



# E- Street Voice

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Editorial Note...

## Education: A Noble Endeavour

It is said, 'The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see.' Teacher's Day is celebrated in India on September 5, the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, an exemplary teacher, philosopher, and former President of India. The nation has had several educationists of great renown, Swami Vivekananda, Rabindra Nath Tagore, APJ Abdul Kalam, Savitribai Phule, the list goes on. Former Chief Minister of Karnataka, HD Kumaraswamy, who announced the demise of Dr. Shiva-

kumara Swamiji of Tumkur, said, "It is an irreparable loss to the state and the spiritual world. He has imparted education to thousands of poor children and made them self-reliant." The seer, was conferred the prestigious Karnataka Ratna award, in 2007, and Padma Bhushan in 2015. He was considered by his followers as 'walking god', and lives on in the hearts of the masses as a great inspiration.

BOSCO Bengaluru was given Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji award recently, considering the contributions in

the field of education of the less privileged children. Education transforms a person for a life-time. Albert Einstein says, "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school." May the ultimate reward of the real social worker be the loving, indelible memory in the heart of a beneficiary touched and transformed.



Fr. Prasad SDB

## BOSCO Receives Shivakumara Swamiji Award



On the occasion of the 508<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Nada Prabhu Kempegowda, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) facilitated the individuals and organizations for their services in various fields on September 4, 2019 at Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Office, Bengaluru. On this occasion Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) honored 'Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Award' to hundred individuals, 'Mahatyagi Laxmi Devi Award' to ten women and 'Dr. Sri Sri Sri Shivakumar Swamiji Award' to five organizations for their services towards the society.

Shri. BS Yadiyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, Shri. Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka and Smt. Gangambika Mallikarjun, BBMP Mayor along with other dignitaries gave away the awards. BOSCO, Bengaluru was awarded with the 'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' award'. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, received the award on behalf of BOSCO along with staff representatives.

## Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO



First quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on September 11, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, shared about the 'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' award' received from Shri. B S Yadiyurappa, Chief Minister, Karn-

taka, during the recently organized 508<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Nada Prabhu Kempegowda by Bhruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). He dedicated the award to all who have contributed to the wellbeing of children in BOSCO. He said that the evaluation would strengthen the mission of BOSCO of serving the young at risk.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas of work and centres of BOSCO. Plans for the major upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2019 to August 2019. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme.

## Foster care Awareness Programmes



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Awareness programmes for Self Help Group Members (SHG), CWC members, DCPU, PRI Members, Anganwadi Teachers, Asha Workers at Davangere and Tumkur Districts during September, 2019. The team members, Foster Care Programme, spoke about BOSCO, its services, Foster Care Programme, procedures involved in the foster care implementation, coordination with CWC and support of the stakeholders in implementing the foster care programme.

Thirty-one SHG members, nine CWC and DCPU staff, fifty-five PRI members and forty-two Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers attended the sessions held at various places in Davangere and Tumkur.

## Parents Meeting at Vatsalyabhavan



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB), Bengaluru organized parents meeting at the centre, on September 29, 2019. Addressing the gathering, Ms. Kavitha, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the procedures and services of SJPU. She exhorted the parents to become role models for children.

The parents were made aware of their roles and responsibilities. They were given general instructions and orientation about the work of BOSCO. Ms. Ajantha, Coordinator, BVB, met the parents individually and discussed about the progress of their children. Thirty-six parents attended the meeting.

## Anniversary Celebration of BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated the third Anniversary on September 21, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya in his keynote address explained about Don Bosco, BOSCO, Bengaluru, and about the activities of BOSCO Nilaya. He enlightened the group on the importance of cultivating good values, skills and attitudes in children. Ms. Surekha, AWC Supervisor appreciated BOSCO for being a change maker in the community. Mr. Surendra, Teacher, appreciated BOSCO for empowering children through formation of child rights clubs in the schools. Children from ten tuition centers and BOSCO Nilaya performed cultural programmes.

