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EDITORIAL NOTE

OF FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Talking straight in the dedication note of his book, 'We the People,' Nani Phalkhivala says, "To my countrymen who gave unto themselves the constitution but not the ability to keep it, who inherited resplendent heritage but not the wisdom to cherish it, who suffer and endure in pain without the perception of their potential." Speaking further, he opines that mother nature has given immense intelligence and skills to the people in our country but we need to develop and strive to enhance the sense of public duty, discipline and dedication.

As India celebrates its 75th Independence Day, gradually freeing itself from the clutches of an apparently crippling pandemic, 'recovery' is to be perceived as a collective responsibility. The PSA (Public Service Alert) messages on COVID-19 on various mobile networks keep reminding the subscriber about the necessity to maintain COVID appropriate behaviour in order to keep the pandemic at bay. However, the norms and policies framed by the concerned departments and authorities are often twisted and distorted to suit convenience. Rallies, campaigns, protests, wedding feasts of the high and mighty, religious/cultural festivals and the like are often organized without any safety precautions and protocols.

The pandemic brings to mind the realization that the action of an individual can have far reaching consequences on the society as a whole. The term 'super spreaders,' used in relation to COVID-19 refers to the persons or events that contribute to the transmission or escalation of the pandemic. Whereas, the term 'Corona Warriors,' is widely used salute those who help the humanity affected by the pandemic, in one way or the other. One's civic sense and social responsibility would be best demonstrated by the choice one makes, to be a spreader or a warrior.

Fr. Prasad SDB

BOSCO DIARY

JULY to SEPTEMBER

- Awareness Campaigns
- Health Camps
- Value Education Classes
- Life Skills
- Meetings
- Youth Parliament
- Trainings and workshops
- Celebrations- International Youth Day, Independence Day, Don Bosco Birthday, Teacher's Day, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Nilaya Anniversary Celebrations
- Campaign- World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2021, National YaR Day,
- Outings and Picnics
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Kidovation Session by Accenture
- Vaccination Drive at BOSCO
- Inauguration of Railway CHILDLINE Kiosk
- Provincial Visitation at BOSCO
- Launch of Mulmina: A Nutritious Health Supplement
- Karate Belt Grading Exam Organized
- Formation of Child Protection Committees
- Sports Day at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan
- Certificate Distribution Programme for students who had completed the skill training courses

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Training of Child Rights Club Members

First segment of training for children from Child Rights Clubs (CRC) at the Government schools in Bengaluru Urban and Rural was organized by BOSCO CREAM Project during this quarter. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, introduced BOSCO and CREAM Project and explained about UNCRC, child rights, and CRC - importance, roles and responsibilities. Children were asked to be leaders and support deserving ones in

difficult situations. Mr. Devraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, briefed everyone about CHILDLINE and the responsibilities of CRC members. Children were asked to be active leaders and work towards achieving their goals. Teachers were appreciated for the efforts made in motivating the children. Four hundred and four children were selected as club members.



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Staff Capacity Building



BOSCO CREAM Project organized a staff capacity building training for the staff at BOSCO Nilaya, on July 10, 2021. Jinu Mathew, Programme Manager, BREADS, Bengaluru, explained about CRC, CRC Federation, CPC, Makkala Grama Sabha, and documentation. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, explained about how to write reports with emphasis on the impact of the activity. Nine staff members attended the training.



Induction Training Programme

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Induction Training Programme for the newly appointed staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on August 26, 2021. Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the programs and services of BOSCO. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, and Mr. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, oriented the staff on child rights and child laws. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, engaged the staff in an activity-based session and explained about Don Bosco's Preventive System of Education and Values. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, took a session on Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures and Juvenile Justice Act. Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, HR Manager, spoke briefly about the HR policy of BOSCO. Twenty-three participants attended the training.

Training on Documentation Tools



BOSCO Home Link (HLK) in coordination with BOSCO Nilaya organized a half-day training on Documentation Tools for the staff of the centre, on August 9, 2021. Mr. John Joshua Nirmal, Coordinator, HLK, introduced the 'In-Contact' format to the team and explained in detail about filling and updating the format. He also explained about updating the details of CRC children, tuition centre children, and Karate Club children, in the format. Sangeetha, Team Member, HLK briefed everyone about updating the reports/documents in the Child MISS tool. Six staff members and two student volunteers of BOSCO Nilaya attended the training.

State level Staff Training



BOSCO CREAM Project staff attended the State Level Staff Training and Meeting organized by BREADS, Bengaluru, at the

Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru, on September 14 and 15, 2021. Fr. Sebastian, Rector, Provincial House, and Fr. Deepu, Assistant Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, formally inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp. Fr. Rubin Mathew, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, introduced the CREAM project to the group and explained about stakeholders' workshops. Mr. Kishor Attavar explained about how to build a good rapport with government officers. Mr. Benny, Manager, BREADS, Bengaluru, conducted a session on documentation. Ms. Sherlin explained about baseline survey and measuring impact of the programme. Ms. Catherin, Accounts, BREADS, Bengaluru, explained about accounting procedures and vouchers. Six staff members of BOSCO CREAM Project attended the training.

