

That they may have life...in all its fullness



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QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Young people remain at the centre of our activities, and the first quarter of the year was no different with a programme to understand the Juvenile Justice Act, training of Adolescent Girls, a Youth Parliament and more.

We believe in leaving no stone unturned in creating a new life for our youth and so the workshops on Life skills for effective communication and emotional well being, honesty and personal hygiene, we hope covered many areas of interest and relevance.

As expressed in our celebrations around the Don Bosco month, we continue to be moved by hope, to look forward and to give thanks and gratitude for the life we now have.

With Best Wishes,

Fr. Mathew Thomas, SDB
Executive Director

BOSCO DIARY

JANUARY
TO MARCH

- Awareness Campaigns
- Health Camps
- Community Mobilization Programme
- Value Education Classes
- Life Skills
- Meetings
- Youth Parliament
- Trainings
- Outings
- Celebrations- Makara Sankranti, Republic Day, International Women's Day
- Don Bosco Month
- Visit of Salesian Provincials Conference of South Asia to BOSCO Bengaluru
- Exposure Visits
- Inauguration of Tuition Centre
- Formation of Child Protection Committees
- Formation of Youth Group

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

STAKEHOLDERS' AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



BOSCO Railway CHIDLINe team organized awareness for RPF Officials, Sweepers, Shopkeepers, and Coolie Porters at Platform No. 5 of KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, during January, February and March, 2021. The awareness was organized to sensitize the stakeholders on issues related to children, CHIDLINe and sought their support in the rescue and rehabilitation of the vulnerable

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young. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, explained about Railway CHILDLINE, functions of Railway CHILDLINE, and CHILDLINE. She also explained about the rescue procedures and the follow-up process. The stakeholders assured their complete support to

BOSCO in its efforts to rescue and rehabilitate vulnerable and needy children. Around forty-three RPF officials, forty-eight sweepers, twenty-five shopkeepers, and twenty-two coolie porters attended the programmes.

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS



BOSCO Nilaya organized public awareness programmes at KR Market, Avenue Road, Victoria Hospital Gate, Kalasipalya, Akkipet, and Jolly Mohalla areas, during January to March, 2021. Public and shopkeepers were given awareness on BOSCO and its activities, child rights, child rights violation, CHILDLINE, tuition centres, vocational skill training courses at BOSCO, and remedial education at BOSCO Nilaya. Importance of maintaining COVID-19 precautionary measures was explained. Warning was given to two child labourers and their employers. Public appreciated the efforts of BOSCO to rescue and rehabilitate the young at risk and thanked the organization for the services offered. A stakeholder requested the rehabilitation of two children who are school dropouts. Twelve youths showed interest in joining skill training programmes at BOSCO. Follow-up is being done. Around thousand five hundred members of the public were given awareness.

The BOSCO team working in the Bus Stand area of Bengaluru organized public awareness programmes at the BMTC and KSRTC terminals, and in SC Road, Gandhinagar, during January, February

and March, 2021, respectively. The team members briefed people about the issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting needy children on the street. They explained about child rights and the role of BOSCO in protecting child rights, CHILDLINE, JJ Act, etc. They shared about the BOSCO Assistance Center at the KSRTC and BMTC terminals. Around five hundred people were given pamphlets.

The Railway CHILDLINE team, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized public awareness programmes at the entrance and Platform No. 1 of KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, during January and March, 2021. The team oriented the passengers alighting the trains regarding child trafficking, missing children, child rights, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE 1098, functions of BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE in the railway station, and the role of the public in the rescue and rehabilitation of children and young at risk. The public were asked to test the helpline number. Over two hundred members of the public and passengers were given awareness, and seventy test calls were taken up.

DOOR TO DOOR AWARENESS



BOSCO Nivas, Bengaluru, conducted door to door awareness in Ashingtwn, Mackan Compound, and Nehrupuram areas of Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru, during January and March, 2021. The Nivas team visited the households and shops to create awareness about BOSCO and its activities. The team explained about the services of BOSCO, highlighting tailoring and other vocational courses in particular. They distributed hand-outs with information on child rights, child protection mechanisms, child related issues, and the 24/7 toll free child rescue helpline 1098. Around seven hundred households were visited.

