



# E-Street Voice

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## Editorial Note...

### Beyond Numbers!

Statistics and numbers indicate trends and provide perspectives. However, their veracity often comes under the scanner as the possibility of willful twisting and manipulations cannot be entirely ruled out. Andrew Lang, the Scottish Poet has the cheeky saying, “Some people use statistics as a drunk man uses lamp-posts—for support rather than for illumination.”

Apart from the dimensions of reliability, while speaking of human beings, an overemphasis on the aspects of statistics could probably

bring about an apparent blurring of individuality. While speaking about children in need of care and protection, unfortunately terms such as ‘rising numbers’ and ‘falling numbers’ are used at times.

During calamities, accidents, terrorist attacks etc., the number of victims is mentioned. For the bereaving families, everyone included in the statistics are persons with names, identities and unique qualities, the precise reason why someone is ‘missed’ even when spatial distances increase. In other words, everyone in the ‘number’ is earned

over moments of love, sadness, struggles and joys along the road of life.

As we reach out to children in need of care and protection, let us strive to ‘earn’ every young person in difficult circumstances by imprinting an indelible mark of love on their hearts. Let every number count!



Fr. Prasad SDB

### Training on Counseling Organized



**BOSCO**, Bengaluru organized one day training on Basic Counseling for the staff involved in counseling of children, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on April 26, 2019. The resource person, Ashwini NV, Founder and Di-

rector, Muktha Foundation, Bengaluru, in the interactive session, briefed about basic counseling skills, cognitive distortions, over generalization, personalization, labelling, magnification and minimization.

She also spoke about emotional reasoning, character strengths, core conditions in humanistic approach to counseling, different listening styles and different levels of listen-

ing. Joyce, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Eighteen staff of BOSCO involved in counseling of children attended the training.

## Health Checkup at Ramanna Garden Hub Center

ECCE, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized Health checkup at Ramanna Garden Hub center on April 26, 2019. Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE organized the checkup. Eye, Weight, Mouth, Ear and Physical checkup was done to all the children. Anemia, mouth cavities, vitamin deficiency, mouth ulcers and fungal infections were commonly seen among children. Children were guided to keep themselves clean and to eat fruits and vegetables. Parents and Anganwadi teachers were guided as to how to overcome vitamin deficiency by giving nutritious food. Parents were told to avoid giving chocolates and sweets to children. The health checkup was conducted by Dr Parimala, Pediatrician and Ms. Nisha, Nurse, Brindavan Aerion



Hospital, Bengaluru. Ms. Sureka, Anganwadi Cluster Supervisor, three Anganwadi Teachers and one Helper were also present during the camp. Forty-five children underwent the health checkup.

## Survey at Railway Station



Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL), conducted a survey on runaway children being found in Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station from April 24 to 26, 2019. The survey was conducted at all the platforms of the railway station in three shifts (6.00AM to 2.00PM, 12.00PM to 8.00PM and 8.00 PM to 6.00 AM) to identify the average count of runaway children.

Twenty-one children (nineteen boys and two girls) were rescued during the survey. The children rescued belonged to Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa. As per the survey, most of the children had come to the city in search of jobs.

Another reason for running away from home was the attraction towards the city. Eighteen staff and nine student volunteers were involved in conducting the survey.

## Task Force Programme Organized



BOSCO team working in Kempegouda Bus Station, Bengaluru organized a Task Force Programme for the BMTc Officials at the Divisional Traffic Officer's (DTO) Office on April 25, 2019. Welcoming the participants, Anjaneya, Coordinator, briefed about BOSCO and its activities. He also shared about the presence of BOSCO Child Assistance Centre at the BMTc and KSRTC premises and the services provided by it. He explained about Child Rights, Child Protection mechanisms and CHILDLINE 1098 services. Akshita, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, spoke about Foster Care concept, adoption, procedures for foster parenting, etc.

