



Girl Child Special | RISE Update (Sangam Vihar & Mundka) | Oct 2021

RISE

Remedial Innovation in School Education

Every year on 11th October, the International Day of the Girl is celebrated with unique theme. This year, the theme, “**Digital Generation. Our Generation**”. While the pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning, earning and connecting, some 2.2 billion people below the age of 25 still do not have internet access at home. Girls are more likely to be cut off. The gender gap for global internet users grew from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019. In the world’s least developed countries, it hovers around 43 per cent. But the gender digital divide is about more than connectivity. Girls are also less likely than boys to use and own devices, and gain access to tech-related skills and jobs. In low- and middle-income countries, more than 50 per cent of women are offline, and women are 20 per cent less likely than men to own a smart phone. Even in middle- and higher-income countries, the digital divide persists: Only 14 per cent of girls who were top performers in science or mathematics expected to work in science and engineering, compared to 26 per cent of top-performing boys.

As we talk about International Girl Child Day, digital and innovation revolution is an opportunity for dramatic change & RISE gives equal importance to girls and boys without being gender bias.



Dussehra Celebration at RISE



The festival of Dussehra is also known as Vijaydashmi, celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm by Hindu people all over the India. It is one of the most important religious festivals of the India. According to the historical beliefs and most famous Hindu scripture, the Ramayana, it has been mentioned that Lord Rama had performed a chandipuja (holy prayer in order to get blessings of the Goddess Durga Mata to kill the powerful demon, Ravana. Ravana was ten-headed demon king of the Sri Lanka who had kidnapped the wife of Lord Rama, Sita to take revenge of his sister, Shurpanakha. From then, the day Lord Rama killed Ravana was started celebrating as the Dussehra festival. India is a country which is very famous for

its culture and tradition, fair and festivals. It is a country of fairs and festivals where people celebrate and enjoy every festival with great belief, joy and faith. The festival of Dussehra has been declared by the Government of India as the gazetted holiday to allow people to fully enjoy this festival as well as giving importance to the Hindu festival. In various parts of country Garba and Dandi is organized and this culture has been adopted from Gujarat, West Bengal celebrate this day by saying Kali puja. As we see India is a vast country but still we celebrate same festival but in different ways according to their respected culture. The meaning of Dussehra is the victory of Lord Rama over the ten headed demon king Ravana. The real meaning of



आरोह फाउण्डेशन

मन से रावण जो निकाले राम
उसके मन में है
-रामायण सूक्ति

the word Dussehra is the defeat of ten headed (Dus head) demon on tenth day of this festival. Tenth day of this festival is celebrated by burning the Ravana clones by the people all over the country.

But with COVID-19 pandemic casting shadow, the Government had decided to organize Dussehra festivities in a “simple” way, by and large restricting it to keep up with the traditions. The Union Health Ministry on Tuesday issued detailed guidelines for celebrations amid the coronavirus pandemic. Although the COVID-19 curve in India appears to be bending downwards, the ground situation is still delicate in several states. Wearing face masks and maintaining 6-feet distance is must at all times to prevent any chances



of transmitting the viral disease.

Well RISE never stops when it comes to the celebration of events & festivals. No matter if it is COVID-19, RISE children find ways to celebrate every each day with their creative minds & efforts. On the occasion of Dussehra RISE children dressed up as Lord Rama & Ravana enacted small skits at their home and shared creative pictures & videos of their enacted acts. Being at home children prepared speeches on Dussehra and presented to their RISE teachers. Even the educators informed the children by saying that we should follow the part of truth and should always be positive toward our work this may takes time but in the end the result will in your favour. Educators also explained the children about the strength of being true in your discipline and work one should always follow the right path despite of any struggle. Children took oath & promised their teachers that they shall not involve in any wrong things & help their friends & family in every situation. They even promised that they will study harder and help each other lift in academics.



