

# RISE

*Remedial Innovation in School Education*

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***Wishing HOPE . HEALTH & HUMANITY for the New Year !***

*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 imbued with a dream of change, change towards life-changing benefits like medical care, educational support, life skills and job-training before they graduate.*

*2020 has been a challenging year for all of us. However it has also shown us we are far mightier than we imaged. Together the whole world sailed through the unprecedented events strongly. We take this opportunity to thank all our partners for standing fast with us during these times and supporting us to spread smiles. Now with the dawn of a new year, wishing 2021 to be a year filled with **Hope, Health & Humanity** for all of you.*

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

# Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow



With a purpose to spread awareness in society about the lack of equality girls facing today compared to boys, National Girl Child Day is celebrated across India every year on 24<sup>th</sup> January. National Girl Child Day was started by the Women and Child Development Ministry since 2008 to celebrate as the national observance. This mission raises the awareness among people all over the country about the importance of girl's promotion. It enhances the meaningful contribution of the girls in decision making processes through the active support of the parents and other community members. Celebration of National Girl Child Day was started to offer more supports and new opportunities to the girls in the country. It is celebrated to increase the awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by the girl child in the society. Inequality about girl child is a vast problem which includes many areas like inequality in education, nutrition, legal rights, medical care, protection, honour, child marriage and so many.

Campaign like '*Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao*' which addresses issues like stop female foeticide, girls' rights to education is created on mass awareness about changing the mind-set of people. In today's era girls are not only restricted to education, in sports & other physical activities too they are making their footprints. RISE also celebrated a weeklong event digitally on the occasion of National Girl Child Day. The event included online awareness programs, self-defence training, drawing and painting competitions for children, child literacy etc. To commemorate the day, Girl students delivered online speeches about their rights for equal education and fundamental freedom. Girls and their parents were also made aware of an important scheme called

'*Dhanalakshmi*' implemented by The Women and Child Development Ministry to make cash transfer to the girl child family to fulfil the basic needs such as immunization, birth registration, school enrolment and maintenance up to the Class VIII. The Right to Education Act has made available the free and necessary education to the girl child. 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 persons. They were taught the importance of the daughters in their families. The





parents were made aware of the topics called save girl child, child sex ratios and creating a healthy and safe environment for a girl child. As schools are closed so through online classes, RISE educators helped the parents understand that when a family decides to kill a female foetus in the womb, they decide to kill a daughter, a wife and a mother. As a society which worships goddesses like Saraswati and Lakshmi, it is a shame that such hypocrisy exists. It is time we pledge to always go against this practice because every girl has a right to be born, to study, to succeed and to live. The day today was such a good initiative for us to help parents understand the importance of daughters in their lives says the educators. Despite all of measures taken across at different level, we need to change the thinking of people in Male dominated society where education of son is given more importance and girls are always first choice for household work. But let's not lose hope, with the coming years girls' education in India shall reach to new heights.

## Recognising our Mother Tongue .. Hindi

World Hindi Day is celebrated across the country at 10<sup>th</sup> of January every year to remember the historic occasion of the Hindi. It was started celebrating as a World Hindi Day as Hindi written in Devnagari script was approved as an official language by the Constituent Assembly at 10<sup>th</sup> of January in the year 1949. India observes World Hindi Day annually on 10<sup>th</sup> of January, to promote Hindi language and to save it from getting extinct. Together with the economic prosperity and technological development in the country, the Hindi language is losing its importance a little while. Everyone wants to learn and speak English language in order to get success in almost all the fields as there is demand of the same. However, we should not leave our mother language and take interest in it to have thorough knowledge together with other necessities of being success. Language and culture of any country plays an important role in making people-to-people contact between any countries.



## Celebration of Indian Republic



26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 secularism on the occasion of 73<sup>rd</sup> 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 festival is a very popular Punjabi festival celebrated every year by the people of Punjabi religion in the South Asia. It is considered that it is celebrated in winter on the day when the day becomes a shortest day and the night becomes a longest night of the year. Significance of Lohri Festival Celebration is that the main crop of the winter called wheat is sown in the October however harvested in the end March or start of April. Before cutting, collecting and bringing crop to home, farmers celebrate this Lohri festival and enjoy. It falls in the mid of January month according to Hindu calendar when sun becomes farthest from the earth. Celebrating Lohri is the indication of end of winter sea-

son and start of the spring season gradually. During the celebration people take bath in the river Gange in order to get free from there all sins. It is celebrated as a harvest festival of the Punjab by lighting a bon-fire, dancing and singing in the praise of the Dulha Batti. Mainly it is a festival of Punjabis however it is also celebrated by the people living in other Northern Indian States including Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, etc. On this day it is said that a cleansing, holy bath should be taken symbolizing the washing of our bad Karma and Ego and to meditate so greed and desires leave us. The festival is very important for the farmers and the villages all over celebrate by welcoming the spring and praying and thanking Gods for a bumper harvest. The bonfire is used to roast the fresh Chholiya or Green Gram in its pods with the leaves and stem and enjoy the roasted gram as the first fruits of

labour.

RISE also witnessed the celebration of thanksgiving in times of Lockdown. 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. Even the Gods not reside at unhygienic places, and so maintain an ambience of health hygiene and harmony and make world a better place to live.



## International Day of Education



Education is a human right, a public good and a public responsibility. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 24 January as International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development. Without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind. RISE resolved to create a self-reliant, self-confident and competent Bharat that is literate, educated and empowered. *“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”* This quote stands completely true as the power to read, or educate, is much needed to escape any form of bondage or restrictions. History is witness to the fact what a pen or a book could do to overpower even those who considered themselves undefeatable.

### Rising above obstacles .. Poonam

Poonam Gaur, the educator in RISE is a dynamic and soft spoken personality. She is a graduate in Arts and had a strong passion towards teaching profession. Ms Poonam had a dream to do something in life and simultaneously work towards her passion, but was not getting chance to fulfil that. Trying to explore all possible opportunities in the same line, she was introduced to AROH Foundation by Mr Yogesh Lakra, RISE Project Coordinator. In few months after joining RISE, she has now a strong say in her community now, as every household is aware of the work she does. Her students show remarkable performances in all fields and are very active. She herself has grown a lot as a person. From a housewife within the limits of her house, she has emerged as outspoken leader who is also the torch bearer of women and children welfare in her society.

In her own words, *“AROH’s influence and coordination towards society, environment and poor children has brought a great transformation in my life which cannot be expressed in words. The concept of bringing under privileged children to mainstream and for continuous enhancement of educators like me has been a regular process. The confidence level of all educators and children is high. I thank AROH for giving an opportunity where I can nourish just not my dreams but an opportunity to craft 50 other lives too.”*



## Giving Roots and Wings to Saraswati

Saraswati, 10 years, hailing from Mainpuri District of Uttar Pradesh, is studying in class 5<sup>th</sup> in RISE centre from last 2 years. Her parents work as a daily wage labors and the family has 3 children. Due to COVID after lockdown, income of the house was not supporting for three daughter's education. Though all 3 children were enrolled in government school but instead of being a bright learner, Saraswati was not supported in extra classes. When Mr RamNiwas Sharma got to know about RISE centres, he was more than happy to enrol all his 4 children in RISE. Saraswati, in few months has been a pro student in RISE now. Her grip on English has developed. She has developed as a person too as she participates in all academics and sports activities within RISE. Her parents are very happy & feel proud of their children by seeing their children succeeding.



Mr Sharma 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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**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.