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Editorial Note...

Relevance of Refresh Buttons!

Sometimes while placing an order online or while processing payments, the message, 'Processing do not refresh the page' appears. At other times, 'the page is not responding. Kindly refresh your page' pops up. In both the cases, user discretion is advised.

It is customary to mull over the origins of an organization, movement, campaign etc., at the occurrence of a stalemate, at other significant junctures or during anniversaries. However, the choice to refresh or maintain the status-quo becomes a matter of careful discernment.

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was no more than a hut, and there was only one boat; but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea. With no thought for themselves, they went out day and night, tirelessly searching for the lost. The little lifesaving station grew. New boats were bought and new crews trained. As years rolled by, the lifesaving station became a club and the elite members hired life-saving crew to continue the mission. Shipwrecks continued to

happen and people still lost lives in spite of several lifesaving stations and crews on the shore!

BOSCO Bengaluru recently celebrated the 39th anniversary of its inception and the annual evaluation was held in June 2019. May the original ideals stay alive in our minds and be our guiding light even as we reach out to children in need of care and protection in the ever-changing social scenario!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Let us Recommit Ourselves: Fr. Antony Sebastian



The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on June 18 and 19,

2019. Welcoming the guest and the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, was happy to share 'BOSCO at a Glance' during June 2018 to May 2019, which showcased the generous and dedicated efforts of the staff. He also shared the message of Fr. George Kollashany, Founder Member of BOSCO, who had congratulated BOSCO for its reach during the year. He felt that the two-day evaluation was an exercise aimed at deepening our experiences in the field of working with children.

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BOSCO Observes World Day against Child Labour

BOSCO observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bengaluru on June 12, 2019 on the theme "ABOLISH CHILD LABOUR AND SAVE CHILDHOOD". In his key note address, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Eradicating child labour is the mission of BOSCO and it would continuously strive towards achieving the same. In this endeavor we also require the support of the society at large, the Government agencies and the stakeholders whom we closely work with." Inaugurating the Awareness Campaign, Shivashankar K, Inspector, VV Puram Police Station, Bengaluru, lauded BOSCO for its untiring work towards the welfare of children and ensured the support of Police towards the noble cause. Mr. Santosh Hipparagi, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Division 2, Bengaluru, said that although child labour is fewer in number compared to the earlier days, we still see children coming in large numbers from northern states like Bihar, UP, etc. to Bengaluru in search of jobs.

Two teams reached out to KR Market, Wilson Garden Police Station, Pantharapalya, Shanthinagar, Sumanahalli Circle, Garuda Mall, Orion Mall, Bangalore Central Mall, Mantri Mall, Brigade Junction, MG Road, Cubbon Park, City Railway Station, Shivajinagar and BMTC Bus Stand areas educating the public about the importance of childhood and child rights, creating awareness about child labour and inviting the civil society to join hands to combat child labour. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow



Home performed Flash Mobs at the Malls and other areas creating awareness. The teams distributed pamphlets, stickers, shouted slogans and exhibited placards in an attempt to disseminate the message on Child Labour to as many people as possible.

Basavaraj, Asst. Sub Inspector, Kalasipalya Police Station, J.M. Veerasangaiah, President, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Harsiru Sene, Bengaluru, Mir Ghous, Inspector, Wilson Garden Police Station, Umesh, Traffic Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station, Mahadev, SI, Brigade Road, Narayan Swamy, Dy. SMR, Brahma Reddy, PA to Station Director, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, Deepak, Manager, Orion Mall, Jeny, Mall Marketing Manager, Manthri Mall were present during the campaign.

The campaign concluded at the BMTC Bus Stand Skywalk, Majestic, Bengaluru, by forming a **Human Chain** consisting of about 200 people including the BOSCO Management, staff, children from various BOSCO centres, dignitaries and the public. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jaipal, DTO, Bengaluru, appreciated BOSCO for its work and explained the situations which push children into child labour.

Pravin Shivashankar, General Manager, gave a call to create a child friendly society. Bharath, Assistant general Manager, Child Rights and You (CRY) was also present on the occasion. An oath was taken by all those who formed the human chain to eradicate child labour. Around 5000 public were reached out to through the campaign.



Plant a Tree, Breathe Free

World Environment Day was celebrated at BOSCO Sumanahalli on June 5, 2019. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mahantesh Hanji, Senior Assistant Director, Horticulture Watershed Development Department, Bengaluru said “In order to make our planet safer for us and for generations to come, we need to plant more trees and avoid the use of plastic.”

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, said that small steps taken towards preserving nature and greenery would make a big difference in the longer run. Children recited the World Environment Day anthem and took an oath to preserve the earth. Fifty saplings were planted by the inmates of the centre and children from Devaraj Urs Slum, Sumanahalli.

Ms. Shruthi, Coordinator, BOSCO Sumanahalli welcomed the gathering and Ms. Vinushree, Counsellor,



CHILDLINE, proposed the vote of thanks. Ms. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Selvi, Principal, St. Josephs Higher Primary School, Sumanahalli, project staff and over eighty children participated in the event.

Parents Meeting Organized



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized parents meeting at the centre on June 2, 2019. Welcoming the parents and guardians Joythi, Counsellor, Vatsalya Bhavan insisted on the parents/guardians being responsible and caring. She also educated the parents on the roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Ajantha, Coordinator, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, interacted with the parents/guardians individually and discussed about their children's over all progress and performance.

Mrs. Nagarathna, Chairperson, CWC-3 was present during the meeting. Twenty-four children were produced before CWC. Thirty-five parents/guardians participated in the meeting.

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Let us Recommit Ourselves...