Mr. Prem Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Head Constable, Cottonpet Police Station, Mr. Vimal Jain, Mahalakshmi Jewellers, Mr. Mohammad Afsar, President, The Iron and Steel Merchants Association, Kalasipalya, Mr. Ashish Ti-



wari and Family, Ms. Chorandevi and family, Mr. Karthik, School Teacher and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE were present on the occasion. Around three hundred people including children from nine Communities, Government officials, stakeholders, sponsors, neighbors and staff members participated in the celebrations.

## Open house at Arundhatinagar



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized Open house programme at Govt. Higher Primary School, Arundhatinagar, Bengaluru, on September 13, 2019. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the aims and objectives of CHILDLINE, Child Rights and the purpose of the open house programme. Mr. Jayanna ASI, Chandra Layout Police station opined that every child should utilize CHILDLINE Service whenever necessary.

Children raised questions regarding child marriage and spoke about school dropouts. Ms. Nirmaladevi Headmistress GHPS, Ms. Bhagya, former Headmistress GHPS, Ms. Kalamurthy, CRP, Ms. Sangeetha G and Ms. Jayashree, Anganawadi teachers, five teachers, and 140 students participated in the programme.

## Parents Meeting



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with law of the South Division at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru on September 27, 2019. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POSCO Act, child marriage and child trafficking, citing various examples and by screening documentaries.

He exhorted the children to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Fifteen parents and four children participated in the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

## Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Yuvakendra



BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru celebrated the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the centre on September 8, 2019. Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO SJPU and ARSP Programmes, in the keynote address, said that

Yuvakendra was following the path of good in life. He said that many youth from Yuvakendra are now teachers, sportsmen, etc., and leading good family life. He exhorted the youth to become responsible citizens and achieve something good in life.

Interacting with the centre youth, Ramesh Kumar, Past Pupil said, "It was BOSCO who rescued me, gave me skill training, instilled confidence in me and made me what I

am today." Sr. Sivly, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, urged the youth to utilize the opportunities provided by BOSCO to the fullest.

Boys performed dances and drama on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra welcome the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

Thirty youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.

## Baby Shower Programme



Baby Shower Program for women was held under the auspices of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), at Choudrupalya Anganwadi Center on September 18, 2019. Ms. Pushpa, Anganwadi Supervisor, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering, spoke about BOSCO, ECCE, BOSCO Life Skill Training, Child protection mechanisms and roles of ICDS workers in child protection. Ms. Meenakshi Kabade, CDPO, appreciated BOSCO and said that the functioning of Anganwadis has changed for the better with BOSCO's intervention.

Anganwadi supervisor thanked BOSCO for its efforts towards the betterment of anganwadis. Sarees and bangles were given to pregnant women. Nutrition camp was organized. Anganwadi workers prepared various types of nutritious food and displayed them. Dr. Sumithra, PHC, Hosahalli was present during the programme. Ms. Faridha, proposed the vote of thanks. Sixty Anganwadi workers and twenty mothers with children participated.

## Teacher's Day Celebrations



Children of BOSCO Nivas, Nilaya and Rainbow Home celebrated Teacher's Day on September 5, 2019 at the centres. Children performed dances and songs, did drawings and paintings. Two girls of Rainbow Home spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Speaking on the occasion, Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, expressed that the teachers not only teach but also guide and shape the character and future of the students. Children were guided to respect all their teachers. Eighty children from Nivas, thirty children from Vyayamashala and cement huts, twenty children from Vinobhanagar, twenty-six children from Ramanna Garden, sixty children from Nilaya, thirty children from Rajgopal Garden, fifteen children from Anandhpuram and Giripuram and fifty-five girls from Rainbow Home participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations. Celebrations drew to a close with cake cutting.

