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Message from the Director

January, the new year, heralded the Don Bosco month long celebrations, building a spirit of competitiveness, inviting the young and the old alike to be part of the events and celebrations. Celebrations brought in memories of the visit by Rector Major Angel Fernandez to our humble abode.

Undeterred and unhampered, BOSCO marched ahead rescuing, motivating, empowering, celebrating and accomplishing the set targets with determination and perseverance.

Education of children has always been in the forefront at Bosco. Education being one of the fundamental rights, parents and children are encouraged to register under RTE and avail of the services of Government Schools.

A firm bond has been established with the stake holders at BRCL and BMTC stations, affirming the success of the rescue of children from these places. SDMC meetings at various schools fortified the rights of school going children, networking with the other NGOs, formation of the child protection committee helped in taking rescue operations a step further.

While holistic development of mind, body and spirit, in a child is done through the value education and life skill classes, exposure visits bring children face to face with reality, developing skills to combat and accept the ups and downs in life.

Open House programmes, Swacch Bharat programmes are intended to enable the children recognise their responsibilities and discharge their duties conscientiously.

Children possess several talents which need to be honed and given the right avenue to be showcased. Talents enhancement day, quiz competition, Annual Sports Day are avenues which give the children chance to prove their brain and brawn power.

The quarter that was proved to be an action packed, eventful one with activities galore. Evaluations helped each one learn from the other, and move on the path courageously to conquer and scale greater heights for the cause of children, and for the children.

I pray to the Almighty that he guides and leads us through the days, weeks and months to come, also provides us the strength to perform our duties with renewed zest and zeal.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, SDB, Executive Director

DON BOSCO MONTH INAUGURATED

Don Bosco's month, was inaugurated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children/ youth from January 2 to 5, 2018. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the Saint.



Narrating the life of Don Bosco, the Directors of the centers elaborated on the lessons taught by him highlighting the importance of treading his path to become independent, acquire skills for life and become responsible citizens in the society. The programmes consisted of talks, songs, dances and skits on the life and message of the Saint.

Seetaram, Out Post ASI, KSRTC, Bangalore, Fr. Maramattathil Sonychen, Rector & Executive Director, Don Bosco Yuvakara Grama, Ajjanahalli, Raju, State Co-coordinator, Rainbow Home, Sarasa, Headmistress, Government Tamil Higher Primary School, Vyayam Shale, Anusuya, Teacher, BBMP School, Magadi Road, Bangalore, Joseph, Principal, St. Joseph's High School, Bangalore, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, Sheeba Thomas, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Vivek Dev, HR manager, BOSCO Bangalore were present during the inaugurations at the different centres. Around five hundred children and youth from BOSCO centres and areas of intervention participated in the inaugural programmes.

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Task Force Meeting with SadhanaMahila Sangha, Railway Staff and BMTC Officials

BOSCO Team working at the Bus Stand area organized a Task Force Meeting in collaboration with Sadhana Mahila Sangha for the sex workers, Cantonment Railway Station Officials and BMTC officials, on January 3, February 20, and March 21, 2018, respectively. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli addressing the group spoke about the issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children. He explained about services rendered by BOSCO, BOSCO CHILDLINE 1098, Child rights, Children's issues and how target group can support BOSCO by referring the deserving children. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya shared about BOSCO Child Assistance Center in KSRTC & BMTC and its services. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project exhorted task force members to actively participate in promoting children's rights



and protection mechanisms, human values in their set up and about the necessity to inculcate social responsibility among the children. Over fifty sex workers, twenty-two Railway Officials and seventy BMTC staff attended the meeting.

BOSCO Alumni at BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Alumni gathering was organized by BOSCO Yuvakendra at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 28, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, expressed happiness to see the past pupils being settled in life. He requested the parents to become role models to their children. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, exhorted the past pupils to continue leading a disciplined life and guide their children in becoming responsible citizens of the society. He urged them to look for school dropouts in their neighbourhoods and help BOSCO in re-enrolling them into schools. The past pupils expressed their gratitude to BOSCO for making them what they are today. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Di-



rector, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present in the meeting. Twenty eight past pupils attended the meeting.



