



E-Street Voice

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Editorial Note...

Humanity...Searching...

“Ours is a battle not for wealth, nor for power, ours is a battle for freedom, for reclamation of human personality,” said Dr. BR Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. The 73rd Independence Day was celebrated across the nation with much fanfare and the social media accounts of most citizens screamed nationalistic, patriotic sentiments. Political parties of various hues were seen engaging in showcasing achievements, blaming rivals for slow-downs etc., as expected.

Neither mutual mudslinging nor loud proclamations of one’s achievements or futile jingoistic blabbers would bring about qualitative change in the predicaments of the millions of underprivileged masses, women and children. The cries of victims and voices of dissent are still smothered and selectively silenced. The clarion call given by Sir Basaheb Ambedkar, ‘the battle to reclaim human personality’ and humanity is to be an ever-persistent endeavor. Discrimination in the

name of caste, colour and creed are to be ended. That the needy ‘are vulnerable human beings’ be the sole reason for the social worker to reach out and lend a hand. As the strain of Scorpions, the German Rockband goes, ‘Because we all live under the same sun, we all walk under the same moon, then why, why can't we live as one?’



Fr. Prasad SDB

Independence Day Campaign



BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness campaign on account of Indian Independence Day on the 14th of August at the gates of Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bengaluru.

luru, on the theme ‘Freedom to be Children’. Speaking on the occasion, Shri. Chandan Kale, PSI, Jayanagar Police Station, Bengaluru, stressed that it is the responsibility of the society to make sure that children grow up in freedom to be good citizens. Shri Nanjgowda, Tilaknagar, Police Station, Bengaluru exhorted the public to report cases of child labour, child marriage, child abuse, child trafficking, etc.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed that this campaign has the important objective of motivating the society to care for children and to protect them. “In an independent India our children must live their childhood in freedom”, he added. Shri. Nadaf, PSI, Siddhapur Police Station, Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related laws and policies and the need for well implemented child

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Ward Sabha at Frazer Town

BOSCO Nivas organized a Ward Sabha in BBMP office, Frazer town area on August 3, 2019. An introduction to BOSCO organisation was given by Ms. Pushpa Lakshmikanth, Coordinator, BOSCO CRY Project. Fr. Regi, Director, Nivas, in the key note address spoke about the purpose of the Sabha. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE programmes, invited the children to put forth their issues before the representatives of various departments present on the stage.



During the discussion, one of the students felt there is an immense need of creating awareness about waste segregation to the public.

Ms. Savitri, AE BBMP, educated the children on sources of garbage, waste management, importance of segregation, types of segregation and its uses. She also added that it's the responsibility of the children to segregate the waste and also to educate their parents on the same. She mentioned the importance of three 'R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Mr. A.R. Zakhir, Corporator, Ward 78, Ragavendra,

ASI, Pulakeshi Nagar, East Division, Mr. Narayan, BRC North III, Mulla, Head Constable, Mr. Venkatesh, Representative, Arty Culture, Mr. Muni-nanjappa, Senior Health Inspector, Mr. Sandeep, Assistant Engineer, BBMP, Mr. Gurusurthy, AEE, BESCOM, Ms. Nalini, Member, Welfare Association, Mr. Mohammad Ali, Revenue Department, Mr. Sandeep Shetty, LO, Bharathi Nagar, thirty-five children from five Schools and sixty adults under Ward 78 took part in the Sabha.

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protection mechanisms.

Children from BOSCO centers performed a dance on the theme of Freedom to be Children at the four gates of Lalbagh garden on August 14, 2019. The purpose of the awareness was to make people understand that children need freedom to study, to play and to live their childhood. Children need freedom from child labour, child marriage and various forms of abuses.

The awareness program on behalf of children and childhood concluded with a signature campaign in which people pledged to ensure freedom to children to study, play and enjoy their childhood. Handbills were distributed to around thousand public gathered.

Health Awareness Programme



BOSCO Health Care Department organized health awareness programme for children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan at the center on August 1, 2019. Medical students of St. Martha's Hospital conducted a mime show on Cancer.

