

RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education

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Morning has No choice, It has to come
— Marty Rubin

Every year in RISE, we provoke hope within children with the start, commencement and end of an year. 500 slum children, who were otherwise deprived, depressed and disgraced are led towards new life, new opportunities and new vision with series of strategic interventions. A hope to create something better, a better version of ourselves, a better version of our outlook, a better version of the society we are living into. This is the hope given to all our RISE children with the start of Brand New Year. They have been imbibed with a dream of change, change towards life-changing benefits like medical care, educational support, life skills and job-training before they graduate. Being poor as a child, even for only a short time, can have consequences reaching far into their adulthood. This can manifest itself in long-lasting ways. So comforting ideologies and an outlook towards hopeful & positive change that could help our children sustain the hardships of life was the resolution, taken by our management & educators for this year. With the dawn of 2020, we, along with our children and staff are pledged to be dedicated towards a positive change and nation building !

We wish all our readers a very Happy New Year & Happy Republic Day !



Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow



***"Smiling face of every little girl is the signature of God's presence."
- Amit Ray***

National girl child day has been begun as a national young ladies improvement mission by the Government of India. This mission raises the mindfulness among individuals everywhere throughout the nation about the significance of girl child promotion. It improves the significant commitment of the girl child in basic leadership forms through the dynamic help of the guardians and other group individuals. National Girl Child Day celebration was started by the Women and Child Development Ministry since 2008 to celebrate as the national observance. To increase the awareness about the necessity of

the girls right in the society in our country, female literacy rate is still 53.87% and one third of the younger girls are malnourished. Reproductive age group women are anaemic and suffering from various other diseases just because of the gender discrimination in the society and limited access to the health services.

RISE always promotes the children of RISE and non-RISE kids and thus believes in empowerment of children and women. In RISE, National Girl Child Day is celebrated annually by organizing various programs including awareness

National girl child day is praised each year on 24th of January as a national recognition day for the young lady tyke. This celebration was begun to offer more backings and new chances to the girl child in the nation. It is praised to build the mindfulness among individuals about every one of the disparities looked by the girl child in the general public. Disparity about girl child is an immense issue which incorporates numerous territories like imbalance in instruction, nourishment, lawful rights, restorative care, security, respect, girl child marriage thus many.





speeches on save the girl child, child sex ratios, and creating a healthy and safe environment for a girl child. The event was followed by the girl students who drew beautiful drawing and posters signifying the importance of the day. A group of girls performed nukkad natak about the girls' rights for equal education and fundamental freedoms. RISE Educators also made the parents aware of an important government scheme 'Dhanalakshmi', has introduced various measures to strengthen the status of the girl child in the society. Launched by the Women and Child Development, the 'Dhanalakshmi' scheme ensures that basic needs of the girl child such as immunization, birth registration and school maintenance are taken care of till Class 8. The parents were also educated not to be gender-bias against their daughters and asked them to send their daughters to schools every day to turn them into successful human beings. All the parents were made aware to save girl child & were taught the importance of their daughters in their lives. The day ended with the pledge of the parents, as they promised to educate their girls and will raise their voices if they hear/ see any inequality with the girls. It was indeed a successful day for the women and girls.



Celebration of Indian Republic



26th January 1950 was the day when the Constitution of India came into force. This was the day when India turned to a republic country after the British colonial rule of 300 years. Since then we commemorate the day by celebrating the Republic Day on 26th January every year.

The Constitution of India, which is also regarded as the supreme law of our country was framed by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar who was the chairman of the constitution drafting committee. The hard work and intelligence of Dr. Ambedkar and the members of the drafting committee helped our nation to get our very own constitution which declares India as a Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, and Democratic Republic nation. Republic Day has importance in every heart of an Indian citizen. This is one of the national festivals of India which embarks the sense of patriotism in

