

Merry
Christmas

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Christmas is a festival of joy, happiness and feast that is celebrated to celebrate the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. On the 25th day it is believed that the day Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem to the house of Father Joseph and Mother Mary. The birth of Jesus Christ, who is considered to be the son of God, holds important positions in Christianity. Jesus was the one who taught people a new way of life and saved them from their sins and sorrows. It is believed that Jesus was born when society was surrounded by many evils like greed, hatred, superstitions. Violence etc and he was sent to the earth to save mankind from these evils. Jesus was considered as the light of the world and he came to save people from the darkness of ignorance, sorrow, sorrow etc. And Christmas is the day when people welcome this great redeemer of mankind. He worked for the transformation of the lives of the people amidst the darkness of evils of the society.

In RISE, when we are dealing with five hundred deprived children, who have been dejected from basic happiness, rights and needs of their lives, we enforce the power of humanity and dedication, which can bring in the change of positivity in their lives. Depicting Christ as a winner in scarcity and adverse situations, we in RISE also are prepping our children against all odds ! we took this opportunity to teach our children to be strong in struggles and humble in success !

Wish You All A Very Happy New Year



Curbing Delhi's deadly Pollution



Pollution is the existence of contaminants in the environment that cause adverse changes in the environment. It can take the form of heat, light or noise. It can occur naturally or can be caused due to human activities. Industrial revolution is the major cause of pollution in the environment. The pollutants caused due to human activities such as construction, burning of coal and wood, agriculture, mining and warfare contribute largely to pollution. Pollution is increasing day by day and it has become a major cause of concern for all of us globally. The Pollution is a replay of last year's crisis. Our government and the ecologists are working towards combating the situation. One of the leading factors of celebrating the national pollution control day every year is to manage and control the Industrial Disaster as well as prevention of the pollution (created by the industrial processes or manual negligence) of water, air and soil. Varieties of laws are declared by the Government all over world in order to seriously control and prevent the pollution. National pollution control day is celebrated every year on 2nd December to make aware the people and most

importantly to aware the industries about paying great attention towards the need of Pollution Control Acts.

India's capital is battling a surge in coronavirus cases just as pollution levels spike. This year residents of India are facing a double health crisis as high levels of pollution look set to exacerbate the coronavirus pandemic. The twin threats have been looming over the city for the past months. After managing to get fresh daily infections under control last month, the city is witnessing its worst wave so far. The thick smog has blurred the city's skyline. Residents complain of smarting eyes, coughing and difficulty breathing. Doctors have advised everyone to stay indoors if they can, particularly children and the elderly.

Delhi is battling both toxic air and a record surge in coronavirus cases. Doctors and scientists say the combination will have deadly consequences, as exposure to pollution increases

the risk of severe respiratory illnesses. Air pollution also makes people more prone to infections, they say. Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi's chief minister, appealed to city residents to observe the festival at home and banned the use of firecrackers, a traditional way of marking the holiday that also causes a spike in pollution.

Pollution is the immediate threat that the environment faces today and is also the most prominent one. Thus to spread this among the communities, RISE children holding the posters and banners informed the people about Pollution, its causes & solutions on Pollution Control Day following all the norms of Social distancing. They told people that our natural resources like water, air, land or forest are being affected speedily by the different types of pollution which are very necessary to stop immediately. The educators & children concluded with making people understand that pollution is causing species depletion and ecological imbalance. It is very necessary to take essential precautionary and proactive measures to prevent any further damage that will happen due to pollution to earth and its inhabitants especially in the time of COVID.



National Energy Conservation Day



National energy conservation day in India is celebrated to aware people about the importance of energy as well as saving or conserving the more energy by using less energy. The exact means of energy conservation is using less energy by avoiding the unnecessary uses of energy. Using energy efficiently is very necessary to save it for the future usage. Energy conservation should be rooted in the behaviour of every human being to get more effect towards the plan of energy conservation. National energy conservation day is celebrated every year by the people all over the India on 14th of December. The Energy Conservation Act in India was executed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the year 2001. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency is a constitutional body which comes under Government of India and helps in the development of policies and strategies in order to reduce the energy use. The Energy Conservation Act in India act aims to employ the professional, qualified and energetic managers as well as auditors who are with expertise in managing the energy, projects, policy analysis, finance or implementing the energy efficiency projects.

