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## Editorial Note...

### Empowerment of the Girl Child: A Journey!

“Sometimes, the journey is the destination,” says the renowned American novelist, Catherine Bybee. The UN theme for the International Day of the Girl Child, October 11, 2018 was, ‘With her: A skilled Girl force.’ As per the statistics presented by UN, ‘of the one billion young people around the world, including 600 million adolescent girls those who would enter the workforce in the next decade, more than 90% of those living in

developing countries would be working in the informal sector, where low or no pay, abuse and exploitation are common’.

Recently, one of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) workers approached the child helpline, requesting shelter facility for two girls, her own grandchildren. The grandmother said, “I am illiterate and people may cheat me easily. My grandchildren should not have the same predicament”.

One of the beneficiaries of the tailoring training provided to adolescent girls at Kalaburagi, North Karnataka, said, “Even if everyone deserts me in the future, I should be able to learn a decent livelihood.” As we strive to empower girl children for life, let us consider it as a journey, a mission to accompany, than a mere destination.



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

## International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chamaraj-

pet, Bengaluru, on the theme, “Girls are Pearls – Value them,” on October 11, 2018. The celebration commenced with a rally and street play from Minto Hospital to 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, on the theme “Girls are Pearls – Value them.” The rally was flagged off by T D Raju, Police Inspector, VV Puram, Bangalore.

The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the dignitaries - Smt. Narmada Anand, Former Project Director, Integrated Child Protection scheme (ICPS), Department of Woman and Child Development, Govt. of Karnataka, Ms. Sujatha,

# Dussehra Camps

**B**OSCO Nilaya organized Dasara Camp for children at the center on of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address, spoke about the purpose of the camp and motivated the children to cultivate good habits. “Like the Dasara festival that commemorates the victory of light over darkness, let us strive to conquer evil with good”, said Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme shared a story and explained about the importance of a positive mindset. Ms. Shalini, Child Representative, expressed her love and gratitude to BOSCO Nilaya and exhorted her friends to avail the services of Nilaya. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project spoke about Child rights.

Session on Values was facilitated by Robina, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, and session on Paper craft by Fr. Joshy, Principal, Don Bosco B. Ed College, Yadgiri. Health tips were given by Dr. Selvaraj Abraham,



Community Medium Department, St. Martha’s Hospital, Bangalore followed by a health camp. CHILD-LINE 1098 Movie was screened. Party games, drawing and craft sessions were conducted.

Ms. Priyadarshini, Enfold India NGO, Bangalore, spoke about issues faced by adolescents. Online safety and effects of addiction to online games were explained. Meeting of Children’s Collective was held. It included sessions on mutual trust, team building, developing confidence, etc. A Karate demonstration was done by Mr. Marlinga, Instructor. The Dasara camp became a platform to showcase the talents of children.

Mr. Puneeth, Actor, Kannada Film Industry and Fr.CV George, Director, BOSCO SJPU and ARSP, Projects, BOSCO Nilaya staff, Tuition teachers and five Student Volunteers were present during the camp.

Hundred and fifty-two children attending tuition classes at Vyayam Shaala, Cement Huts, Jolly Mohalla, Ramanna Garden, Vinobhanagar, Gurappa Garden, Rajgopal Garden, Nilaya and Anandhpuram areas participated in the camp.

## At Mackan Compound

Dussehra Camp was held at Nau Bahar Shah School, Mackan Compound for the children of Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram areas, Shivajinagar, Bangalore on October 9 and 10, 2018. A human chain was formed on the eve of the International Day of the Girl Child at Shivajinagar bus stand by children, staff, tuition teachers, volunteers and Fr. Regi, to spread awareness about the protection of the girl child through placards, slogans and public announcements. Ms. Celine, Volunteer, BOSCO Bangalore, enhanced the values of the children through a value education class.

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## International Day of the Girl Child

Head Mistress, Sharada Stree Samaja, Bengaluru, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore and the children’s representatives from BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya. Addressing the gathering, Smt. Narmada Anand said that it’s crucial to inspire young girls to dream big and realize their potential. She exhorted everyone to join hands to develop ‘a skilled girl force,’ and provide young women with the tools they need to carve their own professional niches.

