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Editorial Note...

Becoming Lights!

Jawaharlal Nehru, while delivering the funeral eulogy for Mahatma Gandhi, said, “The light has gone out of our lives and there is darkness everywhere. The light that has illumined this country for these many years will illumine this country for many more years, and a thousand years later, that light will be seen in this country and the world will see it and it will give solace to innumerable hearts.”

Diwali, the festival of light was celebrated across the country in the

month of October, lighting up the skies and rocking the neighborhoods. The debates on bursting crackers and environment-friendly celebrations filled the social media platforms as usual. Human interest stories of groups and individuals reaching out to the less privileged on the occasion were sporadically reported on mainstream media.

Spreading light like a lamp, calls for a willingness to burn. Greats who walked the earth sacrificed their lives for others. Mother Teresa of

Kolkata once said, “If I ever become a Saint, I surely be one of darkness. I will continually be absent from Heaven, to light the light of those in darkness on earth.” May every social worker strive to become a ray of hope, cause of joy and a beacon of light in the society.



Fr. Prasad SDB

International Day of Girl Child



Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO), an NGO working with the less privileged children and youth organized a programme on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2019. Inaugurating the rally at Idgah Ground, Chamarajpet, Ms. Shruti, WPSI, Chamarajpet, said that she is proud

to be a girl and exhorted the children to grow up as good citizens. The children from BOSCO Rainbow Home performed a street play about the need to protect and educate the girl child.

The awareness rally that began from Idgah Ground, Chamarajpet, accompanied by children’s band troop concluded at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chamarajpet. The children of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan and Nivas created awareness on the theme, ‘Empower Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow.’

The concluding programme was held at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Asha H.C, WPSI, Kempegowada Nagara, said, “The issues of poverty, gender discrimination, lack of education of

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Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya organized Dasara Camp for children attending evening tuitions, from October 9 to 11, 2019 at BOSCO Nilaya. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, HDFC, ECCE, and CREAM Projects, in his keynote address, spoke about Don Bosco and his life, motivated children to make productive use of the camp by active participation. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, comparing traffic signals to life, motivated children to learn values of life and have goals.

Fr. Regi conducted an activity oriented session on rights and responsibilities. Mr. Melvyn motivated the children to never give up in life. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli briefed the children on goal setting and aiming high. Mr. Arul Das, Art and cultural instructor took a session on Theatre activity and script writing. Master Vinod Kumar, Master Santhosh and team performed Karate demonstration.

Fr. Joshy SDB, Principal, Don Bosco B. Ed College, Yadgiri conducted a craft session on wall hangings and paper designs. Dr. Meghana, Dentist, explained



about self-awareness. Ms. Geethamala, CWC Member, explained about CWC and its procedures. Mr. P.N. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU explained the JJ Act, JJ Board, children in conflict with law and various forms of abuse.

During the valedictory function children staged cultural programmes. Ms. Uma, Social worker, St. Martha's Hospital, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Ms. Shabeena, Assistant Coordinator, BOSCO Health department, and Bro. Pawan were present. Over hundred children from nine Tuition centers participated in the camp.

Health Camp at Rainbow Home



BOSCO Health Care Department organized health camp for BOSCO Rainbow Home children in collaboration with Community Medium Department, St. Martha's Hospital at the center on October 29, 2019. Eye Testing, Height and Weight, Dental checkup, and Physical Health checkup were done for all children.

Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Jhancy, Nurse, Uma Raj, Social worker, Sr. Susan, Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department conducted the camp. Fifty-three girls availed the services of the camp.

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the girl child and child marriage are the evils in our society that need to be addressed.” She said that through education, sensitization and awareness creation every girl child can dream of a better tomorrow. Addressing the gathering Dr. Harisha MBBS, MD, Leelavathi Hospital, Chamarajpet said that occasions of the sort are to be used to spread awareness among people.

Ms Pavithra, Program Manager and Ms Zaheera, Managing partner, Winlexis, Bengaluru, and Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. Children from the various Child Care Institutions of BOSCO staged cultural programmes. Ms. Shamala Mary welcomed the gathering and Ms. Shridevi proposed the vote of thanks. Over three hundred children from Child Care Institutions and areas of outreach participated in the programme.

