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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. Especially children coming from extreme backgrounds in Slum areas like that of Sangam Vihar are treated with extra care and concerns. 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



Population explosion is a great threat in today's world. Having found this on the 11th of July 1987, the public got an interest to bring awareness over it. Thus, July 11 was declared the "World Population Day" by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the year 1989. When the population hit 7 billion in the 2011, the whole world found it as a big challenge to know how development would take place in a normal pace. To ensure that awareness is created among the public and solution are drawn in order to make out population issues, World Population day has been now universally accepted too. The theme of World Population day this year is "Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies". Population crisis is a huge problem prevailing across the globe since many years. 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. A career woman might find children a burden since they interfere with her work. Some careers require complete devotion and leave little room for other activities, including caring for children. Increased incomes result in an increased demand for durable goods such as electronic goods, houses and furniture (instead of 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”



Why Is Train The Trainer Training Important? It is important to realize that any trainer needs two separate sets of skills and knowledge .First, they need to know the topic they are teaching and second, they need to know how to transfer that information to the student (instructional expertise). A good trainer should have thorough conception of the subject trainee is teaching. Communication between the speaker and the audience should be very clear. Trainee should have knowledge of practical /industrial base/ down to the grass root. They should not be a mute speaker just to say do this, do that but capable to guide the trainees. The trainer is called a Guru and hence he should understand the type of shisya trainee is having and be able to train them with zeal. Learn the training schedule with an honest intention that both trainees and organization benefits.

When we talk about RISE Centres the best part of the trainees are that the 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 be feel comfortable in sharing their feelings. Rise ensures that the educators get all sort of help in doing

this so they though to train the trainees in a way that can work in good manner. As we know that the educators are from the local area so its important trainee them in few areas which will helpful for them also, and they can cherish these things in their future life also. So the focus was on communication, English poems, stories, narrations and others factors that we neglect and we don't give attention.

In July -18 training of the trainees held. We at RISE make sure that along with the children, our 10 educators. The aim of these TOTs is to ensure that we give enough food for thought and delivery before every post based learning (PBL) curriculum to the educators. Educators are trained to establish a good relation with the students and for Training of Trainers (TOT) the same purpose they are also made to interact with 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. We also discussed the way that all the educators have taught the children of the Rise in the coming months, we all have to encourage the children and encourage them 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 educator rightly said that the trainees is so beneficial that it will motivate us to make a profession in teaching line and this training have added a plus point in your attitudes and gestures and now we don't feel that we are lacking behind from those people who have opportunities.



# Empowering the First Teachers of a Child



In today's world those who are educated they are strongest because they have got power in their pens, it's not about the class it's about the authority powers and which is the strongest things in now days. Everyone knows that in previous years people were having no interest in studying and they were simply focusing on the jobs or to get money, parents used to force the children to work no matter they are small they were forced to do that and 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.

Slum of Sangam Vihar also faces these problems in now days just because they knew that they are burden on the society just because they are poor and secondly they have developed a low self-esteem made by the upper class. People in slums are always engaged in other activity to earn money as soon as possible, they don't want to wait or they don't want to do hard work they just want to earn by hook or by crook. AROH foundation took this problem serious and tried to plan various activities for their sake and for making them stand on own legs. They took an initiative for the parents and children in different aspects which could increase their self-esteem and they could think about their future in more planned way.



AROH Foundation understood the value of education and the need of basic education in today's world that's why they come up with new ideas and new ways for providing them education and make them realise its importance. As we know AROH is helping the slum children of Sangam Vihar now it was the time for their parents educational classes, sounds weird actually it's not weird but it AROH understands the mentality of the slum 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 problems AROH foundation planned to make these parents aware about

the education, it was the time to make them understand the meaning of education and what is being taught in the RISE centre and why it's so important.

In all the RISE centre there was a programme started where all the parents were given classes of reading and writing, as they are fully illiterate they were not even knowing to how to write or read so the program was all about to make them write their own name within 2 months. All the educators took active participation in this training they used to teach parents how to read and write. The training started by making them understand the Hindi and English alphabets and how to write them, in simple terms RISE centre started the whole training from the very basic and aim was to the parents write their own name as their signature, as we know in our country the person who knows how to a signature it should be considered as literate person, so that's all AROH Foundation wanted to make them realise and they could feel the need of education and why it's important for their children to be educated. The duration of this programme was 1-1 ½ month and in this time duration the focus was to make them eligible for doing their signature, and the result was commendable and its was so good to feel that the hard work that RISE and parents did was paid off.



RISE organises small parents- teacher meeting for the parents, children and educators who gave all the records to their respective parents, it's important for parents to know what his/her child do in the centre and what all achievements are achieved by their wards and if not then where is the problem. All the session in a good and positive way and in the latest change in the PTM meeting was the concern of the parents and active role of each parents and not only that in this PTM the biggest change was that parents were able to do their signatures in the paper and they were feeling so happy to write their names and now they could understand the value of the education.

In the last few parents gave a token of thanks to AROH Foundation and RISE team for making the parents understood and realise the importance of education and also making them literate so that they could do their signature. One of the parents said that now I realised the power of being literate and the bad effects of being illiterate he also said that before getting the training we didn't realise the importance of education just because we haven't received it or at that time there were no such motivation for the education but after getting the training we could sense the importance of the education and we could always encourage our children for education because it's the strongest weapon which everyone must have.

# Summer Entertainment



Summer is the hottest season of the year however kids enjoy a lot because of the long vacation. It is very interesting and entertaining season for them as they get chance to enjoy as much they want to, and they have plenty of reasons to enjoy the vacations, firstly they enjoy a long school off during the summer season, secondly then don't have the pressure of doing the studies and completing homework's and last but not the least it's the time to go for long vacations this might be visiting to their hometown or to their relatives. In the summer vacation children are in full mood of relaxation and just enjoying the vacations. Summer is always special as it's the time of enjoying the mangoes and the summer camps or the summer works and the best part of the workshop is there is no one who is allowed to talk about studies and that all that children want. In this it's all about enjoyment, activities, games and many



more fun elements. RISE Centre also understands the feelings of the children and so for their enjoyments summer workshops are being organised. The reason behind the workshop is firstly due to summer vacation most of the children are not in the town, some children are not in the mood of studying because in tuition there is very less number of students and educators does not want children's education to be missed. So in the Rise Centre various activities and workshops are organized in which children can participate and could learn various things

without doing proper education. The second reason to organize the workshop is to release the stress of the children because they live in the areas of slums where mostly people have low self-esteem or they have only waste time in doing unwanted stuffs. So it's important to make the children busy in such types of activities where they can learn new things, utilize their time in proper way and in the end they could feel like they also have some capabilities and they can also do lots of things.

RISE Management planned everything regarding the workshops like what are the activities that are going to be held, what will be the time and date and how it will be organized. The workshop held for 1 month in which activities like painting, drawing, singing were included. Various Activities like **Learning the nature of colours, How to use the waste materials, General knowledge classes were conducted in workshop.** On the last day all the children were asked for feedbacks too. The reason to conduct workshop was to make the children to utilize their time such a way that they could learn something without having much pressure and also to increase their understanding and thus an effective utilisation of leisure time was ensured.



## Flying Again .... Saroj

Saroj, 25 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 .... Alka

Alka, 10 years, hailing from Azamgarh District of Uttar Pradesh, is studying in class 5<sup>th</sup>. Her father Prem Prakash 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.



Prem Prakash says, "RISE has been a boon to many parents like me. Our children are performing better. They speak better English. Children are active, happy and performing well in studies too. We would have never been able to afford this otherwise. I thank team RISE for the support they have lent to us."



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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.