

World Children's Day Celebration

Cheerful activities with children by Partner NGOs of
Rajasthan Bal Adhikar Sanrkshan Sajha Abhiyan
(RBASSA)

20th November 2024

At State Resource Centre, Jaipur



Listen to the Future...

Introduction

National Children's Day in India is celebrated on November 14, the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. World Children's Day is celebrated on November 20th to mark the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 by the United Nations General Assembly and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

Thus, Children's Week is celebrated to raise awareness about the rights, education, the welfare of children, and to reflect on the progress and challenges children face.

World Children's Day celebration at Jaipur

The week's celebration was completed with state level workshop on World Children's Day on 20th November. The day is celebrated to promote international togetherness, raise awareness among children worldwide, and improve children's welfare globally.

A one-day workshop was organized by Rajasthan Bal Adhikar Sanrkshan Sajha Abhiyan (RBASSA), DASHAM in association with UNICEF at State Resource Centre, Jaipur on 20th November 2024. The objective was to provide an enabling environment for the children to articulate their ideas and their future.

A total of 86 people including 62 adolescents and 24 adult representatives from 13 partner NGOs participated from Bikaner, Karauli, Kekri, Tonk, and Jaipur districts.



Proceedings

Welcome and Briefing

Mr. Vijay Goyal, Resource Institute for Human Rights (RIHR) welcomed all the participants and thanked all NGOs for ensuring the adolescent's representation. Further, he motivated the participants to share the significance of World Children's Day. He also updated them on the week-long celebration by the network NGOs at the local level and drawings created by children from different districts.



Introduction

The young leaders, Ms. Pallavi Sharma, Consultant, Ms. Yuthika Chatterjee, and Ms. Mahisha Bairwa from RIHR facilitated the entire workshop.

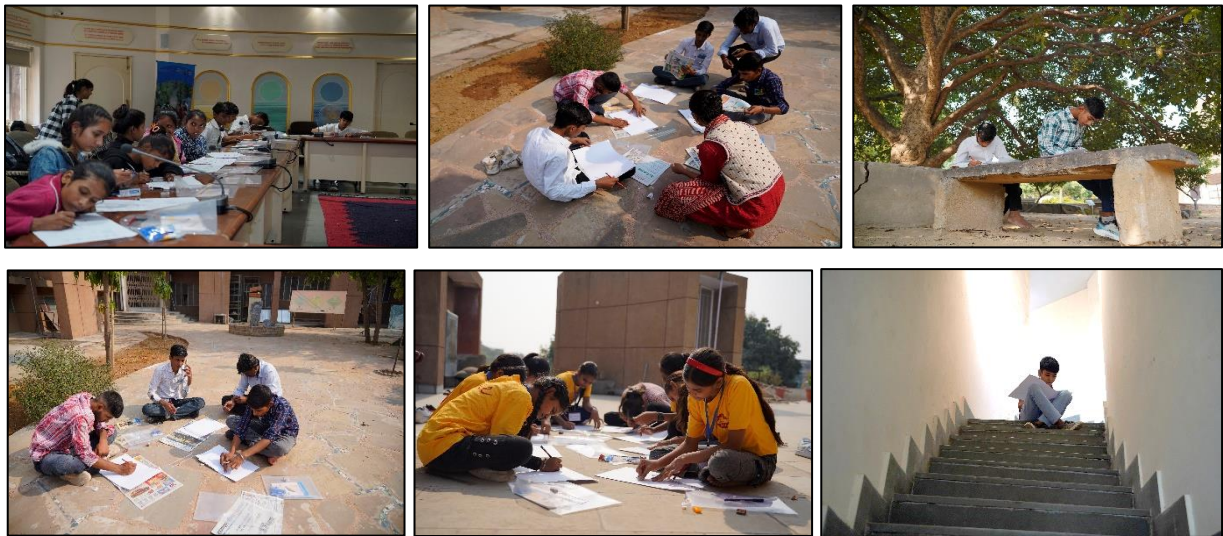
The participants were encouraged to introduce themselves by name and with an adjective depicting their personality. The adolescents found it interesting and receptively expressed change-maker, good listener, good, innocent, great, smart, nice, mischievous, cute, active, playful, confident, irritated, smiling, positive, twinkle, etc as their characters.



Illustrating and Presenting Dreamhouse

The theme of World Children's Day 2024 is to listen to the future, encourage their right to self-expression, understand their ideas for a better world, and include their priorities in our actions today.

