



Learning to Fly

The E-newsletter of Butterflies Organization

Butterflies in Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign at Car Nicobar

Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign was organized by Public Information Bureau, Government of India in Car Nicobar at Bishop John Richardson stadium, Tamaloo to spread the awareness on development activities of government. Butterflies was the only NGO that had participated in this campaign to generate awareness on 'Child rights'. Butterflies placed a stall to exhibit the programme activity being done in Andaman & Nicobar Islands since post Tsunami. We also gener-

ated awareness on Child rights and demerits of substance use among children, parent, teachers and general public by displaying banners, distributing pamphlet and video shows. The dignitaries who visited our stall were the Lt. Governor, Lt. General (Retd) Bhopinder Singh, Shri. Manoranjan Bhakta, MP, Shri. T. Sreekanth, DC, Nicobar, Smt. Kesar Meshram, member, IIPA, Nagpur, Shri. Jaiswal, Senior Media & Communication officer, PIB, Shri. A. Cephas Jack, Deputy Vice Chairman, Tribal

Council, Shri Chamberlain, Vice Chairman, Tribal Council and members from various departments appreciated this endeavor. Around 250 children and 450 community members visited our stall and appreciated this effort



"A butterfly is one of nature's most beautiful creatures and so is a child. The butterfly flits from flower to flower for its sustenance. Our children move constantly for their livelihood. Butterflies have very short lives; street children have very brief childhoods"...

Rita Panicker,
Director,
Butterflies

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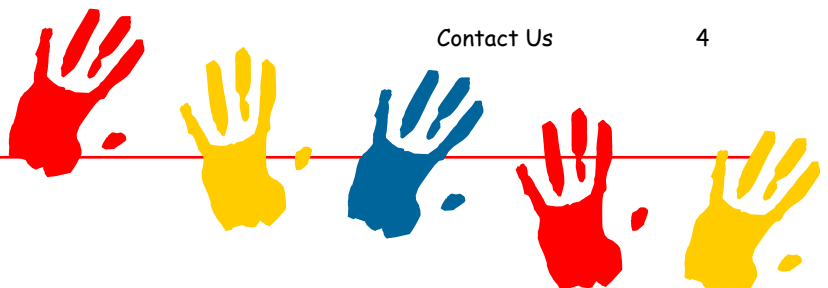
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Taare Zameen Par for Taare Sadak Par

A show of the movie Taare Zameen Par was organized on 31st January at Delite Cinema for Street and Working Children associated with Butterflies. The show was sponsored by Mr. Anup Kalra and his colleagues at Kotak Securities, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

215 children had a wonderful & memorable evening to remember. Before the movie started, children were thrilled; they were laughing, singing, and jumping as they queued up to enter the auditorium, unable to hide their excitement of watching a movie on the

big screen. The children who attended the show are part of Butterflies' programmes on Education, Health, CDB, Health Post, and Vocational Training Community Kitchen.



Annual Lecture Series: First Call for Children

The Fifth Annual lecture series called the First Call for Children was held on the theme 'Media and Children', at the India International Centre on the 17th March 2008. The key note speaker was Suhas Borker, a documentary film maker and a social activist. The other speakers were Mrs Stuti Narain Kacker, Jt Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mr. Sanjeev Srivastava, Editor Hindi, BBC, Delhi, Akhila Sivadas, Executive Director, Centre for Ad-



vocacy and Research, Mr. Praveen Swami Assistant Editor, Frontline and Mr. Shivjeet Kullar, Founder Ad agency K-

Factor. Mr. Gerry Pinto, Specialist Child Rights and Child Protection chaired the Session.