Stakeholders' Workshop at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya organized a workshop for stakeholders, at the centre, on September 28, 2021. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services, and the CREAM Project. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about children's rights. Mr. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Yuvodaya, briefly explained about children who are in need of care and support. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE, shared about child marriage and education related cases during the COVID-19 pandemic period. Mr. Thippeswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, said that the police have assured to make Bengaluru a 'drug-free' region and will support BOSCO in attending to cases related to substance abuse in the areas.

Mr. Anto Michael, Taluk Physical Officer, Bengaluru, appreciated the work of BOSCO. Mr. Dhananjay, Sub Inspector, Cottonpet Police Station, shared that he had come across many child labourers and other child related cases during his tenure. He felt that BOSCO is not only providing services to needy children but also transforming

them into responsible citizens. Twenty-seven stakeholders including Police officers, ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, School teachers, Education officers, Community leaders, Youths, NSC Group President, Self-help group members, and NGOs participated in the workshop.



CELEBRATIONS

International Youth Day Celebration

International Youth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas on August 12, 2021. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, guided the children regarding choosing friends, managing time, utilizing opportunities, and seeking the blessings of God and elders. Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, HR manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted the youths to imbibe good virtues and qualities and work hard towards achieving personal goals. Through an activity, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, explained about the challenges adolescents face; be it, internet addiction, substance abuse, emotional and mental outbursts, peer acceptance, etc. He also showed them some inspirational videos. Ms. Girija, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about developing self-confidence. Ms. Brunda and Mrs. Priya Malini, Social Activists, BOSCO Nilaya, spoke about respecting elders. Ms. Kalaivani, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about personal hygiene. Mr. Amal, Project Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, and sixty-nine children participated in the programme.



Independence Day Celebrations at BOSCO



Independence Day was celebrated at the centres of BOSCO on August 15, 2021. BOSCO Mane and Vikas celebrated Independence Day in the presence of Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Fr. John MA, Director and Administrator, BOSCO Mane. Mr. George Kutty, Y's Men International hoisted the flag. Later in the day, party games were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners. Thirty-seven children and staff members participated in the celebration.

At the Rainbow Home, celebrations began with the hoisting of the flag by Sr. Jenny, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, along with Mrs. Vijya Lakshmi, Headmistress, High School, in the school premises. During the day, cultural programmes were organized. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, gave the children a message on Independence Day. Rainbow Home staff and fifty-five children were present during the celebration.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan celebrated Independence Day in collaboration with Leelavathi Multi Specialty Hospital, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. Dr. Harish MD, Leelavathi Multi Specialty Hospital, gave an inspirational speech on the importance of Independence Day and exhorted the children to go ahead in life filled with hope. Sweets were distributed to the children. Sixty children participated in the celebration.

BOSCO Sumanahalli celebrated Independence Day with the centre youths and area children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, inaugurated the programme by hoisting the National Flag. Party games were arranged for the children. Sweets were distributed to the children. Fr. Joshy, Director

BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, and staff of BOSCO were present during the celebration. Sixty children participated in the celebration.

Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, hoisted the National Flag. Revanna Marlinga, Programme Manager, Dream A Dream, and Basavaraj, Asst. Professor, MN Degree College, Bengaluru, spoke about the freedom struggle and the current situation. The youth were given the message that 'one should always see what he/she has given to society rather than expecting society to give him/her something'. Twenty-three youths, children, five past pupils, and staff were present for the celebration.

Don Bosco's Birthday Celebrated



26th Birthday of Don Bosco was celebrated at the respective centres on August 16, 2021. Children in Vatsalya Bhavan staged a cultural programme honouring the great saint. They sang hymns and performed a skit on the life of Don Bosco. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram

shared about the life of Don Bosco, his humility and his love for the youth. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, exhorted the children to follow his principles. He said one can be happy by making others happy.

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated the birthday of St. John Bosco with cake cutting. Cultural programmes like dance, drama, speech, and songs were organized. Sr. Jeny, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, exhorted the children to imbibe the values of Don Bosco – love for children and youth and respect and dignity for all. Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, graced the occasion and spoke about the principles and values of Don Bosco. He briefed everyone about the establishment of BOSCO in Bengaluru and how the descendants of the Saint are continuously striving towards achieving his dreams. The movie on Don Bosco including his childhood was screened. Sweets were distributed to the children. Twenty-three youths and one hundred and twenty children participated in the programmes held at the centres.

Teachers' Day Celebrations



Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Gandhinagar area celebrated Teachers' Day on

September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2021, at their respective centres. Children performed dances and songs, and did drawings and paintings. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the children at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, appreciated the teachers at the centre. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, said that teachers are God's messengers. He asked the children to be grateful to all the teachers and staff of BOSCO as they not only teach but also guide and shape the character and future of the students. He enlightened children about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and about the importance of the day. Fr. Joshy Puttur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the role of teachers and their valuable contribution to the society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, guided the children to respect all their teachers. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teachers' Day celebrations.

Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, celebrated the 36th anniversary of the centre on September 8, 2021. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, shared about the achievements of Yuvakendra and

the milestones reached. Rev. Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore, noticed that the past pupils were doing well in life. He felt that it was because of BOSCO's

intervention that they are in mainstream society and have carved a niche for themselves. He asked the staff and the directors to continue the good work and provide children with what they did not get from society. Centre youth staged a cultural programme to mark the anniversary celebration. Shoes were distributed to the tuition children during the occasion. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. CV George, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Centre youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.



Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya celebrated their fifth anniversary on September 21, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address

highlighted the achievements of Nilaya, and thanked the staff, management, partners, stakeholders, well-wishers and above all, the children, for the success of the centre. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, enumerated the activities of BOSCO Nilaya, like providing education, conducting extra-curricular activities, tuition classes, karate classes, moral/value education classes, computer classes etc., and exhorted the children to utilize the facilities to the maximum. Area children staged cultural programmes. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, screened a video of BOSCO Nilaya, taking the gathering down memory lane.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Amal, Project Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present on the occasion. Food and snacks were distributed to the children. Hundred and forty-five children from the tuition centres and areas along with staff of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, student volunteers, tuition teachers, and neighbours participated in the celebrations.

CAMPAIGNS

World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2021

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized a week-long campaign on World Day against Trafficking in Persons, at KSR Railway Station from July 26 to 30, 2021. Based on the theme for the year 2021 – 'Victims' Voices Lead the Way', BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized several awareness programmes at KSR Railway station highlighting the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking.

The campaign started with an inauguration at the entrance of the railway station by placing a moveable kiosk and giving awareness to the coolie porters, on July 26, 2021. CHILDLINE face masks were distributed to the participants. Thirty-one porters were benefited. On July 28, 2021, an awareness programme was conducted for RPF officials on platform 5. Fourteen officials benefited from the programme. Awareness was given to the passengers in moving trains from KSR station to Mandya and from Bangarpet to KSR Station, on July 29, 2021. Seven hundred and fifty passengers benefited from it.

During the concluding programme, an awareness rally was organized from the entrance of KSR Railway Station till the exit gate of the station, on July 30, 2021. Staff distributed pamphlets to



passengers and commuters on the platforms. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CRT, spoke about the importance of the day and the functions of CHILDLINE, and sought the support of the public in rescuing children in need of care and protection. Ms. Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), South

Western Railways, thanked CHLDLINE teams and BOSCO for their work. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Sourab Jain, Joint General Manager,

IRSDC, Mr. Srikanth, CMI/ SBC, Mr. Kumara Swamy, Station Master, SBC, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHLDLINE, staff members from BOSCO CHLDLINE, Railway CHLDLINE, APSA, and SATHI were present during the programme.

National YaR Day Campaign

The online launch of National YaR Campaign 2021 - 2022 and celebration of YaR Day was held on the theme, 'Every Child Safe Online', on August 31, 2021. Fr. Tony Pellissery, Executive Director, DB YaR, Rev. Fr. Biju Michael, Regional, South Asia, and Rev. Fr. Thathireddy, Provincial, Hyderabad, spoke on the occasion. Ms. Shruthi Roy Chowdhury briefed everyone about the highlights of the campaign. Children from DB Anbu Illam, Chennai, Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Jyothi Snehalaya, Guwahati, performed dances. The Campaign Poster was released on the occasion.

On the occasion of YaR Day, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane, and BOSCO Vikas, organised sessions with children and staff on online safety which included online abuse, effects of pornography, social media addiction, fake digital profiles, the risk of sharing personal information online, and managing screen time. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director BOSCO Mane and Vikas, conducted a session on 'online safety and cyber crimes' for the staff of the centre. Ms. Cliona D'Costa and Mr. Ravindra,



Staff, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke to the children of the Open Shelter about cybercrime, cyber bullying, and the helpline number to reach out to when in trouble. The staff and children of the centres took part in the online launch of the YaR Day Campaign.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Health Awareness

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a health awareness programme in collaboration with St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, for the adolescent girls of the centre, on July 16, 2021. Dr. Uma Rai and Sichithra, Nurse, spoke about the physical and mental changes that occur during adolescence as it is the transition phase from childhood to adulthood. They explained about the onset of puberty. The resource persons explained about the necessary precautions to be taken to maintain personal health and hygiene. Thirty adolescent girls attended the session.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan conducted a health awareness session in collaboration with the Health Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, at



the centre, on August 24, 2021. Uma Rai, Social Worker, St Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, spoke about personal hygiene. She spoke about maintaining cleanliness - body, skin and hair. She advised the girls to avoid junk food, drink lots of water and maintain a healthy diet. Fifty-seven girls attended the awareness session.

Public Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Nilaya team organized Public Awareness programmes at KR Market and the adjoining areas, during July to September, 2021. Shopkeepers and the Public were given awareness about child rights, child rights violations, CHILDLINE, tuition centres established by BOSCO, vocational skill training courses at BOSCO, and remedial education at BOSCO Nilaya. The public appreciated and thanked the team for the efforts made in creating awareness. Shopkeepers and vendors took the initiative to pass on the information to the public. Some girls from the area showed interest in joining the beautician course. One school dropout wanted to be re-enrolled in school. Six youths and four adults wanted to know whether migrant youths can take up skill training courses. Three youths enquired about the driving training course. Follow-up is being done. Around thousand people were given awareness.