They explained about the different types of cancer, how it occurs, the symptoms and the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent cancer. Jyothi, Coordinator, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, welcomed the resource persons and proposed the vote of thanks. Seventy-five attended the awareness programme.



Magistrate visits BOSCO, Bengaluru



Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), Bengaluru, V Prakash, visited BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan to know the functioning of the organization on August 10, 2019. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE

and Fr. CV George, Director, SPJU and ARSP Projects, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained to him about BOSCO, its Vision and Mission, the various centres and programmes and the activities. He interacted with the inmates of BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan.

He asked the children about the difficulties they faced at home or on the streets before coming to the organization. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas shared about some of the unique stories of children. Mr. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, the organizer of the event, welcomed the guest and proposed the vote of thanks. During his visit he met sixty-five boys from Mane and Vikas and seventy-one girls from Vatsalya Bhavan.

Community Awareness Programme



Special Juvenile Justice Unit (SJPU) Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme at Bhavaninagar Slum, K G Nagar, Bengaluru, on August 3, 2019. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related issues such as child trafficking, child labour, child marriage, child abuse, children dropping out of school, etc. citing various examples. He also spoke about Child Marriage Act-2006, POCSO Act-2012, JJ Act -2015 and SJPU procedures. The community people ensured that they would report cases of school drop outs, child marriages, eloping, etc. in their neighbourhood, if any, to the concerned authorities. Asha, PSI, Aslam and Mahalingappa, Head Constables, K G Nagar Police Station were present for the programme. Hundred and thirty-five people participated in the programme.

Exposure Visit



An exposure visit was organized for the two wheeler section trainees of BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training Centre to Honda showroom in R.R Nagar, Bengaluru on August 31, 2019. The showroom In-charge took the children to different sections of the showroom and explained the importance of different sections. It was hands on experience for the children who worked with the tools to do and undo the screws of the vehicle.

They were exposed to advanced machines. They also understood the nature of the work, how to greet the customers, how to interact with the customers, etc. Section Instructor Mr. Narendranath accompanied the trainees. Seven trainees were part of the exposure visit.



Karate Belt Grading Exam

BOSCO Nilaya organized Karate Belt Grading Exam for the children of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas on August 11, 2019 at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Summanahalli, Bengaluru. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director BOSCO Nliaya and Nivas, addressing the gathering, appreciated the presence of the parents and emphasized on the importance of Self Defense and Protection. Mr. Syed Fawad Ullal, Sensei, WFSKO, motivated children to set a goal and work hard towards achieving it. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli spoke about the importance of self-protection. Belt distribution was done by dignitaries.

Ms. Sathya, Master Karan, Master Vinod, Ms. Soundarya from BOSCO Nilaya and Ms. Nimra Banu, Mackan Compound and Ms. Tejaswini, Nehrupuram received 'Regular and Best Student' award along with



a memento for maximum attendance. Mr. Marlinga, Karate Instructor and his team of six instructors conducted the exam. Ms. Robina Farooq, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas was present for the programme. Thirty-nine children from BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and J. C. Road areas took the exam. Two hundred children from other schools of Bengaluru also participated in the programme.

All Rights to All Children



On the occasion of YaR (Young at Risk) day, an initiative of Don Bosco YaR Network, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Vikas, organized sessions on 'All Rights to All Children' for the staff and children of the respective centres and working areas, on August 31, 2019. Children and youth were made aware of child rights and asked to share the various issues they face at schools, homes, and other institutions. They were given orientation about child help line 1098.

Video clips on Child Rights were screened. Children gathered knowledge through various activities, discussions, interactions, skits, quiz, etc. on child rights. On the day, everyone took a pledge that 'all children will be ensured all rights'. Youth, children and staff of BOSCO participated in the program.

Out of School Children Survey



BOSCO Nilaya supported the Out of School Children (OOSC) Survey organized by Department of Education, Karnataka Government, Bengaluru Urban, in Padarayanapura Cluster on August 13 and 14, 2019.

