



Remedial Innovation in School Education

Colours and Sweets Mark Holi for RISE Children!

Holi is India's magnum-opus festival, celebrated with enthusiasm and joy. The festival marks the victory of good over evil. This vibrant festival is enjoyed by splashing colors, mutual harmony and equality social identity. But, It is an irony of Indian economy, that when on the one hand, rich and wealthy have sources to celebrate any occasion with excess aids and options, while on the other, deprived and poor struggle to survive and constantly worry about having their next meal. For the underprivileged, quality education and social dignity remain a distant and luxury.

There is a great need is to encourage slum children emotionally through counseling, love and understanding. Since RISE has an outreach to more than 500 slum children, team used the celebration of Holi to fill the lives of these children with fun and laughter. They took special delight in spraying natural dry colors on each other and team simultaneously inculcated in them, hope of similar colorful life for future too. In RISE center, on 12th March 2017, children celebrated Holi and educators taught them about safety concerns in playing with colors. Children also participated in finger painting competition, singing and dancing competitions, which was later accompanied by distribution of sweets and juices. Children and RISE Team mutually are ensuring noticeable results through continuous improvements in the school and social report cards. As a team, we are proud of our children as they have time and again proved that just like Prahlad, if you have strong determination and belief in your dreams, no constraints like can restrict us from reaching our goals.

We wish a Happy Holi to all our readers!



Improving Learning Outcomes



Education is the most important lever for social, economic and political transformation. A well-educated population, equipped with the relevant knowledge, attitudes and skills is essential for economic and social development in today's society. Research from around the world highlights the importance of early childhood education, and suggests that high-quality early childhood education may have the highest long-term returns in terms of improved human development. The Government has thus, accorded high priority to universalising pre-school education and improving school preparedness —especially for socially and economically disadvantaged children.

For India, the progress report is not giving a good news, The ASER 2016 findings illustrate that over half the children in Class V are unable to read even at Class II level. Reading levels continue to be a cause for serious concern. More than half of all children in Std. V are at least three grade levels behind where they should be. Percentage of children of class III which can read text of level II in govt schools is just merely 23.6%, similarly going a little beyond,

percentage of children of class VIII who can do division is just 43.3 % (please note its on a severe decline since 2010 reports)

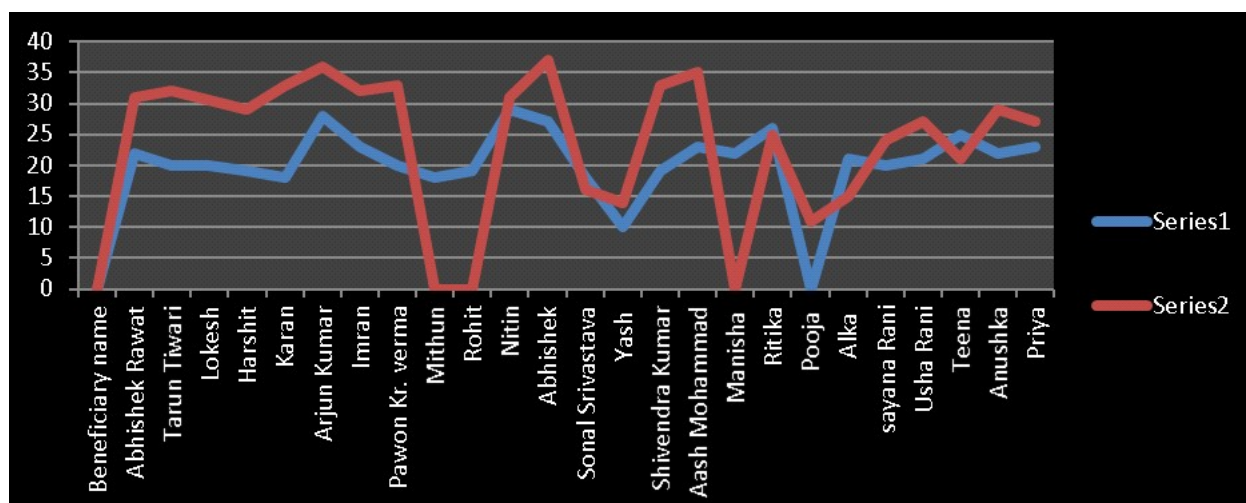
These reports are extremely alarming and disturbing. Nevertheless, student learning levels and trajectories are disturbingly low. The country seems to be in a serious crisis - despite the implementation of the RTE Act.

