

Learning to Fly

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### Children's Cooperatives

From June 27 to 30, Butterflies convened its annual National Workshop on Children's Cooperatives, the Children's Development Khazana (CDK) and the Child Health and Sports Cooperative (CHSC). Participants included 80 children and staff liaisons (Focal Persons) of associate organisations (members of National Alliance of Grassroots NGOs) from seven Indian states and Delhi, representing the 7,034 CDK and CHSC child members. This 3-day workshop is critical to the skill-building, strategic planning, and knowledge-sharing that fosters continuous improvement in the cooperatives, for which Butterflies received



### Butterflies Broadcasting Children

*(India's first radio show by children)*

In May Butterflies ran an intensive 2-day workshop to train its Delhi-based child journalists along with the staff liaison (focal person) and two children from associate NGOs in several Indian states. This expanded the cadre of child reporters from urban and rural areas offering a wider perspective on issues.

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[Click here to view their photos](#)



### Butterflies School of Culinary and Catering

*India's first catering institute for street connected teenagers and young persons*

- Chefs from the PUSA Institute of Hotel Management continue to offer the trainees both theoretical and hands-on sessions. Recent modules focused on egg, salad, and sweet preparations from basics, e.g. Poached Egg and classical Indian sweets like Gulab Jamun to variations with international appeal such as French omelette and Greek and Russian salad.

- To shore up trainees' management skills, the Butterflies' mental health team ran a workshop entitled workshop on "Communication and Time Management."

- On the occasion of India's 75th Independence Day, students of BSCC prepared tricolor inspired dishes. [Click here](#) to view the photos of their colourful sumptuous delights.



### Street Education

- After a long gap of 2 years Butterflies organised a cultural afternoon programme, with more than 200 children performing skits, folk dances and dramas.

- Presentation Convent School invited students from Butterflies' contact points to participate in their cultural programme again featuring original skits and theatrical performance.

- Butterflies' students were treated to an excursion to the Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand where Butterflies runs mobile education schools with the state government.

- Students from Kashmere Gate (one of 8 contact points where children study after school) scored more than 90% in their school board examinations.



### Child Protection and Mental Health

After media promotion of its research report *Breaking the Silence on Sexual Violence Against Boys* on Blue Umbrella Day last April, Butterflies ran a series of follow-up sensitization sessions with boys from government-aided schools, Butterflies' contact points, and associate NGOs. The purpose: to create and strengthen a healthy, positive view of masculinity.

Focus group discussions gave boys an open, non-judgmental platform to express themselves freely, to unravel their perspectives on masculinity, and to understand the kind of role models they must seek in their lives. Workshop content featured frank discussion on forms of child sexual abuse including



## Alliance

### Stronger, Together

- On 31st May 2022, the Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) held a meeting "Prevention & Precaution from Summer Illness", as part of its Summer Camp. This engaged the participation of 288 children from 15 DCRC member organisations. The youth participants decided to 'play it forward' and reprise this health education unit for both children and adults back in their local community or colony.
- Three members of National Alliance of grassroot NGOs from Kashmir, Bihar & Gujarat conducted two Focused Group Discussions with boys on the topic "Building positive perspectives on masculinity among boys".
- On 5TH June, the child members of Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) celebrated World Environment Day on the theme Only One Earth. A total of 383 children from 17 DCRC member organizations participated. This collective observance included a drawing, painting, poetry, story and essay writing competition on 'green' themes and the planting of saplings in local centres and communities. The children amplified their actions back in their neighborhoods by campaigning for less plastic use, more recycling, and growing vegetables even in the limited space available in congested urban areas.
- On 23rd June the Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) organised a session for 82 children with Sanjeev Gupta, a career mentor and life coach. His motivational talk focused on self-knowledge to assess one's own strengths and weaknesses accurately. He stressed that young people should begin now to think realistically about the careers that interest them.
- On July 27th the Delhi Child Rights Club (DCRC) hosted an online session commemorating 75 years of independence to engage youth in advance of the official observance on August 15.



## Butterflies CHILDLINE

Butterflies CHILDLINE marked the occasion of the World Day against Child Labour with a series of public education programmes in markets and transit hubs to highlight labour trafficking. Beyond promoting CHILDLINE's emergency toll-free helpline number, the staff provided the assistance to the children they rescued after tips to the 24/7 hotline. This ranges from lodging formal legal complaints against traffickers and providing short-stay services in the Resilience Centre to tracking the trafficked children's family.

*Butterflies CHILDLINE rescued 26 children from child labour and one girl from child marriage from May-August.*

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