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Editorial Note...

“At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love,” says Martin Luther King Jr. The theme, ‘Protect Children from Violence’ permeated the gamut of programmes and celebrations organized by BOSCO Bengaluru, in November 2018. Resorting to violence as a means to bring about a positive change in human behavior has been a bone of contention down the ages.

During certain recent interactions with teachers, some of them

Non-Violence: A Choice!

opined that there is a ‘considerable lack of fear of teachers’ among children due to the increased awareness and knowledge of child rights. Should fear be the apt emotion to be maintained among children to keep them on the ‘right track’?

The significant increase of instances of violence against children and women is a grave concern. According to Stephen R. Covey, in the space between stimulus and response lies the freedom to

choose. Ultimately it is the power to choose that defines a human being. Gandhiji ‘chose’ non-violence as an effective means in the freedom-struggle. As we reach out to children in need of care and protection, let not non-violence become a mere garment that could be put on and off at will but a value that is an inseparable part of one’s being!

*Fr. Prasad SDB***Children’s Day Celebration**

BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized Children’s Day at St. Theresa’s School, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on November 18, 2018 on the theme “Protect Children from Violence”.

In his keynote address, Inspector, VV Puram spoke on the occasion.

Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, The Stakeholders who have played key roles in the protection and promotion of child rights at the centers and areas of BOSCO were awarded with Makkala Mitra Award. Children who have excelled in the cultural, social, sports and education fields were awarded with Prathibha Puraskara Award.

An oath to protect and promote child rights was taken by everyone

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Outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas organized an outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bangalore under the auspices HDFC project, for the children attending tuition classes at BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Nilaya, Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound, Nehrupuram, Rajgopal Garden, Anandpuram, Vyayam Shaala, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Vinobhanagar on November 26, 2018.



Children visited the temple on the top of the Champakadhama hill. Children were exposed to the architecture of the temple and view of the Bengaluru city from atop the hill. They were taken for boating at the Kavalkere Lake behind the zoo

at the Park. The children visited the Snake Lake and zoo. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, addressing the children gathered said, “We are here for learning new things. I hope this day was fruitful and filled with lot of learnings.”

Children exhibited keen interest in knowing about the animals and birds in the park. Ninety-six Children from twelve tuition centers, Fr. Joshy, Principal, Don Bosco B.Ed. College, Yadgiri and BOSCO Staff including tuition teachers were present for the outing.

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present. CHIDLINE Se Dosti Band was tied on the hands of all the guests as a symbolic gesture of providing care and protection to children.



Theme based cultural programmes by children, a musical programme by Nandini and Team, Bengaluru and dance performance by Nursing Students from St. Martha’s Hospital marked the event. Sr. Jessy Merlyn, Provincial Superior, SMMI, Bengaluru, Mr. Edward, Hospitality Manager, Chinnaswamy Stadium and Ms. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present.

Around six hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the programme.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO Team working at Bengaluru KSRTC and BMTC Bus stands organized Task Force Meeting with the objective of creating awareness about the services of BOSCO to the Security Personnel at Metro Station on November 14, 2018. Mr. CT Gowda, ASO, Metro Station, Bengaluru welcomed the gathering. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Bus Stand area, Bengaluru gave a brief introduction about BOSCO and its activities at the bus stand and surrounding areas. The officials assured their support to BOSCO in reaching out to the needy children and youth. Around hundred and fifty Metro Security Personnel attended the Task Force meeting.

Child Rights Week

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Child Rights Week, a week-long campaign (November 13, 2018 to November 21, 2018) aimed at making general public, stakeholders and partners aware of child related issues, child rights, child protection mechanisms and **CHILDLINE** 1098. **BOSCO** **CHILDLINE**, Railway **CHILDLINE**, Child Safety Net (CSN), Nilaya, Nivas, CREAM, CRY, ECCE, ARSP and SJPJPU teams were involved in conducting various programs during the week.