World Student's Day



The birth anniversary of former President APJ Abdul Kalam on October 15 is observed as World Students' Day. Dr Kalam was a great teacher, an eminent scientist and a great statesman. For his unique quality of being close to common people, especially youngsters, he is lovingly referred to as a 'people's president.' After completing his term as the 11th President of India, Dr Kalam went back to teaching on the very next day. On World Students' Day, we remember how he encouraged students to dream big and never be afraid of failure. Dr Kalam was a role model for teachers also. *Good teachers make great human beings*, Dr Kalam believed. The Missile Man of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam's role in teaching and his dedication can't be explained in words. In 2006, in the President's address at the presentation of the National Award to Teachers, he said that, *"Teachers have to realise that they are the builders of the society. A good society can be built when students have the knowledge and are proficient in*

their subjects. They have also to provide a vision for life to the students and to inculcate the fundamentals of values which should be practice in the years to come"

We all are aware of the fact that students are the future of the nation. These are the people and the minds that are going to take our countries forward. World's Students' Day is the perfect opportunity for us to pay honour to our former President APJ Abdul Kalam & the students of the world. From all corners of the globe, students are working hard to achieve their career goals and make a difference. *S o m e* students leave their families and travel far and wide to have a place in a university

that will help them to have a better life and provide for their loved ones. This is something that we should definitely honour and celebrate. Thus, being quarantined at home & schools closed during COVID-19, RISE students & their teachers along with them celebrated World Student Day on their own.

As told by RISE Educators the theme of World Students Day 2021, **'Learning for people, planet, prosperity, & peace'**, students spent more time with other students, their younger siblings to lift one and other up. Teachers asked their students to make sure they let their friends & siblings know that they have noticed how much work & efforts that they have put in! It is always good to be there to support one and other. We at RISE believe that no matter what their background or their field of study is, we should always celebrate those who want to further their knowledge, with a lot of students going to great lengths to do so.



International Girl Child Day



Initiated by the United Nations in 2012, International Day of the Girl Child is an annual and internationally recognized observance on October 11 that empowers girls and amplifies their voices. Like its adult version, International Women’s Day, celebrated on March 8, International Day of the Girl Child acknowledges the importance, power, and potential of adolescent girls by encouraging the opening up of more opportunities for them. At the same time, this day is designated to eliminate gender-based challenges that little girls face around the world, including child marriages, poor learning opportunities, violence, and discrimination. Its aim is to highlight and address the needs and challenges which girls face throughout the globe.

Every year on 11th October, the International Day of the Girl is celebrated with unique theme. This year, the theme, “**Digital Generation. Our Generation**”. While the pandemic has accelerated digital platforms for learning, earning and connecting, some 2.2 billion people below the age of 25 still do not have internet access at home. Girls are more likely to be cut off. The gender gap for global internet users grew from 11 per cent in 2013 to 17 per cent in 2019. In the world’s least developed countries, it hovers around 43 per cent.

As we talk about International Girl Child Day, digital and innovation revolution is an opportunity for dramatic change & RISE gives equal importance to girls and boys without being gender bias. As it is the time of COVID-19, we at RISE organised an online workshop keeping the social distancing in mind which included teachers’ interaction with kids and parents. The online workshop was an opportunity to make everyone understand the important of digital education & innovation. Girl students were so happy when Educators told the importance digitalization to students’ parents. Educators even shared positive views & reviews about digital education & information. This was basically to educate the parents to not to be gender-bias against their daughters. It taught them to send their daughters to schools every day to turn them into successful persons. 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. 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 which might change the mentalities of parents towards their daughters. Digital inclusion, and specifically digital literacy, is becoming just as crucial to well-being and success (to learn, to earn and to voice change) as the ability to read and write”* says the RISE educators.

Celebrating 150 years of Gandhi



Bharat Abhiyaan Programme on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. Nearby parks were cleaned by the students, polythene bags, dirty materials and unwanted plants & weeds were collected & removed from the plantation site and the wastage was disposed in to the dumping yard. The students also cleaned their surroundings & asked everyone to do the same and keep the nearby areas clean and tidy. The main purpose of this programme was to create awareness among the students and people regarding Cleanliness and its benefits.

The birthday of the Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated in India every year by the name Gandhi Jayanti or Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. It falls yearly on 2nd of October when this is a gazetted holiday all over the India. On second of October a great person Mahatma Gandhi was born in the year 1869 at Porbandar in the Gujarat to the Karamchand Gandhi and Putlibai. Mahatma Gandhi is also known as Bapu in India for his unforgettable contributions and struggle for the freedom of India. On October 2, 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched an ambitious cleanliness programme – the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan with an aim to fulfil the dream of Clean India as envisaged by Mahatma Gandhi.

