

That they may have life...in all its fullness



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QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

Message from the Director

DON'T LIMIT YOUR CHILD TO ONE LEARNING, FOR HE WAS BORN IN ANOTHER TIME

I take immense pride in bringing forth before you the quarterly issue dated April to June filled with gamut of activities, campaigns, awareness programs, trainings, convergence meets, workshops, youth parliament, skill trainings, celebrations and outings empowering both children in the centres of BOSCO, communities, staff and members of the close knit BOSCO family. The life of the people associated with BOSCO revolves around children. Bettering the lives of children on the street, high risk adolescents, rescued children from various situations, BOSCO organised several programmes involving patrons, stake holders, and like minded organizations, working, planning, executing and affectively implementing strategies to save and protect children from lurking dangers, bring drop outs and never been to school children into schools, prevent child marriage or child labour, give every child a life filled with hope and happiness.

While the child right clubs empowered the children to exercise their rights, advocate their cause, raise voice against atrocities towards the girl child, rally and march to create awareness, achieve the attainable, and portray leadership qualities; values were fortified through sessions on inculcating values, developing inter personal skills, respecting and protecting nature, celebration of various events and festivals.

Camps enhanced the children's creativity, gave vent besides providing the children an avenue to showcase their innate talents. The unstinted and indefatigable efforts of the mentors in the tuition centres fetched accolades aplenty. Boys and girls walked shoulder to shoulder in proving their mettle in every field.

With the Lord Almighty, as our guiding light and the spirit of Don Bosco our driving force, we at BOSCO Bengaluru have been able to achieve several milestones, be it through the SKNN, Anti Child Labour Day, the International Girl Child Day, World Environment Day, Yoga Day or its several trainings, meetings and workshops.

I wish all the dear family members of Team BOSCO hearty congratulations and the very best in all their future endeavours.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, SDB, Executive Director

SHALE KADE NANNA NADE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

BOSCO, Bangalore, organized 'Shale Kade Nanna Nade' (SKNN) from May 21 to 26, 2018 in support to the initiative taken by Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) and Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Four different teams from BOSCO namely Child Safety Network (CSN), Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Nivas were into the campaign in different areas of Bangalore.

The campaign was flagged off by taking a solemn pledge to identify and bring back drop outs from areas and communities into mainstream schools, as responsible child right club members from schools and communities. Armed with a banner on SKNN, placards, Flex boards children marched through the various areas and com-



munities along with the Government school teachers and HMs, Local Leaders, KSCPCR Members and BOSCO Staff. Awareness was given about the importance of education, admitting children into schools, education of girl child and eradication of child labour, and utilization of the facilities provided at the government schools.

As an outcome of the six-day long campaign several people from the general public have approached community mobilizers to enroll their kids into Government Schools. Nearly hundred dropouts and child labourers were identified from the areas of Shivajinagar, K R Market, Mysore Road and Sumanahalli. During the span of six days of the campaign, over three thousand people pledged their support for the cause of enrolling and re-enrolling the school drop outs.

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- » Value Education Classes for youths and children of B. Sumanahalli, B. Yuvakendra, B. Mane, B. Vikas, B. Nivas and B. Nilaya
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- » Youth group Meetings
- » Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Campaign
- » Anti-Child Labour Day Campaign

World Day against Child Labour Observed



BOSCO, Bangalore observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bangalore, on the theme "Abolish Child Labor and Save Childhood" on June 12, 2018.

The campaign was inaugurated at 9.30 am in the presence of Jagadeesh M, President, Jaya Karnataka, Bapujinagar, Bangalore, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Bangalore at Bapujinagar, Bangalore. The Campaign in Bangalore Railway Station was inaugurated by Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, Dy. Station Manager, Bangalore Railway Station, Mr. Laxmiprashanth, APSA, Bangalore, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bangalore, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya.