The weeklong programme consisted of Press meet followed by the inauguration of child rights week at Yeswanthpur Railway station, KSR Railway station, Cantonment Railway Station, Government Model Primary School, Bagalur, Bengaluru and at GUEHPS, Farooqinagar, Bengaluru. Other activities included drawing competitions to spread awareness on 'child found begging', essay and public



speaking competitions on child labour and child marriage, silent rally on the theme 'online safety and prevention of drug abuse', sensitizing on child labor, Tying CSD safety band on the hands of stakeholders at marriage/function halls to spread awareness on Child

marriage, 'White Campaign,' spreading the word about Child Sexual Abuse to stakeholders and public at Majestic Bus stand, markets and other public places, awareness in moving training and schools, organizing games and competitions for differently abled children.

With a ribbon that read, 'No violence against children', printed on a black ribbon that was tied across their faces and with lighted candles, over hundred children marched from Kempe Gowda Road to the Chickpet Police station in Bengaluru on the evening of International Children's Day, November 20, 2018, asking for protection of children from violence.

The candle light rally was organized by **BOSCO** Bengaluru, in association with District Child Protection Unit, Bengaluru Urban. Thulasi, the child representative, spoke on behalf of the children participating in the rally and of child victims of brutal violence in our country, pleaded for protection of children. Thousands of signatures were gathered throughout the week-long signature campaign to end violence against children and was submitted to Shri. Mahant Reddy, ACP, Chickpet Sub-Division, Bengaluru. The concluding programme was held on November 21, 2018.

Training for Stake Holders



Foster Care Programme, **BOSCO** Bengaluru, organized trainings for Anganwadi workers, Self Help Group (SHG) members, officials of Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) and Women's Organization members of Brahmavar, Pethri and Cherkadi, Udupi District on November 15 and 16, 2018.

The team spoke about **BOSCO**, its centres and services, child rights, **CHILDLINE**, concept of foster care, legal procedures in foster care etc. Seventy-eight Anganwadi Teachers, sixteen SHG members, twenty PRI Officials and forty-six members of the Women's Group attended the training.

Karate Belt Grading Examination



protect the country during times of difficulty. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Life Skill Training center Summanahalli, Bengaluru, quoting the words of Sensei said, “Safety first defense next. Discipline first everything next”. Sensei Syed Fawadullah, Chief Instructor, Karnataka WFSKO and General Secretary, South India WFSKO, emphasized the importance and purpose of learning Karate.

A Karate Demo was done by Mr. Marlinga and children who would be participating in Karate Championship to be held at Goa. Certificates, medals and belts were distributed to all participants by dignitaries. Fr. C.V. George, Director, ARSP and SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present. Over hundred and twenty children participated in the event.

BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru organized Karate Belt grading examination in collaboration with Mr. Marlinga, Karate instructor (WFSKO) on November 4, 2018 at BOSCO Life Skill Training, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, in his keynote address said, “Child rights viola-

tions have been increasing day by day. In such a scenario, you as children, especially, adolescent girls must take initiative to bring about awareness and protect yourself. Let us strive to create a child friendly society”. Mr. John, Program Head, South Region, Child Rights and You (CRY) appreciated and motivated children to use Karate not only as an art of self- defense but to

Life Skills and Spoken English Classes



BOSCO Computer Training Project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru organized life skill sessions and spoken English sessions for the computer trainees at BOSCO Mane from October to November 2018. The sessions were facilitated by the faculty, Creating Future, Bengaluru.

Spoken English classes included basics of English, grammar, making sentences and basic communication in English through activities like word puzzle and word building. Thirty computer students attended the classes.

Session on Decision Making



BOSCO Rainbow Home, Bengaluru organized a life skill programme on ‘Decision Making’ for girls residing at the centre on November 28, 2018. The resource persons were Mr. Jimmy, Director, Creating Future, Bengaluru and his staff Ms. Geetha and three volunteers.