ANTI-CHILD BEGGARY CAMPAIGN



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, in continuation of the Anti-Child Beggary campaign launched by KSCPCR, in collaboration with the Department of Police, organized public announcements over the PA system engaging a vehicle, on January 22, 2021. The team sensitized the officials at the jurisdictional police stations and moved through the vulnerable areas and signals together with the Hoysala Police vehicles. The team gave awareness at Kathriguppe Main Road, Kathriguppe Circle, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar Circle, Kamakya Signal, Deve Gowda Petrol Bunk signal under Channammanakere Achukattu Police Station limits, RV Hospital

Signal, Indira Gandhi Circle, Sarakki Vegetable Market, JP Nagar Metro Station, 15th Cross Signal and Ragigudda Slum Community that come under the JP Nagar Police Station limits. The CHILDLINE

team along with the police officials warned parents and employers who had brought children to their places of work. They agreed that they would not employ children.

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness sessions for the stakeholders – Self-Help Group (SHG) members, Nagayyanapalya, Sarvagyanagar, Vinayaknagar Anganwadi Center and Masthenahalli, Jigani Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, Panchayat Raj Institution (PRI) Members, Dommasandra, Sarjapur Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Grama Panchayath Office, Marasuru, Anekal Taluk Ragihalli, Grama panchayath, Jigani Hobali, Karpuru Grama Panchayat, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, Anganwadi Mothers, Anganwadi Center, Bhooman Doddi and Dommasandra, Sarjapura Hobali, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, Asha Workers at PHC Center, Anganwadi teachers at CDPO Office, NGO Staff, Hasirudala, Bengaluru, and Primary School Teachers, Government Kannada Model Primary School,



Goripalya, Bengaluru, at their respective offices from January to March 2021. Facilitating the sessions, Oblesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its services, concept of foster care and adoption, difference between the two, foster care guidelines, and the procedures involved in fostering a child. He said that the stakeholders could help BOSCO by disseminating information about foster care, and also help in identifying prospective foster parents and children in need of care and protection. Sixty-five SHG members, hundred and four PRI members, twenty-eight Anganwadi teachers, forty-two Anganwadi mothers, thirty-six Asha workers, seventeen NGO staff, and six primary school teachers were a part of these awareness sessions.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme on 'Free Legal Aid', at the BBMP Community Hall, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, on February 3, 2021. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities and the SJPU project. Shri. Nandish RP, Member



Secretary, District Legal Aid Authority and Civil Court Judge, Bengaluru, spoke about free legal aid for the common man, legal rights, legal aid for women who are victims of violence, atrocities and dowry harassment, and the procedures for obtaining social entitlements. He also spoke about child rights and protection of children. Sixty-nine people attended the programme.

AWARENESS FOR ANGANWADI TEACHERS AND SUPERVISORS



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted an awareness programme for Anganawadi teachers and supervisors at the Anganawadi Center in Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru, on February 10, 2021. Mr. Vinod Sandeep and Naithika Shetty, Team Members, spoke about UNCRC, CHILDLINE 1098, the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA) 2006, and about the various mechanisms for the protection of the rights of children. The team shared about the issues of children found begging, and the participants clarified their doubts. Thirty-four AWC teachers and supervisors participated in this programme.

HEALTH AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, organized Health Awareness Programmes for the children of Ramanna Garden, Bengaluru, and the surrounding areas of BOSCO Nilaya, on February 20 and March 18, 2021, respectively. Uma, Social Worker, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, explained about first aid and personal hygiene. There were detailed explanations about balanced diet, consumption of potable drinking water, hand washing steps, and maintenance of clean surroundings. How to prevent the spread of contagious diseases was discussed, and the steps to be taken during medical emergencies were also briefed. First aid methods and demonstrations were made. Jhansi, Nurse, St. Martha's Hospital, and Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, were present in the programme. Ms. Priya, Coordinator, CREAM Project, proposed the vote of thanks. Hundred and twenty children attended the awareness sessions.



POLICE SENSITIZATION PROGRAMME

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a sensitization programme for the Police Personnel of Chamarajpet Police Station, Bengaluru, on February 24, 2021. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained in detail about child protection, child rights, JJ Act 2015, POCSO Act, child marriage, child beggary, child abuse, child trafficking and children in conflict with law. He also explained about the creation of child friendly police stations and about the existence of District Legal Aid Authority and its benefits to the common man. Gopal Krishna, PSI, Chamarajpet Police Station, West Division, Bengaluru, was present in the programme. Thirty police personnel participated in the sensitization programme.