In order to aware the energy users, RISE children made Energy saving posters & paintings and informed community people to save the energy by deeply taking care of it such as

turning off the unnecessarily running fans, lights, submersible, heater, combining car trips or other electric things of daily usage. These are the more easier and efficient way to save extra uses of energy thus playing the great role towards the campaign of national energy conservation. Fossil fuels, Crude oil, Coal, natural gas and etc. generate sufficient energy for the use in daily life but increasing the demands of it day by day creates the fear of reducing or diminishing the natural resources. Energy conservation is the only way which helps in replacing the non-renewable resources of energy with the renewable energy. In order to aware the energy users for less energy consumption as well as to make efficient energy conservation,

energy or carbon taxes has been employed by the government in different countries. Tax on high energy consumption reduces the energy use by the users as well as promotes limited energy use among users.

Children informed the people that they should follow all the rules, regulations and policies implemented by the Government of India in order to support the energy efficiency. Citizens of India can pay their direct contribution to the campaign of reduce energy use throughout the 11th Five Year Plan period. Children are the big expectation and hope for the country to bring positive changes as well as to enhance the economic condition of the country.



The Exciting Mathematics ...

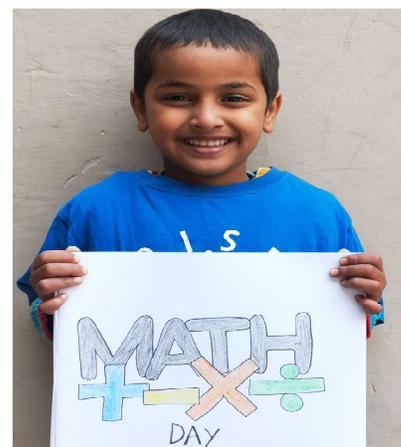


India owns legendary Mathematicians such as Brahmagupta, Aryabhata, and Srinivasa Ramanujan. These legends have not only shaped the face of Indian Mathematics but have also gained tremendous popularity worldwide. Every state in India must recognize the great contributions made by these mathematicians and celebrate the National Mathematics Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. National Mathematics Day is celebrated on 22nd December every year in India for paying tribute to famous mathematician Sir Srinivasa Ramanujan. He was the world famous mathematician who made remarkable contributions in different fields and branches of the subject mathematics. The great Srinivasa Ramanujan took birth on December 22 in the year 1887 in Erode situated in the city of today's Tamil Nadu. Srinivasa was an autodidact; he was a self-taught person and never had any formal training in mathematics. Ramanujan has greatly contributed towards mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series and continued fractions. In the year 1913, Srinivasa Ramanujan came

in contact with the European mathematicians for further developing his knowledge and interest towards mathematics. He was also elected to various societies organized for the debate and discussion on mathematics.

For his memorable and great contributions towards mathematics, the birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan was declared as the National Mathematics Day in the year 2012 by the then Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh. The year 2012 was celebrated as the National Mathematics Year across the country India for the first time. India owns legendary Mathematicians such as Brahmagupta, Aryabhata, and Srinivasa Ramanujan. These legends have not only shaped the face of Indian Mathematics but have also gained tremendous popularity worldwide. Every state in India must recognize the great contributions made by these mathematicians and celebrate the National Mathematics Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. As RISE

centres are closed due to COVID-19, thus the children & educators organized quiz, competitions and puzzles for the celebration on this day through online video classes. This was not only to create competitiveness in the students but to enhance their knowledge also during COVID. Staying in home in times of COVID, these competitions, quiz & puzzles keep them motivated and energetic. The day was also celebrated to offer a common platform to collectively tackle the problems faced in the field of mathematics by the children.



