

RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education



Asato maa sad-gamaya (Lead us from Untruth to Truth)
Tamaso maa jyotir-gamaya (From Darkness to Light)
Mrityor-maa-mritan gamaya (From Death to Immortality)
OM shaanti shaanti shaanti (OM peace, peace peace)



Lighting the diyas of “wisdom”



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 Laxmi, 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 'Nark Chaturdashi' or '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 fire-crackers 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 coun-





try 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 Laxmi 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 pooja was conducted at RISE centres to invite peace, harmony and prosperity and on the day of Deepawali, 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.



Victory of Good over Evil on Dusshera



Dussehra, also known as Vijaydashmi, is a major Indian festival celebrated on the tenth day of Ashvin month according to the Hindu calendar. This day falls in the month of September or October. The day culminates a 9 day fasting period of Navratri in the Hindu culture. The day also coincides with immersion of the idol of Goddess Durga. The day is celebrated to commemorate the killing of Ravana by Lord Rama. The day also celebrates the killing of demon Mahishasur by Goddess Durga. Dussehra celebration spreads the message of the victory of good over sin. It is believed that the celebration of Dussehra started in the 17th century, when the king of Mysore ordered the celebration of the day on a grand scale. Ever since, the day is celebrated with great fervor and energy. There are a lot of mythological tales associated with the day. According to Ramayana, Ravana was killed by Lord Rama on this day as revenge against the cruel act of kidnapping Goddess Sita by the former. Mythology also has it that Goddess Durga killed demon Mahishasura after a long spell of cruelty and oppression by Mahishasura. Another story associated with the origins of this day is the raining of gold coins. After Kautsa asked

King Raghu for 140 million coins to give an offering to his Guru in return for his knowledge, Raghuraja went to Indra for help who then asked Lord Kubera to rain coins on the city of Ayodhya. After giving 140 million coins to his Guru, Kautsa distributed the rest to the people of Ayodhya. Largely, the day is celebrated to commemorate the prevalence of good over evil.

Statues of Ravana are burnt everywhere in India on Dussehra and in Delhi, the event is attended by political dignitaries in the Ramliila Maidan. Rise centre also celebrated this festival with full zeal and excitement. The rise educators also gave speech on Durga and explained students about the importance of celebrating durga puja or dushshera, educator also explain tudent about the concept of burning Ravan who is the evil man

that we call durga pooja is a festival which is celebrated to "Winning the Good of Evil" and that's why evil is always defeated by the good. After completing all the speech it was the time to know the views and imaginations of the children, each children were given drawing sheet in which they were asked to draw a scene where the children is going to see dura puja's mela along with his/his parent, it's all about the imagination, few children were asked to write 10 lines in Dusshera. After completing all the task it was the time to have some cultural performances children showed their talents in dancing, singing bhajans and in last all the educators along with children burned Ravan and took an oath to always follow the path of truth and be fair. The RISE centre student is very well participated in this event of Dusshera celebration. In the last educators concluded the speech by saying that we should follow the part of truth and should always be positive towards our work, this may takes time but in the end the result will in your favour. Educators also explained the children about the strength of being true in your discipline and work one should always follow the right path despite of any struggle. To end the day sweets were distributed among the children to celebrate this day.



International Girl Child Day

Since 2012, 11th October has been marked as the International Day of the Girl. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girl face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. The observation supports more opportunity for girls and increases awareness of gender inequality faced by girls worldwide based upon their gender. This inequality includes areas such as access to education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, and protection from discrimination, violence against women and forced child marriage. The celebration of the day also reflects the successful emergence of girls and young women as a distinct cohort in development policy, programming, campaigning and research. This year, The International Girl Child Day was celebrated under the theme, "**GirlForce: Unscripted and unstoppable**".



In the years following, women pressed this agenda forward, leading global movements on issues ranging from sexual and reproductive health rights to equal pay.

Talking about the day RISE gives equal importance to girls and boys without being gender bias. On this day, we at RISE organised a workshop which included parents' interaction with their kids and teachers. The workshop was an opportunity to the parents to share their views about their daughters which was actually fruitful. Girl students were so excited to present their dance performances which they prepared for their parents. They presented their poems, stories and dance performances in front of their parents. The parents were made aware of the topics called save girl child, child sex ratios and creating a healthy and safe environment for a girl child. RISE educators helped the parents understand that when a family decides to kill a female foetus in the womb, they decide to kill a daughter, a wife and a mother. As a society which worships goddesses like Saraswati and Lakshmi, it is a shame that such hypocrisy exists. It is time we pledge to always go against this practice because every girl has a right to be born, to study, to succeed and to live. *The day today was a good initiative for us to help parents understand the importance of daughters in their lives says the educators.*



Celebrating 150 years of Gandhi



His original name was Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. He was given the title of "Mahatma", which implies "Great Soul". People also call him "Bapu" affectionately. The birth of Mahatma Gandhi took place on 2nd day of October in 1869 at Porbandar (Gujarat). He fought against social evils, such as untouchability, casteism and helped the poor and the needy. All his life, he favoured the path of truth and non-violence. He worked great for achieving *Sawaraj*, remove untouchability from society, abolition of other social evils, improving economic condition of farmers, empowering women rights and many more. The movements run by him are non-cooperation movement in 1920, Dandi March or Salt Satyagraha in 1930 and Quit India Movement in 1942 in order to help Indian people in getting freedom from British rule. His Quit India Movement was a call to British to leave India. Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated in various innovative ways by the students, teachers, government officials, etc all over the country. Gandhi Jayanti is a national event celebrated every year to pay tribute to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. This day is also celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence all over the world. Gandhi Jayanti has been declared as International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations General Assembly on 15th of June 2007.

