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Dear Friends,

We're happy to share our newsletter for the months of August & September 2019. 410 children were sensitised on "Safe and Unsafe Touch" by Butterflies Childline team. Delhi Child Rights Club and National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi followed by a Consultation on Sexual Violence against Boys. This year the Gerry Pinto Memorial Lecture broke the silence on sexual abuse of boys. All this & more in this issue.

Thank you, for being a friend, an ally in this journey towards changing children's lives. We really appreciate you taking the time to read our newsletter.



### Butterflies CHILDLINE

**Seven sensitisation sessions** were held with 410 children of Guru Nanak School and Deepalaya Learning Center on "Safe and Unsafe Touch" which was followed by an audio video sensitization session on CHILDLINE which included briefing children on child sexual abuse and the work of CHILDLINE.

CHILDLINE team participated in a workshop organized by World Vision with almost 55 community members of Madanpur Khadar village, Delhi. CHILDLINE staff took sessions on the Institutions working for the protection of children like Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Delhi Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) and National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

Butterflies Railway CHILDLINE team celebrated Independence Day with almost 100 children of a government school on 14th August 2019.

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### Alliance

#### *Delhi Child Rights Club and National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs*

**Consultation on Sexual Violence against Boys: Prevention Action Programme:** On 30th September 2019, 14 members of National Alliance of Grassroots NGO's (NAGN) from 7 different states and 1 union territory participated in a consultation on Sexual Violence against Boys: Prevention Action Programme. An action plan was prepared to carry a study on the relevant topic for a period of three years with a targeted number of 5000 children in the 7 states and 1 union territory

**Media Training for DCRC children** - On 9th August 2019, a Media Training was organized in which 60 children from 13 organizations participated. The session was conducted by Mr. J B Oli, Head of Programmes, Butterflies and Melissa and Francely, volunteers from Baruch College, USA.

**Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi** – As part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, children from Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) were shown the movie 'Gandhi' at Jawahar Bhawan, New Delhi. This was followed by a two day workshop with adult facilitators of DCRC on Gandhi's teachings and principles and ways to incorporate it with our work with children. The workshop was conducted by Professor Apoorva Anand Jha of Delhi University.



### Street Education Programme

On 14th August 2019, the Automotive Parts Merchant Association (APMA) of Kashmere Gate and Butterflies together celebrated pre-independence day. Almost 40 children along with 10 staff from Butterflies participated in the event graced by Ms. Alka Lamba (member of the legislative assembly) who was the chief guest of the function. Mr. Vijay Narang (President of APMA, Kashmere Gate) applauded the work of Butterflies and appreciated the long relationship of Butterflies with APMA. All children and staff were served lunch and were also given gifts by APMA.

The much awaited event for children, the monthly cultural evening themed on Indian festivals & Gandhi Ji was held on 27th August 2019. The event witnessed almost 200 children excitedly participating and presenting 18 colorful performances ranging from dramas to dance performances to poetry recitation. All children were rewarded for their participation and performances.

A football tournament was organised between 19th and 20th August 2019 in which a total of 8 teams from 6 contact points participated.



### Gerry Pinto Memorial Lecture Series- First Call for Children Maiden research breaks the silence on sexual abuse of boys

As part of its advocacy efforts, Butterflies has been organizing Annual Lectures for practitioners, academicians, research scholars and policy makers, on pertinent social issues that impact the lives of children. This year the Gerry Pinto Memorial Annual Lecture was organised as part of the campaign United for Boys, on 30 September 2019 at India International Centre, New Delhi. Breaking the silence on sexual abuse of boys the event shared the findings of a study titled "Exploring Experiences and Perspectives of Boys in the Context of Masculinities and Sexuality" with an objective to initiate public discourse on the issue-'Sexual violence against boys'.

Along with our key speaker- Dr. Ravi Verma (Regional Director-Asia, International Center for Research on Women) we explored and understood how the dominant notions on childhood, gender, masculinity and sexuality perpetuate sexual violence affecting boys, increase the vulnerability of boys to sexual violence, and contribute to under reporting. This 14th Annual Lecture also highlighted the need for more gender-inclusive recovery services, effective sex education, revised laws, and changes to the cultural and social norms around gender and sexual violence. The photos of the event can be viewed [here](#)-



### Butterflies in Uttarakhand

2 parents meeting were held in Haldwani (Nainital) and (Udham Singh Nagar) sensitizing almost 215 parents on their roles and responsibilities towards their children, Butterflies education programme and the government schemes.

4 school visits were organized in Dehradun and Haridwar in order to check the progress of children enrolled in these schools and get a feedback from their teachers.

Monthly progress workshops were held in all 4 districts (Nainital, Udham Singh Nagar, Dehradun & Haridwar) with 710 children.

The Nainital District coordinator Mr. Naveen Pant and his colleagues visited Butterflies center at Haldwani and applauded Butterflies work with street children.

**165 children in crisis situations were rescued by Butterflies CHILDLINE**

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