Jay Pal, DTO, BMTc, Bengaluru appreciated and requested BOSCO to conduct such programmes on a regular basis for the conductors and drivers. Thirty-eight BMTc officials participated in the programme.



# Public Awareness Campaign



Awareness for the public in the vicinity of the High Court and in the surroundings of Cubbon Park was conducted by BOSCO Nivas team on April 13, 2019. Public were explained about the issues of children

such as child labour, school drop outs, begging children, child abuse, missing children and run away children. Hand-outs with information on CHILDLINE (1098) and child related issues were distributed to the public. A group of students from Frank Antony Public School received the awareness with great enthusiasm.

A positive response was given by the public who assured that they would call the child helpline if any children were at risk. After counselling the parent and the children on child labour, the mother was advised to refrain from using the children to earn a living to meet the school expenses. Around hundred people received awareness.

## Training for Anganwadi Supervisors



CREAM and ECCE, BOSCO organized Training for Anganwadi Cluster Supervisors at Stree Sakthi Bhavan (ICDS), Madiwala, Bengaluru, on April 25, 2019. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE Projects briefed about the projects and their activities. He also spoke about the anganwadis and schools that BOSCO is working with and the teaching learning materials distributed to them. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the vision, mission, and the activities of BOSCO.

He also made a special mention about the School Enrollment Campaign 'Baa Marali Shaalege- Come Back to School', the aim of which is to reduce and bring down the school dropout rate to 0% in the operational areas of BOSCO and to create awareness about Child Rights. Ms. Meenakshi, CDPO and eleven Anganwadi Cluster Supervisors were present during the training.

## Training for Health Professionals



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized training programmes on Foster Care for Asha Workers, Hospital Staff, Taluk Health Officer and Anganwadi Teachers at Government Health Center, Ramanagara, Gottagere and Begur during April 2019.

Foster Care team gave introduction about BOSCO and its services, explained about CHILDLINE, 1098, Child rights, Foster Care concept, Group Foster Care, Individual Foster Care, Kinship care, Purpose of Foster Care, difference between Adoption and Foster Care, selection criteria of potential parents and children, age group of children, time frame of placement, legal procedures, roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee. Eighty-six health workers and eight Anganwadi Teachers participated in the training.

## Foster Care Task Force Meeting

Half-day Task Force Meeting was organized by Foster Care Team, BOSCO, Bengaluru. Ms. Akshitha, Counsellor, spoke about the purpose of forming the task force and responsibilities of the task force members.

Mr. Anil Joseph, Social Mobilizer, explained about foster care concept, need of foster care, difference between adoption & foster care, types of Foster care such as kinship placement, individual placement and group foster care, selection criteria of Potential parents and children, roles and responsibilities of foster parents, legal procedures, necessary documents to be submitted before the committee, follow up of the children, importance of family care for the child, roles and responsibilities of authorities such as CWC members, DCPUs and other Govt. officials.



Nineteen members participated from various disciplines such as, ASHA Workers, SHG Members, SDMC Members, Social Workers, Police Department and community members. Ms. Nandini N, Asst. Co-ordinator, Foster Care Programme, welcomed the participants. Gayathri, Social Mobilizer proposed the vote of thanks.

## Stakeholders' Awareness



Awareness programme was conducted for auto drivers by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on April 11, 2019. The main aim of the awareness programme was to sensitize the stakeholders towards runaway children and missing children. The topics were BOSCO and its activities, CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, missing children, 1098, runaway children, child rights, child protection mechanisms, child welfare committee and the role of stakeholders in rescuing children. Twenty-six auto drivers were part of the awareness programme.

## One day picnic to Amusement Park



BOSCO Nilaya organized one day picnic to Fun and Water World Amusement Park, Bengaluru for the children of ten tuition centres- Vyayam Shaala, Cement Huts, Vinobhanagar, Gurappa Garden, Ramanna Garden, Rajgopal Garden, Anandapuram, Giripuram and BOSCO Nilaya on April 24, 2019.