Children from the various centres of BOSCO performed a 'Mime' to create awareness to the public about Child Labor in Bangalore at City Railway Station, BMTC Bus Stand, Majestic, Bapujinagar, Kengeri Bus Stand, Pantharapalya, Vijayanagar, KP Agrahara, JJR Nagar, KR Market and Kalasipalya areas of Bangalore. The public were made aware of their responsibility to send children to school instead of pushing them into child labour. The message was disseminated through distribution of pamphlets, shouting slogans and exhibiting placards. Over two thousand people were reached out to in various parts of the city.

BOSCO INITIATIVES & REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Adolescent Girls' Meeting

Adolescent Girls' Meetings were held during the Summer Camp, at St. Xavier School on 17 and 19 April 2018. Vinnarasi, community mobilizer, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bangalore, spoke on the topic 'Protection'. She commenced the session by telling the girls to be more aware of the happenings around, shun strangers, maintain distance with the opposite gender, avoid outrageous clothes, avoid venturing out alone in unknown places, shout when sensing trouble, and learn to say a big 'NO'.

Priya, ENFOLD Proactive Health Care, Bangalore, spoke about several adolescent issues like knowing one's body to the pains of growing up through pictorial representations. The girls were given awareness about menstruation, menstrual hygiene, hormonal changes and nutrition. Adolescents were instructed to maintain body hygiene, and cleanliness. Forty-five girls attended the sessions.



Health Camp organized at Anandpuram

BOSCO Nilaya organized a health camp on June 27, 2018 at BBMP Health Kiosk, Anandpuram, KR Market, Bangalore, in collaboration with Health Care Department, BOSCO Bangalore, St. Martha Hospital, Community Medium and Health department.

Medicines were given for common ailments like cold, cough, body pain, etc. Eye tests, Sugar test, B.P Test, weight checkup, sputum test were conducted. One was asked to undergo ECG, one was referred to for Red Cross hospital, six of them were diagnosed with sugar problems, and twenty-one persons who were found to have eye related problems were referred to Minto Eye Hospital. Hundred women, twenty-five men and twenty children benefitted from the camp.



Child Rights Club Formation

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore formed Child Rights Club (CRC) at St. Philomena's English High School, Railway colony, Bangalore on June 23, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Vimala Rani, Social Ac-



tivist, BOSCO CREAM Project, Bangalore, enlightened the children about UNCRC, Child Protection Mechanisms, necessity of CRC and roles and responsibilities of the members of the club. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM facilitated the election process and the selection of the President and Vice-President. Eleven boys and thirteen girls were elected as CRC members. Devaraj, Social activist, BOSCO CREAM Project, Bangalore, conducted the training session. Duties of the President and Vice-president were briefed and the importance of taking up social responsibility was discussed.

Teachers appreciated BOSCO's efforts towards empowering children. Hundred and sixty four high school students and two teachers of St. Philomena's English High School participated in the programme.



Task Force Meeting

Half-day Task Force Meeting was organized by Foster Care Team, BOSCO, Bangalore, for the various stakeholders involved in the program at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on April 24, 2018. Shivamallu,

Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, welcomed all the participants, introduced the purpose of the meeting and responsibilities of the task force members.

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, in his key note address, said that every child longs for the care and love of the family and in absence of the child's own family, foster care is the next best alternative. Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Mane, said that the focus should be towards the best interests of the child and it is also important to know the intentions of the foster parents before placing the child with them.

Jyothi, Counsellor, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about BOSCO and its activities, need for foster care, importance of family care for the child, legal procedures involved, understanding the difference between Adoption and Foster Care, different types of Foster Care Placements, time frame for placements, procedures involved in becoming foster parents, roles of authorities such as CWC members, DCPU's and other Govt. officials and other stakeholders.

