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RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way "in which it treats its children."
— Nelson Mandela

A child has the purest heart any human being can possess and all that heart desires is love; no matter what the "circumstances" are. Any person who claims that he or she had an amazing childhood has witnessed enough love, "care, and affection" from their family members or their guardians. Children are God's gift to planet earth, and it is also said that if one keeps a child happy, they are keeping the god happy. Childhood is, in fact, God's best gift to any individual and we all know that money can buy anything but even all the money in the world is in-sufficient to bring back the past in anyone's life. And as we all know that today's children are tomorrow's future.

*Shubh
Deepawali*



Diwali Celebration



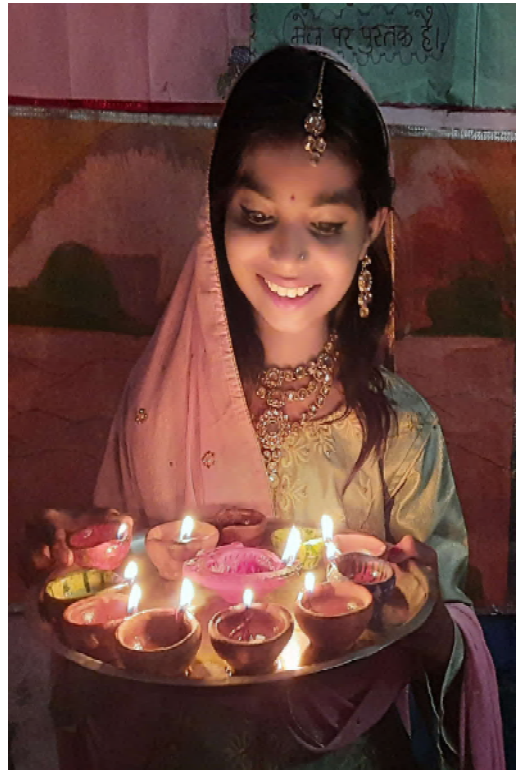
The festival of lights, Deepavali is one of the most popular and important festivals of India, which is celebrated to ward off evil forces and to bring in peace and harmony in the lives of the people. Also known as Diwali, it is celebrated to worship Goddess Lakshmi, the deity of wealth. This festival is celebrated exactly 20 days after the celebration of Dussehra, another major Hindu festival. On this day of Deepavali, Goddess for wealth and prosperity is worshipped. People illuminate their houses and streets with lights and earthen lamps to lighten up the night. 'Deep' meaning earthen lamps justifies the sacredness of the festival. The festival of lights continues for five long days. The first day of the festival is called Dhanteras. The second day is the 'Choti Diwali'. Diwali falls on the third day while the fourth and fifth day of Deepavali is celebrated in a different way in various parts of India. Deepavali falls on the day of Amavasya or the no moon night during the month of Ashwin of the Hindu calendar. In the late evening when it becomes dark, lamps are lit to illuminate and brighten up everything around. Rows of clay lamps are lighted for decoration and to illuminate the night. The lamps are said to ward off the evil forces

and signifies the triumph of the good over evil power. Even the poorest of homes light some lamps to celebrate this day. People light firecrackers which add to the light and colour of the night. Beautiful multi coloured Rangoli and floral decorations beautify the houses. The glamour and shimmer all around the country fulfils the significance of the festival. The jubilation continues for five days. Lights, fireworks and colours make the night of Diwali a memorable one. The shops worship goddess Lakshmi along with Lord Ganesh. People wait eagerly every year for Deepavali to celebrate with great enjoyment and fan-fare. At RISE, our children also celebrated the festival with all zeal. Children of all sects whether Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or any other religion participated in all activities conducted at RISE and contributed towards harmony of the community. Children started the celebration with "SAY NO TO CRACKERS" rally, to contribute towards fight against rising pollution level of the city. Pre parathion of the celebration included

decoration of Diyas, candles, Rangoli making and cleanliness of centres were done. Goddess Lakshmi puja was conducted at RISE centres to invite peace, harmony and prosperity and on the day of Deepavali, children lit the whole centres with handmade biodegradable diyas.

The significance of lightening the diya was also that we hope that similarly, the darkness within the lives of these children shall also omit and light may shower to promote them towards progress and happiness. RISE, on the auspicious day pledged towards peace, harmony and light of education.





Children's Day



Children's day (also known as Bal Divas) in India is celebrated every year on 14th of November to increase the awareness of people towards the rights, care and education of children. Children are the key of success and development of the country as they would lead their country in different and new technological way. They are adorable and shine same like the precious pearls. Children are the God gifts to their parents by the almighty. They are innocent, admirable, and pure and loved by everyone.

