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# Shiksha Sopan

*An Initiative of IIT Community for social upliftment*

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The month of April was quite hot but all the centers run by Shiksha Sopan gave their output as usual. Shiksha Sopan organized some very important activities like the written exam for Dr V. N. Kulkarni Merit Scholarship, personality development program for local youths and Science exhibition at Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra.

## **Dr V N Kulkarni Merit Scholarship Examination**

Shiksha Sopan organized an examination for the merit scholarship in IITK campus and in the vicinity on 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2016 (Sunday). It was held at three different centers , namely, Opportunity School at IIT Kanpur, R G Girls Inter College at Madhavpuram, IIT Society and Swami Vivekanand Vidyalaya at Lodhar. A lot of exercise had been done for conducting the exam. Mr Anurag Pandey was the overall coordinator of this examination and he looked after the whole management of the examination.



Sopan volunteers contacted all schools upto 3 km from campus. More than 700 forms from 45 different schools were received for this exam. Different meetings of volunteers were called to manage the whole exam. A total of 67 volunteers were roped in at different centers as invigilators. Apart from these volunteers, 5 volunteers namely, Mr Bharat Bhushan Deshmukh, Mr Uday Pratap Singh, Ms Shushma Yadav, Ms Ashu Chaudhary and Mr N K Singh worked as centers incharges. Shiksha Sopan team members also helped a lot in conducting the examination.

Mr Anurag Pandey, gave all the instructions to the volunteers about examination a day before. The answer books were evaluated by some IIT NSS students and a team of volunteers of Shiksha Sopan at Nuclear Physics Lab, IIT Kanpur. It was also a very enjoying exercise. Volunteers shared the interesting answers while evaluating the answer sheets.

Based on this, 30 students were selected in the first step of the examination. The second step that is economical survey of these 30 students, will now be taken up. A team of Shiksha Sopan will contact the families of these selected students to get first-hand information about their economic conditions. Based on this the final selection for the scholarship will be made.

### **Personality Development Program**

Shiksha Sopan organized Personality development program from 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April at Opportunity School, IITK for sopan volunteers and some of the local youths. The resource persons for this program were Ms Kusha Malik and Ms Disha Malik from Sunayana Cultural Education Welfare Society and Mr Ayush Khurana and Mr Sandeep Menghani from Yeshaswi Bhav. They came from Jaipur, Rajasthan for this program.



They designed an impressive course module and conducted the program successfully. They included all the essential soft skills for personality development. Few of them were Communication skill, Teamwork and Team building, Leadership qualities, Time management, basic grooming etc. The sessions were very interactive and participants involved actively. Everyone appreciated the program. The whole program was coordinated by Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai.

### **Teachers Interaction program**

In this month, the teachers interaction program was held under Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan on 16<sup>th</sup> April. The teachers were from different Rajkey Inter Colleges and from different primary and junior government schools. The whole program was designed by Dr H C Verma, Professor, Physics department, IITK and Secretary, Shiksha Sopan.



Initial introduction was given by Dr H C Verma. After this teachers and faculty members were divided in subject wise groups and they had more individual interaction. Mr Amit Kumar Bajpai from Shiksha Sopan showed a lot of science experiments and discussed about them. All these experiments were designed at Shiksha Sopan Science lab. Mr Ranjit Kumar also from Shiksha Sopan science cell helped in assembling and performing the experiments. Teachers were very happy to see that concepts can be so easily demonstrated through such low cost experiments. At the same time Mr Anurag Pandey from Shiksha Sopan presented many interesting mathematics puzzles in very lucid manner. Some probing questions were given to these teachers for discussion in next program.

## **Sopan Evening Centre**

### **Earth Day Celebration**

Sopan evening center celebrated Earth Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016 (Friday). The program was held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Children learnt about the life cycles of common products and the impact of consumer behavior on the environment. Children made interactive posters on this occasion.



Mr Ajit, PhD student, IITK visited Sopan evening centre at this occasion. He talked to the children and blessed them.

### **Children's Houses Visit**

Ms Geeta, Coordinator, Barasirohi evening center visited homes of some students named Sachin Pal and Harsh Gupta with some other volunteers Mr Pawan and Ms Kshama. These two students were not coming at the center for a long time. In these visits our volunteers talked to the parents of these students and motivated them to encourage them to come at the center regularly.

### **Visit by Mr O M Narayan Trivedi**

Mr O M Narayan Trivedi, Principal, ONMT Inter College, visited Sopan evening centre on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016. He talked to the children and motivated them. He also gave a lot of helpful tips to improve English speaking as well as communication skills. Basically he emphasized on following three aspects. First and most important, one should never be afraid of making mistakes and be confident.



Second requirement is regular practice of the things. For this, one should make a routine and stick to it. Finally, he told that we should practice the 4 core skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. They all need to be worked on for us to improve.

### **Chaitra Navratri Celebration**

Sopan evening center celebrated Chaitra Navratri on 08<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 (Friday). It is a festival dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga. Ms Geeta, Ms Kshma, Mr Pawan and Mr Anoop Ashthana with the children lighted the lamp in front of Maa Durga. Mr Asthana talked to the children and told them the actual meaning of Navratri.



## **Shiksha Sopan Anaupcharik Shikshan Kendra (SASK)**

### **Science Workshop**

SASK organized a one day science exhibition on 12<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday). Mr Anurag Pandey and Mr Ashish Batler inaugurated the exhibition. Some IITK NSS students Ms Nazneen, Mr Surya Prakash, Mr Rahul, Mr Himanshu and Mr Nomendra were involved in this exhibition. They trained the children on some new science experiments.



The topics chosen for this workshop were magnetism, air and water pressure, heat, chemical reactions and surface tension. The children from class 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> participated in this exhibition and learnt a lot. Mr L L Vishwkarma, Principal, G P N Vidyalaya with his school children and teachers came to visit the exhibition. He appreciated the team work of volunteers as well as children. The whole exhibition was coordinated by our EC member Mr Ashish Batler.

### **Visit by Mrs Hema Joshi**

Mrs Hema Joshi from IITK and Mr Ajit, PhD student, IITK visited SASK on 06<sup>th</sup> April. She told that she talked to the people belonging to economically weaker section of society and motivated them to send their children to school. In this month, she sent two children to SASK with the help of Mr Ajit. Mr Ajit talked to the children and gifted some science books to them. Children became very happy by getting these books.

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