Munesh, a bright educators of RISE



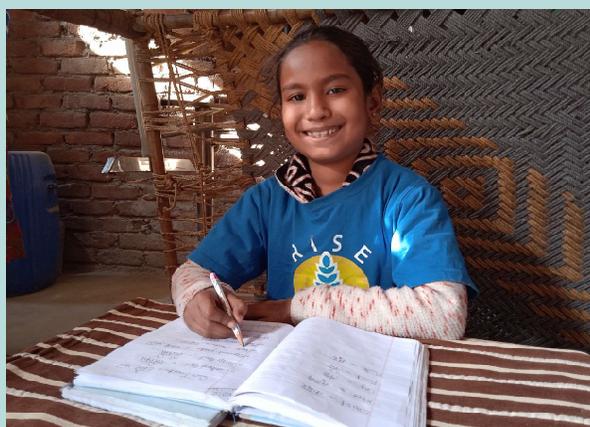
Munesh Rani, RISE Educator, comes from a family of 5 members. Her husband, Rakesh Kumar is a driver and has 2 children. After completing higher secondary schooling, Munesh was not given the opportunity to study further even though she was fairly good in her studies but for her parents, marriage was a prime focus. After getting married, she stayed in a joint family where her husband was the only earner at home, but during the Corona period his income has reduced, and it was very difficult to manage the family's expenses. Thus, it was hard to manage home

expenses and Munesh was in great need of work to support her family. Munesh got the full support of her husband to choose her life and earn for herself. In search of self-respect and self-dependency, Munesh was trying every opportunity that was coming through her way. She is best in the craft. Munesh was not that good in English communication and was facing some problems regarding her grammar skills but she was unstoppable as she at home starting learning by herself and improved her skills in communication. First, she used to prepare at home and now she teaches at RISE. Her excitement and enthusiasm for education are extraordinary and she is a gem for RISE.

Munesh is a known name in her community, in her own words she says, *"I have been associated with RISE program since the difficult time and I've received this golden opportunity of working as an Educator in RISE- AROH Foundation. Now, 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."*

From an Analphabetic to an Alpha, Bhavani

Bhavani, a 10 years old RISE-AROH Foundation beneficiary studies in 3rd grade and hails from U.P. under the village named Kumhar in Bihar. Her father Mr Laddu Jha used to farm in the village long ago but due to lack of proper livelihood, her father came to Delhi to find work for better job opportunities. Bhavani loves to study in RISE now as she considers that after getting admitted into RISE she was totally analphabetic and was unable to read & write. Since she began studying in RISE, there has been a lot of positive improvement in her. She was struggling hard in her scholastic front as due to large family, she usually gets engaged in household chores and sibling care but is a pro in dancing. She is given special attention for her learning by RISE educator and is also nurtured in dancing through providing her with ample opportunities to perform. Bhavani also got support of RISE and now after joining RISE she is able to read & write efficiently. Once she was motivated enough, her learning ability also improved. She eventually became a normal student of the class. Now after 2 years in RISE, Bhavani is a happy and chirpy girl and shows continuous improvement in her grades too. She thanks her teacher Ms Farhin for this change. Bhavani's parents also review that Bhavani has shown remarkable growth in only a short span of 12 months.



Bhavani's mother says *"After only few months in RISE, Bhavani can now study efficiently. She has shown improvement both scholastically and also improved her dancing passion too."*

The Christmas Marathon



Christmas is an annual festival celebrated by the Christians throughout the world, primarily on 25th December. It is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the most significant festival of Christians and is celebrated with exceptional zeal and enthusiasm. Christmas is a festival of joy, primarily celebrated to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, a much revered Jewish preacher and religious leader. He is the most important figure in Christianity and forms the basis of the religion. Christians consider him as the incarnation of God, who was sent to help the poor, needy and suppressed. Thus, the festival reaffirms the faith of Christian community in their beloved God. The festival marks the end of painful winter in the west and the beginning of longer sunny hours. It gives a reason to celebrate in wake of abundance of food and prosperity. Another most important significance of Christmas is that it is not an isolated family event, but is rather celebrated as a get together. Family, friends, relatives and neighbours, dine and dance together, rejoicing in the festivities. No one is left alone and everyone is made a part of the celebrations. It is the time of the year when the rich and affluent pay back

to the society from which they have gained, by helping and feeding the poor. Families those have abundance of food and other comforts, make no hesitation in donating to the poor or needy. Even individuals or families with marginal income make the donations as per their capacities.