Smt. Neena Nayak, Former Chairperson, CWC and Former Member, KSCPCR, enlightened the group with the laws, legal procedures and Government schemes catering to the girl children. Harsha, Environmentalist, spoke about the conservation of the earth and the wild animals. Cultural programmes by the children and a performance by ‘Comedy Khiladigalu’ were held during the day.

Around two hundred and fifty children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.



## Provincial Visits BOSCO



Fr. Joyce, Provincial, Salesian family of Fathers, Brothers, staff province of Bangalore held three and volunteers who are relentlessly day canonical visit at BOSCO, Bengaluru from October 22 to 24, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his introductory speech, said that

staff and Salesians in BOSCO were blessed to have the presence of Fr. Provincial at the organization.

Fr. Joyce said, "It takes a whole village to bring up a child". We belong to a big

He felt that it was time to give a pat on our shoulders. He felt that following the path of Don Bosco, BOSCO through its physical, emotional, animating presence, is nourishing the children and youth to live life in all its fullness.

'Child Matters'- a book on child rights and child related issues and BOSCO Annual Report, 2017-'18 was released on the occasion. Mary Triza, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvodaya welcomed the gathering and Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bangalore, proposed the vote of thanks.

### Training for Anganwadi Teachers



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized training programs for Anganwadi Teachers at Maruthinagar, Goruguntepalya, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru respectively, on October 27 and 29, 2018. The team introduced BOSCO, its centres, services and explained in detail about child rights, CHILDLINE, concept of foster care, the legal procedures in foster care, difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different type of placements like individual foster care, group foster care, kinship care, short term and long term foster care, age group of children, time frame for placements and legal procedures involved in becoming a foster parent and the roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Seventy-seven Anganwadi Teachers participated in the training programs.

### Training on Emotional Well-Being



BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training on Emotional Well-Being for the staff of BOSCO at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on October 29 and 30, 2018. The Sessions were facilitated by Dr. Joe Kokkandathil, Director, Psychosocial Care Centre, Kochi, Kerala. He started the session with 'Mindfulness Meditation' and went on to explain about emotions, the conscious and the subconscious mind and the need to maintain emotional hygiene. The training structure included Self Discovery, Mantras for emotional happiness and Healing the negative emotions.

The sessions included simple exercises to synchronize the brain, therapies for stress management like Emotional Freedom Therapy, Bilateral Stimulation along with the screening of videos and presentations related to the subject. Nineteen staff of BOSCO attended the training.

# Training For CRC Leaders and Teachers

Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) project, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized 'Training for Child Rights Club (CRC) leaders at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on October 4 and 5, 2018. Inaugurating the programme, Mr. Lohiteshwar Reddy, B.E.O, South-2, said, "On behalf of the Education Department, I would like express my sincere gratitude to BOSCO for the services they render in the field of child welfare." Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, wished that the training may highlight the right to participation of children and the importance of unity and promotion of the same.

Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya briefed about BOSCO, CREAM and its activities, the purpose of the training, responsibilities and leadership qualities of CRC members and desired impacts. Children gained knowledge on UNCRC, Child Rights and related laws, Child labour, School dropouts, etc., from the interactive session taken up by Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bengaluru. Margaret Sampath, Deputy Director, SICHREM facilitated the session on leadership. Ms. Celine, Volunteer, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared the stories of successful leaders explained the qualities of leaders through various activities. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, presented a session on gender



equality. Ms. Robina Farooq, Staff, CREAM Project motivated children to fight for their rights during vulnerable situations.

The purpose of the Formation of BOSCO District-Level Federation' was briefed. Seven boys and twelve girls contested the election. Ms. Asiya and Master Dhananjay were selected as Presidents, Ms. Roopa, Ms. Shivaleela, Master Shreyas, Master Sudarshan were selected as Vice-Presidents of the Federation.

