



# E- Street Voice

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Editorial Note...

## Safe Spaces

“We pitched our startup ideas in CCDs. Many of us tasted the first Cappuccinos from CCDs. Some of us had our first date there. And it was a welcome sight to see a CCD after a long drive. You provided jobs and livelihoods for thousands,” said one of the tributes paid to VG Siddhartha, the founder of Café Coffee Day. People found the outlets with the tagline, ‘a lot can happen over coffee’, as a place to hang out, a place where they could connect, reconnect, mend their relationships and discuss ideas.

Stephen R Covey in his celebrated

book, ‘The 8<sup>th</sup> Habit’, discusses about moving from effectiveness to greatness. The first part of the book focuses on finding one’s inner voice which includes talents, passion and conscience to respond to a human need. The latter part of the book talks about helping others to see and achieve their worth and potential. This involves leading by principles, affirming others, uniting them through a common vision, and empowering them with resources and accountability.

‘Safe space’ is defined by Merriam Webster Dictionary as, ‘a place (as on a college campus) intended to

be free of bias, conflict, criticism, or potentially threatening actions, ideas, or conversations’. People remember VG Siddhartha as a visionary entrepreneur who provided spaces for people and helped them grow. May every social worker that reach out to the less privileged, strive to create and become ‘a safe space’ for children in need of care and protection.



Fr. Prasad SDB

## Training on Child Protection Policy



BOSCO, Bengaluru, in collaboration with BREADS organized two-day training on Child Protection Policy for the child protection committee members of vari-

ous Child Care centers of the organization, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on July 22 and 23, 2019. Ms. Edwina Pereira, Freelance Trainer, conducted sessions on the functioning of the CPC, roles and responsibilities of the CPC members, types of cases to be handled, proceedings of the CPC, etc. The CPC members were told to maintain a suggestion box/complaint box in each centre for children. The Child Protection Officer will be responsible for organizing and presiding over the meeting of CPC on a monthly basis. The complaints of children and child rights violations occurred during the month would be discussed in the

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## Training Programme on Juvenile Justice Act

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training programme on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 for the Civil Police Constables of Karnataka State at the Police Training School, Thanisandra, Bengaluru, on July 20, 2019.

Introducing BOSCO to the police officials, PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Model Rules, child rights, functions of Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) and Child Welfare Officers, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), its roles and responsibilities, POCSO Act 2012 and Child Helpline (1098).

He explained about the various sections of the JJ act, changes in the names of the government agencies dealing with children and the role of police officials in the care and protection of children in difficult situations.



Mr. Pradeep, Police Inspector, Police Training School, Thanisandra, Bengaluru and Fr. C.V. George, Director, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the training programme. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Sixty police officials attended the training.

## Training on First Aid



Training programme on First Aid was organized by BOSCO Health Care Department for the staff of the organization, at St. Martha's College of Nursing, Bengaluru, on July 25, 2019. Ms. Deena, Ms. Ashwini, Faculties, St. Martha's College of Nursing, four Nursing Students facilitated the session. Defining First Aid, the faculty said that it is an immediate treatment that is given to a person on an emergency basis.

They explained about the various health problems like nasal bleeding, foreign bodies in the ears and nose, epilepsy, fractures, injuries, dog bite, snake bite, fever, common cold, fire burns, etc., and the immediate treatment that could be given. Twenty-three staff and three Brothers from BOSCO attended the training.

## Youth Group Meeting

Youth group meeting was organized at Nehrupuram, by BOSCO Nivas on July 16, 2019. The meeting was held with the objective to motivate the youth to undergo training and empower themselves with a skill in order to earn a decent livelihood. The youth were given a briefing about BOSCO skill training center at Sumanahalli and the Don Bosco Skill Training Center at Lingarajpuram which offered free certified course in various skills. Four youth attended the meeting.

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## Training on CPP...

meeting so as to ensure safety and protection of children. Vivek Dev, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the gathering and Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. The training was facilitated by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli were present for the programme. Thirty-four members of eight CPCs and one Central CPC participated in the training.

## Training on Reporting and Documentation

BOSCO National Research and Documentation (BNRD) Department organized half-day training on 'Reporting and Documentation' for BOSCO staff at BOSCO Mane on July 27, 2019. Facilitating the session, Deepa Vasant Kumar, Coordinator, BNRD, explained the meaning and purpose of documentation and reporting. The participants were asked to follow the inverted pyramid structure while writing a report.

The importance of the factors like timeliness, proximity, prominence and magnitude while making a report was also explained. BOSCO reporting formats were introduced to the participants and they were made to practically apply the learning by furnishing the reporting formats with appropriate information.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, focused on the photography for reporting



and documentation. He spoke about the news worthiness of the photos.

