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RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education

A successful life is a result of dedicated learnings and not top marks

One of the major components of our RISE program is evaluation. The education process in any discipline of learning ends with examinations and evaluation. The entire effort put in by the educators on teaching and the student on learning is centred on getting good results in the examinations. Thus examinations have been overriding the process of education and are a matter of concern for stakeholders. The next step in assessment is comparing the gathered information of each student to the standard. This step enables RISE educators to guide instruction, evaluate teaching strategies, track student progress, and identify students with special needs that require additional interventions or services. Preserving the tree is an obligation for everyone without exception. Tree planting can restore global warming, bring awareness to children also protect the planet for our children and grandchildren. An integrated, holistic approach to teaching and learning at RISE also focuses on connections to the natural world.

Although standards are designed to provide consistent expectations for all children, instruction is moulded to fit each child's individual strengths and needs. The insights gained from early assessment can serve as the basis for instruction. We at RISE focus of Demonstration, Examination, Evaluation, Feedback and ultimately Improvement !



Countering the biggest "Threat"



"The Greatest Threat To Human Existence Is Our Own Lack Of Ability To Control Our Own Growth." – Markwatson.com

The world population is increasing at a very fast pace. The current world population is **7.7 billion** as of May according to the most recent United Nations estimates elaborated by World meters. Population in the world is currently (2018-2019) growing at a rate of around **1.07 %** per year. The current average population increase is estimated at **82 million people per year**. Annual growth rate reached its peak in the late 1960s, when it was at around 2%. The rate of increase has nearly halved since then, and will continue to decline in the coming years. World population will therefore continue to grow in the 21st century, but at a **much slower rate compared to the recent past**. World population has doubled (100% increase) in 40 years from 1959 (3 billion) to 1999 (6

billion). It is now estimated that it will take another nearly 40 years to increase by another 50% to become 9 billion by 2037.

Though World Population issues have been tried to be reduced by controlling the same, there seems to be a real trouble in controlling it. The 7 billion head count on the globe is not a problem that can be ignored. Long back in 1989, the same issue was enumerated by the governing council of The United National Development Programme took forward an action and "World Population Day" was set off thereby. Population growth is responsible for degradation of nature and natural resources.

There are few steps to be taken care to reduce the population growth explosion that is; Family planning is used to ensure that a woman gets a child when she actually wants one. Education on family planning can be made compulsory for all through the school curriculum. For that past school age, this can be done through adult and continuing education, counselling, etc. Increase in opportunities for women as more and more women join career jobs, they tend to be occupied by work. This acts as an alternative to bringing up children.

We know that children and youth are the strongest pillars of any country if they will be trained then the future should be in safe hands. So, keeping this thing in mind RISE educators planned to share views about the population growth and its effect and measures. Educators gave speech on this topic and also told children to give their views on the topic, trust me children in the centres are so intelligent and bright that they quickly understood the concept and started giving the measures to stop the population growth. One of the children told that the amount of land is same but the user is huge so it's just like a burden of books on the back of small children. Educator also explained children to use the resources rather than misusing the resources because resources are very limited and the users are in huge amount we should save the resources for further use.



Empowering our "Pillars"



"Investing in knowledge pays the best dividends."

— Benjamin Franklin

Education plays a vital role in economic growth of any country. With increasing urbanization, urban migration has led to a serious problem of increase in urban slums. These urban poor usually consist of semi-skilled or unskilled labor. The poor condition of these urban poor in slum areas is mainly due to their inability to compete with skilled labour class and afford a decent standard of living. In India, education has been linked with employment. In other words, the children are educated simply because they are to get some employment. Those people who are not in favour of sending their children for employment do not feel the necessity of educating them. In India, the vast majority of the population is poor. They cannot afford to give education to all their children. Thus, due to lack of education various crimes took place like child labour, prostitution, trafficking, robbery etc. and many more and the cause was only absence of education. The educational level of slum residents in Sangam Vihar is very low and there is an urgent need to improve the educational attainment level of these people for better economic growth. Educating the semi-skilled and

unskilled people is the need of the hour.

AROH Foundation viewed this issue and came up with new ideas and ways for providing people with education and making them realize its importance as well. AROH has already been helping building the lives of children while working in slums but now it's the time AROH realized the importance to educating the parents too. First reaction was weird actually it wasn't weird but AROH understood the mentality of slums where people don't pay attention to education but

they are simply focusing in the concept of getting money from doing any type of work and for that they don't want their children to study, they want to do some job and earn money. So to tackle all these issues AROH Foundation planned to make these parents aware about education by providing them educational sessions.

