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Dear Friends,

We're happy to share our newsletter for the month of December 2018.

21 newly elected Child Health Educators were trained to become grassroots health promoters. The last month witnessed Butterflies being featured in the electronic media in India and abroad. The Education Cooperative is changing the way children learn and in the process helping, more children complete their education with better learning outcomes. 60 children were rescued from crisis situations by Butterflies CHILDLINE. 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.



Cultural Evening

The much awaited event for children, the monthly cultural evening witnessed almost 180 children excitedly participating and presenting colorful performances ranging from dramas to dance performances to poetry recitation. The highlight of the afternoon was a show performed by friends from Clowns without Borders followed by the performances by children from all contact points. All children were rewarded for their participation and performances. The stupendous performances won a thundering applause from the audience which helped children improve their self-confidence and find their hidden talents.

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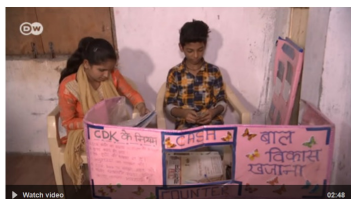
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Child Health Cooperative (CHC)

A one-day training for Child Health Educators (CHEs) was organized on the 23rd December, 2018 at USO House. 21 newly elected CHEs between the ages of 10 and 16 years participated in the training. This training is organized bi-annually every year to train children to become grassroots health promoters, whose main responsibility is to ensure the good health and hygiene of all the members of their family, peers and the community at large. The objectives of the training were to sensitise the children on the workings and objectives of the CHC, educate and train them on various activities conducted under CHC, explain the roles and responsibilities of a CHE, how to use and maintain a CHC Log Book, basic first-aid and addressing mental health issues and peer counseling.



Butterflies in Media

The last month witnessed Butterflies being featured in the electronic media in India and abroad.

German TV (DW TV) covered the Children's Development Khazana. The programme can be watched in English [here](#) and in German [here](#).

The Logical Indian an online news portal also covered the Children's Cooperatives Programme and it can be viewed [here](#)

In addition, the talk given by Ms.Rita Panicker in **Tedx Muscat** is also now available for watching on YouTube [here](#)



Learning, Playing and the Pursuit of Happiness, Together

The Education Cooperative is changing the way children learn and in the process helping, more children complete their education with better learning outcomes.

"I look forward to studying with my group of friends in our contact point. We are of the same age and it has helped us all excel in our studies together". Babu is a 13 year old boy living in the Haathi Park Area of Old Delhi.. [Read More...](#)

Butterflies' Annual Report 2017-18

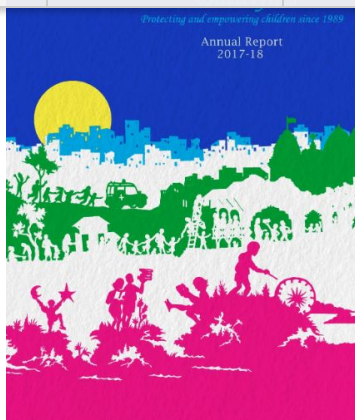
Butterflies' released its Annual Report for the year 2017-18. The report summarises our efforts during the year (01 April 2017 to 31

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March 2018) towards building a better world for children and can be downloaded from [here](#).

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This report has been designed by Helen Gibson, a volunteer from France, and we gratefully acknowledge the invaluable support of all our volunteers who help us focus and reach our mission of protecting & empowering every child.



Bachon Ki Nazar Se- Through The Eyes of Children By Butterflies Broadcasting Children

Three radio programmes were produced and aired by Butterflies Broadcasting Children in the month of December 2018 covering topics like Farmer and Agriculture, the New Year, Bharat Ek Rangoli.

All the programmes are aired on All India Radio FM Station Rainbow and are also available for listeners on YouTube [here](#).

AT A GLANCE

Visitors from Switzerland - Mr Christoph Keller, Deputy Head of Chancery, Consulate General of Switzerland visited our Mobile School Education Programme in Okhla along with his family.

Recognising Butterflies' innovative work with children three government schools established sexual harassment committees in their schools and invited Butterflies to be a part of these committees. Three of our staff members are now part of the sexual harassment committees in these three schools.

Children in the Okhla Mandi area now have a new place to study and play. Thanks to the good work done by Butterflies in the area, the MLA (Government Representative) of the area, Shri Avtar Singh Kalkaji allocated the community centre to Butterflies to continue its work with children in the area, in the wake of Butterflies having to vacate the CDCs. This decision was taken democratically by the MLA where he has asked the community members whether to give this space to Butterflies or not? All the community members present raised their hands in support of the decision in favor of Butterflies.

9 Life Skills Sessions were conducted in 7 schools with 287 children and their teachers on topics like Safe & Unsafe Touch, Bullying and Violence and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO). Impressed with the response of the children, the school principals have invited the Butterflies team to conduct more such sessions as it has proven to benefit teachers also.

Promoting sports for development, the monthly sports day was conducted at Raj Ghat Lawns, New Delhi. Almost two hundred children from all Butterflies contact points and Children's Development Centres (CDC) in Delhi actively participated in games ranging from kho-kho, football, cricket, kabaddi among other interesting traditional & modern games. Several children from new contact points and CDCs also won prizes which was a big source of motivation for them.

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We are grateful to the Government of India, State Government of Delhi and State Government of Uttarakhand, funding agencies, corporates, NGOs and individuals who have helped us transform the lives of thousands of children for the past 29 years. [Click Here](#) to know who they are-

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