Formation of Civic Society Group at Rajagopal Garden

BOSCO Nilaya team organized a meeting for the community members and parents of the children attending tuition classes at Rajagopal Garden, Bangalore on January 4, 2018. Addressing the group, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, emphasized the importance of child rearing and education. He explained the purpose and responsibilities of the Civic Society Group. Gayathri R., Tuition Teacher, BOSCO Nilaya, facilitated the process of selecting the leader and members for the group.

There was an open discussion where the parents and the community members shared their views and suggestions to take up the task entrusted to them. Pushpa, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the activities and services, especially life skill trades like beautician course, computer, tailoring, bakery, carpentry, welding, two-wheeler mechanic, book binding, electricals and screen printing rendered by BOSCO, Bangalore.

Anniyappa and Jeeva, community leaders, Rajagopal Garden, twenty-five parents of the children attending tuitions, twenty tuition children and other community members participated in the programme.

Cluster Level Networking Meeting for SDMC

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) and Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) jointly organized Cluster Level Networking Meeting for School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) at Govt. Urdu Model Primary Boys' School, Barlane, Goods Shed Road, Bangalore on January 10, 2018. Santhosh More, Mantra for Change, Bangalore, said, "A Cluster Resource Person (CRP) has a vital role to play in the empowerment of the Headmasters and SDMC in every school". Usuf Aslam Khan, State President, SDMC State Level Federation, said "Teaching is a divine profession. It is the duty of every teacher to consolidate resources and impart high quality education to the children".

Dr. Jabeen Taj, CRP, Urdu School, Padarayanapura briefed about the roles and responsibilities of SDMCs and the need to ensure optimum involvement of NGOs that render services for children. BS Ziaulla, President, SDMC, Farukhya Nagar, Bangalore, said that the primary duty of the teachers is to concentrate on the quality of education provided and not other clerical works. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM & ECCE, BOSCO, Bangalore, said that teachers



should make efforts to inculcate social responsibility among the students. Sayed Sajid, Education Coordinator, Bangalore, Fr. Reji Jacob SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, project staff and over thirty school Headmasters and SDMC members participated in the programme.

Networking Meeting Organized

CHILDLINE Bangalore organized NGOs networking meeting at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 12, 2018. Meena

Jain, Former Chairperson, CWC, Bangalore facilitated the discussion and exhorted everyone to discuss about the pertinent issues.



The objective of the meeting was to discuss about convergence plans lines of collaboration between NGOs. The need to specify the role of CHILDLINE in JJ Act Rules, the real challenges faced during rescue operations, the need to increase advocacy and collaboration with the government were discussed.

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for CHILDLINE, Bangalore was discussed and suggestions were incorporated to the draft. Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director, Child Rights Trust (CRT), Vishala, APSA, Bangalore, Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore, Fr. Rubin, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO, Bangalore and forty-four representatives from nineteen NGOs participated in the programme.

Child Protection Committee Formation



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized a meeting for the railway officials, GRP and RPF and other stakeholders at Yelahanka Railway Station on January 27, 2018. The meeting was held with the objective of forming Child Protection Committee and ensuring child protection mechanism under JJ Act and Railway Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Addressing the group, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, shared about vision and mission of BOSCO, the services rendered by BOSCO for the care and protection of children, emergency numbers, links with various Government departments and allied systems. The group was made aware of child rights, importance of child protection committee, implementation of Railway SOP, roles and responsibilities of SMR, GRP, RPF, child protection mechanisms and the role of BOSCO in protection of child rights through a participatory activity.

