

# RISE

## Remedial Innovation in School Education



At the most fundamental level, providing adequate investments that enable children to thrive is a moral imperative, and investing in a child is to invest in society's future. We, at RISE believe that there could be no more compelling argument than that. The international community has recognized that investing in children is not only essential, but an obligation as outlined under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The world of tomorrow will inherit the children of today. Whether nations grow and prosper will depend heavily on the survival, health, education and protection of their citizens, particularly the youngest. There are several compelling reasons to invest in children. When the quality of support, stimulation, and nurture is deficient, child development is seriously affected. Good nutrition, health, consistent loving care, and encouragement to learn in the early years of life help children to do better at school, be healthier, succeed in the working world, and participate more in society. We, at RISE team clearly have a critical role to play in equipping students with the knowledge and the skills that will serve them well in their economic, social and life pursuits. We need to do a better job of improving students' learning outcomes, not just in academic fields but also in the areas of social (e.g. teamwork) and personal (e.g. perseverance) competencies that also interact with academic skills to produce better life and giving them sufficient opportunities and platforms to showcase all they have got as the saying goes

*Each child is an adventure into a better life —an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new.*

*Hubert H. Humphrey*





### Children Day in RISE

In India, the basis of Children's Day is Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru's Birthday, which is celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> November. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was always very concerned for children, loved them a lot and contributed immensely towards their development.

The occasion of children's Day is not only an opportunity to celebrate and enjoy, but it reminds us of the mission and message of Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru. He always wanted children all over the world to grow, prosper, get education and prosper in life. Jawaharlal Nehru popularly and fondly remembered as Chacha Nehru, always believed that children decide the future of any country or civilization. If the children of the country are provided with proper foundation and development opportunities, they can uplift the nation towards greater prosperity. On the other hand, failure to feed and educate the children prepares to ruin all the expectations of any nation.

Therefore, amidst all this pomp and glory, we should not lose sight of Chacha Nehru's real message. That is providing our children with a safe and loving environment to grow as well as giving them ample and equal opportunities through which they can take great strides and contribute to the progress of the nation. This Day serves as a reminder to each and every one of us, to renew our commitment to the welfare of children and teach them to live by their Chacha Nehru's standards and example.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> November, in RISE Children's Day was a day to engage in fun and frolic. The day was celebrated with great pomp and show across all RISE centres and activities like plays, dance, skit and songs were conducted at all centres.

But not just that, this day reminds everyone to renew their commitment towards the welfare of the children and to teach them to live by Chacha Nehru's ideals. And for grown-up people, it is an occasion to imbibe the qualities of childhood.

*"There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their safety and rights are respected, that their welfare is respected, that their lives are free from fear and that they grow in peace."*

- Kofi Annan



Children's Day also reminds us of the rights of children. We are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow. So we really matter and deserve respect, special care and protection. But we also have to 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. Remember that as children:

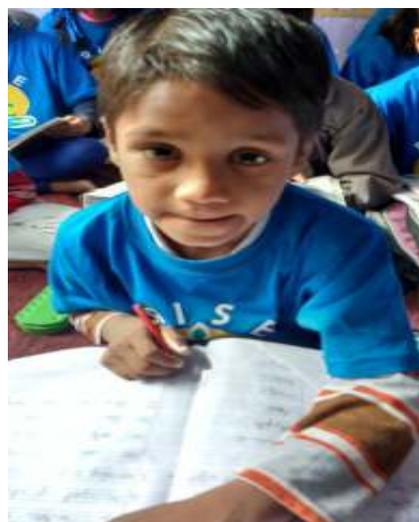
- You have the right to be looked after by parents and family.
- You have the right to have healthy food.
- You have the right to feel safe at home and school.
- You have the right to good education.
- And when you are disabled or sick, you have the right to special care.



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. Let us lead by example. Peace be with you all.

