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# RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education



*Christmas is a festival of joy, happiness and feast that is celebrated to celebrate the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. On the 25th day it is believed that the day Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem to the house of Father Joseph and Mother Mary. The birth of Jesus Christ, who is considered to be the son of God, holds important positions in Christianity. Jesus was the one who taught people a new way of life and saved them from their sins and sorrows. It is believed that Jesus was born when society was surrounded by many evils like greed, hatred, superstitions. Violence etc and he was sent to the earth to save mankind from these evils. Jesus was considered as the light of the world and he came to save people from the darkness of ignorance, sorrow, sorrow etc. And Christmas is the day when people welcome this great redeemer of mankind. He worked for the transformation of the lives of the people amidst the darkness of evils of the society.*

*In RISE, when we are dealing with five hundred deprived children, who have been dejected from basic happiness, rights and needs of their lives, we enforce the power of humanity and dedication, which can bring in the change of positivity in their lives. Depicting Christ as a winner in scarcity and adverse situations, we in RISE also are prepping our children against all odds ! we took this opportunity to teach our children to be strong in struggles and humble in success !*



## Fun & Learn in NGO Mela



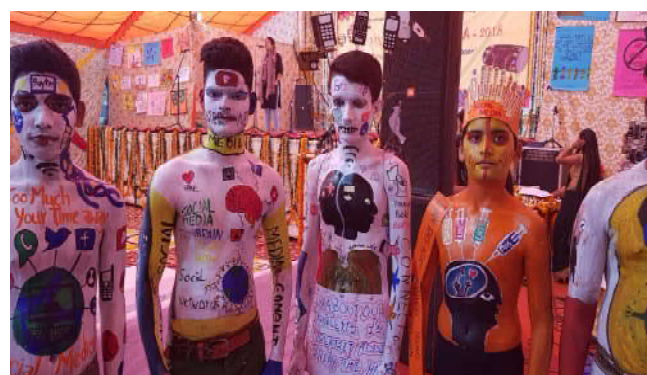
At the most fundamental level providing adequate investment that enable children thrive is a moral imperative, and investing in a child is to invest in societies future. We, at RISE believe that there could be no more compelling. The international community has recognized that investing in children is not only essential but an obligation as outline under the united nation convention on the rise of the child (CRC). The world of tomorrow will inherit the children of today. The event is one of the pioneer efforts of its kind to establish a common platform for the student community and the Non-Governmental Organizations working for various social causes in the city. The event offered the NGOs an opportunity to spread

awareness among the students about the social cause that they worked for and to showcase their product and raise fund directly by selling the products to everyone present at the campus. The occasion facilitated a fruitful interaction between the voluntary organizations and the students and faculties present in the campus. Weather nations grow and prosper will depend heavily on the survival, health, education and protection of their citizens, particularly the youngest there the several compelling reasons to invest in children. When the quality of support, stimulation and nurture is deficient, child development is seriously affected. Good nutrition, health, consistent loving care, and encouragement to learn in the early

years of life help children to do better at school, be healthier, succeed in the working world, and participate more in society.

We, at RISE team clearly have a critical role to play in life pursuits. We need to do a better job of improving students learning outcomes, not just in academic fields not often in the area of social(example – team work) and personal (example- perseverance) competencies that also interact with academic skills to produce better life and giving them sufficient opportunities and platform to showcase all they have got.

Mela literally means a variety of shops and venues to display products of all forms fulfilling customers delight. NGO mela is no





different to it. YMCA organized a Mela and invited various NGO's to participate and showcase their talents. AROH Foundation accepted the invitation and took part in the mela. The Mela acted as a catalyst to motivate and encourage the rural and needy section of the society who thrives for their stability by providing a platform to get to know the ways of living. The Delhi YMCA organizes 15th annual 'YUVA UTSAV and NGO MELA' for the promotion and holistic development of marginalized children and youth and bringing together all machinery working towards the same goal. The event started at 9:00 in the morning and lasted till 6:30 in the evening. The event was one of the pioneer efforts of its kind to establish a common platform for the community, volunteers and non-governmental organizations for various social causes in the city. The event offered the NGOs an opportunity to spread awareness about the social causes. They have worked for and to show case their product and raise fund directly by selling the products to everyone present and the two days huge event.

RISE has put up an exhibition in stalls in the category of handmade jewelries, candles and diyas. We even made jewelries like earrings,

bracelets etc. Our jewelries were talk of the mela and the customer's response was overwhelming. It is on this occasion that the children get a chance to step on to the stage and conquer their fear of speaking and performing in front of large



gatherings. Children performed better than ever this time. Their level of confidence was higher than earlier. They showed their efforts and hard work in every activity they performed. The parents in this revolutionary age of media aspire to see their children on the stage, however good or bad the children are. It's hard for these children to get the right platform and simultaneously get to interact

with better privileged children of the society. Management provided all the costumes and jewelry needed and made the event and their children turned out to be spectacular in every possible way they could.

