

# RISE

*Remedial Innovation in School Education*

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*Independence holds great importance for everyone across the world, irrespective of caste, class, gender or race. Thus, in India too Independence Day is considered a momentous day in its history. It was 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1947 when India got its freedom from the long slavery of around 200 years of the British Rule. It would ever remain a holy day for every Indian because we have achieved our Independence after much struggle and sacrifices. It reminds us of the great sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to liberate our motherland. It also reminds us that our ancestors have performed their share of duties with great motivation and dedication and now it's our turn to give even a better shape to our country so that India remains equally respectable worldwide as it ever is. We are the future of India and the nation now looks up to us for remaining as prosperous and peaceful as it used to be earlier. RISE hails for freedom, freedom to live, freedom to speak, freedom to study and freedom to dream. Our children are coming from backgrounds where even after 72 years of freedom, they are restricted by economic, social and psychological chains. And so it becomes greater the responsibility to make our children break the chains and dream. Dream for life, dream for future and dream for our country. The celebration of freedom, in RISE, hence was of much greater deal and together the management, educators and children "Sworn to be Free."*



## Bond of Love 'Raksha Bandhan'



The Raksha Bandhan festival is the symbolic everlasting bond between brothers and sisters that reinforces ties between them even across continents, and it is the one which has the most importance on this auspicious day. In ancient times a woman tied a 'rakshaa' on her husband's wrist to protect him from evil. Gradually this changed; she tied a 'rakshaa' on her brother's right wrist, to protect him from evil influence and those factors which may taint his character, and to strengthen the bond of sibling love between them. The 'rakhi' for rakshaa bandhan itself ranges from a coloured cotton string to exquisitely decorated balls of various sizes and materials such as fluffy cotton, 'zari' paper, tinsel, beads and so on. Raksha Bandhan is an important festival celebrated mostly in the northern parts of India. It has also expanded to central and western India. It is primarily a festival to celebrate the special bond shared by brothers and sisters, thus the rituals revolve around them. It is celebrated by the girls and women with much enthusiasm and joy. They start preparing for the festival days in advance; purchasing rakhi and sweets for their brothers. Those who are not be able to meet their brothers on the day of Raksha Bandhan, send their rakhi by post or courier. There is a custom of married women visiting their parental home for celebrating Raksha Bandhan. The women are escorted to their parent's house on the day of Rakhi or in advance. The respective brothers too start buying gifts for their loving sister or sisters.

But this year the festival of Raksha Bandhan has been celebrated differently due to COVID-19 lockdown. RISE children celebrated this very beautiful festival very differently. Those little kids made unique Rakhis made up by wheat, rice, different types of pulses, beads & glitter. These organic Rakhis were creation of their own efforts & imaginations. As India celebrates the festival amid the Coronavirus pandemic, a number of companies have paid a special tribute to COVID warriors through couriers. Children were happier to create the help. They prayed for good recovery of everyone so that everyone can celebrate this auspicious festival with their loved ones.



## Educators' Workshop



Training of Teachers in RISE is important to transfer the information to their students. A good teacher should have thorough conception of the subject the teacher is teaching. Communication between the speaker and the audience should be very clear. Teachers should be knowledgeable & should not be a mute speaker just to say do this, do that but capable to guide the students also.

When we talk about RISE Centres the best part of the teachers are that they treat every children as their own. All the educators make sure that the children get family and homely atmosphere where they can study as well as they can feel comfortable in sharing their feelings. We know that the educators are from the local area so it is important to train them in few areas which will be helpful for them also, and they can cher-

ish these things in their future life too. So the focus is this month's Educators Workshop was on communication, English poems, stories, narrations and others factors that we neglect and don't give attention to.

We at RISE make sure that along with the children, our 10 educators get them educated and success too. The aim of these monthly Educator Workshop is to ensure that we give enough food for thought and delivery before every Blended Learning Module (BLM) curriculum to the educators. Educators are trained to establish a good relation with the students, parents & community people too. All educators are trained with immense patience to deal with the students as every person has a different capacity of grasping what is being taught especially in such extreme circumstances. To make students understand in detail, educators are trained to narrate some stories,

facts, incidences to make the matter more realistic. These educators are equipped with special emotional touch as they are dealing with special children of extreme circumstances and struggles after 2 years. We also discussed the syllabus and had a discussion on revision of syllabus & Test marks. RISE not only educate the kids but also encourage and motivates the children to move forward.

Every educator gave a huge thanks to AROH Foundation for the help and support in the field of teaching. One of the educators said *"that these workshops are much beneficial as these motivate us to make a profession in teaching line and this training have added a plus point in our attitudes and gestures and now we don't feel that we are lacking behind from those people who have opportunities."*



## Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



The midnight of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1947 is memorable for every Indian, as it is the time, when India gained independence from the stranglehold of the mighty British. The otherwise suppressed tri-colour flag of India was given its due respect, when it was hoisted in the midnight on the Independence Day. Since then, the day is celebrated with pomp and gaiety, across the length and breadth of In-

dia. Cultural programs and flag-hoisting ceremonies are the predominant affair of the day, while colourful kites fill the sky in the evening, to symbolize freedom. People indulge themselves in remembering the heroes of the freedom struggle and pay homage to them. All the patriotic hearts rejoiced at seeing India becoming a sovereign nation and the triumph of hun-

dreds and thousands of martyred souls. It was a birth of a new nation and a new beginning.

