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Thomas Alva Edison Club

20th August

Regional workshop for VIPNET clubs coordinators of western region states at Gujarat Science City was inaugurated on 20th of August at Science City Gujarat. During the inauguration function all were co-ordially welcomed and the chief guest was introduced along with other dignitaries and welcomed with flowers. Then the workshop was officially inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp. The chief guest and other dignitaries spoke on the occasion and it ended with vote of thanks and National Anthem.

Then there was a session on "Science club activities" by Dr. Vinay Kamble he spoke about the objectives of science clubs and the need to have and various activities that can be had at different level. This session was followed by presentation by B.K. Tyagi who led us into VIPNET 10 years down the line and various achievements also spoke about low cost no cost activities for the science club and various other activities that be organised at different stages and level. In the afternoon Mrs. Janki Teli spoke on the topic of "Science of Nature and its objective". He stressed on the importance of including nature as a part and parcel of our studies and suggested various projects that can be taken up. This was followed by a visit to hall of space an excellent area that open our eyes to the wonder world of science and then followed by 3D movie in the Asia biggest 3D theatre watching the world's biggest and excellent creative come alive.

21st August

Today started with a session by Mr. Abhay Kothari who began with various asking the participants to write on a slip and stick it on the chart paper. It started with asking us to write what is science, how can we implement it, whom should it be given to and then frame a definition on science club with words used above. He also asked to make a boat then he stressed the importance of being creative and "Being out of the box" with ideas. We items played game with us to show that what matters is the motivation and will and not obstacles, lack of availability of resources, to achieve success.

Dr. Chandra Molli Joshi took us invite the wonders world of mathematics through a video clip on Ramanujan the man of mathematics and spoke on as to how mathematics can be made interesting & enjoyable. Also asked to answer to questions for a trip aboard. Mr. Hitesh Pandya a vibrant mathematics look so simple through his lived and effective presentation and of course he was kind enough to provide us all with a book.

Dr. Tyagi then spoke on all those known and unknown great mathematics also spoke on monthly wise activities to be organised by VIPNET clubs.

After lunch Dr. Tyagi also showed us as to how we can use the Vigyan Prasar website and upload and download various information. Then spoke in detail about all topics and various activities that can be hand over the months and asked us to come up with new ideas.

Then we rushed to see the flamingos but to our unluck they took a break and were not interested in meeting us. This was followed by an excellent music fountain show and offer the dinner.

22nd August

Third and final days activity started by a brief introduction and welcoming by Dr. Narottam Sahoo. Then Mr. Abhay Kothari spoke on various aspects of documentation. We stressed on the scientific method involved in these process in detail touching on every aspects of it also he said modals on the form diagram, provides, match stick figures well add value to it.

Mr. Tyagi spoke about materials given and well it can be used well for all. It was followed by a presentation by Dr. Narottam Sahoo who spoke on various ways and means Science Clubs (VIPNET) can conducted and encouraged. The chief guest Mr. Bharat Pathak spoke on the importance of sustainable development, concluding ceremony chief guest and guest of honor spoke on various ideas to be encouraged in the science clubs. The certificates were then given along with the photographs so it ended with a lot of hopes and promises for VIPNET club members.