The shopping for Christmas begins well in advance of the main festival. Clothes, toys, and foods everything is bought in plenty to make the celebration a grand event. The main festivities of Christmas are decorating the house with a Christmas tree, many people get whichever tree is available in the neighbourhood to their houses and



decorate them. Children could be seen shopping for Christmas tree with family and friends. Many people make sweets and snacks for Christmas with the Christmas cake being a constant tradition everywhere, some people also make the famous ghujias for Christmas, and many people make rose cookies which are called by various names throughout the country. Another tradition is gifting gifts to family and friends. Kids especially wait for the Santa Claus while many parents dress up as Santa Claus for their children.

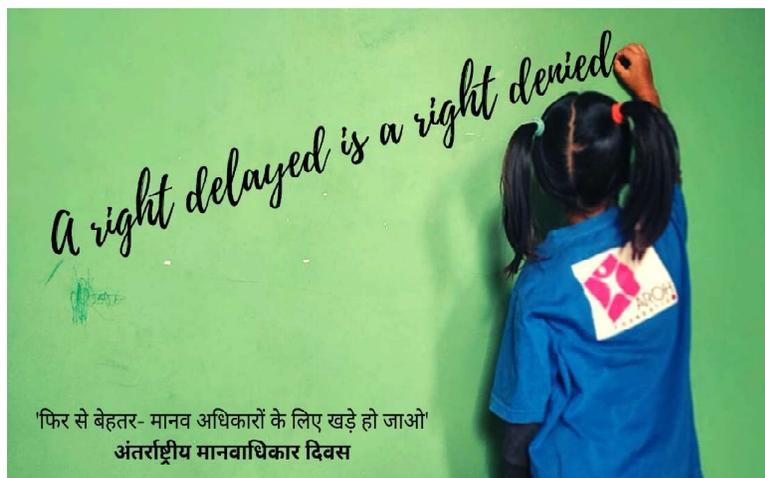
Festive air pervade in RISE when any of the festivals & events are near. In RISE, each & every festival is celebrated with high spirits and gusto. RISE children celebrates Christmas with utmost dedication and joy, the children of RISE know how to celebrate this one big festival with family and warmth in their hearts. On this day, due to



COVID children got all dressed in Red & white colour dresses, decorated artificial spruce trees to keep alive the spirit of the tradition. Houses were decorated with auspicious mistletoe, lights and display of Nativity scenes. Like every festival, Christmas is highly enjoyed by young children as it brings along winter holidays and time to perform some traditional activities. They keenly participated in cleanliness and decoration of their houses. Children behaved very nicely to make their families & friends happy who brings gifts for them. Christians actively participated in midnight Christmas Mass and the joyous Christmas carnival. It is celebrated with immense joy and mirth all around. Merry-making with family and friends is the significant part of the Christmas fiesta. No celebration is worth unless spent with loved ones. Some children went to their native places, stayed at home or indulged in lavish balls and enjoyed get-together with their dear ones.