Karakurappa, Probation Officer (PO), Government Children's Home for Boys, Bangalore, felt that Foster Care is a good project and that Government should take a lead role in the implementation of Foster Care program. Twenty members from various departments such as PO's from Govt. Children's Home for Boys, ASHA Workers, Community Leaders, and Volunteers participated in the program.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual Evaluation at BOSCO, Bangalore



The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore on June 19 and 20, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, thanked the staff for being the pillars of the organization and for standing by the Mission of BOSCO for the past thirty-eight years. He saluted the staff for the generous and dedicated efforts in the field of child care and protection. Addressing the gathering, Usha B, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), Bangalore Urban, said that child related issues like child abuse, child marriages, etc. are on the rise. The only way of curbing these is by bridging the gap between the government agencies and NGOs working towards the welfare of the children. She assured her support to BOSCO in its endeavors to ensuring safety of children and childhood.

The activities of twenty-seven 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. All the new staff, Fr. CV George, Bros. Vimal, Arold and Ferik were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO Bangalore. The staff members, who were newly married, were felicitated. All the managing directors of BOSCO and staff were present for the programme.

State Level Consultation on Foster Care

State Level Consultation on Foster Care was organized by Fr. Joy Nedumpambal, Executive Director, BREADS, Bangalore, for the 10 NGOs of various districts of Karnataka at Provincial House, Bangalore on June 6, 2018. Fr. Joy welcomed the NGO participants and introduced Foster Care Program and BOSCO and its activities to them. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program started the session with the meaning of Foster care and the reasons for implementing foster care as an alternative family care for the children.

Akshitha, Social Mobiliser, Foster Care Program, explained about child rights, foster care concept, types of foster care, selection criteria of parents & children, rights of children in foster family, responsibilities of foster parents, different levels of awareness programs, case study file of parents & children, placement of children and follow up of children.

Awareness materials were distributed to the Directors representing their NGOs. Forty-one NGO participants representing ten districts of Karnataka attended the consultation.



MEETINGS HELD

Convergence Meeting Organized

A convergence meeting for like-minded people from government and non-government organizations was organized at BOSCO Nivas, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, to address the issue of child labor prevalent in the area on the April 5, 2018. The meeting was held to arrive at a plan of action to enroll the children employed in various establishments in Shivajinagar area, back to schools. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore, in his Key note address invited everyone present to be a community that cares, understands and leads in bringing about a change in the lives of the children.

Mariswamy, Member, KSCPCR, Bangalore, stated that the focus should be on children as we work with the poor and marginalized sections of society. Networking with the community, holding a dialogue, involving the political machinery and above all an inclusive approach should be adopted.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Nagamani, Nodal coordinator, Vishalakshi, CHILDLINE Coordinator, APSA CHILDLINE, Gunasheela, Radha,

APSA CHILDLINE, Basavaraj PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, Jyothi, ASI, Broadway Police, Ward 92 representatives, Caring Community members, Motor Parts Gujri and staff of Nivas and Nilaya were present for the meeting.



Consultation Meeting Organized

CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized consultation meeting for NGO personnel, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on April 21, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore, emphasized on the concerted efforts of the NGOs to bring an end to the practice of Child Marriage. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya explained the objective of this gathering. A presentation on CREAM and its impact was shown and briefed by Mr. Ramaswamy. Child-related issues were discussed in detail, problems were analyzed, suggestions and success stories were agreed upon to be put into practice.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore welcomed the gathering and proposed vote of thanks. Seventeen representatives from NGOs, Sparsh Trust, APSA, Need Base India, BOSCO Foster Care, CHILDLINE, Education Rights Trust, SICHREM, Child Rights Trust, Sathi, BREADS and member of KSCPCR were part of the Consultation Meeting.



Focus Group Discussion Organized at BOSCO Mane

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bangalore organized Focus Group Discussion with parents of children in conflict with law at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on April 29, 2018. Fr. Edward, Director, Missing Child Bureau (MCB) Project, BOSCO, Bangalore, said "Nobody is born good or bad. It is the circumstances and the company that makes them good or bad. As parents we have to see that our children are protected from the negative influences." Addressing the group, Shamid Pasha, ACP, V.V. Puram, Chamarajpet Sub-division, Bangalore, exhorted the parents to be vigilant about the whereabouts of their children, keep a track of their activities in order to prevent them from getting into criminal activities. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bangalore, explained about the importance of children's follow up and present situation of the twenty serious offences. Twenty-five parents and children participated in the discussion.