RISE is all set to combat the issue through its multi dimensional approach, targeting holistic development of the child physically, mentally and socially. India has demonstrated considerable progress in the past decade on improving access, infrastructure, pupil-teacher ratios, teacher salaries, and student enrolment in primary schools. Nevertheless, student learning levels and trajectories are disturbingly low. The country seems to be in a serious crisis - despite the implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) Act.

RISE initiative designed by AROH Foundation with the help of AICO, 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 Sangam Vihar slums under the safety net of education through an innovative approach and Project-Based Learning Methodology. The project design is a hub and spoke model. Learning centres established in community with one Nodal Centre for governance and monitoring enrolls 500 children from nearby households, and impart teaching in two shifts with 25 students each. The project interventions would result in well defined and measurable outcomes leading to achievement of age-specific and grade-specific learning outcomes.

Educators remain in direct touch with the parents, and from time to time they counsel them on all aspect from education, sanitation, health and awareness ensuring not just the direct but indirect beneficiaries also are benefitted through the venture. Regular Parents-Teachers meetings are conducted to make the parents aware about the progress report and need of individual child and also to receive positive/negative feedbacks from them for further improvisation.



** Blue line shows February Marks

**Red Line shows March Marks

Impact Evaluation result of Batch at one centre

Beneficiary name	FEB Marks	MARCH Marks
Abhishek Rawat	22	31
Tarun Tiwari	20	32
Lokesh	20	30.5
Harshit	19	29
Karan	18	33
Arjun Kumar	28	36
Imran	23	32
Pawon Kr. verma	20	33
Mithun	18	0
Rohit	19	0
Nitin	29	31
Abhishek	27	37
Sonal Srivastava	18	16
Yash	10	14
Shivendra Kumar	19	33
Aash Mohammad	23	35
Manisha	22	0
Ritika	26	25
Pooja	0	11
Alka	21	15
sayana Rani	20	24
Usha Rani	21	27
Teena	25	21
Anushka	22	29
Priya	23	27



RISE is shaping the future of more than 500 children living in abject poverty and deprivation in slums of South Delhi.

Through its 10 learning centres and 10 dedicated educators, RISE is not only giving them core subject skills, but also nurturing their talent and fostering growth in these children.

RISE children look forward to coming to the Centre and participate in the project based activities which make them learn faster and retain their learning longer.

School teachers report that RISE is making a big difference in the learning levels of children enrolled with RISE.

Health and Nutrition important for learning well



Reach to health care services and supplementing nutritional values to meal are the fundamental requirements for achieving Holistic Physical Development of Child. The neglect in even the simplest preventive medical treatment usually leads to a more serious ailment and eventually into deaths. In order to ensure impactful outcomes from RISE Children, it had become very essential for the team to also look upon the physical health of children too. To ensure a holistic development of the child any of the 3 aspect of child development viz mental, physical and socio-economical cannot be ignored.

RISE is on strict regime to ensure mental development of the child through its Remedial Education Curriculum but to ensure the other two aspects team in coordination with local communities, parents of beneficiaries and local health and administrative officials took the initiative of Primary Health Checkup of children through a government doctor.

Children living in Urban slums suffer from adverse health conditions owing to mainly two reasons –first the lack of education and thus lack of awareness; and second their

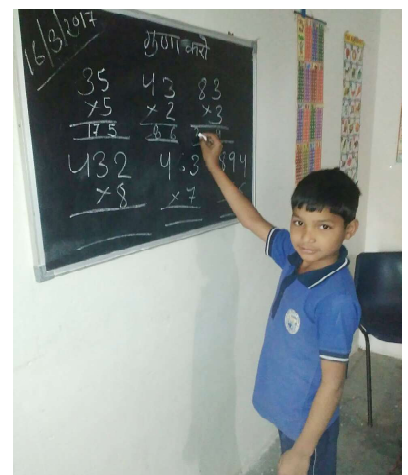
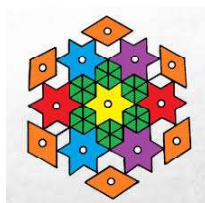
parents unwillingness to lose a day's wage in order to reach the nearest medical facility. Children were tested for Anemia, Vitamin and various essential mineral deficiencies. And post diagnosis, were provided with preventive medicines in presence of Mohalla Clinic Doctor Mr Vishal in Devali Area. Parents were also counseled about the essential elements to be present in children meal and were made aware about sanitation and wash essentials.