Street survey was conducted in Memeipura, Padarayanapura and Farooqienagar. Thirteen children were identified, out of which four were re-enrolled to GUMHPS, Farooqienagar, four in Madarasa and five children were re-enrolled to GUHPS, Padarayanapura. Ms. Vinnarasi, Social activist, CREAM Project represented BOSCO. Ms. Zabeen Taj, CRP, Mr. Ashok and Mr. Srinath, BRPs, Ms. Meenakshi, ECO, two Constables from JJR Nagar Police station, Headmaster, seven teachers and two attenders of GUMHPS, Farooqienagar participated in the programme.



SDMC Meeting Organized



BOSCO, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme organized School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Meeting at GUHPS, Goripalya, Bengaluru, on August 1, 2019. Ms. Jabeen Taj, CRP, Padarayanapura Urdu Cluster, South-2 asked the SDMC members to encourage public to enroll children to the school. She also informed

that 8th and 9th of every month from 6 pm to 10 pm Education department would be organizing Out of School Children (OOSC) Survey in collaboration with NGOs.

Mr. Aslam Khan, President, State SDMC Urdu Federation donated Shoes, Taqiyah (Hat) and Scarfs to all the students. Mr. Ramaswamy spoke about parental roles and responsibilities for the growth and development of their children and recommended regular monitoring of their children. Mr. Azeez, Member, SDMC explained the roles of the SDMC in school development and motivated parents and children to make good use of the facilities available in the school.

Thirteen SDMC Members were present in the meeting. Fifty-five CRC members, parents, students and Teach for India volunteers participated in the programme.

Awareness Programme at Lalbagh



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted Awareness programme on CHILDLINE 1098 at Lalbagh on August 15, 2019. CHILDLINE team put up a stall and distributed CHILDLINE pamphlets to the public. People appreciated the CHILDLINE services. Some of the publics clarified their doubts about CHILDLINE and Child Rights. The team exhorted the public to call CHILDLINE 1098 in order to help children in need of care and protection. Any child rights violation could be reported to CHILDLINE 1098.

Some of the general public said that several children are not going to school and are always roaming around on the streets. The team exhorted them to report such cases in a timely manner to CHILDLINE 1098. CHILDLINE team found a four-year-old boy who lost way in the crowd and reunited him with his parents with the support of the Police. Around seven hundred people were given awareness about CHILDLINE services.

Stakeholders Awareness

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) organized awareness for the Cleaning Staff at the back-gate ticket counter, Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on August 2, 2019. Vimala Rani, Team Member, BRCL gave information about BOSCO, the services rendered by the organization, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline - 1098, child rights and child protection mechanisms. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained about foster care and the procedures involved in foster parenting. Sixty cleaning staff were reached out to through the awareness programme.

Health Camp at Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized health camp in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department and St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru at the centre on August 4, 2019. Eye Testing, Height and Weight checkup, B.P Checkup, teeth, skin and physical health checkup were done for all children. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Jhancy, Nurse, Uma Raj, Social Worker and Ravi, MSW Student conducted the camp. Fifty-nine girls availed the services.



Task Force Meeting Organized

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized Task Force Meeting for Asha Workers, Anganwadi Teachers, PDO, Gram Panchayat Members, School HM, Teachers and Child Rights Club members at Bhanagahalli Grama Panchayat Office, Chennapatna Taluk, Ramanagara on August 5, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to create awareness about Foster Care Programme, to identify children who are in need of care and protection and to identify potential foster parents. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, spoke about the activities of BOSCO, CHILDLINE toll-free number 1098, foster care concept, its types, difference between Foster care and Adoption, eligibility criteria of children and parents, follow up of children and Child Welfare Committee (CWC).



Ravi, Coordinator, CREAM, Ramanagara welcomed the participants and Guru Lakshmi, Social Mobiliser, CREAM, Ramanagara proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-seven Asha Workers, Anganwadi Teachers, PDO, Gram Panchayat Members, School HM, Teachers and Child Rights Club members participated in the meeting.