Convergence Meeting of CHILDLINE NGOs

Convergence meeting of NGOs was held at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on June 13, 2018. Welcoming the gathering, Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore, briefed about the purpose of this meeting. Vasudev Sharma, Director, Child Rights Trust, Bangalore, introducing CHILDLINE to the CWC members, asked the NGOs to list out and share the issues and problems faced by the NGOs while rescuing children, producing them before CWC and gaps in the functioning of allied systems. The issues and problems listed out were shared with the authorities present. P G Rohit, DGP Training Officer, Bangalore asked the NGOs to intimate the Police Stations while attending cases referred by CHILDLINE and ensure that police officials accompany the teams during rescue operations. CWC ensured support for the CHILDLINE activities.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director CHILDLINE BOSCO, Bangalore, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director Railway



CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bangalore, Khushi Kushalappa, Enfold, Bangalore, C Venkateshiah, DWCD, Bangalore, M S Salma, Shishu Mandir, Bangalore, CWC members and thirty team members from CHILDLINE Collaborative organizations were present for the meeting.

Meeting with Anganwadi Supervisors

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Program, BOSCO Bangalore organized a meeting with Anganwadi Supervisors at Child Development Project (CDPO) Office, Madivala, Bangalore on June 5, 2018. Meeting started with an introduction about BOSCO and ECCE by Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE program. Purpose of the meeting was briefed by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE program. The Anganwadi Supervisors were happy to know that the ECCE program was going to be extended to eight more anganwadis in Bangalore. There was a suggestion from the anganwadi supervisors in selecting new anganwadis, as the existing anganwadis under the ECCE program were fairly developed. T. Rudrappa, Accountant, ICDS, Bangalore and eleven Anganwadi Supervisors participated in the meeting.



Parents Meeting

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB), Bangalore organized parents meeting at the centre, on June 24, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, exhorted the parents to become role models for the children to become ideal citizens. The parents were made aware of their roles and responsibilities and the ways to prevent their children from becoming anti-social elements. The resource person insisted on the parents to support their children by giving them love and affection. The parents are to be available to them whenever the children are in need of their support. Through the candle race activity the parents were made aware of the importance of safe-guarding their children from various dangers existing in the world.

The parents were given general instructions and orientation about the work of BOSCO. After refreshments, the parents, along with their children interacted with the counsellor and coordinator and discussed about the progress of their children. Thirty-two parents attended the meeting.



TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Training for CRC Leaders

CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bangalore organized a two-day training programme for CRC Leaders at KSCPCR Conference Hall on April 9, 2018. Inaugurating the programme, Dr. Kripa Amar Alva, Chairperson of KSCPCR, said, "We see God in children. This place belongs to children. Providing service to children is equivalent to serving the Almighty". Mariswamy, Member, KSCPCR, highlighted the rights of children and the role of the civil society in the protection and promotion of the same. Margaret Sampath, SICHREM, speaking on the occasion emphasized on Human rights, process and protocols to be followed in case of violation of human rights.

Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, said, "Rights and responsibilities are like a pair of eyes. We have to be responsible citizens to safeguard our rights as well as the rights of our fellow citizens". Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, Sadiq Siddiq, spoke on the occasion. At the interactive session, children mentioned various issues like, infrastructural deficiency at schools, insufficient number of teachers, Child labour, School dropouts etc. The authorities present assured the children that the issues would be addressed on a priority basis in a time-bound manner. A session on leadership facilitated by Fr. Regi, was held in the afternoon at Cubbon Park, Bangalore.

On the second day, a session on team-building and problem solving was facilitated by Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bangalore, at BOSCO, Mane, Chamrajpet. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, briefed about the project and exhorted children to avail the systems and mechanisms in place for the protection of children. A session on Social Responsibility and unity was facilitated by Fr. Regi. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project animated the discussion about the 'way forward'. Certificates were awarded to the participants. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project welcomed the gathering and Vinnarasi, Social activist, proposed the vote of thanks. Seventy Leaders from thirty CRCs of various schools participated.