The aim of providing motivation and enthusiasm within students was successfully achieved. The motive behind this initiative was to introduce our children and educators to stage and public performances. Also gave them opportunity to have a day out and visit new place and people. They got chance to interact and learned new things. They hold a promise to perform better next time and this break has recharged them for the further struggle in life. All the participants were given certificate of appreciation and memories to cherish for long. Smiling faces and bright future were shining all through.



# Scholarship Examination



Everyone has the right to show their skills and knowledge. But they do not get the right. To get this right and to take this right, the blooming world Gayatri Parvar (AVGP) has given chance to the children of our RISE again this year and encouraged the children. The All-India Gayatri Parvar (AVGP) is for scholarship; A morale booster is a push that can help you in announcing creative freedom and true self-esteem in the field of career. Even this year, these scholarships are more important for our RISE children because the dire need of money is not only keeping them separate from basic education and leaving alone to think about the corner which seeks the dreams and passion in life. Is in We are working hard not only to provide basic education to our children but also to ensure that they join the

mainstream and also dare to dream instead of staying in RISE . In the same track, the All-World Gayatri Parvar (AVGP) was found in the loop to provide an opportunity to dream. AVGP has nominated all children of RISE for the year's activity program. About 100 well-performing children are engaged for scholarship examinations, which will allow them to deal with obstacles of financial crisis and continue education with obstacles. Books are given to children and teachers are trained to prepare for screening. In our nodal center and at a center of Sangam Vihar, 100 children were arranged for the second round of examination on December 16, 2018. The children were also offered to use the OMR sheet which will be visible for future higher examinations. There are several ways these scholarships have been designed to ensure that each student can make a significant push during his educational journey on the basis of his personal aspirations. There

are many scholarships that have been created with the goal of ensuring the necessary aspects. More than last year, this year children were showing curiosity. Because in 2017 only 3 students of the RISE came first, second and third place. But this time the enthusiasm of the children of every center was visible in any category.

In relation to the characteristics of the award winners themselves are





kept in mind. At the same time, more than accepting his achievements, scholarship works as positive reinforcement for the students, thus encouraging them to perform better next time and to improve themselves. This can prove to be a major boost for the student when he seeks career opportunities in the field of excellence. This initiative is a long haul in RISE and we are targeting PUSH which is essential for moving towards their dreams. Even this year, we hope that our children of RISE will move forward in the competition of scholarships.

## Niha ...

Niha Khan (23 years), daughter of Shri Babbu Khan Singh, is a dynamic and soft spoken personality. She is a graduate in Arts and had a strong passion towards teaching profession. She had a dream to do something in life and simultaneously work towards her passion, but was not getting chance to fulfill that. Trying to explore all possible opportunities in the same line, she was introduced to AROH Foundation and its various interventions in her community. She has a strong say in her community now, as every household is aware of the work she does. Her students show remarkable performances in all fields. She herself has grown a lot as a person. From a shy girl within the limits of her house, she has emerged as outspoken leader who is also the torch bearer of women and children welfare in her society.

In her own words, she says, *“AROH Foundation’s RISE initiatives have been creating huge and long lasting impact over lives of children and women of my community. Just like me I have seen immense growth in all educators working for RISE and in so many children covered under RISE. We have been given a platform to showcase whatever we had, not just like teachers, but also like responsible citizen, budding entrepreneurs and leaders. On behalf of all of us, I thank AROH Foundation for being supportive and giving us chances which was rare in this difficult scenario.”*



## The Christmas Marathan



Christmas Day is celebrated on 25th December every year. Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world. A feast central to the Christian liturgical year, it is preceded by the season of Advent or the Nativity Fast and initiates the season of Christmastide, which historically in the West lasts twelve days and culminates on Twelfth Night; in some traditions, Christmastide includes an octave. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many of the world's nations, is celebrated religiously by most Christians, as well as culturally by many non-

Christians, and forms an integral part of the holiday season centred around it. The traditional Christmas narrative, the Nativity of Jesus, delineated in the New Testament says that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in accordance with messianic prophecies. When Joseph and Mary arrived in the city, the inn had no room and so they were offered a stable where the Christ Child was soon born, with angels proclaiming this news to shepherds who then further disseminated the information.