Mothers' meetings organized



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized Mothers' Meeting at Thammaiah Park, Deepanjalinagar, Giripuram, Ittige Anjannappa Garden, Venkatramnagar and Vyayamashala Anganwadi Centres, during August 2019. Ms. Ravikumari, and Shivaleela, Cluster Coordinators, ECCE, spoke about the importance of breast feeding and its impact on child development. Special mention on Vitamin A and its importance was explained. Ms. Mangala Gowri, Nurse, explained about the modes of transmission of HIV, its prevention and care. Ms. Bharathi, Bala Vikas Samithi Member, appreciated BOSCO for effective session which helped the mothers in understanding the importance of 'Motherhood'. Hundred and thirteen mothers attended the meetings. Two Doctors, one nurse and one Asha worker from H. Siddaiah Referral Hospital were also present in the meeting held at Vyayamshala Anganwadi Centre.

Parents' Meeting at Rainbow Home



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized Parents' Meeting for the parents of the children residing at the Centre on August 25, 2019. Sr. Sukanya, Home Manager, Rainbow Home, informed the parents about the rules and regulations of Child Welfare Committee (CWC). She spoke about the roles and responsibilities of the parents towards their children.

She exhorted the parents to open bank accounts, get the income and caste certificates done for their children. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home was present during the meeting. Sixty parents participated in the meeting.



Quiz competition Organized



rent affairs, and so on. Special round with music, spot light and videos was conducted. Audience round was conducted and winners were given gifts. Six teams with six members each participated in the competition. The teams were led by Child Rights Club Leaders.

Three Winners were given trophies with medals. Judges were given medals as token of gratitude. Participation trophies and gifts were also given. Prathibha and Shaline, Student Volunteers, were the Judges. Quiz mas-

BOSCO Nilaya organized Quiz competition at the centre on August 17, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, appreciated Master Vinod for organizing such competitions and urged the children to make use of the opportunities provided at the centre. The quiz consisted of sixteen rounds with questions related to general knowledge, life of Don Bosco, cur-

ters were Master Vinod Kumar and Ms. Prathibha, CRC Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM were present during the competition. Hundred children from BOSCO Nilaya, Anandapuram and Giripuram areas of Bengaluru participated.

Stakeholders Training Program

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized half-day training in collaboration with Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, for the RPF officials of 'Project SAKSHAM' of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station and Krishnarajapuram Railway Station at Programme Training Centre, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on August 29, 2019. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SPJU, introduced BOSCO and its activities to the participants. He further explained about JJ Act, JJ Board, Child



College Awareness program

Centre for PG Studies and Research, St. Philomena College, Puttur invited BOSCO Bengaluru for an orientation programme for their students on August 21, 2019. Johnson, Coordinator, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, explained to the students about BOSCO and its activities, different centers and projects at the organization. He also discussed about the criteria for volunteering, internship and job placement in BOSCO. Twenty MSW students benefitted from the orientation programme.

Welfare Committee, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline -1098, SJPU, their functions, criteria for adoption, missing children, child rescue procedures, CARA, HAMA Act, etc.

CS Chengappa, Inspector, RPF, City Railway Station, requested BOSCO to conduct more training programmes to RPF officials of 'Project SAKSHAM' in the coming days in batches. Mr. Thippanna, Sub Inspector, RPF, KR Puram Railway Station and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, were present in the training. Thirty RPF officials attended the programme.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

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DATA

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	293	34	327
Service provided	216	46	262
Grand Total	509	80	589

Children Rescued Data Center/Area wise

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	102	13	01	00	116
Bus Stand (BMTC)	45	01	01	00	47
Bus Stand (KSRTC)	44	03	00	00	47
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	06	00	00	00	06
BOSCO Mane	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nivas	06	03	00	00	09
BOSCO Nilaya	04	02	00	00	06
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	05	00	00	00	05
CHILDLINE	12	06	00	00	18
CSN	05	05	00	00	10
SJPU	18	00	00	00	18
ARSP	39	01	00	00	40
TOTAL	291	34	02	00	327

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	31	04	35
Home Placement	141	19	160
Produced before CWC	111	10	121
Shishumandir	01	01	02
Referred to OH	09	00	09
TOTAL	293	34	327

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	11	03	14
Unaccompanied	282	31	313
TOTAL	293	34	327