Participation certificates and Mementos were distributed to the teachers and children. Ms. Amreen Jabbar, AM, Boston School, J.J.R. Nagar was present during the training. Forty-six old CRC Leaders, forty-four new CRC Leaders and forty-nine Teachers from forty-six schools participated in the two-day training.

## Meeting of Children's Collective



BOSCO Nilaya, on October 17, Children were motivated to learn and attend Karate classes. Benefits of learning self-defense tactics were briefed.

A demonstration was given by Mr. Marlinga, Karate Instructor. Seventy members of Children's Collective from Vyayam Shaala, Cement Huts, Jolly Mohalla, Ramanana Garden, Vinobhanagar and Gurappa Garden participated in the meeting.

BOSCO CRY Project organized meeting of Children's Collective at



# Sensitization Programme on Early Childhood Education



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Project, BOSCO, organized a Sensitization Programme for parents at the Hub Center, Ramanna Garden and Jolly Mohalla, Bengaluru, on October 25 and 27, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, in

his keynote address said, “Children should get quality education and nutritious food. Spending quality time with children will help in building a better bonding.” A video on early childhood care and education was screened. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, displayed the Early Childhood Education tool kit and explained about the importance of nutrition, education and habit formation. Parents were asked to encourage children to consume green vegetables and avoid junk food. She briefed about methods of teaching and food distributed at AWC Cen-

ter. Ms. Shailaja, Anganwadi Teacher, Jolly Mohalla, demonstrated few activities which could be taught to children at home to recapitulate topics taught in the class. Parents were motivated to follow up on what is taught at the Anganwadi. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated an interactive feedback discussion. Parents were asked to monitor the punctuality and regularity of children.

Forty-six parents from Ramanna Garden, D’Souza Garden, N.S. Garden, Cement Huts, Timber Yard Layout, Bakshi Garden, Jolly Mohalla, Pension Mohalla, Chaluvadipalya, Velmurugapura and Tippunagar participated in the programme.

## NGOs Networking Meeting Organized

Foster Care Program, BOSCO, organized half-day networking meeting of the NGOs at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on October 27, 2018. In his key note address, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, said, “Foster care programme is a family care programme for children without families. This meeting aims at strengthening the Pro-Child Network.” He shared information about Foster Care and Missing Child Bureau. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, said, “We should treat and take care of the Foster Children as our own children and our focus should be on the best interests of the child”. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Fos-

ter Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, discussed about creating a WhatsApp group of the networking NGOs, maintaining a directory for Urban NGOs and State NGOs, sharing information on child related issues through email on a continuous basis, and to organize follow up meetings of networking NGOs thrice a year.

Ms. Akshitha, Counselor, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about child protection,



child welfare issues, child care institutions, child rights and foster care. Promo video on Foster Care was screened during the meeting. Mr. Shivaraju and Mr. Praveen State and District Coordinators, Missing Child Bureau explained about the Missing children and the procedures to follow when a child is missing.

## Football Tournament at BOSCO Sumanahalli

Half-day football tournament was organized at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli in collaboration with Terre Des Hommes (TDH), Germany and Children's Rights and Sustainability Trust (CSRT), Bengaluru, on October 21, 2018. "Children have a right to play and enjoy their childhood. Sports and games contribute to the integral development of a person", said Mr. Reji PE, Deputy Regional Co-ordinator South Asia and Programme Coordinator, South Zone, TDH. Mr. Vinod, Past pupil,

BOSCO, Bengaluru, said that the tournament was an opportunity to exhibit one's talent and experience the power of team spirit.

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre emerged as the winners. The winners and all the participants were awarded certificates at the valedictory function. Fr. Binny Kumpukal, Director, BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet and Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO, Sumanahalli spoke on the occasion. Teams consisting of seven players from



BOSCO Vikas, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home and BOSCO Past pupils participated in the event. Ms. Ruchika Jauhar, TDH, project staff and volunteers were present.

## Child Right Clubs Federation Meeting



CREAM, BOSCO organized planning meeting with Child Rights Club (CRC) District Level Federation Leaders at BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, on October 27, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "The leaders have a crucial role to play at the child rights clubs.

