



Say No to Crackers Campaign- A Social Club Activity

Topic :	“Say No To Crackers Campaign”
Date of event :	15 Oct- 30 Oct, 2011
Description of the Event :	<p>Crackers hold a fascination for both young and old alike. Despite a growing anti-cracker campaign, there is no dip in its popularity. When the rocket flies high and burst opens into an umbrella of colorful embers, people from the ground watch this spectacular in awe, the beauty raining down towards them. The children quickly light up a fire wheel which dances on the floor, just as a couple of noisy bombs go off in the background. Every year Diwali arrives in all its sound and sparkle.</p> <p>This event aimed at helping ourselves and others understand the hazards of the boisterous celebrations of Diwali and the threat it poses to our environment.</p>
Event Report in brief:	<p>RDIAS students and staff members participated wholeheartedly and enthusiastically in this awareness campaign by making posters and placing messages on face book- a Social Networking Website.</p> <p>“Crackers spread pollution.... not love and harmony”</p> <p>Crackers are a source of highly toxic chemical air pollutants. Besides air pollution there are other ethical reasons for not using crackers. Thousands of children are employed in the manufacture of crackers. This violates the rights of the children – they should be in school, not exposing themselves to severe health hazards while making crackers.</p> <p>Additionally, air pollution and smog is extremely common at night and on</p>

the morning after Diwali, and may be harmful to inhale and causes difficulty for drivers through reduced visibility.

The Social club members had discussed issues related to fire-crackers with the students, such as:

- The air and noise pollution caused by fire-crackers
- The advantages of banning fire-crackers
- The problems in banning the use of fire-crackers
- Recruiting volunteers from each class to make posters for their own class – this is likely to evoke greater participation and therefore greater commitment from more students

We hope that this way our effort, small yet assertive, shall contribute towards reducing crackers to some extent.