Christmas is one of the most important as well as popular festivals celebrated throughout the year. Christmas is the kind of festival that is so popular that it is celebrated in more than 160 countries throughout the world, by adults and children alike. Christmas is celebrated by those following the religion of Christianity, though the festival has universal



appeal, across all religions. There are many ways to celebrate Christmas and the manner with which Christmas is celebrated is different in many countries, even though the Christmas spirit is universal in nature.

At AROH RISE Foundation, Christmas was celebrated with a lot of enthusiasm. It was celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> December. All the children were told to wear red and white clothes to keep up the Christmas spirit. The children were given a brief introduction on how and why Christmas is celebrated. After, a play



life inspired & lead by privileged and upper class of the society. By imbibing Christmas values into their lives, they have surprised us with their inspiring levels of generosity and compassion despite the challenges of poverty they face. Children took promises for better and selfless lives.

The Significance of Christmas is known to men, all over the world. Though it is true that Christmas is celebrated as the day of the Birth of Christ into this world, yet it also symbolizes a very deeply significant truth of the spiritual life. Jesus Christ is the very personification of Divinity. He was born at a time when ignorance, superstition, greed, hatred and hypocrisy prevailed upon the land. Purity was forgotten and morality was neglected. In the midst of these conditions, Christ was born and He worked a transformation in the lives of people. He gave a new and a spiritual turn to the lives of man. There came a change upon the land. People started upon a new way of life. Thus a new era dawned for the world. The same was demonstrated to children, that however tough the life may seem right now, but the power of their dedication, perseverance and persistence would bring a change, A positive change towards life, health, hygiene, and mutual Help !

was prepared by the children on the theme of Christmas followed by songs. The enthusiasm shown by the children was very high and could be seen by their excitement. After that the kids were distributed cake and chocolates. All the children made card and posters on Christmas which were displayed in the class. Overall, the children enjoyed and celebrated Christmas enthusiastically. Children were inculcated with feelings of generosity, sharing and caring. Throughout the year, these kids work extremely hard not only in their studies and home but also to adopt the higher lifestyles of society – a



## Badhne ki “Tamanna”

*Tamanna is an 11 years old residing in Rajasthan under village named Laalvi. She has 9 members in her family including her 5 sisters and a brother. Her father’s name is Narshi Lal Naagar who works as a gardener and mother’s name is Meena who is a housewife. She has 5 sisters and 1 brother. All of her siblings go to school and none of them is engaged in child labor. Due to financial instability and lack of funds her father can’t send the children to a good reputed school though the children are all very good in studies.*

*While being on a field sensitization and community engagement drive by RISE educators, team got to know about Tamanna. We also met her parents and got her admitted in RISE. As she did not know anything about the course or how to write and read so it was a big task to make her things understands. Team noticed that Tamanna, in comparison to her other sibling was a bit lagging behind in her learning capacities. Instantly team convinced her parents to send her to RISE and then onwards she got connected to RISE. Thereafter slowly and steadily she started learning, reading and writing seamlessly. Now she takes her studies seriously and shows her full efforts towards studies. She now loves to read Hindi and also loves to draw meanwhile. She draws beautifully. She is very active in participation. Thus keeping her so much of interest in Arts we asked her to take participation in many Drawing Competitions. She even participated in NGO Mela in Poster Making Competitions. She also has started learning things herself and her family is very much satisfied and happy to see the progress.*

*Her parents too take immense pride in her achievements and progress. All other 4 siblings of Tamanna are now part of RISE and are taking baby steps towards progress and prosperity.*



**Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC)** was incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1956 on 20th December, 2002 with an authorized share capital of INR 15 billion and paid up capital of INR 2 billion. AIC commenced business from 1st April, 2003. AIC has taken over the implementation of National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) which, until FY 2002-03 was implemented by General Insurance Corporation of India. In addition, AIC also transacts other insurance businesses directly or indirectly concerning agriculture and its allied activities. AIC also works towards upliftment of marginalized sections of the society. Project RISE is CSR initiative of AIC which aims to provide better educational opportunities to underprivileged children.



**AROH Foundation** is a leading national-level NGO, strengthening government programmes and CSR initiatives of several corporates and PSEs by providing total integrated solutions - consulting, planning and implementing - for sustainable, inclusive development and growth of the needy and marginalised communities in several states of India for the past 12 years. AROH is an ISO 9001:2008 Certified organization, registered under Societies Registration Act, 1860.

RISE is a pioneering initiative designed by AROH Foundation, which recognizes the nation’s concern of improvement of learning outcomes and universalisation of elementary education as of paramount importance, and strives to bring the deprived and marginalized or educationally backward children in backward villages and slums under the safety net of education through an innovative approach and Project-Based Learning Methodology.