BOSCO Nivas organized public awareness programmes at Ambedkar Huts, Beef market, and Nehrupuram, during July, August,

and September, 2021. The team gave information about BOSCO, its services, vocational training courses at BOSCO, child related issues, CHILDLINE, etc., by distributing hand-bills. They sought the support of the public to reach out to children in difficult situations. The public were also made aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessary precautions to be taken during the pandemic. Around thousand two hundred people were reached through these programmes.

BOSCO team operating at the Majestic Bus Stand organized public awareness programmes for the commuters, drivers, conductors, and the public, in BMTC and KSRTC Bus Stands, during the quarter. Vinnarasi, Kiran, and Suma, Bus Stand Team Members, spoke about child related issues like runaway children, child labour, child trafficking, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE-1098, BOSCO services etc. The team reached out to around eight hundred members of the public by way of distributing pamphlets.

Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care Project organized awareness programmes for Anganwadi Mothers and SHG Members at various Anganwadi centres in Bengaluru Rural during July, August, and September, 2021. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities. He explained in detail about adoption, the foster care concept, procedures involved in the Foster Care programme, and the role

of DCPU and CWC. Shivamallu, State Project Coordinator, BOSCO, exhorted the Anganwadi Mothers to disseminate this information to others in their communities and support BOSCO in identifying potential foster parents and children. Hundred and twenty-four Anganwadi Mothers and twenty SHG Members participated in these programmes.

Awareness Programme for BMTC Officials

BOSCO team working in the Bus Stand organized awareness programmes for the BMTC officials on August 23 and September 30, 2021. Vinnarasi, Team Member, gave information about the issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting needy children on the streets. She also explained about child rights and the role of BOSCO in the protection of child rights. She shared about the BOSCO Assistance Center in the bus stand and its services. Mr. Krishnamurthy, Assistant Traffic Manager (ATM), BMTC, cautioned all the officers in the Security Section to be attentive towards needy children in the bus stand and to refer them to BOSCO. Anjaneya, Coordinator, Bus Stand Team, acknowledged the support of BMTC in the rescue and protection of children in difficult situations. Eighty-four officials attended the awareness sessions.



Police Sensitization Programme

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, in coordination with Chamarajpete Police Station organized a sensitization programme and Masika Jana Samparka Sabha on August 28 and September 25, 2021. In his keynote address, B.S. Lokapoor, Police Inspector, Chamarajpete Police Station, Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the goals and objectives of the programme. Tippeswamy D, Coordinator, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Model Rules, POCSO Act - 2012, and children in conflict with law. He also explained about SJPU, CHILDLINE, structure and procedure, the helpline- 1098, and the role of police officials in the care and protection of children in difficult situations. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project, explained about child abuse and corporal punishment according to JJ Act.

B.S. Lokapoor explained about the purpose of organizing Masika Jana Samparka Sabha. People came up with their problems and the police tried addressing them. Hanumanthappa, and Mr. Govind Naik, ASI, Traffic Police Officers, assured police support to the SJPU team,



especially during rescue of children found begging at the traffic signals. Mr. Ravi P, ACP, West Division, Bengaluru, was present in the programme. Fifteen police officials and around hundred people were present for the programme.

Awareness in Train and Bus Stands



Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness programmes for train passengers, on Platform No. 1, Yelahanka, Cantonment, Kengeri, and Bidadi Railway Stations, and in Yelahanka Old Town Bus Stand and Yelahanka NES Bus Stand, Bengaluru, during September 2021.



The team gave information regarding CHILDLINE 1098, child rights, children in distress and COVID -19 protocols by distributing pamphlets in the trains, bus stands, and platforms. Around eight hundred passengers and public were given awareness.

MEETINGS

Adolescent Girls' Meetings

BOSCO Nilaya conducted adolescent girls' meetings at JC Road, Vyayam Shaala, and Cement Huts, Bengaluru, on July 17 and September 24, 2021. The sessions started with an explanation of the importance of personal hygiene, and safe and unsafe touch. Awareness about COVID-19 and the precautions to be taken against the third wave was given by Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya. Girls were motivated to maintain personal hygiene. Ms. Brunda and Ms. Archana, Social Activists, BOSCO Nilaya, spoke about the need to be prudent about the use of social media and mobile phones. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, spoke on the importance of education by screening a motivational



video. The topic, 'Goal setting', was explained. Thirty-six adolescent girls attended the sessions.



BOSCO Nivas organized adolescents' meeting at Nehrupuram, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on September 23, 2021. Priya Malini, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, educated the girls about the proper use of internet on the mobile phone, usage of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Advantages and disadvantages of social media was discussed. Misuse of data shared in social media was also discussed. Eleven girls were a part of this meeting.