14th of November, the birthday of Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru (called Chacha Nehru by kids), a great Indian leader has been set to celebrate as children's day all over the India. He became the prime minister of India just after the independence of India. He worked great for the wellbeing of children as well as youngsters after the independence of India. He worked so much for the education, progress and welfare of the children of India. He was very affectionate towards children and became

famous as Chacha Nehru among them. He made a five year plan which includes free primary education, free meals including milk to the school children in order to prevent children from malnutrition in India. The deep love and fervour of Chacha Nehru towards the children is the big reason of celebrating the Children's Day at his birthday anniversary. Chacha Nehru said *"that children are the future of the country, so it is necessary to love and care them until they stand on their own leg."* Children's day celebration is a call to everyone to protect their little ones from any harm and save their future for bright future

of the country. Children in our country have been forced for hard labour for long hours at very little pay. They have not access to the modern education that's why they remain backward. They need to raise their status which is possible when every Indian citizen would understand their responsibility. They are valuable asset and future of the country as well as hope of tomorrow. Children's day celebration is a right step regarding their bright future. We are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow. So we really matter and deserve respect, special care and protection.

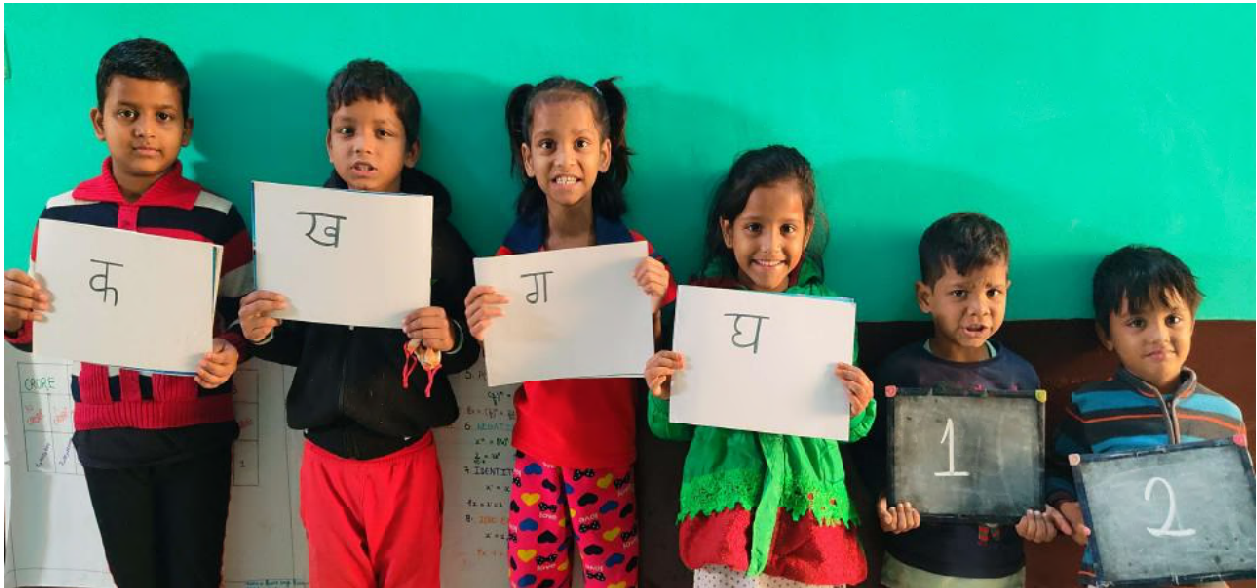




But we also must admit that children like those in RISE, of slums, where crimes are at peak are regularly abused and assaulted. They are far away from the glimpses of childhood and have been pushed into the struggle of survival. At RISE we also made our children aware about their rights and train them to fight for it. Children were also guided towards that Children's Day is an occasion to imbibe the values of discipline, sense of order, cleanliness, beauty, and above all, innocence. So, let us join hands, let us stand up, for we are the future leaders of this beautiful nation and let us lead by example as the childhood is the great moment in the life of everybody which should be necessarily given a right track to become successful in the future as an asset of the country. Without the right track they may miss living a good life. This can be done only by giving a right education, care and way to progress.



Child Rights



World Child Rights Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on 20th November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Since 1990, World Children's Day also marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights.

World Child Rights Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children. Around the world, child rights are a topic of concern in every country. Every child, regardless of age, race, gender, wealth, or birthplace, deserves not just to live, but to thrive. Yet millions of children's basic rights are denied and their childhoods are stolen from them by abuse, exploitation, or slavery. Many violations children face are a consequence of exploitative practices and education gaps in both developed and developing communities. About 1 billion children ages 2 to 17 are estimated to have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional violence or neglect during 2015. 152 million children are engaged in child labour; 73 million work under hazardous conditions. 41% of girls in least-developed countries are married before age 18. Of the 47 least-developed countries, 33 are in Africa. 200 million women & girls have experienced female genital mutilation. Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to experience physical or sexual violence. About 126 million girls are "missing" around the world due to a preference for sons and prenatal sex selection. But poverty, exploitation, and violence are not inevitable. With enlightened support from governments, civil society, and religious groups, vulnerable children can flourish and reach their highest potential.

