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HAPPY HOLI to all readers and well wishers

In the month of March students of Shiksha Sopan were busy in their board and home examinations. With initiative of our Senior Volunteers Ms Shushma Yadav and Ms Ashu Chaudhary who were in the organizing team of GH Hall day "Prastuti-2015" some of Sopan children made presentations in this event. Shiksha Sopan also organized Holi Milan Samaroh at Type -I community center among other activities. Sopan library is also going well.

Holi Milan Samaaroh

Holi is a spring festival also known as the festival of colors and the festival of love. FOR KANPURITES', real Holi is on Ganga Mela day which falls on Anuradha Nakshatra. This time, it was on 12th March, 2015 (Thursday). Holi was celebrated by Shiksha Sopan at Type -1 community center on Ganga Mela day. The weeklong Holi revelry in Kanpur is actually connected to the freedom struggle rather than mythology and ends with the famous Ganga Mela on Sarsaiyya Ghat on the banks of the river Ganga.



Mr Anurag Pandey anchored the whole program. Mr Ganga Prasad and Mr Rajesh from Saraswati Gyan Mandir, Indira Nagar, Kanpur sang a song in Awadhi language on Holi. Children and some volunteers also sang songs related to Holi. Mr Manna, care taker of community center type-1, blew the flute on "Shyam Teri Basi Pukaare Radha Naam". Mr Deepak Agnihotri sang a humorous satire.

Mr Amit K Bajpai, Mr Madan Vaijapurkar, Mr Ranjan Upadhyay sang different songs on this occasion. Everyone enjoyed these song very much. The whole atmosphere was full with joy and happiness. Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh and Mr Somnath danayak also sang Holi songs. Some people near community center type -1 were present there and enjoyed by participating in this holi milan samaaroh.

Dr D P Verma, Dr H C Verma, Secretary, Shiksha Sopan, Mr J P Sharma, Acting Principal Opportunity School, Ms Anupama Sharma, Mr Ayan Chakraborty, J P Maurya and all center coordinators and volunteers of Shiksha Sopan with their family members were present there. Gujhia and Paapad were distributed among all of them. Everyone applied colors, exchanged well wishes with each other and enjoyed themselves to the fullest.

Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

Annual Examinations

Students of Shiksha Sopan Anupacharik Shikshan Kendra were given so called Annual examinations from 10th to 25th March. It is mainly to acquaint them with the examination system they will face in their later career. In the month of February all subjects were revised and a preparatory test was given. They were then told how to write examinations in a better way.

For the children it was a mix of written test and continuous performance. Credits were given for regular attendance, participation in various activities in the center, taking up responsibility and sincerity, performance in short term tests, etc. Students who had performed well in monthly tests were encouraged by giving prizes.



Children's Houses Visit

Special Classes on Craft

Students of SASK were trained in making gifts like mobile covers, purse, vandanvaars and thalposh. They made these gifts using velvet, tissue, printed cloth, shimmer cloth, fabric colors & different types of cloth. These classes were given on every Saturday by Ms Seema Verma, Principal, SASK. Though children generally do not miss the school as they enjoy the activities here, SASK honored those having high attendance by giving them some gifts.

Children's Houses Visit

Mr Divyat Mahajan and Mr Prasang Gupta, IITK NSS students visited the houses of children and talked to the parents about the importance of education and encouraged them to participate in the process. They tried his best to motivate the parents. The two also went to families where children were not sent to any school. Mr Divyat and Mr Prasang talked to the parents for sending the children for education.

Special Classes on Science

Mr Ashish Batlar, IITK B Tech student and Sopan EC member gave classes on Science on every Sunday in the month of March. Some IITK NSS students were also involved in these classes. Mr Kush and Mr Nikhil, IITK students apart from NSS trained the children on some new science experiments.

Sopan in GH Hall day

Two of IITK PhD students, Ms Shushma Yadav and Ms Ashu Chaudhary were in the organizing team of Girls Hostel Hall day, named PRASTUTI. They floated a novel idea of making special invitation letters/envelops for the campus community, It was to promote environment and involve the society around. These invitations were made by Sopan Children by putting up variety of ideas making the invitation envelop very interesting and educating. As a preparation, these two Sopan senior volunteers selected about 12 children and trained them in making envelops and invitations by putting up their own imagination. The organizing committee was extremely happy on the new kinds of invitation and only these were used in the event.

The program "PRASTUTI" was held 14th March. Shiksha Sopan was invited to put up a stall to show its social activities to the delegates. Raju Verma, Vinay Mishra, Shivani Sharma, Sharika Sharma, Archana Sharma, Garima and Diksha from SAC evening center were managing the stall and described Sopan activities to the keenly interested visitors.



The greeting cards and photo frames made by these children under supervision of the two mentors were a center of attraction at the stall. Apart from the fact that these were made by the children, the environment friendliness and the aesthetic aspect was greatly appreciated. The photo frames were quite sturdy and durable.

Dr Sameer Khandekar, President Shiksha Sopan, Mrs Pragya Khandekar and Mrs Pushpa Tripathi Coordinator SAC evening learning center and some volunteers were present there.

School Principals Meeting

To uplift the quality of education in our society, Mr Anurag Pandey, Joint Secretary, Shiksha Sopan arranged a meeting of Principals of neighboring schools at Opportunity School, IIT Kanpur on 24th March. Principals from different schools gave their suggestions. They mainly discussed about Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship



Program
Dr Chetna Mishra and Mr J P Sharma from Opportunity School, Ms Annapurna Dixit from Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya, Mr Shivank Pandey and Mr Neeraj Awasthi from Shukdev Prasad Dwevedi Uchcharat Madhynik Vidyalay, Mr Natish Alam from Cambridge School and Mr Kuldeep Kumar from New R K Mission School actively participated in the discussion.

Sopan library

A membership campaign is going on for Sopan library in full swing. We have selected some Block Representatives for each block of new and old Type1, IIT Kanpur. This will help us to convey the information and activities of Sopan library swiftly. This system is helping door to door campaign for library membership. Some of block representatives are Mr Ritu Raj, Mr I P Singh, Mr Vijay Jha, Mr A K Arya, Mr Jay Chandran, Mr Vijendra, Mr Kamlesh, Mr Abhinath Yadav, Mr Suresh, Mr Dey, Mr Anil Dubey, Mr Suneel, Mr Awadhesh Yadav, Mr Manoj, Mr Rohit Srivastava, Mr Gopi Singh, Miss Rekha and Miss Anita.

On Varsh Pratipada, we kept some chart papers in library and asked the residents to come to library and write wishes for Indian new year greetings on that. The process is continuing successfully.

Sad demise of Ms Priyanka kamal

Ms Priyanka Kamal was a recipient of Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship program. She was now in class 10th. She was very sincere and intelligent girl. She was regular at our SAC evening learning center. Her father is a shopkeeper in Barasirohi village. She was getting scholarship science 2013. She actively participated in all our programs and other activities and she got some prizes in different competitions.



On 15th March itself, she passed away due to unforeseen circumstances. We all are deeply pained at her unfortunate demise and pray for the peace of her soul.

Other Informations

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

How to donate: *Shiksha Sopan*

(a) You can pay through credit/debit card by going to 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.

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