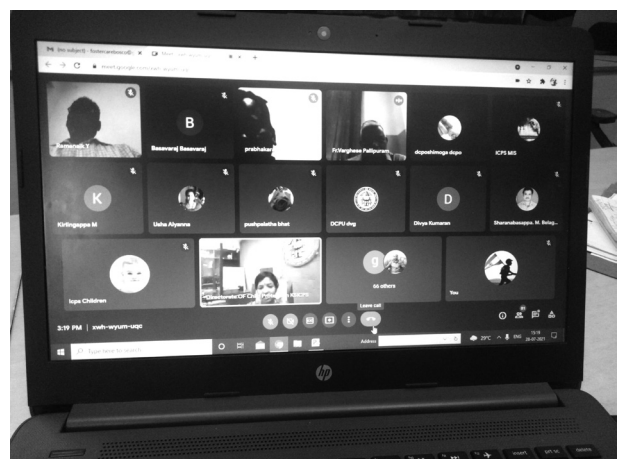
Task Force Meeting

BOSCO Team working in the Bus Stand area organized a Task Force meeting for the auto drivers at BMTC, on July 26, 2021. The meeting was organized to acknowledge the support given by the auto drivers to BOSCO in the rescue and rehabilitation of deserving children. Mr. Kiran and Mrs. Vinnarasi, Team Members, spoke about the current issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting needy children on the streets. They also explained about child rights and the role of BOSCO in the protection of child rights. They shared about the BOSCO Assistance Center in the bus stand and its services, CHILDLINE 1098, etc. Mr. Nagaraja and Venkatesh, Auto drivers, assured that they would be attentive towards needy children in the bus stands and promised to refer such children to BOSCO. Thirty-eight auto drivers were a part of the Task Force meeting.



Panel discussion on Foster Care Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Panel discussion on Foster Care SOP was organized by the ICPS Director via Google Meet for the District DCPOs and CWC members, on July 28, 2021. Ms. Pallavi, Director, ICPS, initiated the meeting. Ms. Sindhu Naik, Adoption Scrutiny, Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare, Bengaluru, presented the Foster Care concept in detail. Ms. Usha Kiran KT, Psychiatric Social Worker, Member of Foster Care State Guidelines, NIMHANS, explained about the roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders involved in the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, enumerated the necessary documents to be maintained by DCPU/ NGO for the programme. 100 members attended the meeting.



Parents' Meetings



A meeting for the parents of the tuition children was organized by BOSCO Nivas at Ambedkar Huts, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on August 13, 2021. The meeting commenced with a brief introduction about BOSCO and its areas of work. Mothers were instructed to send their children regularly to the tuition classes and were advised to make their children wear proper masks and use sanitizer frequently. Guidelines were given to the mothers to take care of their children's health as a precautionary measure against the third wave of COVID-19. They were advised to strictly follow the protocols given

by the Health Department for COVID-19. Nine mothers of tuition children attended the meeting and expressed their willingness to send the children for tuition.

A meeting was organized for the parents of children attending tuition classes at Vyayam Shaale and Cement Huts, by BOSCO Nilaya, on September 13, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services. He motivated the parents to send their children to the tuition classes. Ms. Kalaivani, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the importance of education, hygiene and cleanliness, and the skill training programs available at BOSCO, and also about the COVID-19 pandemic and the preventive measures to be taken for the 3rd wave. Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the proper usage of mobile and social media. Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, spoke about child rights and child related issues. He motivated the parents to inform BOSCO CHILDLINE if they come across children in difficult situations. Twenty-two parents attended the meeting.

Meeting of Prospective Foster Care Parents

Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a meeting with prospective parents at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, on August 17, 2021. Oblesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, introduced the purpose of the meeting. Briefing everyone about BOSCO and its services, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that the Foster Care project launched in 2012 was born out of the belief that family is the best place for a child to grow up in. The vision was to give children without families a chance to experience, and grow up in a family. He said that BOSCO has become a model for the state of Karnataka. During the previous project period, the Foster Care team had extended its reach to 10 districts of Karnataka, creating awareness, identifying prospective foster parents and potential children, and placing them in foster families.

Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained the concept of foster care, eligibility to become a care provider under foster care, children who are eligible for placements, rights of children and foster parents in foster families, procedure involved in becoming foster parents, required documents, legal



framework, and the role of authorities such as CWC members. He said that there would be regular follow-ups once children are placed. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained about the importance of a child being brought up in a family rather than being institutionalized. Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, was present for the meeting. Thirteen prospective parents participated in the meeting.

Meeting of SJPU Partner NGOs



A meeting of SJPU Partner NGOs was organized by BOSCO SJPU Project at BOSCO Mane on September 3, 2021. APSA, PARASPARA, and ECHO, along with BOSCO had a meeting to plan further course of action in view of the project, as the project has been reinstated. Mr. Tippeswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, shared in detail about the activities undertaken during the lockdown, and the achievements and challenges faced. The representatives of the Partner NGOs too shared their work, achievements and challenges in their respective jurisdictions.

Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project, facilitated the session on implementation of the project with the involvement of the DCPU. A collective decision was taken to give a letter to the DCPO and ACPs of all the divisions regarding the problems and challenges encountered during the implementation of the project during the previous years so as to ensure the smooth running of the project in the coming year. Twelve Directors, Coordinators, and Social Workers of the Partner NGOs attended the meeting.