The children enjoyed playing in the Water world in the morning hours. In the afternoon hours they were engaged in dry games. The picnic filled tremendous joy in the hearts of children and staffs. Children thanked for the opportunity as most of them visited the park for the first time. 76 children from 10 Tuition centres and 20 staffs participated in the Picnic. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Mr. Melvyn, Sponsor, Australia and Mr. Bhora, Assistant of Mr. Melvyn and Tuition teachers were present.



# Summer Diaries



## Summer Camp Organized

BOSCO Nilaya organized Summer Camp from April 11 to 16, 2019 at BOSCO Nilaya. Mr. Nijalingappa, PSI, Mr. Kariyanna and Mr. M.H. Nadaf, Police Cottonpet Police Station, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru Child representatives from Tuition centers and Master Dhananjay, CRC Federation Leader and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp.

Children were taught action songs, finger print art, making puppets, crafts, morals, values, good qualities in life, leadership, through stories, using the writing board, puzzles, word building, etc.

Mr. Arul Das Vijaya, Freelance Artist, Janabimba Organization, facilitated the session on Child Rights Violation. Mr. Rajesh, President, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatara Organization, Chikkamangaluru, facilitated a session on Self-awareness, goal setting and adolescence, gender equity for Adolescent girls. Ms. Sudha, Yoga Teacher facilitated a session on Yoga. Slokas and different types of Asanas were taught. Children performed yoga asanas. Ms. Prameela, Hasirudhala NGO facilitated session on Waste Management. Disadvantages of Plastic, types of waste, importance of bifurcating waste and recycling of waste were briefed.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Project Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO facilitated a session on Child Protection Mechanisms and Sustainable Development Goals and Advocacy actions. Health awareness and eye camp were conducted in collaboration with BOSCO Health department, St. Martha's Hospital and Gift of Sight NGO. A skit on disadvantages of mobile, Selfie, Junk food and importance of nutritious food was enacted. Steps to wash hands were demonstrated. Craft session was facilitated by Dr. Joshy, Principal, Don



Bosco B. Ed College, Yadgiri. Sarkari Hiriyra Prathamika Shale Kasaragod movie was screened. BOSCO Nilaya Karate students performed a Karate demo in the presence of Mr. Marlingappa and Mr. Lingappa, Karate instructors. Party games were conducted. Mr. Narayan and Mr. Pranesh Kumar, PSI, Traffic Police, Chickpet Division, facilitated session on Traffic Rules and Regulations.

The Valedictory programme saw the presence of Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, Master Shivagashi and Ms. Shalini, Child Representatives. Fr. Regi Jacob thanked all the persons who worked for the success of the camp. Fr. Mathew Thomas, addressing the gathering, appreciated the Nilaya team for organizing the camp successfully.

Seventy-seven boys and seventy girls from nine communities such as Vyayamshaale, Vinobhanagar, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, BOSCO Nilaya, Rajgopal Garden, Giripuram, Anandhpuram Tuition Center participated. Two clerics, seven Tuition Teachers, four Foreign Volunteers were also part of the program.



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## Summer Camp at Shivajinagar



Evolved, conducted 'Mindfulness' session to increase children's observation skills and concentration. The session held by Mr. Ajith Kaikeni, Director, Buoyance, an organization working with children and for children stressed the importance of being unique, developing life skills, trust and confidence.

Children were taken to Christu Seva Sangam, Tasker Town to show them their responsibility towards their parents in their old age and to develop a social responsibility. The session conducted by Dr. Ali Khawaja, Chair-

man, Banjara Academy, motivated the children to believe in themselves and taking pride in being an Indian.

Summer Camp for the children of BOSCO Nivas was held at St. Xavier School, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, from April 22 to 26, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas, advised the children to be more empowered with the learnings from the camp. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, exhorted the students to be observant and be different and learn something new from the camp.