A. Ramappa, SIPP, RPF, Yelahanka Railway Station, assured to support BOSCO in its activities. Basha SM, CBSR, Commercial, came up with an idea of displaying 1098, the toll-free Helpline number for children in need of care and protection, on the platforms. A copy of the SOP was provided to Srinivas, RPF and Shrikant, CMI/SBC, as per their request. Thirty railway officials, RPF, GRP and Stake holders attended the meeting.

Community Mobilization Programme

Child Safety Network (CSN), BOSCO, Bangalore, organized a community mobilization programme at Devaraj Urs Slum, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, on February 18, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Thippanna, Dalithara Samara Sene (DSS), Bangalore exhorted the parents to educate their children and ensure that children go to the school regularly. Ajay, DSS, Bangalore, said, "Great leaders like Ambedkar and APJ Abdul Kalam who have achieved great things had humble beginnings". Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO, Bangalore, told the parents to encourage children to go to the school and tuition classes. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO, Sumanahalli spoke on the occasion. Over hundred people including children participated in the programme.



Health Camps Organized

The Health Care Department of BOSCO Bangalore organized a Health Camp at Community Hall, Rajgopal Garden, Bangalore on February 12, 2018 and BOSCO Mane, Bangalore, on March 17, 2018. Blood Pressure, Diabetes, general health check-up, eye check-up, Dental, ENT, Ortho and sputum tests were taken up and medicines were given for common ailments like cold, cough, body pain, etc. As many as fifty cases were referred to Minto Hospital, Dasappa Hospital, Siddaiah Referral Hospital and Lions Club for further treatment and check-up for ailments related to blood sugar, BP, TB, vision, skin, epilepsy and substance addiction.



The camp was conducted by St. Martha's Hospital team which included Dr. Selvashekar Abraham, MD, Dr. Apoorva, Uma Rai, Social Worker, one staff nurse and one paramedical staff and community leaders-Anniyappa, Srinivasa and Muruges. Hundred and thirty four children from BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Foster Care Program and hundred and forty members from the community and eight staff availed the services at the camp.

Exposure Programme

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a one-day exposure visit for the inmates to Sumanahalli Leprosy Centre, Sumanahalli, Bangalore, as part of life skill programme on February 17, 2018.

Rev. Fr. Lindo, Executive Director, Sumanahalli Leprosy Centre, gave an orientation about the centre. Adi, Co-ordinator, explained about the causes, symptoms and treatment of Leprosy. Nagraj, physiologist, showed the vocational training centre for the leprosy patients, where they are involved in various trades like candle making, paper cover making, leather goods manufacturing and garments. Sr. Shamala, counselor, Rainbow Home and Renuka, Staff, Rainbow Home accompanied the girls during the visit. Fourteen girls were part of the exposure visit.



Workshop on How to Prepare for Exams



As school and college annual exams are fast approaching, a workshop was organized for children of BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanhalli and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, to prepare students to face exams without fear, at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore on February 3, 2018. Orienting the children, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya spoke about the RRR method of preparing for exam meaning Read, Register and Revise. He spoke about the necessity to have the right attitude, confidence, courage and hope to face the exams and thus overcome exam fear.

Robina Farooq, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, gave tips on study timings, balancing study and play, giving enough rest to the mind, being relaxed, having food time to time and drinking plenty of water. Forty students attended the session. Fifteen 9th grade, twenty-one SSLC and four PUC students participated in the programme.

Mothers' Meeting Organized

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) team of BOSCO conducted mothers' meetings at the Anganwadi centres in Vyayam-Shaale and Jolly Moholla on March 16, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, spoke about the multiple roles of a mother and how she has to balance her family and health. Vinnarasi, Social Mobilizer, ECCE program, stressed the importance of education, age at marriage, and maintaining reproductive and sexual health, and menstrual hygiene.



Twenty seven mothers residing at Vyamashala and fourteen mothers from Jolly Moholla attended the meeting. Anganwadi teachers, Rajeshwari and Shailaja and Nilaya staff- Manjula, Annamal and Priya were also present at the meeting.

