

# Shiksha Sopan

## An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment

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## Newsletter September 2025

Dear Readers,

Namaste! The September 2025 newsletter contained August activities of all the centres. Independence Day flag hoisting were done at Sopan Ashram and SASK. First Sunday Club for teachers, Get-together with Sopan members, academic activities at SASK, Pravah Baal Akhabar, SAEC, BEC and Sopan library were running very well.

Please find the centre wise reports given below

## **Independence Day Celebration at Sopan Ashram**

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated enthusiastically and patriotically at Sopan Ashram. All the dedicated *karyakartas* gathered early in the morning to honor the spirit of freedom and unity.

The national flag was unfurled by Mrs. Smita Fangaria, followed by a heartfelt salute and applause from all attendees. The air resonated with chants of "Bharat Mata ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram," create an atmosphere filled with pride and devotion towards the nation.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets among the *karyakartas*, adding a touch of sweetness to the patriotic gathering



Dr. H. C. Verma graced the occasion and extended his heartfelt wishes to everyone. He also led a thoughtful discussion meeting, encouraging participants to reflect on current challenges faced by the organization and society. He posed important questions on how these issues can be addressed collectively. After meaningful deliberation, a decision was made to form a dedicated team to explore solutions and take actionable steps forward. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets among the *karyakartas*, marking the end of a day filled with patriotism, reflection, and a renewed sense of purpose.

# Visit of Shiksha Sopan Alumni – A Day of Reflection and Celebration

Shiksha Sopan has always been proud of its close-knit community, and its alumni continue to play a vital role in shaping the future. Many former *karyakartas* are now serving in prestigious academic institutions across the country. Among them, **Dr. Chandrasekhar Sharma** (IIT Hyderabad) and **Dr. Ashish Bhateja** (IIT Goa) stand out as dedicated individuals who have contributed immensely to the growth of Shiksha Sopan.

On **17th August**, these esteemed alumni visited the Sopan family and held meaningful discussions about the progress and future direction of various centers. They appreciated the continuous efforts being made and expressed their happiness at how Sopan has remained committed to its mission and values.

Dr. Sharma and Dr. Bhateja encouraged the team, emphasizing collaboration and innovation in educational outreach. As a gesture of warmth and creativity, children at the centers crafted handmade gifts, which were presented to the guests.

The visit concluded with a joyful gathering where everyone shared a delicious traditional meal of **litti-chokha**, celebrating not just Independence Month but also the enduring spirit of the Sopan family







## Science shows at two different places

Sopan science team organized a science show in DAV NUPPL Public School, Hamirpur, for std 6-12 students on 6<sup>th</sup> August. A total of 300 students were attended the session. The science show was wonderful and very interactive. Students were amazed to see the simple and low-cost experiments.

IIT BHU organized an annual science festival called PRAGYAN'25 on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August in IIT BHU campus. They invited Shiksha Sopan team on the first day to conduct 2 science shows for std 6-8 students and for std 9-12 students. Shiksha Sopan team members, Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr. Yogesh Kumar Jha, Mr. Vinay Kumar Mishra and Mr. Deepu Kumar went there to demonstrate science experiments. They gave two marvellous sessions and interacted with the students. A nearby 3000 students interacted with Science team. After the session, everyone stands in their position and gave standing ovation to the team.





## Sopan Anaupacharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)

SASK reopened after the summer vacation on 1st July. The following academic activities were conducted for the student during July.

#### **Academic Activity**

At SASK, teachers conducted various academic activities for the student.

**Mathematics (Classes 3 to 5):** Seema ji taught the students predecessor and successor numbers, place value, and time measurement. The Class 5 students also learned multiplication of fractions with whole numbers.



**English:** The student practiced making and writing affirmative and negative sentences. They were also taught prepositions with suitable examples. In addition, they learned the definitions of common nouns and proper nouns with examples.

**Science (Classes 6 to 8):** Class 6 students were introduced to *different types of changes*, the *processes involved in these changes*, and the *role of energy* in such processes.

In Classes 7 and 8, physical and chemical changes were explained with examples. Students studied changes in the states of matter and learned about good and bad conductors of light.

The process of *photosynthesis in green leaves* was explained with the help of pictorial representation.