He gave tips on simple techniques while taking photos, frame, content, background, lighting, etc. Participants felt that the simple writing techniques and elements learnt would help in filling accurate and proper reports. Twenty BOSCO staff participated in the training.

## Parents Meeting



BOSCO Vikas, Bengaluru in collaboration with BOSCO Mane organized parents meeting at the centre on July 28, 2019. Mr. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, briefed about the purpose of the meeting. Ms. Akshitha, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, shared about the behavior and performance of the children. Ms. Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane explained about the functioning of Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained the roles and responsibilities of the parents towards their children. Mr. Babu, Assistant Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty-four parents of children from BOSCO Vikas and fourteen parents of children from BOSCO Mane attended the meeting.

## School Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) team organized seven awareness programmes in Government Higher Primary Schools of Papareddypalya, Banashankari, Vasanthpura, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Yarabnagar and Laggere areas of Bengaluru, during July 2019. Mr. Basavaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project explained about JJ Act, POCSO and child protection mechanisms.

Short Video, "SHE" was screened. Kavitha, Social Worker, BOSCO SJPU Project, explained about safe and unsafe touch. The children were instructed to make a call to the child helpline number-1098. Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU Project was present in the programmes. Around seven hundred and fifty children were benefited from these programmes.

## Let us Listen to Children: K Subramani



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programme at Govt. Higher Primary School, Chandra Nagar on July 30, 2019. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the gathering spoke about the services offered by CHILDLINE 1098 and the aims and objectives of the open house programme. Mr. Subramani K, PSI, Kumaraswamy Layout, said, “Let us listen to

the children today. The police shall ensure that a child-friendly neighborhood is created around the school.” He said that the school authorities and children could approach in any necessary situation.

Ms. Nagamani CN, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bengaluru explained to the children about safe and unsafe touch and facilitated the discussion with children. The students clarified their doubts about child rights protection mechanisms and voiced their concerns. Authorities present and CHILDLINE team assured the children that steps would be taken immediately, to address their issues. Mr. Puttannaswamy, ASI and Mr. Kumar, Kumaraswamy Police Station, Ms. Uma, Headmistress, GHPS, staff and over hundred-and-thirty students participated in the programme.

### School Awareness programme



BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) team organized awareness programme on Child rights, CHILDLINE and Child Protection Mechanisms at Vivekananda Kannada Primary and High school, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru on July 26, 2019. Mr. Shaik MD Shafi, Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO Bengaluru, introduced BOSCO and its activities and explained about the need for awareness about child rights and CHILDLINE.

Mr. Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about rights of children. A movie- “Don’t be Mum, Tell Mom” was screened. Ms. Savitha, Social Mobilizer, explained about the issues faced by girl children. Over hundred students and teachers attended the programme.

### Sharanappa IPS Celebrates Birthday



Dr. Sharanappa S. Dhage, IPS, Superintendent of Police, COD and CID, Karnataka, celebrated his birthday with the children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas on July 22, 2019. Introducing the guest to the children, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, extended his heartfelt thanks to the IPS officer for the timely support rendered to BOSCO in rescuing children in need of care and protection.

He visited the BOSCO CHILDLINE department and interacted with the team members. T. Suresh, Media Person, Jeevanmukhi, Kannada fortnightly magazine was instrumental in organizing the celebration. Ms. Vanitha Ravi, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Eighty children from BOSCO Mane and Vikas were present during the celebration.

## Pro-Child Network Meet



An input session on 'Helping children who are into substance/Drug abuse' was facilitated by Mr. Remy Lobo, Psychiatric Social Worker, NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Ms. Joyce, NIMHANS, speaking about Strategies and Skills to motivate parents of Vulnerable Children, said parents should be physically and emotionally fit to take care of the children in all situations, appreciate their children and pay attention to them. She

**BOSCO** Foster Care Programme in collaboration with Auxilium Navajeevana, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru organized half-day Pro-Child Network Meeting at Auxilium Navajeevana on July 12, 2019. The Pro-Child Network was formed in 2018 with the aim of bringing NGOs together to discuss various concerns related to children and to bring about policy level changes by advocating with the Government.

also spoke about teenage pregnancy and biological, sociological and psychological factors that affect the children's self-esteem.

Sr. Anna Thayil, Director, Navajeevana Auxilium welcomed the gathering and Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-three participants from twenty-two NGOs present for the meeting.