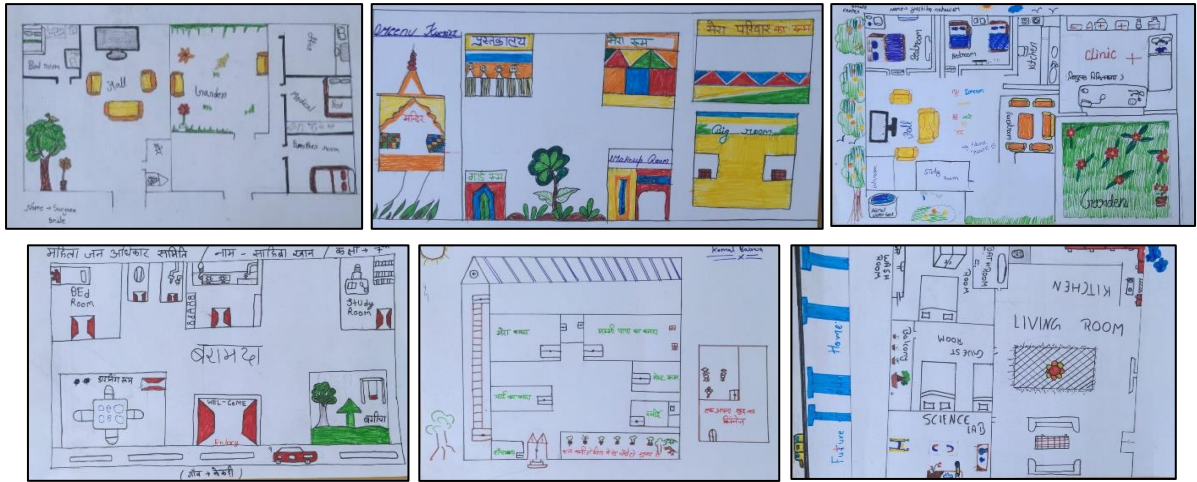
Therefore, to engage participants in creative activity and explore their future, they were encouraged to draw their dream house on the provided drawing sheet and sketch pen set. They were given sufficient time and liberty to utilize any location of the venue including a room, garden, open space, conference hall, etc for expressing their dream without interference.



Post completing their drawings the participants were collected in the conference hall, where each one of them was provided with a small chit mentioning the names of things generally available in the houses. They need to read the names of things loudly and raise their hands to those drawn in their drawings. It was observed that the majority of them drew human figures, gardens, trees, beds, walls, doors, windows, kitchens, and rooms in their dream houses.

Further, the participants were encouraged to present and describe their beautifully sketched & coloured houses along with their dream careers. The future chosen professions encompass civil service, entrepreneur, police, teacher, lawyer, doctor, Korean-pop idol, chef, air hostess, aeronautical engineer, farmer, politician, soldier, nurse, etc.





The activity helped them to articulate their thoughts, ideas, and future in an innovative way and enhanced their confidence to present it to the larger group.

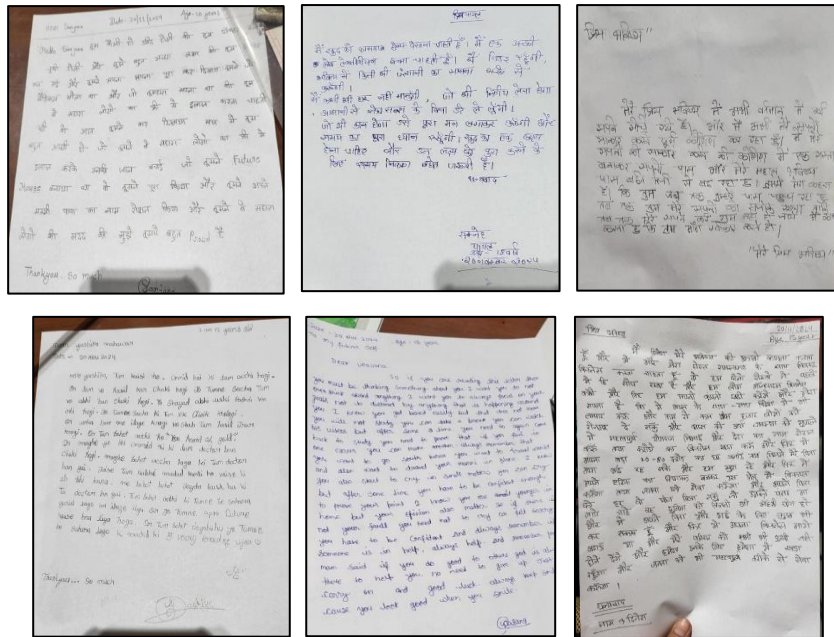
Writing a Letter to Future Self

Taking one more step toward their future life, the participants were provoked to write down a personal letter addressing themselves narrating their future position in context to their career and family in the language of their choice.

They were instructed to take the letter along with them and read it at regular intervals as a reminder of their plan and future.

It was observed that the letters written by the participants to self highlighted the culture of joint family, their family, own house, career of serving the country, business for providing livelihood, professions for supporting and uplifting the lives of needy and underprivileged people, curbing corruption through civil service and politics, etc.

The activity was helpful to make them think deeply about their future life, and heading to achieve their dreams.



Toward the end, the participation certificates were distributed to all the participants by accepting a unique method of facilitation of one adolescent by another. They found the method very interesting as it raised their confidence and responsibility.



Conclusion

This was the one it's kind of workshop that was led, managed, and participated by young people without the intervention and expertise of the seniors and representatives of the organizations.

Depicting personal feelings through drawing, portraying personal dreams on paper, and illustrating their dream house were unique experiences for the participants. The ice breakers and creative games such as body banding exercise, counting till 20 game, action song,



command based funny physical activity helped in creating bonding among participants, formulating a more energetic and vibrant environment.

At the end of the workshop, the participants shared that they got equal chances to express their views without biases and intervention. They appreciated the forum as got to make new friends representing different geographies of the state. Also promised to continue their journey towards achieving their dreams and plans.

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