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The month of November is supposedly beginning of cold in North India as the Sunrays fall quite obliquely on the ground. But Shiksha Sopan volunteers never go in cold mode. A landmark activity in November was the election of the new Executive Committee by our General Body which was overdue. November is also a month of festivals. The whole Nation celebrates Deepotsava with great enthusiasm and Shiksha Sopan did it in its own way. Children's day is another great day making November special. All our centers actively contributed in education and social character building while following the guidelines of Covid 19 given by the Govt. of India.

## Formation of New Executive Committee

Executive Committee (EC) is the highest policy making body of Shiksha Sopan which takes all the major decisions for impactful functioning of the organization. The tenure of the Present EC got over in March 2020 but due to Pandemic it was extended for 9 months. As per our convention, the outgoing EC deliberates on the possible names for the key positions in EC, namely the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer and proposes these names to the GBM for discussion and final decision and the same was followed. A General Body Meeting was convened on 7<sup>th</sup> November over Zoom, with the major agenda of electing the next EC. A total of 32 members joined the meeting.

Shree Atul Verma, Secretary Shiksha Sopan welcomed all GBM Members and requested Shree Ranjan Upadhyay to conduct the meeting. To begin with an overview of the major activities and achievements of Shiksha Sopan in the tenure of the present EC was presented before the GBM. All members appreciated the excellent work by this EC, especially in the pandemic period. The President Dr Sameer Khandekar shared his experience of this tenure and gave meaningful messages.

Various names were suggested for the new EC and the GBM unanimously elected the members and decided on their roles in the EC. The key office bearers elected were Dr. Arun Kumar Sharma (President), Dr. Sameer Khandekar (Treasurer) and Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai (Secretary). Representation was ensured from IITK Faculty, Students and our volunteers at different centers.

All members of the GBM were very happy to participate in this important meeting and thanked the outgoing EC for its good work. Everyone wished the new EC for upcoming strides of Shiksha Sopan. and wished the new EC for the upcoming tenure. Dr Arun K Sharma addressed the GBM as the new President and assured his involvement and contribution while thanking the GBM to have confidence in him.

## SGPV Prakalp for Assisting Higher Education

As mentioned in our October Newsletter, Shiksha Sopan has launched “**Shree Ganesh Prasad Verma Uchch Shiksha Prakalp**” to financially support children going for higher education (beyond Std 12). The Prakalp committee headed by Dr Arun Kumar Sharma, now our President, with Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai and Mr Atul Verma as members, has formulated the norms and has designed an Application form to facilitate decision making. These are available at our website [www.shiksha-sopan.org](http://www.shiksha-sopan.org).

We got 6 applications in the month of November 2020 for such a support. They were all interviewed by the committee and the recommended amount was given to these students. Out of these, 3 are for B Tech (Ritik from Railways university, Udit from MAKAUT and Vikash from NIT Jamshedpur), one for MBA (Himanshu from PSIT Kanpur), one for BSc (Vinay from CSJM Univ Kanpur) and one for Polytechnic (Mano from Govt Polytechnic College Kanpur). Himanshu is our new EC member and very committed Sopan volunteer, Vinay is associated with Sopan Ashram, Mano had been our SASK student and Ritik had been an active worker at Sopan Library. Udit and Vikash are not directly associated with Shiksha Sopan but were recommended by our senior volunteers. Shiksha Sopan wishes all the them a very good career. A total of Rs 3,00,540 were given to these students.

### Prize Distribution Function of Fancy Dress Competition

As mentioned in the previous newsletter a Fancy Dress Competition was organized by Shiksha Sopan in which all centers participated and we got hundreds of video entries. After screening and 2<sup>nd</sup> round of evaluation, the prize winners were announced from the three groups, std 1-5, std 6-8 and std 9-12. Apart from first, second and third there were some special prizes. All this was in electronic mode but we decided to hold the prize distribution function physically at Sopan Ashram and it was done on 10th November.

It was a very happy day for all of them. After a long time the students from all the centers of Shiksha Sopan, and the center coordinators got a chance to meet each other and talk face to face. Videos of all selected students were shown one by one. It also gave all students to see each other's performance for the first time in this whole competition. Each video was a gem and lots of applaud was echoed from everyone. All the center coordinators were asked to share their experiences on how they inspired the children to participate in the program, how they convinced that they can make videos of their performance at home and share them to the central coordinator electronically.

Together with the prizes to the students, each center coordinator was given a gift from Shiksha Sopan for the marvelous work they had done in conducting Digital Fancy Dress Competition.



## COmmunity Computer Instruction LAB (कोकिला)

Shiksha Sopan is working towards setting up a Computer Instruction Lab for the community and especially for students. This will also be used for Computer-interfaced Science Experiments which are widely used in institutions of high reputation.



In the month of November we worked towards making the necessary infrastructure including a set of 10 computer tables being constructed which will be put up in one of the halls at Sopan Ashram. We hope to make the lab functional by January. The initial grant for purchasing the computer systems has already been received from Pragati Foundation before the lockdown started.

## Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

As new cases of COVID 19 are still coming in significant numbers, in November too the center was not open for students. They were helped in different ways keeping the covid-norms in mind. The volunteers visited the center regularly for making the teaching module for children. The program was running in a physical model as well as digital mode. The physical Community classes were held with the same precautions that were decided in previous months. Some of the functions too were held there.