Human Rights Day



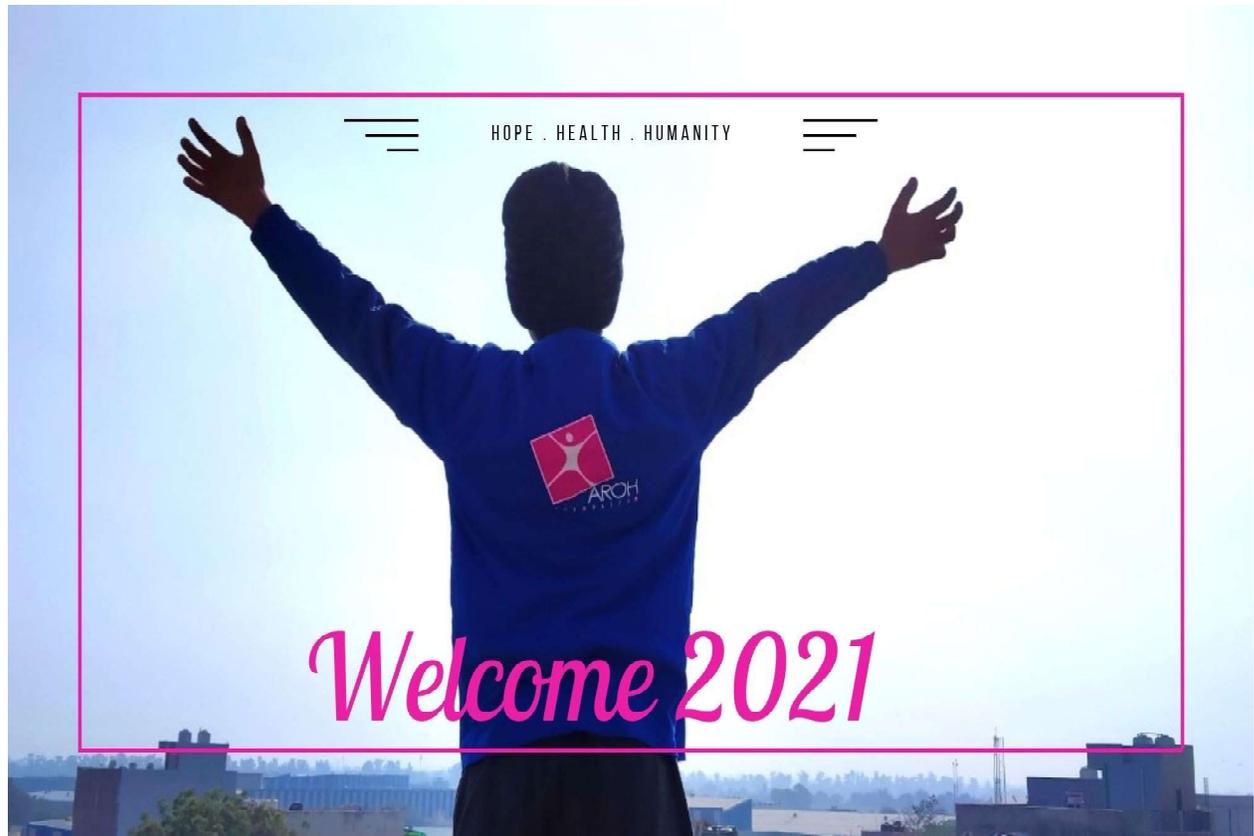
Human Rights Day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The UDHR is a milestone document that publicly announces the absolute rights which all the human beings are entitled to irrespective of any race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. December 10th is observed as Human Rights Day every year to reaffirm the importance of human rights in re-building the world we want, the need for global solidarity as well as our interconnectedness and shared humanity.

This year's Human Rights Day theme is

"Recover Better - Stand Up for Human Rights". It is linked to the Covid-19 pandemic with the focus on the need to building a back better by ensuring human rights are the centre of the recovery efforts. Human Rights Day 2020 is more important than other years as the Covid-19 crisis has been fuelled by deepening poverty, rising inequalities, structural and entrenched discrimination, and other gaps in human rights protection. It is only possible to close these gaps and advance human rights by ensuring to build a world that is better, more resilient, just, and sustainable.

Like every important day, RISE celebrated Human rights day. Human Rights gain new meaning when they become a reality in the daily life of every single person in the world. Children informed the community people & brought human rights to everyone is at the core of UNESCO's mission in all its fields of competence – education, science, culture and communication. Human Rights Day 2020 is more important than other years as the Covid-19 crisis has been fuelled by deepening poverty, rising inequalities, structural and entrenched discrimination, and other gaps in human rights protection.





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.