Like each year, at RISE, all the parents were given classes of reading and writing and the whole training from teaching basics and the main aim was that the parents write their own names as their signatures, as we know in our country the person who knows how to sign is considered as literate. The agenda of AROH Foundation was to make parents realize the need & importance of education for them and their kids. All the educators took active participation in this training while teaching parents. The duration of this programme was 1-1 1/2 month and the results were commendable. It felt so good that the hard work that RISE and parents did was paid off.

In the last days few parents gave a token of thanks to AROH Foundation and RISE team for making them understand and realize the importance of education.



Contributing towards mother nature



survive on this planet. The goal of this Plant Day is to get as many people as possible around the world fascinated by plants and enthused about the importance of plant science for agriculture and sustainable production of nutritious food.

Coinciding with the every year celebrations, on Wednesday July 3rd, we at RISE celebrated Plant Day. The idea is to plant more and more trees on RISE centres as well as in nearby communities. At the same time we wished to embellish the centres, teach the students how to take care of the plants and to help the environment with more biodiversity. For celebrations, the day began with a message on plant food, trees, berries and edible flowers. The children were excited to know about the different fruits and nuts that they eat, that come from the trees. They appreciated the taste, beauty and healthy living. They understood the different uses of trees and its importance in the ecosystem. Also, how it affects the climate and

“Plants are the young of the world, vessels of health and vigor”

Plantation Drive

A famous quote reads, *“Imagine if trees gave off Wifi signals we’d be planting so many trees, we’d probably save the planet. Too bad they only produce oxygen we breathe”*. It is sad how we have grown so accustomed to technology that we overlook the harmful impact it is having on our environment. Not only is the use of technology destroying nature but it is also separating us from the same. Climate Change is real and all of us know it. The Sea Level is rising, polar ice caps are melting, and every year all the Heads of the States are meeting only to stop this from happening. With such brutal reality in hand, every year we do our bit to protect our environment, we teach

our next generation the importance of planting trees, the bigger role they play in saving the environment, and thus, we celebrate Plant Day in the month of July each year. With concerns such as global warming, Plant Day is as relevant as ever. Planting a tree is a great way to celebrate Plant Day. When people plant trees they are doing more than just beautifying an area. Plants are fascinating. From one little seed, planted into soil, many green lives can arise - from small herbs up to big trees, or from ornamental flowers to substantial crops which all animals and mankind need to



provides shelter to the wildlife in the region.

RISE educators guided the students on the active role that they can play in helping green their centres, schools by teaming with their teachers, classmates and parents to plant trees on their school property. Along with guiding them on actions that they can take to help protect and preserve the environment. This was followed by the saplings we arranged with a variety of Guava, Mango, Ashoka, Neem, etc. The Plantation Drive was an opportunity for children to connect with nature in a fun and practical way to learn about trees and the role they play in the health of the environment and the community. Also, planting trees showed them that their hard work and care can make a difference in the world. It inspired them to discover the natural world and nurture it. The children were then explained how trees in a school yard improve air quality and can reduce temperatures in warm climates by 10°F. They provide shade in hot temperatures and new signs of life. They are a small environmental investment that will pay dividends for decades to come.

RISE educators elaborated that even when the importance of tree plantation is so evident; there are only a handful of people who actually take it as their responsibility to indulge in this activity. The rest are so engrossed in their lives that they do not understand that without enough trees around we wouldn't be able to live long. It is time we must recognize the importance of tree plantation and contribute our bit towards the same. Today, it looks like planting trees is the only option we are left with, to counter the increasing pollution levels, and the climate change. It is simple, the more the number of trees, the better oxygen we will get to breathe, and lesser environmental calamities would happen in future. Calamities that happen out of order, claiming lives more than we can imagine, such as floods in summers, no rains in monsoon, temperatures soaring above 50°C in April, frequent earthquakes, and more. Thus, more and more trees must be planted if we really want to survive and lead a good life.