## **C V Raman Jayanti**

In our atmosphere, Science is everywhere and our scientists have played a great role in shaping our understanding of Nature and in turn making the lives more productive. Who did well in the field of science. A greatly respected name in this series is Dr. C V Raman, the first Indian scientist who got the Nobel Prize for his discoveries in the field of "Light Scattering". Dr. Raman was born on 7th Nov 1888 in Chennai (former Madras). SASK celebrated his B'day and remembered his contribution to the Physics field. Children of SASK made science projects like a solar system, parts of bulb, oxygen making in a lab, etc. Miss Seema Verma delivered an interesting story about Dr. Raman. All was done in the open space of community class.



## **Rangoli Competition**

To keep the spirits of students high in these psychologically difficult days, SASK organized a Rangoli competition in the Community class. This competition was conducted by Shubendra ji who is a Ph.D. student of IITK. Each participant was assigned a space keeping social distancing in mind to make the Rangoli. They made wonderful Rangolies with great passion.



Shubendra ji motivated and applauded the participants of this competition and selected some Rangolies for prizes although every participant made good Rangoli. In this competition Sonam of class 6th got 1st prize, Mansi and Muskan of class 4th got 2nd prize and Ajit of class 6th and Gaurav of class 8th got third prize.



### Diwali Celebration

Diwali is the festival of light and the whole country celebrates with full of enthusiasm every year but this year was special. Social distancing and Air pollution were major issues and SASK students and volunteers took full care of it. Children of SASK made homemade "Diya" for senior volunteers of Shiksha Sopan and presented them. This was also a message to others that instead of firing crackers we should celebrate this festival with the light of Diya's.



### Celebration of Children's Day

Pandit Nehru was the first prime minister of Independent India and played an active role in the independence of India. Pandit Nehru loved the children most, and so whole country celebrates his B'day on 14th Nov as children's day. This year Diwali was also on the same day that is 14<sup>th</sup> November. In order not to miss the opportunity of celebrating two festivals, SASK celebrated Children's day on 16th Nov. Miss Seema Verma wrote two lines for the children and wished them with these lines "

बाल दिवस पर तुम्हें है सिखाना ।  
जीवन है अनमोल यूँ ही नहीं गंवाना ॥".

Seema ji motivated them and asked them to be safe from Covid because of the possibility of the second wave. She reminded them of the slogan of PM Modi " जब तक दवाई नहीं तब तक ढिलाई नहीं".



### Barasirohi Evening center(BEC)

November month was very active for all volunteers and children of BEC. Apart from teaching the children a number of activities were performed. Apart from Children's day celebration we had Career Guidance by Deepika Ji, and celebration of Constitution Day at BEC.

## Online Carrier Guidance Session

Since the month of October, some IITK students started career guidance counselling for the BEC children. Such an event took place at BEC on 8<sup>th</sup> November. This session was given by Miss Deepika ji who is Architect Manager in Delhi International Airport, GMR, She did B.Arch. from School of Architecture COET, Akola. In this session Deepika ji guided and motivated the children for their future according to their field of interest. She also told that How children can prepare for the competitive exams. Student from class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> participated in this session. Deepika ji gave good suggestions to these children for their future.



## Children's day celebration

Ms. Geeta Kushwaha, Coordinator, BEC, celebrated children day event online with the children. She also met some of the children for distributing the stationary. The names of the children who received stationary from Geeta ji are Devansh, Ishant, Gungun, Karan, Arav and Aryan. They were very happy to got the stationary on the occasion of Children's day.



## The Constitution day

The constitution of India is the most sacred document that guides and governs all our activities. No administrative decision can be taken which is not consistent with the constitution. It defines rights and duties of all the citizens. However there is lack of awareness in people about the constitution. Constitution day is celebrated every year on 26<sup>th</sup> November. On this day one of the BEC volunteers Mr. Pushpendra ji gave a brief description of the constitution to children through online media.

## Sopan Ashram Evening center (SAEC)

In November SAEC volunteers and IITK students did lots of work and met digitally several times for deciding the schedule of November month and also did interaction sessions with the students of SAEC. SAMVAD of December 2020 is also attached. Some highlights are given below.

- Volunteers celebrated Diwali with children on 13<sup>th</sup> November over the zoom app.
- Sopan Ashram conducted a fancy Dress Competition prize distribution program in which SAEC participated in management and as a center.
- Celebrated the Birthday of one of the dedicated volunteers Mr. Abhishek Dass.

## Sopan Library

Library was running as usual with Covid 19 guidelines. Mrs. Pushpa Tripathi gave her full effort in preparing the students for Fancy dress competition by which some of the students got selected in this competition.

- Library also celebrated Diwali with its members with Covid protocol.
- One of the Library student Master Anand got selected in the project of SUBROS company.
- Preeti made a very well-portrayed over Covid. In which she displayed many things and also gave several measures for the rescue.
- Results of students coming to the library have been declared, these students are doing polytechnics and these students have done very well and their marks are given below.

1. Priyanshu-79%
2. Deepak-74%
3. Mano Kushwaha-80%



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