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Brand new...s

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The **MAY Chitchat**, e-newsletter of the **Children's Development Khazana** is here



The **Children's Development Khazana** (CDK) is a lifeskills education programme that emphasizes on financial management and Democratic participation amongst children. CDK teaches in its members the art of budgeting, prioritizing their needs and also inculcates in them habit of saving.

Started by Butterflies Programme with Street and Working Children in Delhi, India in the year 2001, CDK has now reached **12,000** active members through 132 Branches across South Asia, managed by Children with support from Adult Facilitators.

Butterflies is the International Secretariat anchoring the project in India and other countries - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Our mascot, Appu, the baby elephant with magical powers to fly over oceans and mountains, this time has been collecting stories from Delhi, Mumbai, Bihar and Srilanka !!

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India

### Mumbai Cricket League



In an effort to involve more children in CDK, our newest CDK partner in Mumbai, Hamara Foundation organized Mumbai Cricket League on 23<sup>rd</sup> June at YMCA grounds near Mumbai Central. A very innovative concept, the match was open for street and working children between the age of 9 to 16 years and surely gave them a chance to forget their work for a while and play to their heart's



desire. It also gave the organization a good platform to create awareness about their programme to a greater audience.

Lunch was provided to all the 104 participants who played in 8 teams comprising of 13 players. Trophies were given to the winning team, first and second runner up while the Best man, best bowler and best catcher each got a T-shirt.

A fun event, it was enjoyed by all and gave children a chance to be children again !!



Prof. Asha Rane, Director, Hamara Foundation giving away the awards

### Let's Make a Difference : Ska for a Cause



Ska Vengers rocked the evening !

On 18<sup>th</sup> May, Thomas Heitz a German intern with Butterflies organized a benefit concert called "Lets make a Difference – Ska for a Cause". Hosted at the German Embassy the concert was Thomas's attempt to create awareness about the cause of street and working children to a wider audience and at the same time also raise funds for Butterflies.

A rocking evening, it saw the performance of Ska Vengers, a Delhi based Ska /Rocksteady/ Reggae band formed in October



Performance by Butterflies dance group!



Boys from Butterflies School of Food Preparation and Catering

2009 and Reggae Rajahs, a DJ collective that came together for their love of reggae music on the eve of Bob Marley's 64th Birthday on 5th Feb 2009. The evening also saw the performance of Butterflies dance group who enthralled the audience and left them asking for more !!

Lip smacking snacks were prepared and served by the boys of Butterflies School of Food Preparation and Catering.

*On the whole it was great fun filled evening which led to people enjoying different flavours of life !!*

## **Hindustan Times covers Butterflies !!**

Hindustan Times Delhi and Mumbai recently covered the visit of Abhay Deol, a popular Bollywood actor, to Butterflies wherein he opened his CDK account in the Fatehpuri Night Shelter branch. For the entire article, please click on the link below:

<http://epaper.hindustantimes.com/PUBLICATIONS/HT/HD/2011/05/27/ArticleHtmls/Abhay-banks-with-street-kids-27052011112004.shtml?Mode=1>



## **New branches... ( Mumbai , Kakh Bandh – Orissa)**

In the current month, a new branch was opened for children residing in Haji Ali, a very popular tourist place in Mumbai. These children support their families in selling decorative as well religious items and receive a small token as pocket money. Realizing the importance of managing their finances through CDK, it is this money that children save in their Khazana.

Although new, the Khazana has been accepted very well by the children in Mumbai and at present has 90 members (22 girls and 68 boys) with a savings of 7295 INR.



Future Managers of Mayurbhanj !

Children representing tribal and villages communities of Kakh Bandh - Orissa came together to receive training on starting a CDK, they shall soon start branches in four villages in Mayurbhanj district of Orissa. Each of the branches will have atleast 15 members and most children have gone to school till the class 5, they have subsequently dropped out as the



nearest middle / high school is located more than 5 kilometers away. All kids work in fields and on an average working day earn 30 Rupees, such employment is possible only during the monsoons and harvest seasons, they remain unemployed for more than 200 days in an year. Unnayan<sup>1</sup> works actively in bringing these children back to schools by providing their parents with alternate livelihood practices which ensures year around income. CDK is seen as a program which promotes financial literacy and adds value to the school education.



Learning the process of maintaining Books of Account!

## Jewellery Designers in the Making ....



Dr. Shailaja sharing the art of making earrings!!

Around 30 CDK members from Delhi actively participated in the Jewellery making workshop organized by Butterflies on 13<sup>th</sup> May in their office at Green Park. Dr. Shailaja Chennat and Ms. Toolika Wadhwa from University of Delhi were the resource people and taught children the art of making earrings out of beads and ceramic stones.

The workshop gave children a platform to learn a skill and at the same it also led them to showcase their creativity as many came out with very beautiful designer pieces which they later gifted to their mothers, sisters and some even to Butterflies staff. Lunch was organized and provided by the boys of Butterflies School of Food Preparation and Catering.



Ms. Wadhwa explaining the nitty grittyies !



Kajal from Sadar Bazaar showing her creation !

It was great to see children experimenting, playing with beads, making, remaking and enjoying themselves to the maximum.

<sup>1</sup> CDK associate NGO from Mayurbhanj, Orissa.



## Sports Carnival in Bihar...

On the occasion of Bihar Day, CDK associate NGO Mahila Development Centre in Muzaffarpur, Bihar organized a sports carnival which saw the participation of 200 CDK members from different branches in the city as well as in the villages. Open for adolescents between the age of 14 and 17 years, 100 mtr., 200 mtr. and 400 mtr. races were organized along with 800 and 1500 mtr. races. Apart from races, Short Put, High Jump, were also organized.



Now that looks like a winning jump !!



Chief Guests for the event!

Colonel Amit Kumar from National Cadet Corps and Dr. Kumari Jyotsana, Deputy Director, Nehru Yuva Kendra and representatives from Press Trust of India, Mr. Rajeshwar Prasad and Dr. Vikas Narayan Upadhyay graced the occasion and gave awards to the first, second and third position holders.

## CDK Award



With the objective to celebrate the efforts of CDK members to take CDK forward in their respective areas, the Delhi chapter of the Khazana in the current month constituted a Rolling CDK Award which would be given during Butterflies Cultural Evening organized on a monthly basis.

This month CDK members from Chandni Chowk were awarded for their efforts to bring new children into the fold of the Khazana. Meetings were organized regularly, minutes of the meetings were maintained, account books were kept properly and the educator was also using CDK lesson plans while conducting education classes.



Sri Lanka

### Sinhala/Tamil New Year Celebrations



Girls at Tug of War !!

On the occasion of Sinhala/Tamil New Year, CDK members of Mugunamalle branch in Balangoda, Srilanka came together and organized a day of festivity that included games, dance, songs and poetry recital. The objective was to promote solidarity and sportsmanship amongst children and also provide space for children to display their talent. Some of

the games played were musical chairs, sack race, passing the hat, balloon game, Tug of war, spoon race, walking on a slippery tree and many more,



Enjoying the Balloon Game !!



Adults during the Coconut scraping game!!

Parents too had a wonderful time as some events were also organized for them. These included scraping coconut, weaving coconut leaves, tug of war and "Blind man/woman hitting the pot" event.

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