#### **General Knowledge and Value Education:**

To instill values and cultural awareness, Sunita Ji described the inspiring lives of great personalities, including *Emperor Ashoka* and the renowned poet *Kalidasa*.

#### **Raksha Bandhan Celebration at SASK Center**

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with great joy on 8th August at the SASK. On this occasion, all the girls tied the beautiful Rakhis—made at Shiksha Sopan—on the wrists of the boys. In return, the boys promised to support them and expressed their affection by offering chocolates. A Mehndi competition was also organized for the girls. Avantika of Class 7 secured the first position, while Rani of Class 6 stood second for their beautiful and attractive Mehndi designs.



The entire celebration was filled with happiness and festive spirit. On this day, Seema Verma narrated a mythological story to the student, explaining the significance of celebrating Raksha Bandhan.

## **Independence Day Celebration at SASK**

Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 15th August at SASK. The entire campus was beautifully decorated in the vibrant colours of the tricolour.

On the occasion of the 79th Independence Day, the chief guest, Professor Sutanu Ji from the Department of Computer Science, IIT Kanpur, along with Ranjan Ji, Amit Ji, and Atul Ji, hoisted the National Flag and saluted it with pride. Professor Sutanu Ji garlanded the picture of *Maa Bharti*, while the other guests offered flowers as a mark of respect. Parents of the student also joined the celebration, adding to the spirit of togetherness.





The student presented patriotic songs, filling the atmosphere with devotion and joy. Vinay Ji sang a beautiful and inspirational song, which everyone joined in humming with great delight.

The chief guest, Professor Sutanu Ji, shared a true and inspiring incident from the life of *Nachiketa*, highlighting values from *Sanatan Dharma*. Ranjan Ji warmly welcomed the parents and introduced them to SASK on this special occasion. Seema Ji, extended her heartfelt wishes for Independence Day and expressed her gratitude to everyone present.

To conclude the celebration, chocolates sent by Pragya Madam were distributed to all the student, adding sweetness to the joyous occasion.

#### **Craft Activities at SASK**

In August, special craft activities were organized at SASK. Under the guidance of Seema ji, the student first made beautiful and colourful Rakhi using beads, silk threads, sparkles, hair chains, stones, and other decorative materials. The student created a variety of designs, including:

Gold Rakhi, Meenakari Rakhi, Kundan Rakhi, Silk Rakhi, Gemstone Rakhi, Swastik Rakhi, Flower Rakhi, Smiley Rakhi, Traditional Rakhi.



All the Rakhi prepared by the student were highly appreciated by the members of the Shiksha Sopan family for their creativity and beauty.

As part of the craft activity, the student also made beautiful designs using tricolour chart papers. They created attractive peacock designs in the tricolour theme and decorated the walls with tricolour wall hangings, which added to the festive spirit of Independence Day.

#### Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration at SASK

On Wednesday, all the student and teachers at SASK came together to worship Lord Ganesha with devotion. The student lit incense sticks and performed the aarti of Lord Ganesha, offering flowers and prayers with pure hearts.

Laddus, bananas, and apples were offered to Lord Ganesha as bhog, after which the prasad was distributed among all the student, spreading joy and togetherness.



## Pravah Baal Akhbaar - August Edition

The August edition of Pravah Bal Akhbar was prepared by Avantika of Class 7, featuring the creative works of several student. Rimjhim of Class 6 extended Rakshabandhan greetings with a beautiful drawing, while Shivani Verma of Class 5 described the tradition of celebrating Rakshabandhan. In the art column, Mansi of Class 7 created a lovely picture on Krishna Janmashtami, and Rashmi of Class 5 contributed to the quiz



column. On the occasion of the 79th Independence Day, Sanchi of Class 6 presented a beautiful picture, and Rani of Class 6 shared information about the festival of Ganesh Chaturthi through a drawing of Lord Ganesha along with a mantra.

## **Sopan Ashram Evening Center(SAEC) Interaction Session with Parents**

The parents of all the student who participated in the 5-day camp were invited to Sopan Ashram for a discussion. During the meeting, H.C. Verma Sir explained the purpose of the center and its impact. It is not like coaching center, but for the overall devolvement of the student's personality. Verma sir welcomed all the students who want to enhance their skills and quality.