The aim of celebrating Gandhi Jayanti as the International Day of non-violence is to distribute Bapu's philosophy, believe in non-violence, principle, etc all over the world. It is celebrated through theme based proper activities in order to enhance the public awareness worldwide. Gandhi Jayanti celebration involves commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's life and his contributions in India's Independence. He was born in a small coastal town (Porbandar, Gujarat) however he performed great works all through his life which still influences the people in advance era. In the Rise centres also celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in own ways like children were given few activities to understand how the future of India thinks about the current India and what changes children wants to give. Children were asked to play the role of Gandhi ji for one day, and just think what would Gandhi ji would like to change. Children were also asked to recite poems, sing songs few of them sang RAGHUPATI RAGHAV RAJA RAM song with motivated all the children for next activities. At the end educators got chance to share their thoughts regarding this day and made children understood about the concept of Non-Violence they were told how Gandhi Ji followed the path of non-violence

to handle the difficult situations. Gandhi believed in the thing that is the things can be done in a sweet and simple way then what's the need to do violence but the problem is the path of non-violence is time taking and the path of violence is easy and fast we can get the result very quickly. Mahatma Gandhi was both a saint and a practical leader of his compatriots. He was a simple, pure, unselfish and religious person. He did most of his personal jobs of his own. He fought for the freedom of India through non-violent and peaceful methods. He tried hard to raise the distressed sections of the society. He fought against illiteracy. He dreamt of providing mass employment through Charka and Khadi.

At the end, children were motivated towards being the modern "Gandhi" and work towards non-violence, development and working against all odds with patience and foresightedness. All our RISE children on daily basis deal with similar critical conditions, which during fight of independence Gandhiji and others were facing and so it's essential to learn from Gandhian principles to be calm and carving. We trust our children have been inhibited with enough thoughts on this Gandhi Jayanti which will help them lead a Healthy, Clean and sustainable life.



Felicitating achievers on Student Day

World Student Day is a celebration of multiculturalism, diversity and cooperation among students across the globe. As a mark of respect to this great personality, a special event was organised in RISE. Educators informed the students regarding the reason behind celebrating the day. Students were enthusiastic to know more about A.P.J Abdul Kalam and his contribution. Farhin focused on childhood stories, economic background and professional front of the great man. She also added five important things said by Dr. Kalam which should be followed by every individual i.e. "I am the best", "I can do it", "God is always with me", "I am the winner", "Today is my day". Students repeated the lines just after her and the hysteria among them was appreciable. A motivational video on the struggling life of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam was shown to the students, reflecting the life and teachings of A. P.J. Abdul Kalam followed by a Quiz. The school children asked questions on the life of Dr. Kalam. They felt very inspired by his life especially Dr. Abdul Kalam's struggle during his childhood. At the end Mr Tarun awarded the kids with Medals and trophies who scored 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions in Scholarship Exams. He even gave a motivational speech to the kids emphasizing the importance of the day. Children filled with much motivation were happier by their achievements. Educators applauded the students' efforts and stressed upon attaching highest value to education.



Farheen, a proud teacher

Farhin takes pride in her identity and aims to remove the stigma attached to the Muslim community works as an Educator in RISE and teaches students in Sangam Vihar, New Delhi. Farhin, the productive associate of AROH Foundation is one self-dependent and dignified girl, Farhin has been working since very early age to support her large family 5 people. She and all her siblings are somewhere contributing towards sustainability of the family. She feels more attached in project RISE, working for the betterment of deprived children and community. She is the most loved educator in RISE. Her dedication, politeness and calmness has given her immense love and respect in her centre and around in the community. Not just during teaching in her centre, she also very enthusiastically takes part and initiates many other processes for the betterment of the student and community. She has a build great relationship with the children and their parents and not only that their parents have full trust on Farhin but Farhin also loves her work and she enjoys every part of it. "Alhamdulillah, I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve, I have all the blessings" she says. Not only Farhin but her family members are also very happy from the work that she is doing. Her mother said that 'it is life changing!' Her father also appreciates her work & thank AROH Foundation for giving her an opportunity for doing so well for herself and simultaneously bring an example for others too. There's a lot in RISE for kids to come and take advantage of!



Pooja ...

Pooja is a native of Rajasthan. Her father work as an electrician he was not able to fulfil his family demand while working in the village, so he moved to Sangam Vihar in New Delhi along with his family. Pooja have two brother and one sister, her eldest sister is currently studying in sixth standard. Currently Sonam, her elder sister is studying in the Nagar Nigam Government School in Delhi and Pooja is studying in Pratibha Bal Vidyalaya. Pooja's mother is a housewife and her father work as an electrician in Delhi. Her father is the only able person to earn such amount of money so that he can send his children to school. So, Pooja started to go to a RISE centre in regards of her tuition. Pooja is coming to study at a centre of RISE from the past 2 years and she had shown a great improvement in her studies in comparison of her past performance. She is a sincere student and completes all her work regularly with no irregularity. Her parents are also very happy to see their child going to a RISE centre and improving in their studies. In the beginning, Pooja was not able to manage with small addition as she was very weak in Maths but later, she improved a lot, it was also found out that she had a great interesting drawing. Her percentage has also increase from 44% to 68% and if she keeps her attitude in the same way towards studies, she would be able to attain first position in a class. Her parents, elder sister and her teachers are very happy to see her interest and growth in studies.



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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.