005-08. Mr. Chandra Shekhar Sharma, a very senior worker and key person in planning all kinds of activities, got married with Ms. Neha on 11th March 2011 at Aligarh. Shiksha Sopan wishes them a very happy married life.



Kalpesh ji with Krupa



Chandra Shekhar ji with Neha

2- V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship

V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Test will be held on 24th April 2011. The test will be conducted for class 5,8, and 10th slandered students around IITK villages. A total of 15 students are planned to receive the scholarship. The preparation of test is going on like contact of schools, and students.

Other Informations

Web site : For more details please visit www.shiksha-sopan.org

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