State Level Planning and Monitoring Meeting



BOSCO Foster Care Programme organized a State Level Planning and Monitoring Meeting for the Social Mobilizers of ten districts of Karnataka, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on September 18, 2021. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, expressed his happiness about creating awareness regarding the foster care concept among all the sections of people in society. He said that now the focus should be on placing children in families for foster care.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, spoke about goal setting and about achieving them. He presented the meaning of Log Frame Analysis (LFA), advantages of LFA, case study format, sample case studies, reporting format, success stories, difference between case study and success story, LFA format, and how to capture photos. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, presented a summary of the draft SOP for Foster Care. He made a presentation of the Foster Care Standard Operating Procedures.

Social Mobilizers shared about the Application forms for Prospective Parents that were submitted to DCPU, the status of foster care children in foster families, and about the meeting to be planned with the DCPO, CWC Members, PO-NIC, PO - IC, BOSCO, and ICPS Director. Social Mobilizers from ten districts presented the two-month statistical data, challenges, and achievements. There was a discussion about accounting procedures. Mr. Ganesh, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, Bellary, proposed the vote of thanks. Sixteen participants from ten districts of Karnataka along with BOSCO staff were present in the meeting.

Youth Group Meeting

BOSCO Nivas organized a youth group meeting for college students at Shivajinagar Bus Stand, on September 23, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to create awareness about COVID-19 protocols and to discuss about offline and online classes. COVID-19 protocols such as sanitizing hands frequently, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance were explained in detail. Priya Malini, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, said that teachers have to pay more attention to students, students should focus more on studies, and that there should be more interaction between students and teachers. Students felt that their focus on topics was less in classes conducted online and that teachers could not keep proper track of the students. They felt that offline classes were much better than the online mode of studies. Ten youths were a part of this meeting.



OUTINGS AND PICNICS

Outing to Ajjanahalli



BOSCO Vikas and Mane organized an outing to Don Bosco Yuvakara Grama, Ajjanahalli, for the inmates of the centres, on July 26, 2021. Fr. Julian and Fr. Uday welcomed the children along with the staff. The children enjoyed trekking to the hills surrounding the centre. After lunch, they played volleyball and cricket and visited



the nearby Siddeshwara Betta. They enjoyed the serene beauty of nature and the fresh air. It was a pleasant change away from the buzz of the city. Twenty boys from BOSCO Vikas and sixteen boys from BOSCO Mane along with the staff were present.

Outing to Jeevarathni Foundation



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a one-day outing to Jeevarathni Foundation, Nallur, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu, for the children residing in the centre, on August 28, 2021. The children interacted with the children from Jeevarathni Foundation, and strolled through the campus enjoying nature. Children from both the homes staged cultural programmes. They played in the park and had fun. It was a pleasant change for the children away from the busy city life. Fifty-two children, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, and eleven staff members joined the children for the picnic.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Annual Evaluation at BOSCO

The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on July 5 and 6, 2021. A one-minute silence was observed to offer condolences to the families of our staff Mr. Manjunath, Cook, BOSCO Mane, and Mr. Antony Swamy, Welding Instructor, BOSCO Sumanahalli, on their demise. The new Directors, Brothers, and Staff members were welcomed to the BOSCO family.

In his message, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, thanked the staff for their generous and dedicated efforts in the field of child care and protection even during the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke about management with special emphasis on Planning, Organizing, Decision Making, Implementing, and Evaluating the programmes. Through this process he felt that the staff, coordinators, and directors become leaders to take BOSCO forward.

The activities of twenty-six departments were evaluated on the



basis of the reports presented. Major events and activities to be organized during the year were planned. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. The staff members who were newly married, were felicitated. There was a farewell programme for Ms. Mary Triza who had served the organization in various capacities for twenty-seven years. All the managing directors of BOSCO and coordinators were present for the programme.

Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO



The first Quarterly Evaluation of BOSCO was held on September 16, 2021, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted every staff member of BOSCO to know about the organization, about the target groups, the team, and about one's role in the organization. Shivaraju, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared the programme schedule for the day.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas and centres of BOSCO. 'BOSCO at a Glance' of June 2020 and May 2021, Street Voice of April to June 2021, and E-Street Voice, August 2021, were released by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BNRD, on the occasion. Plans for the upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. Some of the new reporting formats were introduced and explained. The newly appointed coordinator of BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE was welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff members who celebrated their birthdays from June 2021 to August 2021. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Kidovation Session by Accenture

Kidovation, a globally established educational programme to help children by providing Design thinking, Marketing and Coding

lessons, bridging the creativity skills gap, and teaching them critical thinking skills, was organized by Accenture London, for the students



of BOSCO Mane and Vikas, on July 10, 2021. The online training session via Google Meet named, 'The purpose of life is nothing but teaching and learning', was facilitated by Nishi, Shravanthi, and Bhawana. The interactive session consisted of activities, sharing, and discussions. Twenty children from BOSCO Vikas attended the programme.

Vaccination Drive at BOSCO

The second COVID-19 vaccination programme was organized by BOSCO Health Care in collaboration with Shanti Nursing Home, Bengaluru, for the staff of BOSCO, at BOSCO Mane, on July 8, 2021. It was initiated by Mr. Shibulal Philanthropic Trust. The first COVID-19 vaccination camp was conducted at Shakti Palace, Cottonpet, Bengaluru, organized by Om Shakti Trust, Bengaluru, on June 14, 2021. Six staff members of BOSCO Yuvodaya and five staff members of BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE were given the first dose of the vaccine in the first programme, and eighty staff members from different centres and areas were vaccinated in the second vaccination drive.