Summer Entertainment



"Where children become confident and creative"

Summers are quickly approaching and in these months, summer workshop is of extreme importance for the children as many of RISE children have really fantastic and beautiful memories of summer workshop. It is an essential part of school life which should not be ignored among the hustle and bustle of academic life. This time of the year is loved by all as it provides the much needed break to students from their routine of attending academic classes. It is usually extremely interactive in nature and the students feel at ease while learning their favorite activities intensively. Summer workshop is an event organized by RISE for the overall development of the students. A summer workshop at RISE is an essential part of children's lives as it is an event organized in the holidays and aimed at teaching various new skills to students in order to promote a learning environment and to equip them with real world skills, apart from the set academic learning. The summer workshop at RISE this year was not

about sitting in an area bounded by four walls and staring at a teacher continuously speaking her mind instead it involved extensive learning and self-development of the child. It was all about various activities such as painting, arts & crafts, dancing, playing instrument, playing indoor and outdoor games etc. were taught that a child learns various valuable life skills such as leadership qualities, socializing with other kids and discipline which are as much important as academic knowledge. These skills build confidence in a child from the start and that in turn aids in his overall development. Summer workshops at RISE lead to creativity, free of judgments that get kids going both mentally and physically. It helps them explore, make friends and learn new things, acquire skills and fun at a very young age allowing them to become confident with their self-guidance. Summer workshops at RISE are not only for having fun. The value of experience is more important. It affects the child in a lot of positive ways. It develops



the child's mental, physical and social ability. It is the opportunity for them to grow emotionally and socially. They become more independent and confident about themselves and we know that practical knowledge is better than theoretical knowledge; due to their own experience they will prove better in their life. These workshops teach them some of the most important lessons of life. Keeping in mind the vast difference this little endeavor created in a child's development. The workshop was aimed at ensuring the overall development of a child along with academic excellence. Students as well as parents must encourage the students to participate in such workshops.

Some students concluded by stating, "We've experienced the importance of summer camp in a child's development. In addition to these skills, summer workshops at RISE provide students with a much needed get away from everyday studies. We learn to make decisions and take calculated risks on our own and understand the importance of clear thinking and teamwork. Summer workshops are the most beautiful memories of our lives as they involve new activities which in turn fill the young minds with vigour and enthusiasm."



Flying Again Saroj

Saroj, 33 years, has been a very dynamic educator of RISE. She hails from Himanchal, has three children and her husband Rakesh works in a private firm. Before joining RISE she was working as a teacher in a private school. But after having 3 children, she was, like most of the women in India, was restricted only to household chores. But she always felt that her education and life was going in vain. When she applied to a teacher in RISE, she was instantly chosen after screening looking at her enthusiasm. She now again is a working and independent woman and not even compromising with her family responsibility as her office is just next to her home.

In all contentment she says, "RISE has given me second opportunity to stand again and work. It has given my identity back. And I feel content to teach these needy children along with taking care of my own children and family easily."

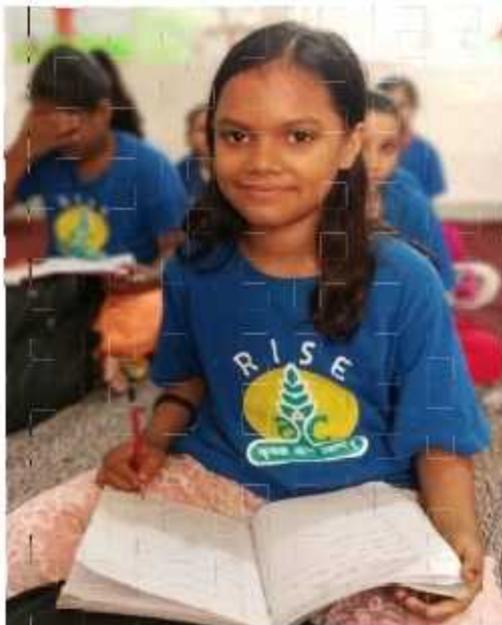


A father's dream Sanjana

Sanjana, 12 years, hailing from Doraav Village of Uttar Pradesh, is studying in class 5th. Her father Malkhan Bharti is a mason and the family has 4 children and the parents. Income of the house was not supporting 2 daughter's education. Though all 4 children were enrolled in government school but instead of being a bright learner, Alka was not supported in extra classes. When Prem Prakash got to know about RISE centres, he was more than happy to enrol all his 4 children in RISE. Alka has, as always, been a pro student in RISE too. Her school marks has improved. She has developed as a person too as she participates in all cultural and sports activities within RISE. Her parents are also active in all PTMs and feel proud of their children.

Her parents and teachers are very happy with her performance and her personality development and her mother especially thanks RISE for the help provided to her daughter that she can confidently read and write today.

Sanjana's mother says 'whatever we have done is so much for them that no-one can do today without any fee and wants others to help out too for children's education and the welfare of societies.'



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.