Training for Anganawadi Teachers



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized five training programmes for the Anganwadi teachers at Anganawadi Center, Sondekoppa, Anganawadi Center, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Anganawadi Center, Machohalli Colony, Anganwadi Center, Nagwara and Primary Health Centre, Murphy Town, Ulsoor, Bangalore, from April 25-27, 2018. The participants were introduced to BOSCO and the activities and services rendered by the organization. The participants were also given information on CHILDLINE, Nodal Agency, modules of CHILDLINE, the types of children rescued and cases for which FIR needs to be filed.

The facilitator explained about Foster Care concept, types of foster care, short term-long term foster care, age group of children eligible for foster care, and eligibility to become foster parents. The Counsellor explained about the identification process of parents and children for Foster care. One hundred and forty four Anganawadi teachers attended the training.

Training for Police Officials

Training programme was organized for the Government Railway Police (GRP) officials at GRP Police Station, Platform No. 6, KSR Railway Station, Bangalore, by the BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL), Bangalore, on May 28, 2018. Facilitating the session, Mahesh Jakati, CLA, CFI, Bangalore spoke about Child Rights, Toll Free Number 1098, JJ Act and Standard Operating Procedures. It was followed by an interactive discussion between the GRP officials and the BRCL Staff. Twenty-five GRP officials attended the programme.



OTHER CAMPAIGNS AND RALLIES

Rally Organized



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organised a rally from BOSCO Nilaya to Town Hall and joined the Silent Protest against Child Sexual Abuse in Collaboration with Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) on April 17, 2018. The main focus of the campaign was to demand justice for the victims of child abuse. BOSCO played a lead role in organizing the campaign. Representatives from all the organisations gathered expressed their view on the recent incidents involving child sexual abuse and action plans. Students from different colleges and organizations participated in the campaign.

Rallying for a Cause



BOSCO Nivas organized a rally to create awareness among the residents of Shivajinagar area on protecting and ensuring the safety of the girl child, on April 19, 2018. The rally, organized to protest against the increasing number of rape cases began from St. Xavier School and moved through Shivajinagar Bus Stand, Church road, Russel Market, Beef Market, Broadway Road, towards Shivaji Circle halted at the circle. People enroute the march paused, enquired the reason for the march, read the slogans and expressed solidarity with the cause. Thirty-five children, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas and staff members participated in the rally.



World Yoga Day At Bosco Nivas

International Yoga Day was celebrated at Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram areas of Shivajinagar, Bangalore at the two tuition centres by BOSCO Nivas, Bangalore, on June 21, 2018. Children were given an introduction about the term yoga, which implies a group of physical, mental and spiritual practices which originated in ancient India and could be considered as a disciplined method to attain integral well-being and harmony.

Children were given a demonstration of the various asanas, yogic exercises which the children performed. Children were briefed about the physical and mental benefits of Yoga such as increased flexibility, strength, balance, stamina, improved body alignment, stress reduction, awareness and improved self-confidence. Forty-five children participated in the program.



World Environment Day celebrated at Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated World Environmental Day on June 5, 2018 by cleaning the area adjacent to the centre which was a place to dump unwanted waste and planting saplings, with the concept - 'Each one Plant one'. Nilaya staff and two of the neighbours planted flowering shrubs, fruits plants and medicinal plants. The activity stressed the significance of coming together to ensure a cleaner, greener and brighter environment for us and the future generations. This was made as an opportunity to evoke in the neighbours a sense of nature friendliness.