Ms. Sarita Vaz, CWC-2 Member addressed the girls on the role of child helpline. Volunteers and Salesian Brothers conducted activities thus engaging the children in several organized games, besides providing the kids an opportunity to showcase their innate talents through dance and song.

An activity was conducted based on the right to protection. Resource person Mr. Arul Das, an artist, a journalist and a renowned craftsman conducted craft activities for the older children. Children, especially the adolescents were told about the importance of learning the art of defending themselves. In this context, Karate Instructor Mr. Lingappa conducted a class on Martial Arts. Ms. Fatima Azghar, Founder,

At the Valedictory Function, Mr. Saurabh Jain, Motivator and Educator, exhorted the children to have a goal in life. Ms. Kathyayini Alva, PSI, Upparpet Police Station, informed the children about runaways, their fate and child trafficking. Sixty-seven children from Ambedkar Huts, Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram areas participated in the camp. Br. Subin, Br. Albin and volunteers from Christ College supported BOSCO Nivas staff in organizing the camp.



## SUMMER CAPSULES

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized seven day summer camp – ‘Summer Capsules’ for its inmates at Don Bosco Tech, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru, from April 23 to 29, 2019. The youth were engaged in crafts, painting, magic tricks and outdoor games like football, cricket, badminton, basketball and other team games. Motivation classes, life skill sessions such as life goals and dreams, listening involving various activities were held.

The boys reflected on what they have to leave behind, and what kind of attitude they need to have in order to reach to their goal and targets in life. The resource persons Nisha and Puja, shared some success stories and struggles.

A session on nature and how to conserve and protect nature was conducted. During their leisure time the boys mingled with the pupils of Don Bosco Skill Mission. The session on “The river of Life” made them to think about their past. The boys were also taken to Bannerghatta National Park for an exposure. The boys enjoyed the campfire where



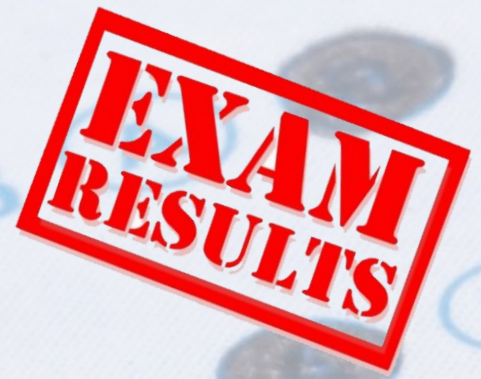
they danced and sang.

On the concluding day, the boys decorated the place with candles, flowers, cards, etc. They shared their experiences and learnings from the camp. It was an emotional scene as they felt that their most precious moments were coming to an end.

The boys shared that they learnt some good values like sharing, caring, being responsible, helping others, being empathetic, time management, positive thinking, taking proper decisions and to have a goal and strive towards achieving it. The resource persons Nagaraj, Nisha and Puja along with Yuvakendra staff were also a part of the camp. Twenty youth participated in the camp.



# SSLC Results



58%

## Baby Shyamali

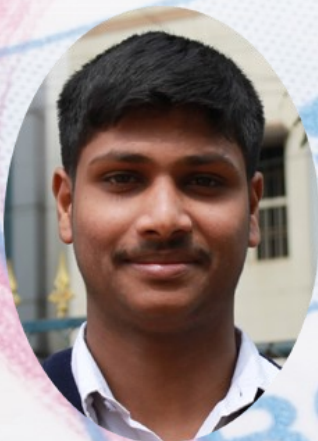
Baby shyamali (16) hails from Bengaluru. She came to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in June 2017. She has Scored 58% in SSLC exam. She is good at painting and she participated in several competitions and won prizes in school.

## Shrilakshmi

Shrilakshmi joined BOSCO Rainbow Home in May 2014. She is the daughter of Late Mr. Suresh, and Mrs. Geetha. She studied at Shree Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose High School, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru. She has scored 58% in SSLC exam. When Shrilakshmi was studying in IX std, she took the courageous step of informing BBMP and getting the garbage around her school campus removed. For this same reason, she was appreciated and awarded by "Children's Movement for Civic Awareness". Shreelakshmi is good at sports, and has won several prizes.