## Sustainable Development Goals Global Week

CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Global week awareness program on various themes like Climate, Voice, Equality, at Cubbon Park, BBMP Telugu and Kannada Medium School, Thimmaiah Road, Shivajinagar, GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli, Anganwadi Centre, Jolly Mohalla, KP Agrahara and Mackan Compound areas of Bengaluru from September 23 to 26, 2019.

BOSCO Nivas organized an awareness campaign at Cubbon Park educating the general public on the climate crisis and the need to plant more trees. A group of BBMP sweepers were given awareness about the campaign with the permission of Mr. Ramesh, Manager, BBMP sweepers.

Under the theme 'Voice', team Nivas planned to address children about raising their voice for their rights and against inequality and discrimination at BBMP Telugu and Kannada School. Team Nilaya organized tree hugging and awareness rally at GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli. Mr. Ramaswamy gave orientation on the need of 'saving tree' and Chipko Movement. Headmasters emphasized on the importance of saving trees and appreciated BOSCO for empowering students. Children hugged trees around the streets of the school in Sunkenahalli.

BOSCO CREAM team organized People's Assembly on Equality. Mothers were guided to establish gender equality at homes by teaching their children. Dr.



Tejashwini, Government Hospital, Sirsi Circle appreciated BOSCO for taking various initiatives in empowering women and guiding children. Spoorthi Club members, Dr. Mani, President, Dr. Thyagarajan, Assistant Surgeon, UFWEC-Maternity Home, Mr. Harsha, Social worker, Mr. Surendra, Club In-charge Teacher and students from Sri Siddalingeshwara School participated in the People's Assembly.

As part of the sustainable development goals, a Candle Light March was organized on September 26, 2019 with children from Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram displaying slogans on protection of environment, adverse climatic changes, children's rights and other issues of children. Around 600 people were given awareness.

## Open House Programme at Kengeri



CHILDLINE Collab BOSCO Bengaluru organized an Open House Programme at Urdu Primary and Higher Primary school, Kengeri on September 19, 2019. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO Bengaluru addressing the gathering spoke about the objectives and services of CHILDLINE

and purpose of the open house Programme. Mr. Naveen, Kengeri Police Station Bengaluru said, "Every child has to study, it will help him to become a responsible person." Mr. Vijay Raj, Kengeri Police Station, Bengaluru gave the example of former President APJ Abdul Kalam's life.

Ms. Usha Nayak facilitated the discussion with children. The students clarified their doubts and raised issues concerning children. Mr. Shaik, President, SDMC, assured that they would make every effort to re-enroll children to the school. Ms. Janaki Yuva parivarthana Bengaluru, Ms. Firdoz Bhanu, Headmistress, GUHPS Kengeri, twelve staff and over 190 students participated in the programme.

## World Clean-Up Day Observed



Clean city.’ The rally weaved its way through the streets shouting slogans on cleanliness with banners, placards and other cleaning equipment drawing the attention of the public to the cause. Children, staff and BBMP Workers cleaned the place from BMTC Office to Kalasipalya Bus stand. Master Manoj, Ms. Shalini and Ms. Tanisha, spoke about the dengue menace and the importance of keeping the surroundings clean. Government officials and public appreciated children’s efforts and joined in the cleaning operation. Water cans were sponsored by Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP.

BOSCO Nilaya organized World Clean-Up Day Rally with the assistance of BBMP on September 14, 2019. The rally commenced from BOSCO Nilaya and passed through the streets of Police Road, Jolly Mohalla, Victoria Hospital and culminated in Kalasipalya Bus stand.

Quoting ‘Cleanliness is next to Godliness’, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, invited children to keep their homes, surrounding areas and the country clean. He stressed the need for ‘Clean Mind and

Mr. Puttaramaiya, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Kalasipalya, Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP, Mr. Ravindrakumar, Assistant Traffic Manager, BMTC, Mr. Narayan Rao, Traffic Inspector, BMTC, Mr. Devaraj, Head constable, Cottonpet Police station, Mr. Nagaraj, Traffic Police, Kalasipalya were present in the rally. Eleven BBMP Pourakarmikas and one BBMP pest controller assisted in the cleaning task. Twenty-five BOSCO Nilaya tuition and Child Rights Club children and staff participated in the rally. Around 1000 public were given awareness.