TRAINING PROGRAMMES

JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted a training programme on Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act 2015), for the Social Workers of Impact India, at KSCCW, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru, on January 8, 2021. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on Juvenile Justice Act 2015, and spoke about the difference between JJ Act 2000 and 2015, child rights, roles and responsibilities of CWCs, SJPU infrastructure, rescue of children in difficult situations, and RTE Act 2009. Smt. Rajini, Member, CWC 3, was present during the programme. Seventeen social workers attended the training.

ORIENTATION ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING

BOSCO Nilaya conducted an orientation on Vocational Training Courses for the youth of Jeevarathni Foundation, Kalli Agraharam, near Nallur village, Hosur Taluk, Tamil Nadu, when they had taken Master Akash, Resident, BOSCO Mane, to meet his siblings on January 13, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about BOSCO, DB Best Academy, vocational skill training courses such as beautician course, tailoring, carpentry, two-wheeler mechanism, retail marketing, BPO, hotel management, etc. He also guided the youth regarding the job placement programmes available. The youth were guided on the importance of education and goal setting. Ms. Meera, Founder, Jeevarathni Foundation, appreciated the BOSCO team for motivating and guiding the youth. Twenty-five youths of Jeevarathni Foundation attended the orientation session.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME ON FORMATION OF CHILD RIGHTS CLUB



CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training for the newly formed Child Rights Clubs in the Government Urdu Medium Primary School (GUMPS), New Gurrappanapaly, GKHPS, Bairasandra, Bengaluru, GMPS, Karisandra, GMPS, Tavarakere, Giripuram Tuition Center, Giripuram, GHPS, Jakkasandra, Bengaluru, GHPS, Arasinakunte Colony, Nelamangala, Bengaluru, and GJC (HS), Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, from January to March, 2021. The training commenced with the introduction of BOSCO, its activities, and the CREAM Project. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM Project, briefed everyone about UNCRC, child rights, and child rights violations with relevant examples. Children were asked to be leaders and support children in difficult situations. Children were briefed about the responsibilities of child rights club members. Children listed the various issues faced by children and said that they would work towards solving these issues. Around thousand four hundred children attended the training.

TRAINING ON FOSTER CARE

BOSCO Foster Care Project organized a training programme on Foster Care, for the Police Officers at the Thalaghattapura Police Station, Bengaluru, on February 23, 2021. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Project, spoke about the activities of BOSCO and about the centers, JJ Act, role of the Child Welfare Committee and SJPU, and about the different categories of children who could be given foster care. Ms. Heena, SJPU in-charge, Thalaghattapura Police Station, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Eighteen police officers participated in the training.



MEETINGS

ADOLESCENT GIRLS' MEET

BOSCO Nivas organized Adolescent Girls' Meetings, at the center, in January and March, 2021. Ms. Shalini, Social Mobilizer, spoke about the onset of puberty, menstrual hygiene, and the nutrition required during menstruation. She motivated the girls to talk openly about menstruation and the problems they face so that necessary action can be taken on time. Twenty girls were a part of these meetings.

BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, organized an Adolescent Girls' Meeting, at the center, on February 13, 2021. Using the smart class equipment, Priya, Project Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, explained the importance of understanding menstrual hygiene. Girls were motivated to maintain personal hygiene. She also explained about safe and unsafe touch. Child abuse and acts related to it were



briefed. Benefits of meditation were explained, and the girls were asked to cultivate the habit of greetings others, respecting elders, sharing, caring for, and protecting the needy. Girls were asked to set a goal and work towards reaching it. Girls used the smart



class equipment to inscribe their signatures. The class drew to a close with the vote of thanks by Ms. Tanisha, student. Eleven girls attended the meeting.

TASK FORCE MEETS

The BOSCO team working in the Kempegowda bus stand organized Task Force Meetings for the BMTC Officials and Sweepers in the bus stand area, on January 25 and February 19, 2021. The main objective of this programme was to create awareness among the stakeholders about BOSCO's work and services. Facilitating the session, Vinnarasi, Team Member, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its services, child rights, child related issues and problems, and BOSCO's role in the rescue and rehabilitation of needy children. She also spoke about the BOSCO Assistance Center at the Bus Stand and its services. She requested them to support the team during rescue operations. Mr. Narasimha, Assistant Supervisor, Security In-charge, BMTC, assured to support BOSCO in the rescue and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection. Mr. Jaypal, Divisional Traffic Officer, BMTC bus stand, asked the officers to be vigilant in identifying needy children at the bus stand. Thirty-five BMTC officials and seventeen BMTC sweepers attended the sessions.