CHILDLINE Awareness Campaigns

Open House Programme Organized

CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore organized Open House programme at Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) School, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, on January 10, 2018 and Govt Model Higher Primary School, Nekarara Colony, Bangalore, on March 12, 2018 respectively. Muniraju, ASI, Adugodi Police Station, speaking on the occasion said that it is the bound duty of the police to provide care and protection to children. He expressed the willingness to give additional protection to the school by way of ensuring police patrolling in the area at regular intervals. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE in his keynote address said, "CHILDLINE is a 24-hour, national emergency toll-free helpline for children in need of care and protection. Everyone should join hands to spread awareness about the helpline and make optimum use of the service". Geetha, Headmistress, Govt Model Higher Primary School, Nekarara colony, Bangalore exhorted the children to concentrate on their education.

Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal, Bangalore exhorted children to express themselves freely and voice their concerns fearlessly. Basavaraj, Cluster Resource Person (CRP), Lakkasandra, Bangalore, said, "The government has several schemes

and programmes in order to ensure that high quality education is provided at every school. The teachers should ensure that these facilities are made use of to the maximum". Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, BOSCO Bangalore, spoke about the aims and objectives of Foster Care project and about the services rendered by BOSCO, Bangalore. Sulochana, Headmistress BBMP School, Lakkasandra, Bangalore, Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE, over three hundred children and staff members were present for the programme.



OPEN HOUSE AND SWACHH BHARATH CAMPAIGN

CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore organized Open House and Swachh Bharath campaign at Nagarabhavi, Bangalore on March 11, 2018. Srinivas, Area Leader, Nagarabhavi, said, "Cleanliness is next to godliness. Everyone should make efforts in keeping the area clean". Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal Centre, Bangalore exhorted children to concentrate on education. The parents were reminded of their duty to ensure that their children attend school regularly. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO Bangalore, explained about the services rendered by CHILDLINE 1098, the twenty-four hours national emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection.

Children shared about the various issues and CHILDLINE assured to redress them in the best manner possible. The programme concluded with a drive to clean the area. All the participants, including children, elders and project staff joined hands in cleaning the area. Over eighty people participated in the programme.



MAKING NEWS

BOSCO Talents Expo: 2018



The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for BOSCO Children was held at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on January 14, 2018. The programme began with a prayer dance by the children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, followed by lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries on the dais. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering, said that winning or losing in a competition should be taken in a sportive manner. Speaking on the occasion Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, appreciated the children's talent in preparing the banner and decorating the stage.

The competitions included group songs, group dances, mimes, fancy dress and pick and speak based on the themes Save Earth-Save Children and Don Bosco – A Friend of Youth. Ms. Nagarathna, Ms. Jesinta, Ms. Vijiyalakshmi and Mr. Uday Ankola, teachers from Immanuel English High School, Nagawara, Bangalore, Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Mane and Sheeba Thomas, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were present at the event. Over hundred children participated in the competition.

BOSCO Quiz Contest 2018

Don Bosco quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 20, 2018. Thimmesh Prabhu, Teacher, K R Puram Government School, Bangalore, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, Sumanahalli, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Yuvodaya and a child representative inaugurated the program by lighting the lamp. Eight teams representing the different centres and areas, BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli and Foster Care children participated in the competition. The quiz masters Bro. Praveen and Bro. Arun, Kristu Jyothi College, Bangalore conducted the program. The format of the quiz entailed ten rounds. The rounds included MCQs, audio and visual, pick and speak, action, written, buzzer, music round, etc. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Yuvodaya. Quiz masters were honoured with mementos. Children from BOSCO Nivas emerged as the winners and runners up were Vikas children. Forty children participated in the quiz contest.