everybody's mind. This is one of the occasion which helps to introduce the younger generation to our great Indian history and culture. This is the day when we remember our great leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their life for the country. Republic Day also teaches us the importance of unity and how it helped in the Indian freedom struggle to defeat the much powerful British Empire. Mahatma Gandhi's non-violence movement teaches us that how we can defeat a much powerful enemy without lifting a single weapon or shedding a drop of blood. Republic Day also makes us remember that all the citizens of the country are equal for the constitution and there is no discrimination on the basis of caste, creed or religion. The Republic Day is celebrated across the country with full enthusiasm, zeal, joy and off course, with the real sense of patriotism. The celebrations in schools are very common sightings on this day where children are smartly dressed up carrying the tricolour and wearing the badges of our great freedom fighters. Flag hoisting ceremonies, cultural programmes, speeches,

various competitions etc are conducted in all the schools as well as in the government and private offices. The President of India addresses the nation on the eve of Republic Day on 25th January and is telecasted on all the radio and television channels. The main celebration takes place in New Delhi at Rajpath near India Gate on 26th January. RISE team reiterated the importance of education and the role of educators in moulding the young minds, preparing them to lead the country towards development. The event commenced with welcoming the Beneficiaries and Community members. The students of RISE expressed their spirit of unity and secu-





larism on the occasion of 71st Republic Day celebrations. They participated in GK competition. Beneficiaries paid a special tribute to Soldiers through patriotic songs. The celebration continued with song and dance competitions and speeches that reminded the students of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters. An air of patriotic fervour permeated the atmosphere. In the end, Prize distribution & Sweet distribution ceremony was held and best performers got prizes. While we today enjoy their freedom in heritage, we must know the amount of sacrifices the freedom fighters did without any second thought, the activities that happened during the struggle for freedom and the amount of bloodshed that took place, so that we, as a country, can enjoy this peaceful life. It's very evident to

notice that their sacrifice, nowadays, seems to have a very little value. This is a very true quote with says, "We realize the importance of a thing when it's taken away from us," and somewhere or the other, this is the exact case with today's youth. Most of them lack the sense of patriotism within them; they fail to realize the value of freedom they get in heritage.

Celebration of prosperity



Lohri is celebrated by the people in India with lots of joy and happiness like other festival. It is the festival which brings together all the family members, relatives and friends at one place. At this day people meet and enjoy distributing sweets to each other. It is a most famous harvest festival of great importance for the farmers. People light a bon fire at this day, then sing a song and dance around it. They throw some rewaries, popcorn, sugar-candies, sesame seeds, gur and other things in the fire while singing and dancing around the bonfire. It is celebrated at various places

in India with different names such as Bhogi in the Andhra Pradesh, Magha Bihu in the Assam, Makar Sankranti in the Karnataka, UP and Bihar, Pongal in the Tamil Nadu, Tai Pongal in Kerala etc. A pooja ceremony is held in evening when people do prayer to Agni and do parikrama around the bonfire in order to get blessings for future prosperity. People enjoy eating delicious foods like sarson ka saag, makki ki roti, til, gur, gazak, moongphali, popcorn and phuliya as a Prasad. Everyone sing and dance and enjoy eating Lohri Prasad. Everyone wear very beautiful and colourful clothes at this day and do Bhangra (or Gidda) dance on the beat of Dhol (a music instrument). Celebration of the Lohri signifies as a starting of the new financial year for the farmers. It is celebrated

every year by the Punjabis living in India or aboard. Lohri festival is of great importance for the newlywed couple as well as new-born babies for the first time in their home. At this day, the bride get decorated with all the things like new bangles, clothes, nice bindi, mehendi, saree, stylish hair make up with her well-dressed husband wearing new clothes and colourful turban. At this day every new bride gets lots of gifts from her in-laws including new clothes and jewelleryes. Family members from both side (bride and groom) and invited other main guests get together in this grand celebration. Newlywed couple sit on one place and other family members, neighbours, friends, relatives gift them something. They all give blessings to the couple for their better life and happiest future. RISE also witnessed the celebration of thanksgiving. Children were given the concept of thanking the gestures, act and words of generosity by any individual, group or nature. Educators demonstrated in detail how we are being selflessly served by our parents, neighbours, colleagues and nature and how we can thank them by taking proper care of the gifts given to us. Also, Lohri is like a final feast to bid goodbye to the cold winter, a festivity welcoming the arrival of spring. So, simultaneously children were warned against the diseases that would be spreading in season change time and so cleanliness, hygiene and proper nutrition would be essential in coming days.



