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Brand new...s

Dear Friends

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

The Children's Development Khazana (CDK) is the first of its kind for the rural poor and urban street and working children, started by Butterflies Programme with Street and Working Children in Delhi, India.

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

Our Appu, the baby elephant with magical powers to fly over oceans and mountains, this time has been collecting stories from Delhi, Ghaziabad, Chennai, Kolkatta, Bihar, Orissa, Bangladesh and Nepal !!

ENJOY

C.H.I.T.C.H.A.T.I.N.G!

CVM Training in Delhi..

On 23rd July, 29 newly appointed CVMs from Butterflies, Delhi and Ashadeep Foundation, Ghaziabad met at Butterflies' Fatehpuri Night Shelter to learn to manage their Khazanas. Under the guidance of adults, two ex CVMs- Amar from Sadar Bazaar Delhi and Heena from Ghaziabad shared their own experience of managing CDKs with a sense of pride and achievement.



They educated the new CVM's on CDK objectives, criteria of becoming a member, Advances given in CDK and its presence in various countries and cities. They also took a practical session in book keeping and form filling. The training ended with a quiz with prizes given to winners.



Visit to HSBC



Members giving a presentation on CDK

With the objective to orient new CVMs on the working of a mainstream bank, a visit to the main branch of HSBC at Rajiv Chowk (Connaught Place) was organized after the training programme on 23rd July. It was fascinating to see the manner in which our young members explained CDK to the HSBC representatives wherein they spoke about the advance component and corrected them when the term loan was used. They also gave a brief description of CDKs

being run in different parts of South Asia and spoke in detail about the interest component. This was followed by the HSBC officials showing them around the Bank and giving a demonstration of an ATM. Impressed with the

manner in which an ATM is run, our members now want CDK ATMs to be placed in different parts of the city...!!



CDK members & HSBC staff



Trainings in Nepal...

Realizing the importance of organizing children's meetings and of recording minutes, Chitwan Nepal organized one day training on 27th July for the new members of Piple branch. The training was attended by 20 CDK members and was covered by a daily newspaper Chitwan Post. In the same month, CDK members of Narayangarh branch, Chitwan attended a training on "Child Rights and Peace Building".



In Pokhara, training was organized for the new CVMs on maintaining books of account as well as on interest calculation.

Let's get to know each other ...

With the objective to orient new members to CDK and introduce them to the existing members, CVMs of Chennai CDK with the adult facilitator organized a trip to an amusement park called MGM Dizee world.



A change from the routine, the picnic proved to be a great platform for the members to know each other and at the same time also proved to be an avenue to showcase CDK to the new members and chalk out a plan for future activities.

Two new places for me to check out this month....

New Branches...

Two sub branches were opened, one in Chennai for children in Jeeva Jyothi's Shelter Home while another was opened for rural children in Muraul, Muzaffarpur, Bihar in a village called Dardha.

In Chennai, 25 children opened their accounts while in Bihar 11 members opened their accounts on the first day itself. With the new branch in Bihar, CDK is now made accessible to atleast 100 children who due to distance were earlier not able access the Khazana. CVM has been appointed in both these branches and training on maintaining books of account has also been imparted.



Members selecting their Manager in the new branch in Chennai

With this CDK has grown to 30 main and 88 sub branches across South Asia.

CDK Pokhara Kick Start their 5th Anniversary Celebration...

Every year, 5th August is celebrated with a lot of flair in Pokhara as it is on this day that CDK was started in 2005 with 76 members. This year is different as members decided to have a week long celebration which started with a drawing competition organized on 31st July in their main branch. The event saw participation of 20 active members and it culminated with prizes given to Best 3 paintings.



Meetings across South Asia...

Members in different branches of CDK across South Asia came together whether it was to select new CVMs in Ghaziabad or to solve the problem of irregular deposits and of low attendance during meetings in Kolkata. In Orissa, CDK members met to select representatives for the exposure visit to Kolkata which was scheduled for end of the month.

This is what we call
Democratic
Participation...

In Torikhet Branch of Chitwan, Nepal, meeting was organized wherein members were oriented towards starting different kind of businesses in Chitwan. Realizing the importance of Saawan (Lord Shiva festival) wherein the local temple is visited by scores of people, the idea of having a stall during summer vacation in the weekly market was promoted. This resulted in one boy taking a development advance and setting up a stall to sell temple items like idols, garlands etc.