Through this session girls learnt about the importance of decision making and preparedness in the form of planning, organizing, directing, controlling and choosing the right path to achieve the goals within the time frame. Nineteen girls participated in the life skill session.

Open House Programme Organized

CHILDLINE Collab BOSCO Bengaluru organized an Open house Programme at Govt. Model higher primary school and high school Hosaguddadhalli on November 19, 2018. Addressing the gathering Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the aims and objectives of the open house Programme and CHILDLINE 1098. Fr. Regi, Director, CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru in his introductory speech spoke about the importance of education. Children shared about various issues of concern. The authorities present provided suggestions and solutions.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, Ms. Mary, Headmistress, Govt. Model Higher Primary and High School Hosaguddadhalli, Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru, BOSCO Collab, Ms. Bhagya, member, SDMC, Ms. Kavitha,



member, SDMC, over hundred children, eleven parents and teachers were present for the programme.

Diwali Celebrations



BOSCO Nilaya Team, Bengaluru celebrated Diwali with the less privileged people from the surrounding areas of the centre on November 7, 2018. Lunch was prepared by the staff at BOSCO Nilaya. Inaugurating the programme, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya said “Let the celebration of this festival spread the light of love and

goodness in the society, especially among the less privileged”. Conveying Deepavali wishes to the street dwellers in Kalasipalya, K.R. Market, Gandhinagar and Balepete, the staff distributed food packs along with sweets. Children burst crackers and celebrated the Deepavali festival. Ninety street dwellers received food packs and crackers.

Training of Child Rights Club Members



CREAM staff briefed about BOSCO and its activities, CREAM and its activities and CHILDLINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, Child, Child Rights, Child related laws and Children in difficult situations. Children were motivated to call 1098, Child helpline number during difficult situations. Children expressed that these trainings helped them become better individuals and empower them to fight for their rights. Children

CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized three levels of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at GKHPS, Karithimmanahalli and GKHPS, Anchepalya, at GKHPS, Hosahalli, at GKHPS, Deepanjalinagar and at Janatha Vidyalaya and Janatha English School, Chamrajpet during November 2018.

also expressed that they have been identifying child laborers selling balloons, pens, etc. at some important signals and junctions in Bengaluru. Three hundred and eighty-one boys and three hundred and thirty-three girls attended the trainings. Respective school HMs and teachers were present during the trainings.

Parents' Meeting Organized



Parents' meeting was held for the parents of the inmates at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on November 28, 2018. Addressing the parents Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the centre and its activities. In the activity based interactive session where Fr. Prasad shared about the challenges youth face in society, he also spoke about the responsibilities of youth and the responsibilities of parents towards their children for their integral development.

Sr. Pauline Raju, Counselor, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the progress of youth, the counseling process and motivational activities taking place at centre. Fifteen parents and twenty-six youth participated in the meeting.

Training Programme on Juvenile Justice Act



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training programme on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 for the police officials of Karnataka State at the Police Training School, Thanisandra, Bengaluru, on November 7, 2018. In his keynote address, A Nagaraju, Dy. SP, Bengaluru, briefed about the goals and objectives of the training programme. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Model Rules.

Fr. C.V. George, Director, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present during the training programme. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Two hundred and eighteen police officials attended the training.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



November- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	257	40	297
Service provided	138	30	168
Grand Total	395	70	465

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	18	02	20
Bangalore Bus stand	10	03	13
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	02
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	00	07	07
CSN	37	03	40
BOSCO Nivas	11	02	13
BOSCO Nilaya	00	02	02
BOSCO Child line	21	09	30
ARSP	39	02	41
TOTAL	138	30	168

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	05	10	15
Home Placement	81	23	104
Produced before CWC	153	07	160
Shishumandir	01	00	01
Referred to OH	15	00	15
Referred Back to Hostels	02	00	02
Recommended to Gurukula	00	00	00
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	257	40	297

Classification Report

Classification	Bys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	31	05	36
Unaccompanied	226	35	261
TOTAL	257	40	297