



E-Street Voice

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Editorial Note...

Journey on Road of Rights!

History testifies to the fact that all dreams were not dreamt at a time when everything seemed perfect for the visionary. Martin Luther King delivered the speech 'I have a dream', during the civil rights march in Washington on August 28, 1963, to claim civil and economic rights and to end racism in the United States. Gandhiji dreamt of a free India when the freedom struggle was still on. Dismal realities and disheartening setbacks

rarely came in the way of dreams and accomplishments.

'All rights to all children' echoed in the various celebrations and activities of BOSCO Bengaluru during the month of November. The anniversaries of various Acts, UNCRC, Universal Declaration of human rights etc., often trigger discussions regarding the status of the journey on the road of rights. Stark, heart-rending accounts of the sufferings of children and violation of their rights are disquieting.

However, let the struggle of every social worker be prompted by the thought that the journey is often as important as the destination. May we muster the strength to ensure all rights to all children at all times, it might be a slow process and quitting will never speed it up anyway!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Children's Day Celebration



BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Children's Day celebration based on the theme, 'All Rights to All Chil-

dren', at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli Bengaluru, on November 17, 2019.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his keynote address, said "Let us celebrate childhood and ensure that all children are given their rights. Let them live with joy and happiness". Shri. V Manohar, Kannada Cine Actor and Music Director, speaking on the occasion exhorted the children to 'learn through play'.

He appreciated BOSCO for bringing out the hidden talents of children. Shri. G Mohan Kumar, Corporator, BBMP, Kottegepalya lauded BOSCO's work and

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Capacity building for ICDS Staff and School Teachers

BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme organized Capacity Building training for ICDS Staff and School Teachers at BOSCO Nilaya on November 21, 2019. Training was given on storytelling, social and emotional skills. Distribution of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to Anganwadi Centres and Schools was done on the occasion.

In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO ECCE Programme, emphasized the importance of inculcating knowledge, value, attitude and skills in children during the early stages of their development. He facilitated an interactive session on qualities of a good teacher, roles and responsibilities of a teacher and briefed about various ways of storytelling through videos using Digital tools.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE Programme, explained the methods to teach socio emotional skills



to children. Ms. Divya, AWC Teacher, demonstrated the use of the TLM. TLM were distributed to thirty schools and twenty Anganwadis. Some of the teachers felt that using LM on a regular basis has increased the attendance of children in the schools. Twenty Anganwadi teachers, thirty School Teachers and seven CRC members attended the training.

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ensured his support for the cause of children. Rev. Fr. Valentin Anthony, Director, Sumanahalli Society, Bengaluru, briefed about the various rights of the children necessary for their holistic development. Ms. Rakshita, Child Representative, and Ms. Bharathi D, Sub Inspector, GRP, KSR Railway Station, and Makkala Mitra Awardee spoke on the occasion.

Makkala Mitra Award was given to four stakeholders who played key roles in the protection and promotion of child rights at the centers and areas of its service. Four children who excelled in cultural, social, sports and educational fields were awarded with the Prathibha Puraskara Award. Chance games and theme based cultural programmes were organized on the occasion.

Ms. Geetamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra welcomed the gathering and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli proposed the vote of thanks. Around five hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.

Health Awareness



BOSCO Health Care Department organized health awareness programme for youth of BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training centre at the centre on November 21, 2019. The awareness programme was organized to improve the hygiene of the youth in the centre and for early detection and prevention of sicknesses in them. Nursing students of St. Martha's Hospital conducted a skit on personal hygiene, cleanliness and fever management. Twenty-nine boys attended the awareness programme.

Kannada Rajyosthava Celebration



BOSCO Yuvodaya and Nilaya centres celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on November 1, 2019 at their respective centres with the children by hoisting the Kannada Flag. Kannada anthem was sung by all. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering said, “This is the 64th Kannada Raiyosthava. This is a month long celebration. Let us contribute to the State by learning its culture and language”. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya

and Karnataka Rakshana Vedike members spoke about the importance of the day to the children. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator CREAM and ECCE Programmes motivated children to spread Kannada culture. Students delivered a speech in Kannada about the celebration. Children put up cultural programmes. Chocolates and sweets were distributed to all gathered.

Children of BOSCO Nilaya were given an opportunity to participate in the Kannada Rajyosthava celebrations organized by DDPI, South-2, Education department, Bengaluru on November 1, 2019 at Kantheera-va Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru. Mr. Suresh, Minister of Education, Government of Karnataka, was the chief guest of the programme. Children had the opportunity to watch the cultural events performed by students of schools of South-2 Division. They felt honoured and expressed happiness in being part of the State Level celebration. Children gained knowledge about culture and tradition of Karnataka. Around hundred and fifty children participated in the celebrations.

Training for Child Rights Club Members

CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized three levels of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at Sri Vinayaka Higher Primary School, Cubbonpet, St.Teresa's GHS, Chamrajpet, GHS, Byatarayanapura and Sri Sharadha HPS, Byatarayanapura, during November 2019.