Vinay Mishra asked the parents for their feedback, to which they responded that their student were learning new things here and were enjoying their studies a lot. Many student also shared in their feedback that they had never attended such engaging classes and games before, and felt very happy at Sopan. Thus, the parents' meeting concluded with the announcement that several students from this camp would be selected for the SAEC.

## **Science Show for Camp Student**

A science show was organized in which Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai, Mr. Yogesh Kumar Jha, Mr. Ranjit Kumar, and Mr. Deepu actively participated. Together, they conducted a wonderful one-and-a-half-hour science session and introduced the student to several interesting experiments. Many of these experiments were first demonstrated in the form of magic, and later their scientific explanations were revealed, helping the student understand how they actually worked. After the session, Sopan President Professor Anurag Tripathi blessed the student and encouraged them by saying that new dimensions can be achieved through self-effort and determination. With this, the camp was concluded.



#### Session with New IITK Student

To run the new batch at the SAEC center, many new volunteer were required, for which new IIT students were selected and invited to Sopan for an introduction session at Sopan Ashram. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, the session began with a song sung by Vinay Mishra, followed by Mr. Atul Kumar ji who gave a detailed introduction about Shiksha Sopan. Later, Mr. Amit Kumar Bajpai conducted



several engaging science experiments to help them understand the teaching approach. The science session was highly interesting and well appreciated by everyone. In the presence of 50 new volunteers, information about SAEC and other programs were shared. After this session classes will be allotted to these students.

#### **Language Class**

Riya Kumari ji is conducting a special language class for students of Classes 6 to 8, where she provides them with in-depth knowledge of the Hindi language. She carefully observes even the small mistakes made by the students and guides them on how to correct them. She also encourages the students to read different types of newspapers. Along with her, Riya ji is also teaching Hindi grammar to the students.



Rudransh Kumar from IITK gave an insightful explanation on why India is considered an agricultural country. He emphasized that a large portion of India's population is engaged in agriculture, which plays a vital role in making the nation self-sufficient in food production despite being the most populous country in the world.





## **Barasirohi Evening Center (BEC)**

## Raksha Bandhan Celebration – 9th August

On 9th August, the Centre coordinator Kshama Ji explained to the student that Raksha Bandhan is celebrated on the full moon day of the Shravan month as per the Hindu calendar. She told them that this festival symbolizes the sacred bond between brother & sister, filled with affection and the promise of protection. The student, in turn, promised that they would never fight with each other and would always be helpful to one another. To mark the occasion, Kshama Ji herself tied a Rakhi to Pushpendra Ji, celebrating the spirit of unity and affection.



Pushpendra Ji addressed the student the significance of Independence Day. He told them, the country attained freedom after more than 200 years of British colonial rule. With the end of British rule, India emerged as an independent nation, and since then, the day has been celebrated with great pride and patriotism across the country.





#### **Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration**

27th August, Ganesh Chaturthi - On this day, the center head Kshama ji told all the student why Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated on the Chaturthi of the Shukla Paksh of the Bhadrapad month. Ganesh Chaturthi is mainly a major festival of the states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and western India, but now it is celebrated with great pomp all over India. This festival is the celebration of the birth of Lord Ganesha. On this day, all the student of the center also made some paintings of Lord Ganesha. A beautiful painting of Ganesha was made by std 5 student with peepal leaves.

## **Sopan Library**

The daily routine of the library includes prayer, book study, mutual talks, and discussions on various topics. Alongside these, a variety of engaging activities were conducted this month:

- student were introduced to the names of the Puranas along with brief information about them. They are also being taught the complete Saraswati Vandana. In between, the student regularly engage in art, shlokas, crafts, and yoga.
- On the occasion of 15th August, an art competition was organized. The student created beautiful and colorful drawings. Later, medals and sweets were distributed as prizes, filling the day with joy.
- ❖ A special discussion was organized on the life and teachings of Lord Krishna. The student joyfully described his character and childhood pastimes, and some also presented songs and dances to make the session lively.
- ❖ On the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, prayers were offered to Lord Ganesha for the well-being of all and for the welfare of society.
- ❖ At present, along with warli art, the student are being taught various other activities such as rituals, reading, art, writing, and book study, helping them grow in knowledge and creativity.

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