FOSTER PARENTS' AND CHILDREN'S MEETING



Foster Parents' and Children's meeting was organized by the BOSCO Foster Care Programme, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on February 27, 2021. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster

Care Programme, briefed everyone about the purpose of the meeting. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, said, "It is wonderful that we are all together as a foster family. I thank every foster parent who has looked after the children as their own children. Now we are taking forward the Foster Care Programme to ten districts." Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care Programme said, "To lead a happy family life we should have mutual respect for each other, give time for each other, encourage each other and show love and care for each other, especially children." Ms. Meena Jain, Former Chairperson, CWC - 1 and 2 started the session with how to take care of foster children.

Some of the Foster parents and children shared their experiences of fostering children and being in a foster family respectively. Mr. Chandrappa, Foster Parent, thanked BOSCO for helping foster a child through the Child Welfare Committee. Mr. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, welcomed the participants and Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Forty parents, children and staff attended the meeting.

HEALTH CAMPS

HEALTH CAMP



BOSCO Yuvodaya organized a health camp for the people of Anniyamma Colony, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, on March 23, 2021. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital along with his team conducted the camp. BP, diabetes, and eye checkup was done for the people of the community. Dr. Abraham and his team also give tips on maintaining good health and hygiene, and following the COVID-19 protocol. Vitamin tablets and syrups were distributed. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, organized the camp. Eighty community people benefited from the camp.

DENTAL CHECKUP

BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, organized a Dental Checkup for the youth of the center as part of the periodic health checkup, on March 20, 2021. Dr. Neha Thomas, BDS, and her team conducted the camp. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, welcomed the team and urged the youth to make use of the camp that was organized. Youth were given an introduction on oral hygiene. They were given tips on maintaining healthy teeth, and educated about the importance of brushing and the causes for toothache and bad breath, through an interactive session. Few of them were informed by the doctor that they require dental treatment. Fifteen youths attended the camp.



LIFE SKILLS SESSIONS

LIFE SKILLS SESSION ON SELF-AWARENESS

A life skills session on self-awareness was conducted at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, for the youths residing in the center, on February 13, 2021. The session conducted by Ms. Charlene D' Souza included games and activities to learn about the meaning and importance of self-awareness, understand the real and ideal self, and to master techniques for personal growth and development. Fourteen youths participated in the session.



LIFE SKILLS TRAINING ON EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION



BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, conducted a life skills session on 'Effective Communication', for the youth residing in the center, on February 20, 2021. Charlene D'Souza, Coordinator, BOSCO Sumanahalli, explained about the meaning importance of effective communication focusing on non-verbal communication. Participants were told that it is important to have full attention and active listening while communicating. Fifteen youths participated in the programme.



BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a life skills session on 'Effective Communication', for the girls residing in the center, on March 21, 2021. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, explained about verbal and non-verbal communication by conducting activities like Chinese whispers, Visual view communication, and Pairing game. She also explained how effective communication helps in building confidence. Eighteen girls participated in the life skills session.

COPING WITH EMOTION



A life skills session on 'Coping with Emotions', was organized for the residents of BOSCO Rainbow Home, at the center, on February 21, 2021. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, conducted the session by organizing various games to guide and help the girls develop a positive sense of self, manage their emotions, and to get along with others. The purpose of the session was to help them control their anger, develop self-regulation skills, resilience and a sense of self, nurturing their mental health and well-being. Twenty-eight girls participated in the session.

VALUE EDUCATION

SESSION ON TIME MANAGEMENT

BOSCO Rainbow Home, Bengaluru, organized a session on 'Time Management', for the children at the center, on January 3, 2021. Facilitating the session, Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, explained that time management is all about the process of organizing and planning the division of time between specific activities. She



explained about time management techniques and how they would help in improving one's ability to function effectively. Fifty-two girls participated in the session.

A session on Time Management was held for the tuition children of Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound, and Nehrupuram, on January 8, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas, in his introductory message exhorted the children to be like an eagle, fearless and courageous, rather than being timid like a duck. He gave tips on managing time, sorting out the daily activities as they are still at home and attending online classes. He said that this time was the best opportunity to utilize time effectively. Around hundred and thirty children attended the session.