Inaugurating the Annual Evaluation, Fr. Antony Sebastian, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Bengaluru, said, “Let us recommit ourselves towards the cause of betterment of children. We need to bring back our passion and enthusiasm for the cause”. He exhorted BOSCO to work towards ensuring 100% enrollment and 0% drop-out in schools. He ensured his support to BOSCO for bringing about 100% enrollments in the state.

The activities of twenty-six departments were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. The log frames of activities for 2019-20 of the programmes of BOSCO were planned. Major events, activities and campaigns to be organized during the year were also planned. The birthdays of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. All the new staff, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Clerics Subin, Pavan and Xavier were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO Bengaluru. All the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present during the evaluation.

Foster Parents Meeting



BOSCO Foster Care team organized Parents Meeting for the Foster Parents at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on June 22, 2019. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, welcomed the parents and introduced Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya to the group.

Addressing the parents, Fr. Pallipuram appreciated Foster Parents for giving life to the children. He said that, as parents everyone should fulfil the physical and basic needs of the children such as food, clothing, shelter, health and hygienic, safety, etc. He felt that it is important to understand the emotional needs of the children by spending time with them, showing love and affection, interacting and listening to them so that the emotional bonding strengthens. He exhorted parents to cultivate discipline in children so that they would grow up as responsible citizens of the society. Parents ensured that they would take care of the children with love, care and also treat them as their own children. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Shivamallu. Twenty-one parents and staff attended the meeting.

Community Awareness Programme



Child Safety Net (CSN) Programme BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a community awareness programme for the migrant families from Bellary District working as construction labourers near Old Sangam Theatre, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru on June 30, 2019. Mr. Sampath Kumar, Construction Supervisor, supported the team in organizing the programme. The awareness included information on child rights, right to education, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act), child marriage and child labour. The team explained about the importance of education to the parents.

Through this programme the CSN team was able to enroll and re-enroll twenty-four migrant children to Arya School, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present for the programme. Shafi, Coordinator, CSN Programme and Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN Programme were the resource persons. Seventy migrant labourers and children participated in the awareness programme.

International Yoga Day



BOSCO Nivas celebrated International Yoga Day at Govt. Kannada and Telugu Higher Primary Schools on June 21, 2019. Children were given an introduction to the term Yoga. Further enlightening the children on Yoga, they were told that Yoga could be considered as a disciplined method of attaining a goal, and a method of controlling the body and the mind.

Children were also given a demonstration of asanas namely, Shavasana, Surya Namaskara, Padmasana, Vakrasana, Veerabhadrasana, etc. Children along with the HM of the school, Ms. Usha Rani performed the asanas. Thirty children from the school along with the teachers and HM participated in the Yoga session.

Youth Parliament at Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, organized Youth Parliament for the inmates of the centre on June 22, 2019. The previous month's report was read. The new entrants to the centre were welcomed and introduced to the group. The youth discussed about keeping the premises clean, maintaining personal hygiene, waste management and waste segregation, displaying decent behavior, taking care of the centre materials and infrastructure, etc.

They also discussed about the importance of the events such as Shaale Kade Nanna Nade, Anti Child Labour Day, BOSCO Anniversary and International Yoga Day. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra,



exhorted the youth to lead a disciplined life and become responsible citizens of the society. Twenty-two youth participated in the meeting.

Kabaddi Kabaddi!



BOSCO Nilaya organized exposure visit for the children and youth of the centre to Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru, with the support of Book My Show and RMT Department, BOSCO to watch Indoor International Premier Kabaddi League on June 4, 2019.

Mr. Vajubhai Vala, Governor, Karnataka State, was the chief guest. Mr. Gurukiran, Singer, Kannada Film Industry entertained the audience. The kabaddi matches were between Chennai and Delhi and finals between Bengaluru and Pune. Bengaluru won the match. Children and youth felt happy and excited to watch the live matches. Twelve youth and twenty-three children from Vinobhanagar and BOSCO Nilaya were part of the exposure visit. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, led the group.

Value Education

BOSCO Rainbow Home, Bengaluru organized Value Education session on Obedience for the children on June 23, 2019. Sr. Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home began the session with party games connecting them to the value of obedience. The girls were made aware that obedience was just not about rules, regulations and punishment. It was also about co-operating with each other in order to have a safe and friendly atmosphere.

They were told that obedience is doing what is right, doing with good attitude and doing everything to the best of one's ability. The four important values of obedience such as following instructions correctly; completing what one is expected to do; having a cheerful and positive attitude and not obeying a wrong command were taught to the children. Thirty-eight girls benefitted from this session.

Stakeholders' Awareness

Awareness programmes were conducted for platform tea vendors and Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTE) by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on June 14 and 17, 2019 respectively. The main aim of the awareness programmes was to sensitize the stakeholders towards runaway children and missing children. Mr. Mahesh, Child India Foundation (CIF) gave information about CIF. Twelve tea vendors and fifteen TTEs were part of the awareness programmes.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



June- 2019



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Children rescued	235	47	282
Service provided	175	42	217
Grand Total	410	89	499

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Railway CHILDLINE	29	09	38
Bangalore Bus stand	67	02	69
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	01
BOSCO Vatsalyabhavan	00	13	13
CSN	26	07	33
BOSCO Nivas	11	00	11
BOSCO Nilaya	05	02	07
BOSCO Mane CHILDLINE	09	04	13
ARSP	26	04	30
SJPU	01	01	02
TOTAL	175	42	217

Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	25	16	41
Home Placement	79	15	94
Produced before CWC	119	12	131
Shishu Mandir	00	00	00
Referred to OH	03	00	03
Referred back to Hostels	00	00	00
Referred back to School	00	00	00
Recommended to Gurukula	00	00	00
Recommended to Hostel	09	04	13
Referred back to Police	00	00	00
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	235	47	282

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	27	10	37
Unaccompanied	208	37	245
TOTAL	235	47	282