Inauguration of Railway CHILDLINE Kiosk

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE kiosk was inaugurated on the second and third platform of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru, on 13th July 2021. Inaugurating the Railway CHILDLINE Kiosk, Mr. Raghuraman, Consultant, IRSDC, congratulated BOSCO for establishing the kiosk in the second and third platforms. He asked BOSCO staff to have a focused approach in the rescue and rehabilitation of children. He also shared the idea of adding the information regarding the presence of the Child Assistance Center, in Google Map, for ease in locating the booth. Mr. Ramesh, Constable, RPF, Cleaning staff, other railway stakeholders, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, and Railway CHILDLINE staff were present on the occasion.



Provincial Visitation at BOSCO



Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore, held a three-day visit to BOSCO Bengaluru from September 8 to 10, 2021. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the Provincial to the organization.

Fr. Provincial visited all the centres and areas of BOSCO and interacted with the Confreres, Staff, and the Coordinators. He expressed his happiness that BOSCO is like a family collectively rendering selfless service for needy children and youth. He observed that BOSCO is growing tremendously and its work is being recognized at the national level. He shared a story from the book 'Chicken Soup for the Soul', highlighting the importance of loving children wholeheartedly in order to transform them into responsible independent citizens.

He participated in the anniversary celebration of BOSCO Yuvakendra. He noticed that the past pupils were doing quite well in life. He felt that it was

because of BOSCO's intervention that they have carved a niche for themselves and are shining in the mainstream of society. He felt that following the path of Don Bosco, BOSCO through its presence, is nourishing children and youth to live life in all its fullness. He

asked the staff and directors to continue to work as collaborators and provide children with what society failed to give them. The new brochure of BOSCO was released during his visit. All the staff and managing directors were present during his visit.

Launch of Mulmina: A Nutritious Health Supplement



Mulmina, a clinically proven immunity booster, was launched by Jagadale Pharma and Rotary, Bengaluru Aagneya, in partnership with Tetra Pak India Pvt Ltd., to mark the Birth Centenary Celebration of Shri Radhakrishna Jagadale, Founder, Jagadale Industries Pvt. Ltd., at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on September 20, 2021. Mr.

Simon, Director, Jagadale Pharma, speaking on the occasion, said that Mulmina is a nutritious health supplement packed with natural strong immunity boosters, powerful antioxidants, and stress relievers that strengthen the immune system. It helps fight against viral and bacterial infections, relieves stress, and calms the body. It contains immunity boosting vitamins such as Vitamin A, B-complex vitamins, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and minerals such as Zinc, Iron, and Selenium. He said that there was a plan to reach out to more than thirty thousand children across India. The company has chosen BOSCO Bengaluru to distribute Mulmina.

Several Rotarians, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Rubin Mathew, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. The Immunity Boosters were given to Fr. Varghese Pallipuram to be distributed to the children of BOSCO. Gifts were distributed to the children. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan performed a prayer dance. Thirty children from BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan were present for the programme.

Certificates Awarded

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a Certificate Distribution Programme for students who had completed the skill training courses from the centre, on September 28, 2021. Addressing the trainees, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the importance of receiving the certificate after having completed the course in Tailoring and Beautician trades. Students shared their experiences of being associated with BOSCO and expressed their gratitude to BOSCO. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram appreciated the instructors for their hard work in training these students. Thirty trainees received the course completion certificate.



LIFE SKILLS AND VALUE EDUCATION

Life Skills

Life skill training programmes on 'Emotional Management', 'Critical thinking', and 'Relationship Skills', was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the girls at the centre, during the quarter. The sessions included activities and motivational videos which helped them develop a positive sense of self, manage their emotions and get along with others, control their anger, and improve their mental health. Sr. Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, conducted games on how to solve problems, achieve goals, and build confidence in life. She guided the children to have healthy relationships in life and to communicate effectively, evolve, grow, and collaborate well with their peers. Thirty girls participated in the sessions.



Value Education Sessions



Value education sessions on 'Discipline', 'Spiritual Values', and 'Moral Education' were organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the girls residing in the centre, between July and September, 2021. The purpose of the sessions was to gain willing acceptance of the standards and procedures of the Home and to encourage the children to learn and manage their feelings and behaviors. Sr. Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, showed an

inspiring movie on the importance of spiritual values, and narrated moral stories focused on personal insight, values, and meaning and purpose in life. Activity-based sessions helped the children distinguish between right and wrong attitudes and behaviors, and to get rid of vices like dishonesty, jealousy, anger, etc. Thirty resident girls participated in the sessions.

BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted a session on effective communication skills for the youths of the centre, on August 7, 2021. Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, asked the participants to fold a paper into an origami shape according to her instructions, blindfolded. At the end of the session it was noticed that all the participants had come up with different shapes even though they were given the same set of instructions.