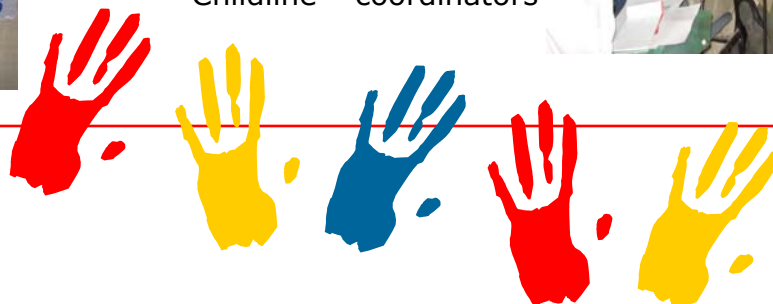
The discussions highlighted that there is a need for coalition of concerned citizens for children which should develop a code of conduct for the media with regard to children. While media exists in an increasingly commercial scenario it is also important for us to remember our responsibility towards society and our children.

National Initiative for Child Protection (NICP) Trainings

A one-day workshop was organized for Delhi Police juvenile police officers to make them more aware about cases and issues related to children, child rights, and the provisions under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2006.

The workshop was organized with support from the Joint Commissioner Police (Trainings) Mr. P.N. Aggarwal. DCP Mr. Anil Shukla, Addl DCP Mr. Narendra Singh Bundela, Ms. Victoria Rialp Head Child Protection Section UNICEF India Country Office, Dr. Savita Bhakhry Joint Director NIPCCD, Mr. Gerry Pinto Specialist Child Rights and Child Protection, Ms. Rita Panicker, Director Butterflies, and Mr. Hasan Nawas Khan City Coordinator Delhi Childline addressed 60 Police officers and 5 Childline coordinators

Salaam Baalak Trust Prayaas, Delhi Brotherhood Society, Don Bosco Ashalayam and Butterflies who attended the workshop.



Island Level Consultation for PRI members on Child Rights and Child Protection

Three consultations, one in South Andaman and two in Little Andaman, were organized in January with PRI members on the issue of Child Rights' and 'Child Protection'. The consultations were organized with the objective to share the strategies being followed by the different panchayats on child rights and child protection issues in their respective constituencies, to review how far

Forty two members participated of which 22 were PRI members from seven panchayats of South Andaman namely Mithakhari, Tushnabad, Mannarghat, Chouldari, Brjgunj and Bambooflat. The whole session was facilitated and moderated by Mr. Sharbendu, Programme Manager, Butterflies and

Mr. Mihir Mohanty, Programme Co-ordinator, Save the Children.



Butterflies Mobile Education Programme

"I finish my household chores well in advance and eagerly wait for my school", Babli, 14 years, Applies Henna/Mehendi, Kalkaji, New Delhi

Two mobile educational vans have been launched known as the Mobile Learning Centre/Chalta Firta School and Mobile Education Resource Centre (MERC) / Chalo School Aaya by the Department of Education Delhi Government and HSBC Bank respectively. The objective is to take education to those deprived children who are living on streets, railway stations, bus stands, construction sites, etc. The Mobile Learning Centre (MLC) has been launched, with the aim that **'If the Children cannot come to the school, let us take this school to them'**. In an excellent example of public-private partnership the government has partnered with Butterflies and Salaam Baalak Trust as the implementation partners for the project, and UNICEF and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan have provided the education material inside the bus.

The mobile school has been especially equipped with latest technology, like the audio-visual equipment and a complete range of educational material. The material teaches a child in an easy unconventional manner, and encourages him/her to return when the mobile school visits his/her area again. Butterflies has also added multilingual, bi-lingual educational books and toys to promote plurality of our country. It also has educational toys like blocks and flash cards to teach mathematics, alphabets, sentence making in a child friendly manner. Since, its launch in 10th February 2008, the MLC has been successful in mobilizing the community and spreading awareness; generating interest amongst the children; conducting interactive educational sessions, yoga and physical training with children and encouraging children's participation. MERC also acts as Mobile Bank for the children who are member of CDB.



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Butterflies and the children thank you and all our friends and well-wishers.

We invite your feedback, opinions and suggestions on any of the issue raised in this newsletter.

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