58%



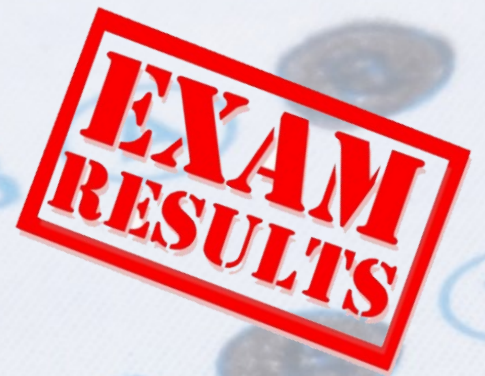
55%

## Pradeep

Pradeep (17), came to BOSCO during July 2015. He was in Vikas and later he was placed in Foster Care during August 2016. He was studying in Shri Lakshmi Ramanna High School, Bengaluru. He has passed SSLC with 55%. An active boy is very much interested in drama and theatre. He is good at sports and has won many prizes during BOSCO events.



# SSLC Results



## Avinash

Avinash (17) hails from Bengaluru. He came to BOSCO Mane during November 2012. After his bridge course he was shifted to BOSCO Vikas in 2013. He was enrolled in St. Joseph's High school, Bengaluru. He is very much interested in sports. He plays football, cricket, and athletics. He has undergone Taekwondo training. He actively participated in all the School and BOSCO events and won many laurels. He appeared for SSLC exams during April 2019 and secured 67.5%. He has plans of becoming a software engineer.

67.5%



## Manjunath M

Manjunath M (16) is a native of Doddaballapur. He was rescued from Bengaluru Railway Station and brought to BOSCO Mane in June 2014. He underwent bridge course till May 2015 and later placed in BOSCO Vikas. He was formally enrolled in Model Primary School in Bengaluru. He completed his SSLC from St. Joseph's High School. He has scored 71.36% in SSLC. He is active, loves participating in quiz, speech competitions. He has actively participated in BOSCO events and won prizes.

71.36%



Twenty-seven children from BOSCO Nilaya Tuition centres had appeared for SSLC out of which 8 of them have passed the exams. Two out of 7 children in BOSCO Nilaya who appeared for SSLC exams have passed.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



April- 2019



| --               | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Children rescued | 176  | 24     | 200   |
| Service provided | 121  | 36     | 157   |
| Grand Total      | 297  | 60     | 357   |

## Service Provided

| Center/Area           | Male       | Female    | Total      |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Railway Childline     | 25         | 01        | 26         |
| Bangalore Bus stand   | 06         | 01        | 07         |
| BOSCO Yuvodaya        | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| BOSCO Vatslyabhavan   | 00         | 15        | 15         |
| CSN                   | 24         | 09        | 33         |
| BOSCO Nivas           | 05         | 03        | 08         |
| BOSCO Nilaya          | 12         | 02        | 14         |
| BOSCO Mane Child line | 08         | 04        | 12         |
| ARSP                  | 41         | 01        | 42         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>121</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>157</b> |

## Final Action Taken:

| Placement                     | Boys       | Girls     | Total      |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Referred to BOSCO Centers     | 13         | 01        | 14         |
| Home Placement                | 57         | 06        | 63         |
| Produced before CWC           | 102        | 17        | 119        |
| Shishumandir                  | 01         | 00        | 01         |
| Referred to OH                | 02         | 00        | 02         |
| Referred back to Hostels      | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| Referred back to school       | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| Recommended to Gurukula       | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| Recommended to Hostel         | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| Referred back to police       | 01         | 00        | 01         |
| Counselled and Sent/ Went off | 00         | 00        | 00         |
| Data is not available         | 00         | 00        | 00         |
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## Classification Report