On the occasion of world child right day children should be made aware about the various rights they have and can claim, including the schemes which Indian government has provided them for the protection of their fundamental rights. From Right to education, to Mid-day meal, to right to clean water and sanitation to right to equality, every child was informed, aware and sensitised in detail. Workshops over Child Rights and POSCO act can be conducted by experts of the area. Another schemes like -Integrated Child Development Scheme, Scheme Operation, Integrated Programme for Street Children, Kishori Shakti Yojana, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG), Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme For the Children of Working Mothers, Balika Samridhhi Yojana (BSY), Initiatives to combat trafficking of Women and Children, Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA), Shishu Greha Scheme, services, Reproductive, Scheme for Working Children in need of care and protection, National Child Labour Project etc. can be demonstrated.

On Child Rights Day, in RISE, various activities were performed to help the community people, parents & children understand the importance of Child Rights. Children at RISE performed Nkkad Nataks, speech, drew posters & slogans. On this day, children were told about different child lines helpline numbers they can take help of in case of nay danger and need. They should be told about CHILDLINE 1098 is India's first 24 - hour, free, emergency phone outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Any concerned adult, or a child in need of help can dial 1098, the toll free number to access our services. It's time for generations to come together to reimagine the type of world we want to create. On 20th November, kids will reimagine a better world as we not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation.

National Education Day



The National Education Day programme was inaugurated online by the Union Education Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. The programme was organised by the IIT Bombay to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's First Education Minister Abul Kalam Azad which is also celebrated as the National Education Day or Rashtriya Shiksha Diwas every year on 11 November. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's contributions in the field of education, nation-building, and institution-building are exemplary. He is the key architect of education in India. He was India's first Vice

President and also the first education minister of independent India from 1947 to 1958. On 11 September 2008, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) announced to commemorate the birthday of the great person by recalling the contribution of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the field of education by celebrating 11 November as National Education Day. Since 2008, every year in India, National Education Day is celebrated without declaring it a holiday.

In RISE, we love to celebrate our heroes of the past that have helped craft the country that we can be proud of. One such luminary is Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India. Azad himself was an erudite scholar and laid the foundations of Indian education system. He believed in universal access to primary education which is free, robust and welcoming to all irrespective of gender, social status, wealth, faith etc. He wanted to institutionalize compulsory education for all children up to the age of 14, which was realized through the RTE (Right to Education) Act in 2009. This act enshrined education as a basic and fundamental right in the constitution of the country.

To promote the importance of education, RISE Educators conducted multiple community visits to help the parents understand the importance & values of Education, as RISE, is a pioneering initiative designed to provide Free Education to children living in slums of Sangam Vihar & Mundka in Delhi. We as a RISE team, propose to cover underprivileged and deprived children in backward villages in Delhi. We try to provide a critical interface between the child and the government school and provide support and quality learning opportunities to hundreds of poor children to make them worthy citizens of India.

Mandeep , the educator



Mandeep, the educator in RISE 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 fulfil that. Trying to explore all possible opportunities in the same line, she was introduced to AROH Foundation by Mr Yogesh Lakra, RISE Project Coordinator. In few months after joining RISE, she has now 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 housewife 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, *"AROH's influence and coordination towards society, environment and poor children has brought a great transformation in my life which cannot be expressed in words. The concept of bringing under privileged children to mainstream and for continuous enhancement of educators like me has been a regular process. The confidence level of all educators and children is high. I thank AROH for giving an opportunity where I can nourish just not my dreams but an opportunity to craft 50 other lives too."*



Tanish, an evolved kid



Tanish is a 10 years old boy residing in Delhi. He has 5 members in his family including his two sisters, namely, Bhoomi & Deepali. His father's name is Mr Sunder Lal who works as a car driver and mother's name is Mrs Neelam who is a housewife. Since 2 years, Tanish has improved himself a lot that too academically and personally. He has developed as a person.

Prior his journey with RISE, Tanish was very hesitant when speaking in class, he could not even make friends. Soon, talking to him, it was found that he does not mix with other children very quickly and is not very capable of studies. On coming to know about this, his teacher Divya explained him in new ways by giving extra classes even after the end

of the class and at the same time she started counselling him. With Divya's and Tanish's efforts, gradually Tanish started to understand the syllabus taught in class and started talking to the children who in sometime became his friends. Tanish has started making his place in RISE. Now Tanish has reads books every day and without hesitation keeps his point in the class, explains to other children also, during this time Tanish's personality developed.

His teacher, Divya narrates, *"Coming to RISE, Tanish has now learned how to express himself in 2 years' time, how to behave & live ideally in class & around, respect elders and maintain hygiene & cleanliness. The same he taught it to his classmates. Now Tanish is one of the intelligent students of RISE Centre. He helps his teacher with many things at the RISE Center. Fond of dancing, storytelling and poetry, he actively participates in all cultural and sports activities organised in RISE. Tanish is a very good child and he talks very well with all the children, due to which his friends have also gradually improved themselves"*



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.