Saraswati Pooja



A popular Hindu festival, Basant Panchami, also called Vasant Panchami, is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of 'Magh' which corresponds to the January or February of the Gregorian calendar. This festival celebrates the onset of the spring season and the day of birth of Goddess Saraswati, who is the Goddess of Knowledge and Learning. It also announces the arrival of the colourful festival of Holi.

Basant Panchami is celebrated in different ways by the Hindus of the North and South India. While it is a kite festival in Punjab, it is a harvest festival in Bihar. While it is celebrated as Saraswati Puja in educational institutes in the North, it is mostly a temple festival in South India. But universally, yellow rules the colour of the day, as it heralds the arrival of spring and signifies the positive energy of life and nature. On the auspicious day, the students and teachers of RISE came together to seek the blessings of the Maa Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture. The event was celebrated with a lot of devotion and dedication by worshiping Goddess Saraswati, who is the fountain head of all learning and art forms. The ritual was graced with the presence of all the students & RISE staff.

Rise's "Shobha" ...



Coming from an Uttarakhandi family, Shobha, 36 years, has her 4 sisters and 1 brother. In remote areas of Uttarakhand, for girls, marriage is a prime focus due to which she was also forced to drop her studies. But Shobha was an exception as she was lucky to get full support of her husband to choose her life and earn for herself after marriage as well. In search of self-respect and self-dependency, Shobha was trying every opportunity that was coming through her way. Earlier out pro Educator Shobha, was a sewing operator in Garima project from AROH Foundation, and later she got attached to RISE. She is best in craft. As Shobha let her studies in early age, so she was lacking in English communication and was facing some problems regarding her grammar skills but she was competitive as she at home started learning by herself and improved her skills in communication. In this her husband helped her too. First, she used to prepare at home and then used to teach

at RISE. Shobha regularly communicates with parents and helps them understand the value of education as much as they value income and food. Her excitement and enthusiasm for education is extraordinary and she is a gem for RISE. Shobha is the inspiration for all the educators in RISE as she never gives up when there is hard time rather she face hurdles with full courage and ready to learn new things without hesitation.

Shobha says, "I want every child to be educated as I don't want any other child to be Shobha while to lose chance of better education and land up in any regrets of life."

RISing every second

Pinku, an 11-years-old RISE centre education beneficiary, who has shown remarkable growth in only a short span of 12 months. Pinku studies in class 5th in an MCD government school in Delhi. His father, Mr Ganga Sagar, has worked his way through not earning not even enough to feed his family, to eventually sustaining his family in Delhi, enrolling his kids in government school and feeding his family. His father works as a mechanic. Sadly, not all government schools in Delhi are equipped with the enough resources to impart quality education, and with high number of students enrolled in each school, not enough support is provided to each child for them to learn efficiently. This gives rise to a need for tuition classes so that all the students are brought to the same level, provided individual attention and are taught well. Though there is a need for such tuition classes, families like such of Pinku cannot afford such classes because of their financial status. When Pinku joined the centre, Pinku could not even read and right as he was not able to understand the things which were thought in class properly because of large strength of class. He wasn't confident enough to speak up in the class and interact with other students or even participate in activities. He found it difficult studying in both English and Hindi. Ms Farhin put in a lot of efforts to improve Pinku. One year into the program, changes in Pinku as a student have been nothing less than a success.



He now enjoys drawing, he has started interacting in class. He clarifies doubts of other students and helps them with problems in all the subjects. He now also actively participates in activities like painting, dancing and playing, and could be seen in the front row acting as an initiator in all these activities. The changes in Pinku's have been considerable, and the perspectives of his family, his school teacher and RISE educator, speaks a lot about the tremendous growth he has shown as a student and as an individual.



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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.