National Consultation on Foster Care



A two-Day National level consultation on Foster Care was organized in collaboration with BREADS, Bengaluru, UNICEF and DWCD, Karnataka, at Don Bosco Provincial House, Milton Street, Bengaluru, on October 14 and 15, 2019. Speaking at the concluding programme, Ms. Shailaja, Programme Director, ICPS, Bengaluru assured that suggestions and deliberations emerging from the consultation would be considered while formulating Guidelines on Foster Care for Karnataka State.

Fr. George PS, SDB, former Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said, “Let us join hands in provid-

ing family care to children in need of care and protection.”

Mr. Sonykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, said “It is ten years since the Guidelines on Alternative Care of children was adopted by the UN, ten years since the implementation of the ICPS programme of the Government of India and thirty years have passed since the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Hence, this is the appropriate and opportune time to hold a National Consultation on Foster Care.” Mr. Rakesh Singh IAS, Principal Secretary, DWCD Karnataka said that proactive efforts would be taken to formulate the Guidelines on Foster Care in a timely and efficient manner.

The inputs, suggestions, recommendations and action plans are included in the plan for the way forward. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHIDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru presented the highlights of the two-day programme. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering and Sheena John Proposed the vote of thanks. Over 50 NGO Foster Care Practitioners from across the country and social activists participated in the programme.

Picnic to Chitradurga



BOSCO Yuvodaya Bengaluru, organized picnic for the children at the Open Shelter, to Don Bosco Chitradurga, on October 27, 2019. Throughout the journey to Chitradurga, the children sang songs and danced to their hearts' content.

They visited Chitradurga Fort and Murgeswara Mutt. It was a good time for them to relax. The children had a wonderful time and they enjoyed the trip. Twenty-Six children along with Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Yuvodaya and staff of Yuvodaya joined the picnic.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO Team working at Bus Stand area, Majestic, Bengaluru, organized Task Force Meeting for the Police Personnel at Upparpet Police Station premises on October 21, 2019. Mr. Basavaraj P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the current issues faced by children and how BOSCO is supporting needy children on the street.

He shared about BOSCO Assistance Centre at KSRTC & BMTC and its services. Mr. Suresh M R, Police Inspector, Upparpet Police Station, Bengaluru, thanked BOSCO and ensured support towards BOSCO and its activities. Sixty-eight Police Personnel attended the awareness session.

Training for New CRC Leaders

CREAM, BOSCO organised Leadership Training for new Child Rights Club (CRC) Leaders along with the Formation of District CRC Federation on October 21 and 22, 2019 at BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, in the key note address motivated children to ensure 0 % out of school children in their surroundings. Fr. Joyce, Provincial, emphasizing the importance of human efforts said that one can grow in life only by making others grow and motivated children to grow and let grow. Fr. Mathew Thomas spoke to children about their responsibilities as CRC Leaders. Ms. Rekha, BRC, South-2 appreciated BOSCO for working with children and creating better leaders.

Mr. Surendra, Teacher, Sri Siddalingeshwara School, Magadi Road briefed about the disadvantages of mobile phone, safety measures while using a mobile and its ill-effects on health and education. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli facilitated an interactive session on 'Self-Awareness, Leadership qualities and Team Building'. He motivated children to be optimistic, manage the power of love and build a good team. Ms. Swaroopa, Supervisor, ICDS, DWCD, in her session on gender equality and equity and schemes in ICDS, spoke about effects of abortion, right to survival and right against discrimination on grounds of race, caste, creed, etc. Mr. Arul



Das, Theatre Artist explained about child rights and their violations through various theatre activities.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya explained about child rights' violation with a few cases studies. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme explained about the importance of parenting, JJ Act, Foster Care and Adoption. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, briefed about the formation of the Federation and its duties, facilities mandatory in the school and qualities of a good leader. District CRC Federation Leaders were elected by children. Mr. Jagadish, CRP, KP Agrahara Cluster, South-2, Education Department and Mr. Melvyn, Australia, were present at the inaugural function. Forty CRC Leaders, nine Teachers from twenty schools of Bengaluru participated in the programme.