BOSCO Annual Sports Meet 2018

Annual Sports Meet was organized for the children of BOSCO at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore on January 21, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore addressed the children and said, "Developing the attitude of appreciating each other even at the time of failures is of utmost importance". Sports events began with the Sub Juniors, continued with Juniors & Seniors with variety of sports events like marble and spoon race, musical chair, 100 mts running race, sack race, high jump, long jump, relay and tug of war. The winners of the events were awarded with medals and certificates. Fr. John M.A, Administrator, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Ruben Mathew, Director, BOSCO Yuvo-daya and the staff of BOSCO and volunteers were present at the event. Over three hundred and fifty children participated in the sports meet.



BOSCO Staff Sports and Talents Day

The Sports and Talents Day for BOSCO staff was conducted at Sumanahalli, BOSCO Bangalore on January 26, 2018. Addressing the group, Biju Thomas Member, JJ Board, Bangalore exhorted everyone to keep themselves fit and healthy through sports.

"Learn to love what the children love and they will in turn begin to love you", said Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore. Then they would follow us. Theme based speeches, group dance, group song, throw-ball, rangoli, cricket and volley ball for male staff were organized.

The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. Sr. Elizabeth, Sumanahalli Society, Mr. Mohan, ECO Special Home, Bangalore and over seventy staff participated in the event along with the Management. Jenifar, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE, welcomed the gathering.

BOSCO National Inter-Collegiate Annual Essay Competition

BOSCO National Inter-Collegiate Annual Essay Competition, 2018



BOSCO Bangalore organized a two-month long National Level Inter-Collegiate Annual Essay Competition on the theme 'Child is not a problem, child has problems', that concluded on January 27, 2018. The competition that spanned countrywide had student participants from various academic streams such as Social Work, Sociology, Media, Economics, Engineering, Law and Psychology, from various colleges/universities. The topics for the essays were issues concerning children such as 'Child Abuse, the reasons for occurrence and how it could be eradicated', and 'How Caregivers/ Parents become the indirect targets of child rights violation'.

The essays were evaluated by a Panel of three members which included Fr. Previnth Joe Tony, Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, Dr. Maya M., Professor of Christ University, Bangalore and Ms. Ann Tharakan, Lecturer of Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. The first prize was awarded to Ridhi Shetty, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Hyderabad, second prize was awarded to Mansi Tejpal, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad and Rose Mary Thomas, Don Bosco College, Wayanad, Kerala bagged the third prize.

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Training Program for Children on Child Rights



Training programs on Child Rights were organized by CREAM Team, BOSCO, Bangalore for the children from GKMHS Magadi Road, SLR High School, Chamrajpet, Bharathi Samskruthi Vidya Peetha School, Chamrajpet, Sri Siddha Ruda Vidya Peetha School, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, BBMP Girls High School, Padarayanapura, GHPS Yediur, Morarji Desai Residential School, Chamarajpet, BBMP High School, Cottonpete, LR High School, Chamarajpet, Bangalore during January, February and March 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO spoke about UNCRC and Child Rights - Right to live, Right to protect, Right to development, Right to participate and Right to education.

Many children mentioned about their friends being dropped out of school due to various reasons and vowed to help BOSCO in bringing them back to school. Over thousand children participated in the training.

Training Programme on Juvenile Justice Act to RPF Officers



Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore, conducted training programme on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act 2015) for RPF Police officials and staff members at Anugraha, Railway quarters, Bangalore on February 27 2018. Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Railway CHILDLINE BOSCO briefed about BOSCO and the work carried out in the Railway station. He also expressed his gratitude to the officials for supporting the team.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), facilitated the sessions on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Railway SOP. He explained about the highlights of JJ Act. He also highlighted on the different cases which will be found by the RPF and GRP and the procedures they need to follow during the process of child rescue.

Jenifar Y, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE explained the steps carried out by BOSCO and insisted upon the need for a higher level meeting and decisions to be taken during the process of child rescue. One hundred and eighteen RPF officials from Bangalore Division participated in the training.



