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Dear Friends,

This is a very special issue of **C-H-I-T-C-H-A-T**.

It goes out to a very special person who has been a source of inspiration for most of us, a wonderful human being with a beautiful soul.

It goes out to a man who was always full of life, ideas and an unending sense of humour.

This special issue is dedicated to **Mr. Gerry Pinto**, who was an institution in himself when it came to Child Rights and had devoted his life for the welfare of children. After devoting 20 years to **UNICEF**, Mr. Pinto joined Butterflies in 2005 as an **Advisor**.

On 30th April, Butterflies celebrated his birthday the way he would have wanted i.e. with **250 children** from 12 NGOs of **Delhi Child Right Club**¹.

The activities during the day gave enough space for children to **express themselves** and the objective was to **LISTEN** what the **CHILDREN** have to **SAY** to **ADULTS**!

This issue of **C-H-I-T-C-H-A-T**² captures this day, which, from now on would be celebrated every year as **Child Rights Day** !

¹ A forum of children from 13 NGOs in Delhi which ensures that children's rights are protected and promoted. Their main focus is to make the city safe and child friendly. This forum was initiated by Mr. Gerry Pinto in 1998.

² The name CHITCHAT was also suggested by Mr. Pinto and was instantly liked by all as it befitted CDK completely.



If I am a Magician....

The day started with essay writing competition on the topic *"If I am a Magician"*. On the basis of age our children were divided into two groups- Group A comprised of children from 8-12 years of age while Group B included children from 13 -17 years.

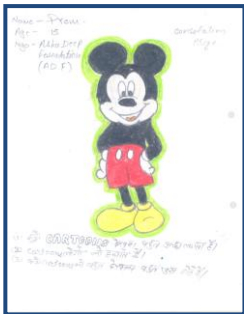
A beautiful topic and it was great to know the opinion of children who if given a magic wand wanted to create a greener world wherein every child has equal rights to education, health and also have a right to express themselves.

If only the adults could think like children!

They wished for a world which gives every child opportunities to grow into productive members of the society, a world where the basic needs like food and clothes are provided for, where every child has a right to play and is not denied entrance to any park, a world wherein there is no concept of child marriage and no child commits suicide...

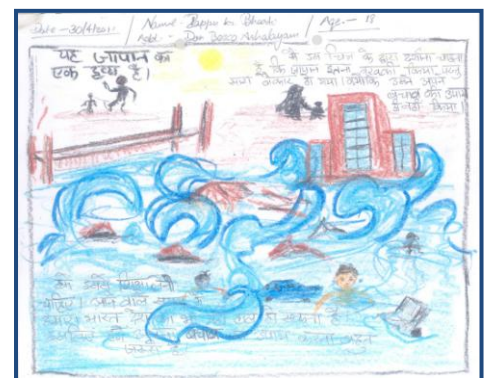
In Group A, 12 year old Chanda and Namrata from Ashadeep Foundation won the First and Third prize respectively while Farukh from Delhi Brotherhood Society won the second prize.

Let's Paint.....



The next task was to artistically express issues/concern that affects children the most. Children were also asked to sketch their favorites which led to 15 year old Prem from Ashadeep Foundation drawing the most adored iconic cartoon character Mickey Mouse which got him a consolation prize.

Through her painting, 13 year old Rubina from Delhi Brotherhood Society, emphasized on the right of children to **education** and to **play** while 17 year old Pappu Kr. Bharti from Don Bosco Ashalayam drew a scene of Tsunami hit Japan.





Realizing and understanding the harmful effects of Global Warming, 13 year old Dilip Kumar from Navjyoti India Foundation drew an **“Earth on Fire”** which got him a consolation prize.. The same concept was taken up by 16 year old Nitu Pandey from CASP Delhi. Both the paintings showed the harmful effects of industrialization, pollution and deforestation. 14 year old Sunita from YWCA, UDP won the first prize as she showed two sides of the Earth-“Happy and Sad” and left it on the readers to decide which one to opt !



Quiz Wiz !



To test children’s knowledge on health, sports and Child Rights, a quiz was organized which saw the participation of 2 children from every NGO.

With great confidence children answered the questions addressed to them and the activity also showed their skills to work as a team. YWCA won the first prize while Ashadeep Foundation got the second prize. Third prize went to Butterflies.

Kite Flying !

This was the highlight of the day and it was an absolute delight to see everyone enjoying

themselves. There were some children who were flying kites very professionally, while some were struggling and making an effort, there were few young boys who were running with it just so it stays in the air.....☺ . These boys were as big as the kite and it was for the first time they had/ were flying their own kite.....little pleasures in life for some are so extremely difficult to achieve !

This activity saw equal participation of boys and girls and in the end it was Angaja Foundation who won the first prize while second and third went to Deepalaya and Don Bosco Ashalayam respectively.





BSFPC³ served lunch to all !

The adolescents associated with Butterflies School of Food Preparation and Catering (BSFPC) served lip smacking food to all the participants. Enjoyed by all, the participants could be seen asking for more...☺.

The meal ended with the children getting one of their favourite sweet, Kheer (Rice pudding).



Prize Giving !!



The day ended with prizes -I, II and III given out to participants from both the age groups - Group A that comprised of children from 8-12 years of age and Group B included children from 13 -17 years.



Prizes were given by Mr. Vilas Khopkar, Vice Chairperson of Butterflies Governing Board.

Mr. Khopkar has worked with UNICEF for 20 years as a Communication Project Officer in New York Office.

On the whole, it was a wonderful day and was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults.

³ Butterflies School of Food Preparation and Catering is a vocational training institute that provides one Year Certificate Course in Food Preparation & Catering to the street and working adolescents who are 15 years and above.