Voters' Campaign

CREAM, BOSCO organised a Voters' Campaign from BOSCO Nilaya to different areas of Bangalore including Ranasinghpet, Manvarthipet, Sultanpet, Post Office, Sultanpet, New Tharagpet, Old Tharagpet, and Police station, V.V Puram on April 20, 2018. The idea of the campaign was to promote the practice of citizens voting judiciously, without being bribed by any particular party/group of people. Children marched across all areas with posters with quotes saying, 'My Vote is My Right. My Vote is not for Sale'. Ramesh and Parimala, Officers, Post office, Sultanpet, Bangalore encouraged child participation in creating awareness on the voting rights of the citizens. Raju, Police Inspector, V.V Puram and other sub-inspectors spoke on Child Protection. One hundred-seventeen Children, thirteen MSW Students and CREAM Staff participated in the Campaign.

LIFE SKILL SESSIONS

Life Skill Training at BOSCO Yuvakendra

NEW HAMPSHIRE, a four-day in-house programme was facilitated by Nagaraj and Vinod Kumar, Past Pupils, BOSCO Bangalore for the youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra at the centre, from April 17 to 20, 2018. Sessions consisted of group activities, outdoor games, party games and discussion about the importance of goal setting. Based on the Goal and Agreement, the rest of the sessions were carried out by discussing about the importance of time management, food, unity and strength. Twenty-six youth participated in the programme.





Life Skill Session On Team Building

Life skill session on 'Team Building' was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore, for the youth residing at the centre, by Celine Prabha, Volunteer, on April 26, 2018. The interactive session included storytelling, games and activities. The boys expressed that with concentration, creativity, discipline, cooperation and encouragement they could explore more and complete the tasks within the stipulated time. Session concluded with the insight that team work could increase productivity and overall efficiency. Eighteen youth participated in the life skill session.



Life Skill Session on Interpersonal Relationship

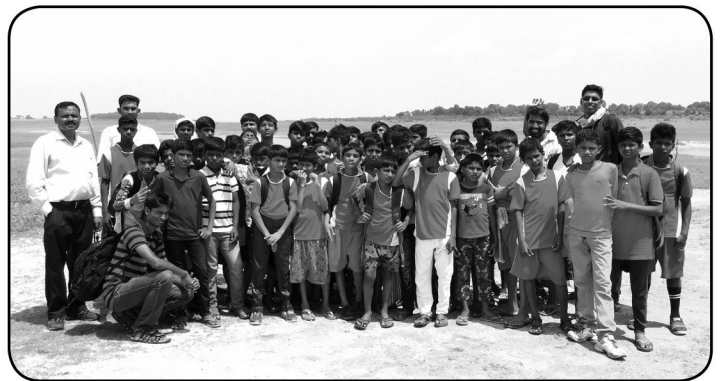
Life skill session on Interpersonal relationship was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore for the youth residing at the centre, by Celine, Volunteer, BOSCO Bangalore on May 29, 2018. The session began with an introduction on the importance of interpersonal relationship skills in building positive and reciprocal relationships in the family, with friends and others. Activities such as "Knowing each other" and "The statue" were conducted which helped the boys learn interpersonal skills such as being patient, being able to control anger and stress, being negotiable, understanding minds, etc. that enable them to work with others harmoniously and efficiently. Eighteen youth participated in the life skill session.

SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER CAMP at BOSCO NIVAS



SUMMER CAMP at VIKAS



SUMMER CAMP at BOSCO NILAYA



SUMMER MELODY AT BOSCO RAINBOW HOME AND BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

STAFF PICNIC TO LUMBINI GARDEN



BOSCO, Bangalore organized a one-day picnic to Lumbini Garden for the staff on May 19, 2018.

BOSCO, Bangalore organized a one-day picnic to Lumbini Garden for the staff on May 19, 2018. Away from the busy work schedule, the staff had a chance to relax and enjoy to their heart's content at the theme park. Irrespective of the age, professional hierarchy or experiences, the mood of recreation was contagious.

Post tea-break, there were party games arranged for the staff like musical chair, breaking the balloons, tying the balloons to a thread, etc., Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, Fr. Binny, Fr. John, Fr. Regi and Fr. Rubin, Directors, BOSCO Bangalore, were present for the picnic.