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## Open House Programme at Yarab Nagar

**CHILDLINE** Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programme at Govt. Urdu Primary School, Yarab Nagar on July 25, 2019. In the keynote address, Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about the services offered by the project. She enumerated the aims and objectives of open house. Mr. Manjunath Devaiah, PSI, Banshankari Police Station, said, "Several great people had humble beginnings. You need to dream big and make best use of the opportunities in order to study and become responsible citizens". Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru exhorted the children to avail the services of the helpline whenever they are in need of care and protection.

Ms. Vani, Field Coordinator, Yuvaspandana Program, NIMHANS, Bengaluru spoke about the negative consequences of substance abuse. She intimated them to stay away from bad company and report cases of substance abuse, to CHILDLINE. Ms. Nagamani CN,



Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bengaluru facilitated the discussion with children. They expressed their issues and the authorities present assured to resolve them in a timely manner. Mr. BM Chadari, Sayyad Shared, Imtiaz Pasha, Members, Masjid- E- Aksa, Yarab Nagar, Ms. Mohammedi Begum, Headmistress, GUMPS, staff and around two-hundred students participated in the programme.

## BREADS Bengaluru Visits BOSCO

**BREADS**, Bengaluru visited BOSCO, Bengaluru in order to monitor and facilitate the projects under its auspices, on July 30 and 31, 2019. During the two-day program, a four-member team headed by Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, SDB, Executive Director, BREADS conducted evaluations of all major projects supported by the agency.

The team visited Kengeri Railway Station under Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, schools and tuition centres under CREAM Project and a Group Foster care project. Fr. Joy met the counsellors of BOSCO and discussed various factors that influence children to leave their home and land on the streets of Bengaluru and the major challenges



they face while counselling children. The Directors and staff of BOSCO shared their experience in the field, success stories, challenges and their valuable suggestions to reach out to more vulnerable children.

## Accenture Employees Plant Trees at BOSCO Sumanahalli



**BOSCO** Life Skill Training Centre, Summanahalli, organized sapling plantation programme in collaboration with Accenture Company, at the centre on July 27, 2019. Introducing BOSCO and its activities, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli exhorted the gathering to make efforts to keep the planet green so that our future generations could live in a safer environment.

Mr. Krish, Manager and Mr. Srinivas, Asst. Manager Accenture, Bengaluru and Mr. Paresh Paul, VIDyaniketan NGO spoke on the occasion. Mr. Shekhar from Accenture performed a dance. Two hundred saplings were planted on the occasion. Over fifty youth from BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli, over fifty staff from Accenture and volunteers from Vidyaniketan NGO, the managers of the event participated in the programme.

## Towards a Child-friendly Society



**CHILDLINE**, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programme at Govt. Higher Primary School Veerabhadranagar Bengaluru, on July 02, 2019. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the objectives, roles and responsibility of CHILDLINE, Right to Education Act and JJ Act. He briefed about the purpose of the Open house programme. Mr. Siddhalingaiah Police Inspector, Girinagar Police Station said, “The police are committed to building a child friendly society.” He explained about POC SO Act 2012.

Mr. Vinay K, Sub Inspector Girinagar Police station, Mr. Anjanamurthy Cluster Resource person, Veerabhadranagar, Ms. Shrilatha, President, SDMC, GHPS Veerabhadranagar, Mr. Shivarudrayya, Head Master GHPS Veerabhadranagar, Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator CHILDLINE Bengaluru were present. Mr. Johnson welcomed the gathering; Mr. Vinod Sandeep compered and proposed the vote of thanks. Around one hundred and eighty students and School teachers were present for the programme.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

## July- 2019



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Children rescued	294	42	01	337
Service provided	138	29	00	167
Grand Total	432	71	01	504

### Children Rescued Data Center/Area wise

Contact Point	Fresh			Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Other	Boys	Girls	
Railway Childline	135	16	01	01	00	153
Railway Station Above aged	01	00	00	00	00	01
Bus stand BMTC	28	05	00	00	00	33
Bus stand KSRTC	25	01	00	00	00	26
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Summanahalli	14	00	00	00	00	14
BOSCO MANE	00	00	00	02	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	02	00	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	09	06	00	02	00	17
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	06	00	00	00	06
Child Line	05	03	00	00	00	08
CSN	09	00	00	00	00	09
SJPU	18	00	00	00	00	18
ARSP	42	03	00	00	00	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>337</b>

### Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Other	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	43	12	00	55
Home Placement	105	04	00	109
Produced before CWC	138	24	01	163
Shishumandir	01	00	00	01
Referred to OH	06	00	00	06
Recommended to Hostel	01	02	00	03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>337</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Other	Total
Accompanied	27	07	00	34
Unaccompanied	267	35	01	303
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>337</b>