On 20th July, General Body meeting was organized in Bharatpur, Chitwan, Nepal and in Balangoda, Srilanka to select child representatives for the International CDK Children's Meet.

On 24th July, CDK members of Pokhara met again to discuss and plan their anniversary celebrations on 5th August. The agenda was to finalize the venue, delegate responsibilities to all the CVMs and also plan and list down the awards that would be given out to the members for their participation in CDK.

Exposure Visits in July...

Intra CDK exposure visit organized in Kolkata wherein children from the newly opened Estiac parking visited CDK branch in Ramnagar on 6th July to see and understand the working of the Khazana.

On 14th July, 17 CDK members from Dhaka, Bangladesh visited the Bangladesh National Museum and were acquainted with the rich heritage of their country. They were also oriented to the economic situation of the country wherein members were briefed on the dynamics affecting the economy of a country and also on the different kind of work people do for a living.

CDK members in Sri Lanka celebrate their New Year...

On 10th July 2010, Kantha Shakthi's Children's Forum in Balangoda conducted a CDK promotional festival cum children's New Year festival at Hopewell College grounds. Though the New Year celebration was scheduled for April but incessant rains led to its delay.



Highest and Regular savers with their awards

The objective of the programme was to promote children's interests and on savings. The event started with a painting competition that was organized on the theme of savings and saw the participation of 75 girls and 90 boys.

The Art Teacher of Hopewell College was invited to adjudicate the art competition and

choose the best 3 drawings.

Various games were also organized such as blowing up of balloon, placing the eye on the elephant & hitting the pot (both blindfolded), a race to fill up an empty bottle with water carried by hands, tug of war and musical chairs. In addition to the children, 12 Kantha Shakthi's Social Mobilisers, 20 parents and the Art Teacher of Hopewell College also took part in the day's programme.



Members playing "place the eye on the elephant"

The day ended with awards given out to highest and regular saver in each Children's Society / CDK.

Library for CDK members

In the current month CDK in Chitwan, Nepal launched a library for its members in Piple branch so that members are able to fruitfully utilize their time during summer vacations.



Books being handed over to CDK members

Limited to one branch at the moment, the library aims to inculcate in its members habit of reading and make it a joyful activity.

Different kind of books ranging from fiction to biographies as well as international magazines are made available to children which were earlier difficult to obtain.

“Today me and my family will have a full meal after 3 months”, Shabnam Khatoun, 10 years, CVM, Sickline branch, Kolkata



Shabnam, a 10 year old girl, lives in Kolkata with her family comprising of father, mother and 2 brothers. Father works as a porter in Kolkata Port and with the business of the port going down day by day, he goes to work only twice a week and earns Rs 300 a week. It is during these days that the family is able to have a full meal while on remaining days, they live on plain rice. Mother is uneducated, stays at home and does not contribute to the family income. Living as an illegal migrant on the streets of Kolkata and with insufficient money to fulfil their immediate need, the family had never thought about saving any money for future.

Eldest in the family, Shabnam spoke about her life on the streets of Kolkata defined by constant fear of being uprooted anytime and at the same also a lack of basic necessities of life. It is here that CDK has come as a breath of fresh air for Shabnam and her family who can now plan and move ahead in life. Indebted to CDK, Shabnam feels that it has inculcated in her and in her siblings habit of saving which has led them to enjoy the little things in life which were difficult to achieve before like buying new clothes, gifts and sweets for Eid as well as going to her native village in Munger, Bihar to visit her grandmother.

Working as the Child Volunteer Manager, the youngest in Kolkata, Shabnam acknowledges that CDK has enabled her to continue with her education and helped her to join a formal school. It is through her savings that she bought school books and uniform for the new session and has also taken an advance to pay her school fees.

A fighter in her own way, Shabnam everyday fights for her basic right to food, education, play, medical support, of having a proper shelter and many more, yet she maintains her optimism and has the passion and commitment to move up in life !

Aiming to be a banker, Shabnam with her conviction can surely reach the stars and make Kolkata proud !

Click on this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpiRf1ym_LY to see how Shabnam manages her Khazana !

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