RESULTS

*Accolades
all the way...*

SSLC and PUC Results

Children of the BOSCO centres proved their mettle, in the SSLC Board Exams and PUC Board Exams of March 2018, and passed out in flying colours.

27 of our children wrote SSLC; 10 passed Out of 11 who appeared for PUC II examination 10 have passed

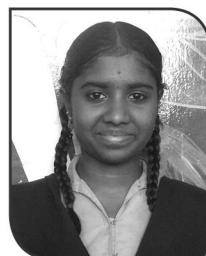
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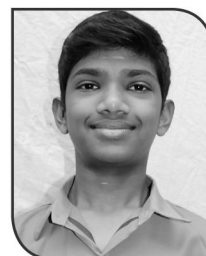
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BOSCO Rainbow Home
78.56%



ANITHA B
61.44%



REBECCA
BOSCO Rainbow Home
56.16%



AJITH S
BOSCO Vikas
73.44%



MS. REHANA AYESHA
BOSCO Nivas
83%



DIVYA M
BOSCO Nivas
60%



NAZIMA
BOSCO Nivas
80%



SABERA TARANNUM
BOSCO Nivas
45.76%



VINOD KUMAR
BOSCO Nilaya
78.24%



SHWETHA R.
BOSCO Nilaya
57.6%

PUC II RESULTS



KAVYA
Vatsalya Bhavan
81%



SUMITHRA
Vatsalya Bhavan
78%



GAYATHRI
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SHOBA RANI
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DIVYA
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MALLIKARJUN
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55.5%



DAVID
Sumanahalli
70%



BHARATH H. R.
Sumanahalli
77.5%



ERESH
Sumanahalli
64%



Beating odds all the way!

Vinod Kumar.B, hails from Banni Mantapa, Mysore. He lost both his parents at a very young age. Ever since the demise of his parents, he was raised by Munirathna, his maternal grandmother who is a vegetable vendor at K.R. Market, Bangalore. Formerly Vinod used to stay with his granny on one of the pavements at K.R. Market. Although there was no one else except his grandmother, he pursued his studies with passion and determination. When he was studying his 9th standard in December 2016, Vinod Kumar came across BOSCO Nilaya. He began frequenting the center to attend the free remedial education classes conducted in the evening.

After a month when he shared his plight, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya agreed to help him with academic expenses and accommodation. Thus, Vinod became an inmate at BOSCO Nilaya. He completed his SSLC at BBMP High School, Ganganagar, R. T Nagar, with 78.9%. Vinod Kumar aspires to become an IPS officer in the future.

EDUCATION IS MY RIGHT!

Hafiza (Name changed), a fifteen-year-old girl studying in ninth standard, from Bangalore is the eldest of two other siblings. She stays in the joint family with her parents and relatives. Her father is a tailor and mother, a housemaid. Being an alcoholic, major part of her father's earning is spent on alcohol abuse. Hafiza and her younger sister study in the same School.

Hafiza is a bright, smart, proactive child who has been empowered with her rights through the free tuition classes and her participation in the Child Rights Club (CRC) in her area. Couple of months ago, she had identified ten school drop outs from her area and presented them before the CRC of the area, to be enrolled into schools in the coming academic year.

During May 2018, Hafiza's parents fixed her marriage without her knowledge or consent. She told her parents that she was not inter-

ested in the happenings, and wanted to pursue her studies, but her requests fell on deaf ears! The only support she had was that of her paternal grandmother. Being empowered with the knowledge about her rights she called up Child Helpline and sought the support of BOSCO CHILDLINE to resolve the issue. The officials responded to her plea and intervened on an emergency basis. The parents called off the engagement and agreed to let her continue her studies.

Hafiza's strength of character, as she is empowered and aware of her rights through the area CRC club, helped her gain a new lease of life. She has become a living example for all the young school going girls on how to exercise their rights. Hafiza continues to go to school, and is presently in the tenth standard, happily living with the fact that she saved her life.