SESSION ON HONESTY



BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a session on 'Honesty', at the centre, on January 14, 2021. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, said that honesty is not just about telling the truth but also about being true to oneself. It makes one a trustworthy person. An inspirational movie on honesty was screened. Later the girls were given group activities showing the importance of honesty. Twenty-two girls participated in the session.

SESSION ON IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

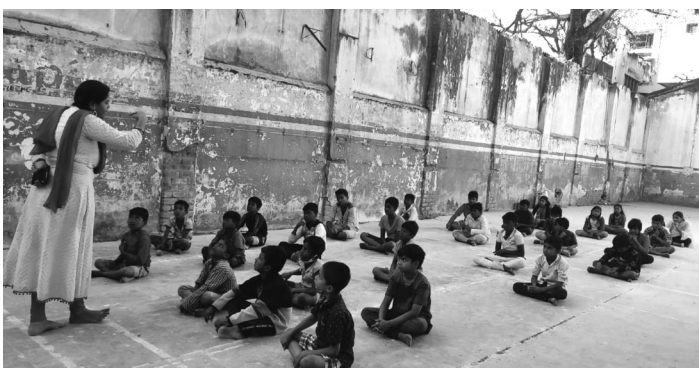


BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a session on 'Importance of Education', for the inmates of the centre, on February 21, 2021. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, explained about the importance of education by narrating moral stories and conducting games. She motivated the girls to complete education and become independent individuals and responsible citizens. Twenty-two girls participated in the value education programme.

MOTIVATIONAL SESSION AT BOSCO NILAYA



BOSCO Nilaya, organized a motivational session for the children from the surrounding areas of the centre and BOSCO's New Campus, Ramanna Garden, on February 12 and 16, 2021. The team exhorted children to read more books in order to gain knowledge. The children were encouraged to make use of the library to access books, and were asked to cultivate the habit of reading books and newspapers in the tuition class on a daily basis. Importance of yoga and concentration was also explained.



Later, the children were divided into three groups. Teams took up playing caroms, indoor games, computer training, and watching cartoons. Two leaders were selected by the children for each team. The child rights club leaders, Master Charan and Master Manoj, took up the responsibility of maintaining discipline. Ms. Sandhya took the lead in assisting the children to study. Children were told about the benefits of physical education. Importance of maintaining cleanliness and discipline was explained with relevant examples. A session on meditation was conducted. Seventy-three children attended the motivational classes.

SESSION ON PERSONAL HYGIENE

Rainbow Home, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a session on 'Personal Hygiene', for the residents of the center, on March 21, 2021. A short film on Health and Hygiene was screened. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, spoke about maintaining personal hygiene by adopting the simple practices of taking bath daily, washing hands regularly, brushing teeth twice a day, cleaning ears and nose, cutting nails, and changing clothes. Twenty-two girls benefited from the session.



DON BOSCO MONTH

INAUGURATION OF DON BOSCO MONTH



Don Bosco month was inaugurated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 11, 2021. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the Saint.

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas organized the programme at Nilaya center on January 2, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, addressing the staff and volunteers, spoke about Don Bosco and motivated them to create a child friendly atmosphere. Twenty-four staff members and volunteers participated in the programme.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan held the inauguration on January 5, 2021. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke on the theme, 'Moved by Hope'. Sheeba Thomas, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, was present on the occasion. Children sang hymns honoring St. John Bosco. Fifty-five children and eleven staff members attended the programme.

Don Bosco month was inaugurated in BOSCO Yuvakendra on January 5, 2021. Fr. CV George, Director, ARSP and SJPU projects, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, graced the occasion. Twenty-five youths participated in the programme.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas held the inauguration of Don Bosco month on January 8, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the life of Johnny BOSCO. Santosh, Sub Inspector, VV Puram, Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, and Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Mane, were present. Around fifty children from Mane and Vikas participated in the programme.

The inauguration of the month of Don Bosco was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 9, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director BOSCO Sumanahalli, gave the staff and youth, the example of Don Bosco, and his sacrifice and dedication towards youth. He encouraged the youth to imitate Don Bosco and consider him as a role model. Eighteen youths participated in the programme.

BOSCO Rainbow Home held the inaugural function on January 11, 2021. Mr. Ravikumar, ASI, Wilson Garden Police Station, addressed the children and assured protection for the children through night patrols. Fr. John spoke about St. John Bosco, his vision and mission, and he advised the children to follow the path of Don Bosco. Fifty-five children and six staff members were present on the occasion.