First Aid Training Program for BOSCO Staff

Health Care Department, BOSCO, Bangalore organized First Aid Training program for the staff of BOSCO at BOSCO Mane on February 23, 2018. Addressing the group, Dr. Selvasekar Abraham, Senior Consultant, Department of Family Medicine, St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, explained in detail about the importance of First Aid and the six steps involved viz, detection, reporting, response, on scene care, care in transit and transfer to hospital. He briefed about the first aid during cardiac arrest, when somebody is choking or suffering from shock, convulsions, spinal injuries, bleeding, severed parts and fractures. He also explained the risks of diabetes, hypertension and head injuries.

Dr. Lalitha, Lalbagh Nursing Home, Bangalore, conducted a session on Healthy Nutrition and Diet. She spoke about the importance of a balanced diet, especially for children. She suggested changing the menu for the children every three months so that there will be more variety in their diet. Nineteen staff from different programs of BOSCO, Bangalore, participated in the program.

Training Programme on Juvenile Justice Act

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bangalore, organized a training programme on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act) for police officials of South and West Divisions and staff members at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore on February 16 and 21, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, TT Raju, Circle Inspector, VV Puram, Bangalore said, "It is important for us to update ourselves on the latest acts and policies regarding children as we are striving to protect their rights". Fr. John MA, Director, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore said that it is important to learn about the practical dimensions of the act as situations demand it.

Biju Thomas, Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Bangalore Urban facilitated the sessions on 'Functions of Juvenile Justice Board, Child Marriage Prevention Act and Roles of Special Juvenile Police Unit'. PG Rohith, DGP Training officer, Bangalore animated the session on 'POCSO Act 2012'. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, BOSCO, Bangalore spoke about the objectives and aims of the project. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), briefly explained about the rights of children as enshrined in UNCRC. Shivaraju, Coordinator, Missing Child Bureau, explained about the project. Basavaraju PN welcomed the gathering and Kavitha, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore proposed the vote of thanks. Over seventy police personnel and twenty-one staff members participated in the programme.



Training for community leaders

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore organized a training program on 'Child rights and child related issues' for the community leaders of J.J.R Nagar, Shivajinagar, K.R. Market, Flower Garden, J.C Road, Nelamangala, Ranasinghpeta, Chaluvadhivalya and Tippunagar on March 24, 2018 at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Aslam Khan, State President of Urdu schools, J.J.R Nagar, Bangalore said, 'Child is for learning not for earning'. Jabeen Taj, CRP, Padarayanapura Cluster, Bangalore urged the NGOs to encourage and support government schools. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya said, 'We see God in children. It is important to be human and see them as individuals with their own identities'. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed the purpose of the program with a motivational vid-

eo. The sessions were about Protocols for social security and their importance, Procedure for RTE Schemes, Values of being human, Children protection mechanisms, Combatting child marriage and child labour.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about the procedures required for adoption and foster care. Many leaders suggested conducting such trainings in the communities as more number of people would be benefitted with the knowledge. Parvez, Union Leader, Caring Community, Motor Parts, Shivajinagar, Bangalore pledged to stop child labour in his community. Kamal, Muslim Community Leader, J.J.R Nagar, Bangalore and Forty-one community leaders attended the program.



Foster Care Awareness in Various Districts of Karnataka

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized awareness programmes for DCPU Staffs, CHILDLINE staffs, SJPU, CWC Members & Chairperson of Kodagu, the officials of DCPU, Gram Panchayat



members of Haveri, CREAM Coordinators and Social Activists of Ramnagara, Mysore, Chitradurga, Davanagere & Hospet Districts, BBMP daily wagers and Asha workers of Bangalore, Anekal taluk and Ramohalli, mothers visiting anganwadis, SHG members, Asha workers, Anganwadi teachers, DCPO, Fishermen communities of Karwar and Mandya Districts during February and March 2018 at Don Bosco Centers and Government offices. Information was given on BOSCO and its activities, Child Rights and Child Protection Mechanisms and Emergency helpline – CHILDLINE 1098. The facilitators explained about the concept of foster care, the difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different types of placements (individual and group placements), age group of children, time frame for placements and basic understanding of foster parenting skills.