## Parents’ Meeting at Sumanahalli

Parents’ meeting was held for the parents of the inmates at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on September 7, 2019. Addressing the parents Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the centre and its activities. In the interactive session, Fr. Prasad shared about the challenges youth face in society.

He also spoke about the responsibilities of youth and the responsibilities of parents towards their children for their integral development. While giving awareness about child helpline-1098 he mentioned about the pertinent issues like child labour, child abuse, children begging and child trafficking, etc.



The parents were informed about the progress of the youth, counseling process and motivational activities taking place at the center. Parents were very happy to see the transformation in their children and appreciated BOSCO and its work.

They requested the Director to support their children in continuing their education. Fifteen parents and twenty-six youth participated in the meeting.

## Induction Training for Staff

Induction training programme for the new staff of BOSCO was conducted at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on September 27, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, welcomed the new staff and briefed about the history, vision and mission of BOSCO. Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about the programs and the services of BOSCO. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM and ECCE Programmes, spoke on child rights and laws and said that one should have right-based approach in working with the poor and marginalized children.

Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, spoke about the Preventive System of Don Bosco and exhorted the staff to reach out to the children and young people in difficult situations with dedication and commitment. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained in detail about the



Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures to be followed during the process of child rescue. Mr. Vivek Dev, HR Manager, BOSCO, Bengaluru introduced the HR policies of BOSCO to the group. Twenty-four new staff was present for the induction programme.

## State Level Consultation Programme



Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized State Level Consultation Programme with the stakeholders and Government Departments at Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway station on September 19, 2019. Mr. Arun Mozhi, Senior Programme Coordinator, CIF/PCCRS, briefed about Railway CHILDLINE, its functions and shared the rescue data of CHILDLINE. The stakeholders ensured their further support to Railway CHILDLINE.

Mr. Ananthnarayan, Deputy SMR, KSR Railway Station, Mr. Mahesh Jakathi CLA/CIF, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Mr. Ramaswamy Coordinator BOSCO ECCE and CREAM Programmes were present during the consultation. Sixty-four stakeholders participated in the programme.

## Teaching Learning Material Distribution



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized the distribution of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to ten schools on September 17, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address, said, "What we hear, we forget. What we see, we remember. What we do, we learn."

Mr. Ramaswamy explained about the need for early childhood education and benefits of activity-oriented education. Mr. Surendra and Sri Siddalingeshwara, HPS, Magadi Road demonstrated the use of TLM in classrooms. TLM was distributed to all the ten Schools. Headmasters and teachers were thankful and happy about the joint venture with BOSCO. Ten School teachers and six children participated in the programme.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

## September- 2019



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Children rescued	226	37	263
Service provided	168	41	209
Grand Total	394	78	472

### Children Rescued Data Centrewise

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	102	16	01	01	120
Railway Station Above aged	00	00	00	01	01
Bus stand BMTC	30	00	00	00	30
Bus stand KSRTC	22	01	00	00	23
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Yuvakendra	00	00	02	00	02
BOSCO Sumanahalli	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Mane	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	02	04	00	00	06
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CHILDLINE	04	03	00	00	07
CSN	03	03	00	00	06
SJPU	07	02	00	00	09
ARSP	41	03	00	00	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>263</b>

### Final Action based on Contact Date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	13	14	27
Home Placement	139	08	147
Produced before CWC	70	12	82
Shishumandir	02	00	02
Referred to OH	01	00	01
Recommended to Hostel	01	03	04
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	00	01	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>263</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	07	04	11
Unaccompanied	219	33	252
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>263</b>