### Junaid:

The 8-year-old Junaid lives in a huge joint family with his grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. His mother is a maid and father is a driver. With very little income and large family to support, Junaid's father is in trap of daily life survival struggles and very evidently he is unable to suffice a family of seven. Junaid goes to the government school and also is a student at the RISE centre. Although he is an enrolled and regular student in his school, real struggle for Junaid was to improve his quality of education and arrange for basic stationary. Also in between the large family, he was missing due attention and was low most of the times. As soon as he was enrolled for RISE his quietness was noticed. Educators made extra efforts to engage him in various activities and monitored closely his scholastic results. Not just RISE was helping him improve his quality of education; this also sorted his petty needs of books and stationary. He is now happily studying and performing well in his studies. He has opened up more as an individual and the neglected attention at home is being compensated at the RISE centre. His smiling face is the compensation of RISE team's hard work, which they get every single day!





## Dengue and Malaria Awareness Rally

As cities in the developing world grow, so similar is the condition of Sangam Vihar Slums in our national Capital Delhi. Around our RISE centres, slums have become more densely packed, exposing residents to unsanitary conditions and increasing the risk of contracting infectious disease. Endemic diseases such as dengue fever, swine flu, malaria, and tuberculosis spread quickly, overwhelming limited health services and infrastructure.

Various environment-related problems and diseases are associated with exposure of hazardous unsanitary conditions in the slum areas. The most prevalent disease is malaria fever, typhoid fever and diarrhoea. Malaria particularly is an infectious disease transmitted by mosquitoes that kill more than one million people each year. Delhi has witnessed 113 cases of malaria since January 2017. According to the data released by the municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD), 39 people had contracted malaria during the same period in 2016, 19 in

2015 and 29 in 2014. In fact, 23 cases of malaria were recorded in city hospitals in a single week ending June 24. The data from the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) suggests that this is the second highest number of malaria cases in the last four years after 353 cases were reported in 2013. Of the 113 people affected by malaria, 62 belonged to Delhi and 51 of the cases diagnosed in Delhi were traced to Uttar Pradesh and other neighbouring states.

And so in RISE, we are constantly addressing all barriers towards a healthier lifestyle not of just the kids but whole community attached. Children go out campaigning and awaking people about the hazards of unhygienic living and request for maintain cleanliness to avoid spread of deadly disease like dengue and malaria. We address this barrier through a holistic approach by giving children nutritional support by whichever means possible, imparting

education towards health & hygiene, educating the parents and community involved. Even timely health checkups of children in Mohalla Clinics ensure the mission is meeting its goal. Now, Children have begun to be recognized not only who they are today but for their future roles in creating families, powering the workforce, and making Indian democracy work with a Sound health.



“Prevention is better than cure” As the old adage goes, awareness can help in preventing many deadly diseases and Dengue/Malaria is among such diseases which claim lives of thousands every season. Urban shanties remain the breeding ground for mosquitoes which causes malaria. To educate the community about prevention techniques an awareness rally was organized on 25 October, 2017 by the Foundation in association with AICL under the project RISE.



**“Sab Bimari Ki Ek Davai,  
Ghar Mai Rakho Saaf-Safayi”**

With the aim of combating deadly diseases like Dengue & Malaria, hundreds of RISE children marched through the streets and markets of Sangam Vihar Slum with placards & posters and raising slogans about the precautions that could be taken to prevent breeding of mosquitoes, promoting cleanliness and living habits for a healthier lifestyle. A small effort by the children to reduce number of cases down with such life threatening diseases was appreciated by the community members and they vouched that they would clean up their homes, coolers and would even pitch in as a community to clean the drains & remove stagnant water along the streets.

### **Educator Workshop**

We at RISE make sure that along with the children, our educators also are exposed to various learning experiences. From yoga classes to smart learning and legal workshops, AROH keeps RISE educators engaged in various capacity building sessions. One of the core sessions in the capacity building is monthly TOTs. 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. The concepts are cleared, the modus operandi of teaching and delivery is taught and communication between the Educator and children should be very clear. She needs to have knowledge of practical aspect down to the grass root. Every month training of educators is conducted by a master trainer then we ensure educator learn the training schedule with an honest intention that both trainees and organization benefits. Educators are trained to establish a good relation with the students and for 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. One such session of TOT was conducted again in November to ensure proper outcomes. Ngo Mela preparations were checked, PBL were explained, analysis of student and educator's results were done and future planning for further course of action was discussed.