Moreover, every year Gandhi Jayanti on October 2 is celebrated as Rashtriya Swachhta Diwas, and on the occasion more regions of the country are declared ODF. The aim of celebrating Gandhi Jayanti as the

International Day of non-violence is to distribute Bapu’s philosophy, believe in non-violence, principle, etc. all over the world. It is celebrated through theme based proper activities in order to enhance the public awareness worldwide. To support this day RISE children celebrated it in their own ways. As the whole world is practising social distancing, thus, RISE children dressed up like Mahatma Gandhi Ji came into the communities and told the community people to follow all the norms that support social distancing. Children also told everyone to keep their surroundings clean as it’s the time of COVID in the whole world. So just to keep everyone informed & aware children took the stand and educated all the people about health, hygiene & sanitation. RISE students AROH Foundation organized Cleanliness Drive under *Swachh Bharat Swasth*

Even RISE educators engaged themselves in awareness drive. They informed the community people about Mahatma Gandhi & unforgettable contributions and struggle for the freedom of India by him.



Mental Health Day

For RISE-AROH every event & its celebration is important to celebrate but with the theme, “**Mental health in an unequal world**” Mental Health Day 2021 became the most important one yet. The months of lockdown and loss have had a huge impact on us all, and prioritising mental health has never been more important than it is now. That’s why this year RISE students decided to bring everyone together to mark the day by each doing one thing for better mental health. Making positive change can seem so hard, especially during uncertain times. AROH has a responsibility to children’s health and wellbeing — including their mental health and psychosocial wellbeing — and to support parents and caregivers as they, in turn, support children and young people. AROH-RISE Educators acted to gather and mobilize public and private resources to support the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of the world’s most vulnerable children and young people at this extraordinary time. RISE educators continuously kept themselves in contact with their students and their parents, solving their educational & life problems. They made students’ routine learning at home and helping them engaged into indoor & a bit into outdoor activities. Educators are even performing YOGASANAS with their students to help them get rid from anxiety, stress and anger.



Niha, a proud teacher



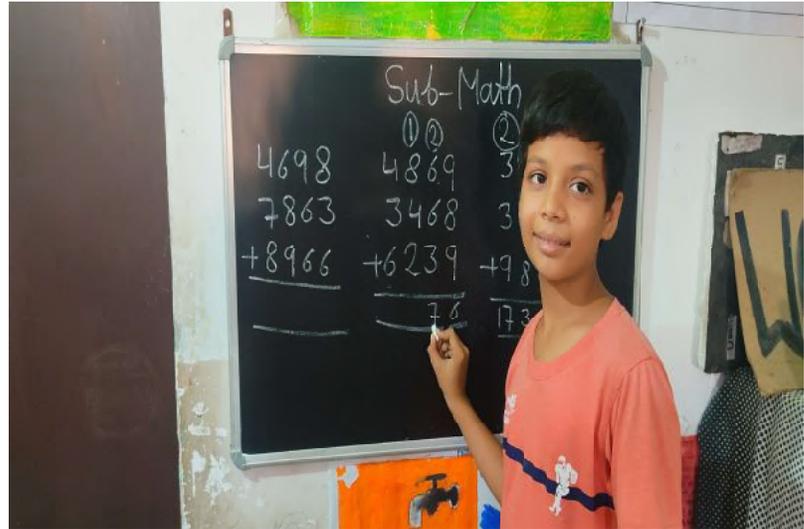
Niha Sharma, 22 yrs. is one of the educators in RISE is a dynamic and soft spoken personality. She is a Graduate and has a strong passion towards teaching profession. She had a dream to do something in life and simultaneously work towards her passion, but was not getting chance to fulfil that. Trying to explore all possible opportunities in the same line, she was encouraged by her parents & introduced to RISE by Mr Sujeet Chauhan, RISE Field Supervisor. Niha is working very hard since past many years and has

developed her personality way lot. At present, she has 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. She herself has grown a lot as a person. From a shy girl 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.*”

Shubham ...

Courage is the quality that best defines the story of Shubham's family that won against all odds. Shubham Gupta a 10 years old boy, undeterred by challenges of life, his parents pulled their kids from village & admitted together with AROH-RISE to help them receive education. Shubham's father works extremely hard as a labour. He doubles up his duties to provide best lives to his kids. When Shubham sees his mother working this hard he gears up to study more carefully and courageously.



Shubham is currently studying in Class 5th in Government Boys' school of Delhi. Over the years, he has become a brilliant boy in terms of Education & personal development. His brothers also studied in RISE. With the dream of becoming a successful Lawyer in his future, Shubham is working hard on himself. He does exactly whatever his teacher, Mrs Shobha says. He even comes up with more & more questions until & unless he clears his every thought. Shubham is the brightest student of the class. Every time when Shubham's parents know about their son, they're filled with so much of gratitude and thank AROH Foundation for the goodness & brightness in Shubham's 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.