You have to make a difference". He motivated the leaders to become a medium of change for the well-being of children by restoring the rights of the vulnerable children. Leaders were told about Project Cradle, female infanticide, abortion, etc. Few relevant incidents were shared.

Leaders decided to create awareness about child rights and child related issues during Children's Day Celebration at their schools. They identified some of the most vulnerable areas such as Giripuram, Gavi-puram and Guttahalli from where many child related issues were being reported. They planned to spread awareness in these areas during Child Rights Week through a signature campaign. Mr. Ramaswamy, Co-ordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. Six CRC Federation leaders attended the meeting.

## Health Camp



BOSCO Nilaya Team organized health camp in collaboration with Community Medium Department, St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore and BOSCO Health Care Department at BOSCO Nilaya, Bangalore on October 16, 2018.

Eye Testing, Height and Weight checkup, B.P Check-up and Physical Health checkup was done for all children. Doctors prescribed medicines for the ailing. Follow up is being done. Parents were informed about their health status during community visits. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Uma Raj, Social worker, Ms. Shabina, Assistant Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department, one Trainee Doctor, one Nurse, two Medical Social Workers conducted the camp. Hundred and two children from Anandhpuram, Rajgopal Garden, Vyayamshaala, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Gurappa Garden, Vinobhanagar, Ranasinghpuram and Jolly Mohalla areas availed the services.



# Life Skill Training Programmes

Life skill session on "Challenge Yourself," was held at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, for the youth residing at the centre, by Celine, Volunteer, BOSCO Bengaluru, on October 9, 2018. The session began with a short film on challenge and how can one overcome the challenges one may have to encounter in daily life. Couple of activities were conducted such as "Paper folding challenge" and "Encounter the scarf in the air." Through the activities the youth shared challenging oneself would make one stronger and encountering challenges is a way to push oneself and see what one is capable of. Twenty-three participated in the programme.

## Financial Management

A session on Financial Management was organized for the Youth of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Bengaluru at the centre on October 26, 2018. Mr. Umesh M Guddad, Financial Advisor, Disha Trust, Bengaluru



conducted the session. He gave tips on saving money every month for the family and personal needs and exhorted the youth to have a secured future through maintaining a chart. He also shared about different plans and schemes like medical and life Insurance. Twenty-seven youth participated in the program.

## Community Awareness Programme



Child Safety Network (CSN), BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme at Beggars Colony, Malagala, Bengaluru, on October, 26, 2018. Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related issues such as child labour, child marriage, child abuse, children dropping out of school, etc. He also spoke about the importance of education and requested the parents to encourage children to go to the school.

The community people were happy to be a part of the awareness and requested the team to conduct awareness sessions to the community regularly during the weekends. Twenty-three people including men, women and children participated in the programme.

## Awareness on Substance Abuse

Awareness on the effects of substance abuse, alcoholism and smoking was conducted for the children of BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Vikas by BOSCO Health Care Department in collaboration



with the Nursing students, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru on October 13, 2018. Through enacting a skit, the students created awareness on the ill-effects of substance abuse, alcohol addiction and smoking on the liver, kidney, lungs and overall health of the people who have become slaves to these habits.

They spoke about the ways of keeping oneself away from these habits and leading a healthy life. Twenty-eight boys from BOSCO Mane and twenty-five boys from BOSCO Vikas attended the session.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



## October- 2018



-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	262	47	309
Service provided	145	29	174
Grand Total	387	76	483

### Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	20	00	20
Bangalore Bus stand	16	00	16
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	02
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	00	08	08
CSN	33	05	38
BOSCO Nivas	14	05	19
BOSCO Nilaya	03	05	08
BOSCO Child line	15	03	18
ARSP	42	03	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>174</b>

### Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	08	12	20
Home Placement	105	10	115
Produced before CWC	134	24	158
Shishumandir	01	00	01
Referred to OH	14	00	14
Referred Back to Hostels	00	00	00
Recommended to Gurukula	00	01	01
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>309</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	27	20	47
Unaccompanied	235	27	262
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>309</b>