### NGO Mela & Youth Mela

The Delhi YMCA organised its XIVth Annual 'Yuva Utsav and NGO Mela' for the promotion and holistic development of marginalized children and youth and bringing together all machinery working towards the same goal. "Save motherhood – safe motherhood" With this aim in mind the Social Responsibility Forum of YMCA Delhi organized the NGO Mela at its YMCA tourist hostel ground in Connaught Place, on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017. The event started at 8:30 in the morning and lasted till 6 pm in the evening. The event was one of the pioneer efforts of its kind to establish a common platform for the community, volunteers and the Non-Governmental Organizations working for various social causes in the city. The event offered the NGOs an opportunity to spread awareness about the social cause that they worked for and to showcase their product and raise fund directly by selling the products to everyone present at the two day huge event. The occasion facilitated a fruitful interaction between the voluntary organizations and the members from government and authorities. It also gave platform for all children and women working and covered by various institutions through organising multiple competitions for them like singing, dancing, play, fashion show, mehndi, rangoli making, sports and debate.

It saw the active participation of 38 NGOs, 35 teams and 30 product categories to shop from. The NGOs worked in varying fields such as child rights, elderly, education, nutrition and for other noble causes marked their presence. RISE had put up an exhibition in stalls in the category of handmade jewellerys, candles and diyas. Our jewellerys were talk of the mela, and the customer response was overwhelming. Educators sitting at our stalls displayed pro activeness in their



marketing skills, and attended customers with full calm and politeness. Chief Guest also mentioned the products at our stall during his speech at the closing ceremony and appreciated the hard work.

our children and educators was also above expectation and through this they again proved that if given little opportunity, these children would shine and RISE high.



It is on this occasion that the children get a chance to step on to the stage and conquer their fear of speaking or performing in front of a large gathering. The parents, in this revolutionary age of media, aspire

to see their children on the stage however good or bad the children are. It's hard for these children to get the right platform and simultaneously get to interact with better privileged children of the society. Management provided all the costumes and jewellery needed and made the event and their children turned out to be spectacular in every



possible way they could. This two day event was also an opportunity for children to enjoy the day as an excursion trip as while on the way they were intentionally taken through India Gate, Parliament of India, Connaught Place and other places. Food and refreshment provided during the vent was also delicious and children also got an opportunity dance and enjoy as timely Dhol dancing was organised for all.

The aim of providing motivation and enthusiasm within students was successfully achieved. The motive behind this initiative was to introduce our children and educators to stage and public performances. Also gave them opportunity to have a day out and visit new place and people. They got a chance to interact and learnt some new things about life. They hold a promise to perform better next time and this break has recharged them for further struggle of life. All the participants were given certificate of appreciation and memories to cherish for long. Smiling faces and bright future were shining all through.



## Shobha, finding light while Rising

Shobha, 35 years, comes from a family of 4 sisters and 1 brother. After completing higher secondary schooling, she was not given opportunity to study further even though she was fairly good in studies as in remote areas of Uttarakhand, for girls, marriage was of prime focus. After getting married, Shobha got full support of her husband to choose her life and earn for herself. In search of self-respect and self-dependency, Shobha was trying every



opportunity that was coming through her way. Shobha, was a sewing operator in Garima project from AROH Foundation, and later on got attached to RISE. She is best in her craft.

*Shobha is a known name in her community, in her own words she says,*

*"I have been associated with the RISE program and AROH foundation for a long time now and I can say that it has been the most fruitful and satisfying journey of my life. Each day after classes I derive immense satisfaction and happiness that whatever work I am doing would give these students a better future."*

Shobha regularly communicate with parents and try to convince them to value education as much as they value income and food. Her say is strong within parents especially of those of girl student, as she doesn't want any other Shobha to lose the chance of better education and land up in any regrets of life.



**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.