Training on Counseling Organized



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized one day training on Basic Counseling for the staff involved in counseling children, at BOSCO Mane on October 24, 2019. The resource person, Ashwini NV, Founder and Director,

Muktha Foundation, Bengaluru, in the interactive session, briefed about basic counseling skills, prevention of sexual abuse at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, possible warning signs of child abuse. She explained in detail about the different types of child sexual abuse, models of defining abuse, myths pertaining to child sexual abuse, signs that a child may be at risk and the basic points a counselor has to keep in mind while counseling a child.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering and Ms. Mounika, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas, proposed the vote of thanks. Sixteen staff of BOSCO involved in counseling children attended the training.

Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nivas



BOSCO Nivas organized Dasara Camp for children of Mackan Compound, Nehrupuram and Ambedkar Huts on October 6 and 7, 2019, at St. Xavier's School, Bengaluru. In the keynote address, Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nivas, welcomed the kids to the camp and mentioned that camps provide children an opportunity to showcase their innate potentials, build inter-

personal relations, the spirit to win and let others win. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Mary, Teacher, St. Xavier's School congratulated the children and expressed her joy. Dr Megha, Dentist, enlightened the children about the importance of cleanliness and dental hygiene.

The children were regaled by action songs and activities conducted by Fr. Regi. Volunteers and staff conducted outdoor games like Human chain, Running Race, etc. Ms. Vinnarasi enhanced values of the children through the value education class. At the adolescent girls meeting she spoke about the importance of being truthful. Mr. Ramaswamy educated children about their rights - Survival, Development, Protection, and Participation. The two-day camp empowered children in various ways and gave them an insight about their potentials. Seventy children participated in the camp.

Life skills Sessions



BOSCO Computer Training Project, organized life skill sessions and spoken English classes for the computer trainees at BOSCO Mane from September 2019 to October 2019. The sessions were facilitated by the faculty from Creating Future, Bengaluru.

Spoken English classes included basics of English, parts of speech, tenses, grammar, sentence formation, framing questions, increasing vocabulary and basic communication in English through activities like playing word puzzle, word building, picture cards, question booklets, reading newspapers, etc. Thirty-two computer trainees attended the classes.

Outing to Talakadu



Women's day out to Talakadu, an initiative of BOSCO Nilaya with the support of BOSCO Nivas, ECCE Project was organised on October 12, 2019. The group visited Sri Kengal Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Chennakesava Temple and Dargah. They played in Kaveri River at Talakadu.

The outing made them feel relaxed refreshed and made them relive their childhood. Women were thankful to BOSCO for providing such an opportunity. Hundred and twenty one mothers of tuition children, Bala Vikas Samithi members, SHG leaders and members, SDMC members, mothers of Anganwadi children, Anganwadi teachers and helpers from twenty communities participated.

Diwali Celebrations

BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvakendra Bengaluru celebrated Deepavali with the migrant workers in the construction sector near the market area and the youth residing in Yuvakendra and children from the surrounding areas of Yuvakendra on October 28 and 29, 2019. Fr. Regi, Director, Nilaya, addressing the construction workers, said, “Diwali is a festival of lights. In the end, Light and Goodness prevails. Let this Diwali bring prosperity to one and all.” He also yearned that the existing out of school children be enrolled in school. The gathering was briefed on the available vocational skill training opportunities for mothers and youth in BOSCO. They were also taken to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan to take a look at the Tailoring and Beautician Courses. One youth and one mother got enrolled in Tailoring course. Children were exposed to the Open shelter facilities.

Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Programmes, addressing the youth and children at Yuvakendra, spoke about the importance of the festival. He said that ‘one has to light the lives of others by



being good, thinking good, and doing good.’ Sr. Silvy, Director, Yuvakendra was present on the occasion.

All participants burned crackers and celebrated Deepavali by spreading smile. Food and sweets were distributed to all. Twelve children and seven mothers from the migrant families and sixteen youth and twenty-four from Yuvakendra and children from the surrounding areas were present during the celebrations.

Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care Programme, organized awareness programmes for mothers of children attending Anganwadi, workers, teachers and self-help groups of Kolar District and CWC members, Staff of DCPU and religious communities of Chikkaballapur District during October 2019.

The team spoke about BOSCO and its services. They also enlightened the various groups on Foster Care concept, types of Foster Care, purpose of Foster Care, roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee. Twenty-four Anganwadi Mothers, sixty – two teachers and workers, eight CWC members, DCPU staff and religious communities attended the awareness programmes.

Health Camp at BOSCO Yuvakendra



BOSCO Health Care Department organized health camp for the inmates of BOSCO Yuvakendra in collaboration with Community Medium Department, St. Martha’s Hospital, Bengaluru at the centre on October 17, 2019. The camp was organized for early detection and prevention of sickness in children.

Doctors prescribed medicines for the ailing. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Uma Raj, Social worker, Sr. Susan, Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department, Trainee Doctors and two Nurses conducted the camp. Nineteen boys from BOSCO Yuvakendra, one room placed boy and 56 people from the neighborhood communities availed the services of the camp.

Mothers' Meetings Organized



ECCE, BOSCO organized Mothers' meetings on the themes, 'Health and Nutrition,' 'Early Childhood Education,' and 'Adolescence,' at Bhangi Colony, Chaluvadipalya and Velmurugapur Anganwadi Centers and Vinobha Nagar during October, 2019. Ms. Ravikumari,

Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, spoke about the importance of health and nutrition. Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, spoke about the importance of early childhood education and child protection. Importance of monitoring children's activities, child abuse, child marriage and child protection mechanisms were briefed.

Ms. Pushpa, Area Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about the hormonal changes during adolescence and about the need to learn human values. Mothers were asked to monitor the day to day activities of children. Fifteen mothers from Bhangi Colony, fifteen mothers from Chaluvadipalya, fourteen mothers from Velmurugapur and thirteen mothers from Vinobha Nagar along with two Anganwadi Teachers and helpers participated in the meetings.

Global Hand Washing Day organized



Early Childhood Care and Education team of BOSCO organized awareness on washing hands for children of GKHPS, Anchepalya, GKHPS, Aralpet, United Mission School, Mission Road, Sharadha Stree Samaja School, Chamrajpet on account of Global Hand Washing Day on October 25, 2019. Ramaswamy said that Global Handwashing Day is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

The resource person demonstrated six steps in washing hands. The children were asked to repeat the same. The children were told that such simple habits practised regularly would help in maintaining the health and hygiene of the individuals. Around three hundred and fifty children were a part of this awareness.

Community Awareness Programmes



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Programme BOSCO, Bengaluru organized awareness programmes in Janata Colony and KG Nagar areas of Bengaluru on October 5 and 15, 2019. Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU spoke about child rights, right to education, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act), child marriage, child labour and SJPU. The team explained about the importance of education to the parents. They were given information about various government schemes.

Mr. Siddappa, ASI, JJR Nagar, Bengaluru, and Smt. Asha, PSI, KG Nagar, Bengaluru were present during the programmes respectively. Around hundred community members participated in the awareness programmes.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



October- 2019

-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	285	42	327
Service provided	123	35	158
Grand Total	408	77	485

Children Rescued Data Center/Area wise

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	115	16	00	00	131
Railway Station Above aged	01	00	00	00	01
Bus stand BMTC	31	02	01	00	34
Bus stand KSRTC	21	04	04	00	29
BOSCO Yuvakendra	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Sumanahalli	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Mane	00	00	01	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	02	02	00	00	04
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CHILDLINE	10	04	00	00	14
CSN	05	02	00	00	07
SJPU	20	03	00	00	23
ARSP	66	06	00	00	72
TOTAL	279	42	06	00	327

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	17	13	30
Home Placement	192	08	200
Produced before CWC	72	18	90
Shishu Mandir	00	01	01
Referred to OH	03	01	04
Recommended to Hostel	01	00	01
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	00	01	01
TOTAL	285	42	327

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	23	06	29
Unaccompanied	262	36	298
TOTAL	285	42	327