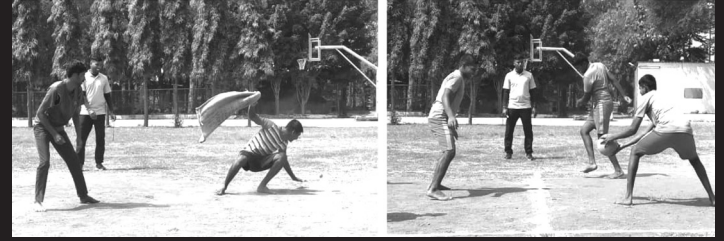
ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED DURING DON BOSCO MONTH

BOSCO Children's Homes- Mane, Vikas, Nilaya, Nivas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Yuvodaya, organized various activities as part of the Don Bosco month celebrations, for the children and youth of the centers, during January 2021. Drawing, indoor sports, outdoor sports, dance, mime, skit, quiz, singing, poster making, and pick and speak, were

conducted as part of the Don Bosco feast, to create awareness about Don Bosco. The activities were conducted to enhance the mental and social skills of the children and youth, to increase creativity among them, and to learn more about Don Bosco. Around two hundred children from the centers and hundred children from the tuition centers participated in these events.



SPORTS DAY AT BOSCO SUMANAHALLI



As part of the Don Bosco Month, Sports Day was organized at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, on January 23, 2021. Mr. Raju and his cricket team from Sumanahalli sponsored sports jackets for the youths at the center. Various games like short put, athletics-100mts, 200 mts, 400 mts, square ball, penalty kick, long kick, wicket ball, volleyball, and sack race were organized. Mr. Murugaraj, BOSCO CHILDLINE, and the staff of BOSCO Sumanahalli conducted the events.



FEAST OF DON BOSCO AT BOSCO

The Feast of Don Bosco was celebrated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children/ youth, on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2021.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas organized the Feast of Don Bosco on January 30, 2021, in the presence of Mr. Joseph. N, HM, St. Joseph's School, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, Sr. Nirmala, Superior, St. Mary's Community Convent, Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, and Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane. Children and staff performed skits and dances. Around seventy children from Mane and Vikas participated in the programme.

BOSCO Sumanahalli celebrated the Feast on January 30, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, spoke about the importance of celebrating the feast of Don Bosco and how important it is to live a life dedicated to the service of underprivileged children and youth. Ms. Kavya, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru, encouraged the youth and staff to imitate Don Bosco and consider him as a role model. Ms.

Pallavi, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru, was present on the occasion. Seventy youths from the center, children from Devaraj Urs area, and the staff of BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli attended the programme.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan conducted the Feast of Don Bosco on January 30, 2021. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Sheeba Thomas, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, were present. Children sang hymns and performed dances honoring St. John Bosco. Around sixty children attended the programme.

BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated the Feast of St. John Bosco, in the center, on January 30, 2021. The programme began with various party games for children. Later a formal inauguration was done by Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, Bengaluru. Ms. Rashmi appreciated the services of BOSCO towards children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the life story



of St. John Bosco. Children exhibited their talents through dances, mime, and songs. Prizes were distributed to all the children. Twenty-nine children participated in the event.

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas organized the Feast of Don Bosco at BOSCO's New Campus, Ramanna Garden, J.C.Road, Bengaluru, on January 30, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, addressing the children, mentioned Don Bosco's quotes and motivated the children to grow up as responsible citizens. Dr. J. Anand, Hon. President, Mr. Keshav, State President, Mr. Raja, State Vice-President, Mr. Muthu, Secretary, Bengaluru District, Dr. BR. Ambedkar Karunada Ahinda Sene, and Mr. Prasanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present on the occasion. Ninety-two children from Vinobhanagar, Cement Huts, YM Shala, Ramanna Garden, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, Mackan Compound,

Nehrupuram, and Ambedkar Huts tuition centers attended the feast.

The Feast of Don Bosco was celebrated by BOSCO Yuvakendra on January 31, 2021. Fr. CV George, Director, ARSP and SJPU projects, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, graced the occasion. Youth put up cultural programmes. Bro. Lijo also performed on the occasion. Prizes were distributed for the events conducted during the month. Twenty-nine youths participated in the programme.

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated the Feast of Don Bosco in the presence of Fr. John. MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, on February 1, 2021. Cultural programmes were organized by the children. Around fifty-five girls attended the programme.