The counselor then explained the importance of communication, interpretation, asking questions, and confirming the understanding. She also briefed the youths about the different types of communication and how to practice effective ways of communication. Twenty-three youths attended the session.

HEALTH CAMPS

General Health Check-up



BOSCO Health Department organized general health check-ups in BOSCO Yuvodaya and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for the children of the open shelter and the children and skill training students of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, on July 2, September 22 and 27, 2021. A team from St. Martha's Hospital headed by Dr. Abraham conducted the camp. The Doctors checked the eyes, ears, nose, throat, height, weight, and general health of the children and trainees. Medical advice was given as per need. Few children were referred for ENT and Gynaecology consultation. Ninety children and ten trainees availed the services of the camp.

BOSCO Health Care Department organized a general health check-up for the youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra and BOSCO Sumanahalli,

at BOSCO Yuvakendra, on August 17, 2021. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, and his team conducted the camp. The doctor prescribed medicines and immunity boosters to some of the youths. The mother of one of the youths of the centre was counseled regarding his illness, the precautions to be taken, and food to be given. The doctor advised her to allow the boy to stay at the centre for some more time as he would get better food, care, and attention. The team from St. Martha's Hospital gave awareness on COVID- 19 and motivated youths above 18 years of age to take the vaccine. Twenty-two youths from Yuvakendra and seven youths from Sumanahalli availed the benefits of the camp.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Child Protection Committees Formed

Nine Child Protection Committees (CPCs) were formed at Hasiruvalli, Gollahalli, Honnenahalli, Shivagange, Agalakuppe, Narasipura, Nelamanagala(Tq) Bengaluru Rural, Anandapuram, and Giripuram community, by BOSCO CREAM Project during July to September 2021 respectively. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services and the CREAM Project. Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, explained about the four child rights, and child rights violations. He briefed everyone about the Skill Training programmes at BOSCO, and stressed on the importance of the role of stakeholders in society. Two hundred and five Anganwadi teachers, Parents, Child rights club leaders, Area leaders, Police, ASHA workers, PHC (Primary Health Center) members, Members of Mamatha, Sochara, and Action Aid NGOs, PDO, Panchayath members, Village leaders, and School headmasters participated in the meetings.



Visit to Foster Care Families



BOSCO Foster Care team visited the families of foster care children in Silvepura, Kannamangalaplaya, Hebbal, K S Garden, Farukya Nagar, and Yalachenahalli areas of Bengaluru, on August 18, 2021. The purpose of the visit was to monitor the growth, academic performance, and family bonding of the children in foster families. It was observed that the children were happy with their foster families and parents, and were performing well in studies. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director and Director, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, were part of the team. During the visit, food kits sponsored by Mr. Joseph, Principal, St. Joseph High School, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, were given to the families. The team visited the families of three girls and ten boys in foster care.

Karate Belt Grading Exam Organized



Mr. Marilinga, Karate Instructor, organized the Karate Belt Grading Exam in coordination with BOSCO Nilaya, at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on August 8, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, spoke about discipline, humility,

and hard work. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, exhorted the children to work hard and achieve their goals. Karate instructors and students did karate demonstrations.

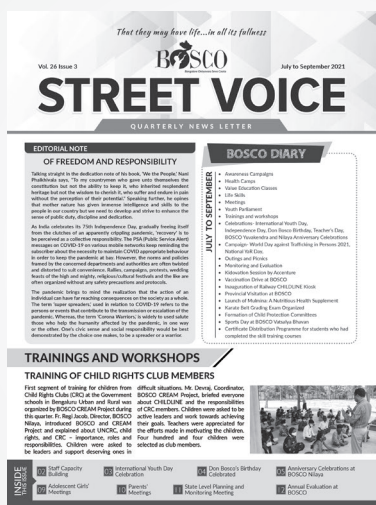
Belts, certificates and prizes were distributed to all. Three children were promoted to green belt, 4 each were promoted to purple belt and orange belt, one child was promoted to brown belt, and six children were promoted to yellow belt from the Nilaya team. Mr. Vinod Kumar successfully obtained black belt. Mr. Marilinga and the Karate instructors felicitated Fr. Joshy and Fr. Regi with shawl and garland. Ms. Archana, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, welcomed the gathering. Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya, proposed the vote of thanks. Eighteen children (six girls and twelve boys) from Ramanna Garden, Bhakshi Garden and Jolly Mohalla, and twenty-eight children from various parts of Bengaluru participated in the exam.

Sports Day at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

As part of the Independence Day celebrations, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized Sports Day for the resident girls, at the centre, on August 14, 2021. The children were divided into four categories such as sub-juniors, juniors, seniors, and super seniors. Various games like collecting balls, sack race, breaking balloons, folding sarees, brush and cap, lemon and spoon, threading the needle, getting ready for school in 5 minutes, word memory, non-stop skipping, bridal make-up, pyramid making, and eating biscuits and milk powder, were conducted. The children enjoyed the games thoroughly and felt refreshed. Fifty girls took part in the games.



“While technology and digital solutions provide significant opportunities to keep children learning, entertained and connected, these same tools may also increase their exposure to a myriad of risks.”
Henrietta Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF.



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