The facilitators also provided detailed information about the documents required, legal procedures, time frame for the placement of



the child and about competent authorities involved in placement. Seventeen DCPU officials from Kodagu, eleven DCPU officials, forty three Gram Panchayat members from Haveri, thirty-one CREAM coordinators, and social activists, eighteen BBMP daily wagers from Shantinagar, Bangalore, fifty-three Asha workers from Anekal taluk and nine Asha workers from Ramohalli, fourteen mothers visiting

Anganwadis in Karwar, twenty-three SHG members from Karwar, seventeen officials from Gram Panchayat Office in Karwar, fifty-four fishermen folk from Karwar and forty-four Asha workers, Anganwadi teachers, DCPO staff from Mandya District participated in the meeting.



Training Programme for Child Welfare Committee Members

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized training programme for the newly elected Child Welfare Committee (CWC) members at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore, on March 14, 2018. Welcoming the participants, Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, introduced BOSCO and the activities and services rendered by the organization. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, explained about CHILDLINE, Nodal Agency, modules of CHILDLINE, the types of children rescued and cases for which FIR needs to be filed. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, speaking on the occasion clarified doubts raised by the participants.

Akshitha Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Program, explained about Foster Care concept, types of foster care, short term-long term foster care, age group of children eligible for foster care, and eligibility to become foster parents. Jyothi, Counsellor explained about the

identification process of parents and children for Foster care. Nagarathna R, Chairperson, CWC, Mrs. Geethamala, Mr. Hemanth, Mrs. S S Rajani and Sr. Juliet – Members, CWC attended the training.



REVIEW MEETINGS

Third Quarterly Evaluation of BOSCO

Third quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore on March 13, 2018. The concerned coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas and centres of BOSCO. Planning for the next quarter was done based on the learning and suggestions during the evaluation. The events organized and conducted during the third quarter were evaluated. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from December 2017 to February 2018. All the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present for the programme.



CHILDLINE Annual Review Meeting

CHILDLINE review meeting was held at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on March 21 & 22, 2018. Inaugurating the programme, Sheela Deva-raj, Director, CHILDLINE, Association for Promoting Social Action (APSA), Bangalore, said, "It is of utmost importance to evaluate our activities and programmes that we may be able to reach out to children in a more effective and efficient manner". Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director, Child Rights Trust (CRT), said, "We are working together with the govt. departments and with different NGOs. Let us keep our egos aside and work for the child". Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore said that team work and networking are quintessential for success social work.

Sessions of teamwork and leadership on the second day was animated by Nagasimha, Director, CRT, Bangalore. Ice breaking and planning session on the day was facilitated by Nagamani, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Nodal Centre, Bangalore. CHILDLINE Directors, Coordinators and staff members from BOSCO, APSA, CRT and Sathi Organization participated in the programme.

CELEBRATIONS!

Women's Day Celebration at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO CREAM Project organized International Women's Day for the members of Srushti Self Help Group (SHG) and Sadhana Mahila Sanga, at BOSCO Nilaya on March 8, 2018. In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director BOSCO Nilaya, said, "Everyone should join hands to protect women and promote gender equality".

In her inaugural address, Malarvizhi Balachandar, Programme Officer, Action Aid, said, "Men and women are equal. Mutual respect and understanding are essential in every society". Addressing the group, Fr Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, said that everyday should be celebrated as women's day. Sharanamma, Police Constable, Cottonpet, Bangalore, said, "Police is your friend in need. There is a wing for women assistance in every police station. So approach this wing for assistance at any time".

The event included cultural programs by children, competitions and party games. Hundred and thirty-seven SHG members participated in the programme.