CELEBRATIONS

MAKARA SANKRANTHI CELEBRATIONS

BOSCO Nivas, Sumanahalli, Vatsalya Bhavan and Yuvakendra celebrated Makara Sankranti on January 14, 2021, at their respective centers. The celebrations started by invoking the Almighty's blessings through a prayer song. The Directors of the centers spoke about the significance of the festival. Children were told that Sankranti or Pongal heralded the harvesting of crops and the change in the direction of the Sun from one zodiac sign to another. It was also mentioned that though the harvest festival is

known by different names in the different regions of our country, the celebration signifies thanksgiving to the Almighty for his bounty. Sweets and sugarcane were distributed to the children and youth. Twenty children from BOSCO Nivas, twelve youths from BOSCO Sumanahalli, fifty-five girls from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, and twenty-two youths from BOSCO Yuvakendra were part of the celebrations.



REPUBLIC DAY AT BOSCO SUMANAHALLI



Republic Day was celebrated at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, on January 26, 2021. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, said, "We should be proud of our country and its constitution." He spoke briefly about the uniqueness and greatness of the Indian Constitution and about constitutional remedies. Sweets were distributed to the youth. Special games were conducted for the youth to celebrate the day.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, organized International Women's Day Celebrations at BOSCO's New Campus, Ramanna Garden, J. C. Road, on March 8, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, in his introductory note, said, "A woman plays an important role in society as a daughter, wife, mother, and a bread winner." Ms. Vinnarasi, Team Member, BOSCO Bus Stand Team, explained about child rights and child rights violations. She motivated the women to lead the community through strengthening SHG Groups and bringing about a positive change in society for children. Ms. Surekha, AWC Supervisor, ICDS, appreciated and thanked BOSCO for its support towards women and children.

Children from Ramanna Garden performed a skit highlighting the violations against women in the society. Women were felicitated with medals. Mr. Keshav, Leader, Dr. Ambedkar Karunada Ahindha Sene and Mr. Paul, Advocate, supported the programme by sponsoring snacks and medals for the women. Ms. Shalini, Community Organizer, CREAM Project, welcomed the gathering. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, proposed the vote of thanks. Eighty-five women, twelve children, twelve AWC teachers, helpers, four leaders from Dr. Ambedkar Karunada Ahindha Sene, and two AWC supervisors from ICDS participated in the celebrations.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

EXPOSURE VISIT TO BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

BOSCO Nivas organized an exposure visit to BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, for the youth dwelling on the streets of Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on February 5, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas, briefed the youth about the activities of the center. The instructors of the various trades explained about the training at the center such as electrical work, carpentry, two-wheeler mechanism, welding, and bakery trade. Youth enjoyed playing cricket. Seven youths participated in the exposure visit.



VISIT OF SALESIAN PROVINCIALS CONFERENCE OF SOUTH ASIA TO BOSCO BENGALURU



Salesian Provincials Conference of South Asia (SPCSA) and Delegates visited BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on February 28, 2021. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering. Shivaraju, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru presented BOSCO and its activities and services in the rescue and rehabilitation of the young at risk, to the group, through a PowerPoint presentation.

Speaking on the occasion, Rev. Fr. Biju Michael, Don Bosco South Asia Regional Councilor, narrated a story from the Bible to the children and exhorted them to become celebrities like Lokesh by utilizing the opportunities provided by BOSCO. Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal, Provincial, Bengaluru Province, appreciated the services of BOSCO in rescuing and rehabilitating lakhs of children and young down the years transforming their lives for the better.



Mr. Lokesh, Sandalwood Actor and Comedian, shared about his life and how BOSCO rescued and rehabilitated him. He proudly said that he owed his life to BOSCO for making him an independent, responsible, and successful individual who has carved a niche for himself. Ms. Sumitra, who completed her schooling and college studies from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, expressed her gratitude to BOSCO for transforming her into a successful individual. She said that she is proud to be working as a staff of BOSCO. Children from BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Yuvakendra and Vatsalya Bhavan performed cultural programmes.

Fr. Mathew Thomas felicitated Rev. Fr. Biju Michael and Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal during the occasion. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty Salesian Delegates, Directors of BOSCO, around hundred and fifty children, and staff of BOSCO were present in the programme.