Besides affecting physical growth and development, malnourishment is seen to cause behavioral problems. Undernourished children lack energy, so they become less curious and playful and communicate less with those around them, which impairs their physical, mental and cognitive development. In the classroom setting, even a single child's behavior can affect the rest of the students, the teacher's attention and the overall learning atmosphere. Hunger not only disturbs the affected child's

learning, but the learning of others as well. To combat this barrier, children are provided with nutritional supplements in the form of milk, juices, fruits etc time to time ensuring better health. Thus ensuring a healthier child!



Celebrating World Water Day



The Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty. In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly officially designated March 22 as World Water Day. As we all are anticipating the Third World War would be fought on the issue of water and hence it becomes the burning issue to be addressed at our RISE centers too where we are cultivating future of India.

Education & Health are the forces that allow communities to grow and prosper. But without clean water, RISE centers just can't reach their potential, even if they are designed by skilled teachers and knowledge-hungry kids. Dirty water causes a ton of stomach issues, especially in kids. It's hard for even the most motivated student to learn when he is thirsty, or sick from drinking dirty water, or if he is consistently exposed to hazardous, unpotable water or exposed to pumps or water sources that have been contaminated by water-borne

bacteria, contract diseases such as cholera and they are often affected by life-threatening diarrhea from parasites in unclean water.

Understanding the criticality, RISE centers also educated the children about importance of water, its conservation, natural process to filter it, and also importance of safe drinking water in our body. Children were also made to carve out their thought process on the paper through the drawing competition organized at RISE centers with the theme as "Water".



And addressing the dual concern of water conservation and sanitation, WASH activity was conducted at the centre promoting **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan** through doing our bit. Also as a part of the process to healthier life, Health check up was lined with Mohalla Clinic Doctor for RISE children.

Water in Sangam Vihar slums affects every aspect of daily life from monsoon flooding to the daily struggle of clean drinking water. The water quality is really bad as people drink and bath the same water and nobody is there to monitor. Water shortages in Sangam Vihar open the door to corruption, conflict and an



increased risk of disease, setting off a range of complex humanitarian crises. Many of these factors are very evident and were noticed by the RISE educators. And so on the occasion of World Water Day, not just the children but also parents, neighbors and the nearby communities were motivated towards water conservation and sanitation through rallies conducted by RISE children



RISE Children Celebrate International Women's Day 2017

International Women's Day is annually held on **March 8** to celebrate women's achievements throughout the world. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

At RISE, we understand how education can transform the life of a girl, giving them social identity and independence. History has witnessed, that whenever a girl is empowered with education, she has played very significant role in the expansion and growth of the Indian economy, and acted as a force to reckon with. Women education refers

to every form of education that aims at improving the knowledge, and skill of women and girls. At RISE, we ensure that maximum number of girls are enrolled and equipped for all battles of life.

AROH Foundation marked International Women's Day within RISE centres even though monthly evaluation tests were in full swing. Educators presented stories of Mother Teresa, Mary Kom and Kiran Bedi narrating the struggles they faced and how they overcame them through their constant perseverance and persistence. Children were seen mesmerized hearing how a normal

girl like them could reach up to those high levels just through education, hard work and determination.

Children were asked to make sketches of their favorite women leader from India. Kumkum & Tanisha (RISE Beneficiaries) sketched Mother Teresa's picture while other beneficiaries also presented beautiful sketches of many other famous women achievers. It was very astonishing to see some children sketch Kiran Bedi, Mother Teresa, Kalpana Chawla, etc, which shows their awareness, dreams and aspirations!



Sheetal makes her mother proud...

Sheetal studies in the third grade. Her mother's name is Manju. Sheetal's father works as a peon and her mother performs odd jobs to supplement the family income. They originally belong to Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh. The family had migrated to Delhi from their home town because the money they were earning before was not sufficient to feed the entire family. After coming to Delhi, they rented a room. The couple enrolled Sheetal in the government school. They do not earn enough to be able to send their kids for tuitions. Hence, they see RISE as a great alternative to their unmet needs. The fact that the RISE center is close to their home means that their kid do not have to travel a long distance has made them extremely happy.

Cheerful and satisfied mother Manju reiterates how RISE has given new dimension to Sheetal's learning outcomes and she has started performing well in her school. Not just scholastic development, Ms Manju was also very happy about the health check up Sheetal went through, which made her aware about various nutritional elements her child was in need of, for her all round development.

Hear Manju speak her heart out at : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DGFB87o-fQ>



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