Every year, Independence Day is celebrated with grandeur, gaiety, fervour and enthusiasm.

Marking 75<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day pre celebration, RISE participated in singing RASHTRAGAAN, an initiative by the Ministry of Culture to mark '**AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV**'. To





celebrate 75 years of independence and commemorate it as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Government of India has called upon people to submit videos of them singing the national anthem. To commemorate the monumental occasion & as a part of the 'AZADI KAAMRIT MAHOTSAV' RISE with the HO team successfully registered as a group on the official website, [rashtragaan.in](http://rashtragaan.in), and uploaded the video. However, in view of the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, while organizing various programmes or activities for the Independence Day celebrations, it was imperative to follow certain preventive measures such as maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks, proper sanitization, avoiding large congregations, protecting vulnerable persons, etc.; and following all guidelines related to Covid-19 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. On August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, our RISE educators with few children decided to celebrate the Independence Day by keeping it sober and following health protocols like social distancing & wearing masks. Children prepared & presented their Speeches, dance & singing performances in front of everyone. Many important changes were made in the Independence Day celebrations this time in view of COVID-19 pandemic, for which children were well aware & adhered. With the help of their teachers they decided to sanitize their community people and asked for their well-beings. They even distributed the self-made, coloured and creative kites with other children of the communities. RISE team strives to create brighter futures for the 1000 RISE kids and making them truly independent!



## National Sports Day



India celebrates National Sports Day every year on the 29<sup>th</sup> August. The day is dedicated & celebrated to honour the legendary & brilliant hockey player, **Major Dhyan Chand Singh**. 29<sup>th</sup> August happens to be the birth anniversary of Dhyan Chand, who made India proud by his extraordinary sporting skills. He was called as “*The Hockey Wizard*” for his master ball control and had scored more than 1000 goals during his international career. He was the greatest hockey player India has ever seen. During his sports career Dhyan Chand had won three Olympic medals and till date remains the only hockey player who has received the Padma Bhushan award. He had won the Olympic Gold medal six times in a row for India in hockey. Sports are integral part of education.

Education without sports is incomplete. Games and sports are equally as important as education. Taking part in sports is important for children as it reduces stress and enhances their mood. For students, sports are invaluable because not only do they instill values, but are also essential for a harmonious life. It is through sports that students learn values like discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, sacrifice and accountability. Keeping their value in life, children are taught some sorts of games in RISE because it is very important & integral part of life which we are missing in today's world. Like each event, National Sports Day was also celebrated in RISE as we know that games and children are closely related to each other and when it's the time of National

Sports Day then how could children take their steps back. Children were full with the mood of enthusiasm and zeal, most of the children gave their names for the Sports Day competition. On 29<sup>th</sup> August, National Sports Day was celebrated, there were few activities and sports involved for this day like there was race, relay race, tug-of-war, long jump, cricket and many more and the best part was that not only boys participated in this program, girls came on front foot at this time, many girls participated in this program and they also won the prizes. RISE gave children a great opportunity to show case their talents and at end of the day we saw some great talent that can make our country proud in the field of sports and games.



## Janmashthmi Celebration



## Women's Equality Day



## RISE ki 'Shobha'

Coming from an Uttarakhandi family, Shobha Bisht, 37 years, has her 4 sisters and 1 brother. Earlier out pro Educator Shobha, was a sewing operator in Garima project from AROH Foundation, and later she got attached to RISE. She is best in craft. As Shobha let her studies in early age, so she was lacking in English communication and was facing some problems regarding her grammar skills but she was competitive as she at home started learning by herself and improved her skills in communication.

Her excitement and enthusiasm for education is extraordinary and she is a gem for RISE. Shobha is the inspiration for all the educators in RISE as she never gives up when there is hard time rather she face hurdles with full courage and ready to learn new things without hesitation. Shobha says, *"I want every child to be educated as I don't want any other child to be Shobha while to lose chance of better education and land up in any regrets of life."*



## RISE's "Kanchan"

Kanchan is one of the RISE beneficiaries hailing from district Madhubani from Bihar. She is one of the brightest students in her class who is always eager to learn and inculcate the knowledge as much as she can. As soon as the COVID-19 crisis broke out in India, the schools announced the suspension of classes and shifted to Digital medium. Due to poverty & COVID-19 crisis, spending money on internet for her online classes was a burden for the family, due to which Kanchan's parents refused to allow her to study and explained the whole situation of home. Educator Nisha, got to know about the condition of Kanchan and talked to her family.



Her parents were counselled and AROH decided to provide Kanchan with monthly internet recharge packs so that she can also join her buddies for online classes. Like Kanchan many other children have been encouraged and helped towards Digital Education.

Today Kanchan smiles so brightly and thanks AROH Foundation for helping & getting her problem solved.



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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.