OUTING TO LALBAGH BOTANICAL GARDEN



An outing to Lalbagh Botanical Garden was organized by BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for the girls residing at the center, on March 4, 2021. Children enjoyed playing in the garden, admired nature, and enjoyed the food. They felt relaxed and refreshed. Twenty-two girls and four staff members were a part of the outing.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized Youth Parliament for the youth residing at the center, on March 20, 2021. The youth representative greeted the staff and fellow mates, and presented the month's report. The youth expressed happiness over the activities organized during the month like outing, outdoor sports, session on leadership development, etc. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Center Director, exhorted the youth to develop self-identity and follow the path of righteousness. Veeresh KM, Coordinator, Open Shelter, BOSCO Yuvakendra, facilitated the programme. Twenty-four youths participated in the Youth Parliament.

INAUGURATION OF TUITION CENTER



BOSCO Yuvodaya has established a Tuition Center for school going children at Anniyamma Colony, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru. The inauguration of the center was held on March 23, 2021, by Mr. Ravi, Sub Inspector, Upparpet Police Station and Mr. Ramesh, Local Leader. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ravi, appreciated BOSCO for its work towards needy children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director Yuvodaya, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities. He urged the children of the area to make optimum use of the tuition center. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, oriented the children and their parents on child rights, child related Acts and laws, importance of education, BOSCO skill training programmes, and COVID-19 protocol. The children of the area took the initiative of organizing and conducting the programme. Seventy children and their parents participated in the inauguration.

FORMATION OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES

BOSCO Nilaya organized meeting with the stakeholders of Bakshi Garden and Thavarakere, to form a Child Protection Committee (CPC), on March 15 and 31, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, spoke about BOSCO, CREAM Project, and Nilaya activities. He discussed about the importance of early childhood care and education, and the need to motivate children to study in anganwadis. He spoke to the group about child rights, child protection mechanisms, child rights violations, and the role of stakeholders. The Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, discussed about the issues of children in difficult situations. The participants were given information about CHILDLINE 1098, and the skill training programmes at BOSCO.



Stakeholders requested the team to conduct more awareness programmes in the surrounding communities. They acknowledged the improvement in the children attending Nilaya tuitions, karate sessions, and other co-curricular activities. Stakeholders included Anganwadi teachers, parents, Child Welfare Police Officer, and area leaders of the child rights clubs. Thirty-five stakeholders were incorporated into the two CPCs formed.

FORMATION OF YOUTH GROUP

BOSCO Nilaya organized a meeting with the youth of the surrounding areas, at the center, to form a Youth Group, on March 13, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, conducted a personality development session using Johari Window technique. Priya, Coordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained about child rights, issues related to children, and the role of the youth in society. A group of interested youth was formed which agreed to extend support to BOSCO in the rescue and rehabilitation of children and youth at risk. Twenty-seven youths participated in the meeting.



“
*For you I study,
 for you I work,
 for you I live,
 for you
 I am ready even
 to give my life”.*
 -St. John Bosco.
 ”

That they may have life...in all its fullness

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STREET VOICE

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,
 Young people remain at the center of our activities and the first chapter of the year has unfolded with programs implemented for Juvenile Justice Act's Training of Adolescent Girls, a Youth Professional program.

We believe in having an active involvement in creating a new life for our youth and so the workshops on Life Skills for effective communication and emotional well-being, literacy and personal hygiene, we have covered many areas of interest and relevance.

As expressed in our celebrations around the Day of the Boy, we continue to be moved by them. To look forward and to give thanks and gratitude for the life we now have.

With Best Wishes,
 Fr. Matthew Thomas, SDB
 Executive Director

BOSCO DIARY JANUARY TO MARCH

- Awareness Campaign
- Health Camps
- Community Mobilization Programme
- Value Education Classes
- Life Skills
- Meetings
- Youth Parliament
- Quizzes
- Celebrations - Makara Sankranti, Republic Day, International Women's Day
- Day Beach Month
- Visit of Indian Religious Conference of South Asia to BOSCO Bengaluru
- Exposure Visits
- Integration of Tutor Centres
- Formation of Child Protection Committees
- Formation of Youth Group

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS / STAKEHOLDERS' AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team organized awareness for RPF, CRPF, STROPS, Shopkeepers, and Canteen Porters at Platform No. 2 of CBE Railway Station, Bengaluru during January, February, and March, 2021. The awareness was organized to sensitize the stakeholders on issues related to children, and CHILDLINE sought their support in the rescue and rehabilitation of the vulnerable.

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