CREAM staff briefed about BOSCO, CREAM, about the activities and CHILD-LINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, Child Rights, Child related laws and Children in difficult situations. Children were motivated to call 1098, Child helpline number during difficult situations.

Children expressed that these trainings helped them to become better individuals and empower them to fight for their rights. Children said that they had



seen child laborers selling balloons, pens, etc., at traffic signals and junctions in Bengaluru. Hundred and twenty-four boys and five hundred and twenty-six girls attended the trainings.

Awareness Programme for Student Police Cadets

Karnataka Special Reserve Police (KSRP) organized awareness programmes for Student Police Cadets (SPC) selected from BBMP Schools in the city, in four batches at BOSCO Mane Chamarajpet, from November 18 to 21, 2019. Mr. M V Ramakrishna Prasad, KSPS, SP, KSRP addressing the gathering on the second day of the programme said, “You need to have dreams and goals in your life. Once you fix a goal, you should toil tirelessly to achieve it.” Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, Headmistress, BBMP School, Chamarajpet exhorted children to capitalize the opportunities at hand and become good police officials one day. Mr. Mufid Khan, PSI, KSRP, Koramangala spoke on the occasion.

The programme was organized with the objective to train and sensitise student police cadets about children in need of care and protection and to gain knowledge about the functioning of Child Care Institutions. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) briefed the children about Juvenile Justice Act, child rights, children in conflict with law and



mechanisms for the care and protection of children. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the services rendered by BOSCO Bengaluru and CHILDLINE 1098. Mr. Doddamani, ASI, Mr. Aslam Nevani and Mr. Guruswami Y, staff and 320 students participated in the programme.

Staff Picnic



BOSCO, Bangalore organized a two-day picnic to Chikkamagalur and surrounding areas for the staff in two batches during the first week and third week of November 2019. The staff visited Belur and Halebeedu temples on the first day of the picnic and concluded the day with a camp fire wherein both the staff and management had party games and enjoyed to their hearts content. On the second day they visited Mullayanagiri Peak, Sitalanyyanagiri Temple, Kavikal Gundi, Honneamma Falls, Dabadabe Falls, Dattapeetha, Manikyadhara Falls, Z point and Siri Statue.

Outing to Innovative Film City



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a one day picnic to Innovative Film City, Bidadi, Bengaluru, for the inmates of the centre on November 15, 2019. Children felt happy and refreshed as they engaged in interesting activities and attractions such as Dino Park, Mirror Maze, Haunted Mansion, Tribal Museum, Kabali Walkthrough and Fossil Museum coupled with Catapult, bow, and arrow, etc. They enjoyed playing in the water. Sixty children along with Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and staff of Vatsalya Bhavan were part of this picnic.

Open House Programme



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized open house at Govt. Model Tamil Primary School, Bhavani Nagar, Bengaluru on November 5, 2019. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about CHILDLINE, services pro-

vided and about the purpose of the open house. Mr. Manjunath, PSI, Banashankari Police Station said, “Education has utmost importance in a person’s life because it forms character.” Ms. Sunitha, Block Resource Person, South-1 exhorted the children to be regular to school and make use of the facilities provided by the government. Ms. Githa, Cluster Resource Person, South-1 spoke on the occasion.

Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru facilitated the discussion with children. During the interactive session, children mentioned about certain issues they face and the authorities present assured them that amicable solutions would be sought in a timely manner. Ms Kamala, In Charge Headmistress, Mr. Sundar, President, SDMC, staff and over forty children participated in the programme.

Tuition Center Inauguration



Children’s day was celebrated at a construction site near Majestic, Bengaluru on November 14, 2019. Mr. Santhosh Hipparagi, Asst. Labour Commissioner, inaugurated the tuition center for the migrant children who were recently enrolled in the school. In his speech he also said that there are many smaller children at the construction site for whom he would like to open a crèche. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of education for the children.

Children performed dance during the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director welcomed the gathering and Anil Joseph, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five migrant children and their family members were present during the inauguration of the Tuition Centre.

Magic Show

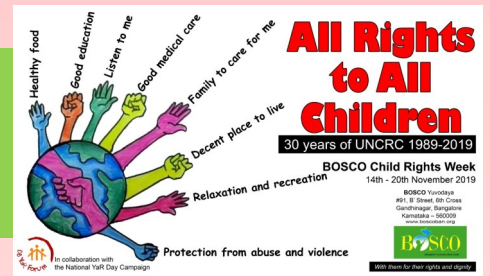


On the Occasion of Kanakadasa Jayanthi, KMS Team, Bengaluru organized Magic Show for the children of BOSCO Vikas and Mane at the centre on November 15, 2019. Children were happy to see the magician and enjoyed the tricks shown to them. Fr John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane welcomed the team and Mr. Papaiyah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas proposed the vote of thanks. Forty –five children from Vikas and thirty children from Mane were present for the programme.

Medical Camp Organized

Health camp was conducted under the auspices of St. Martha’s Hospital at Moulana Azad English Medium School, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on November 8, 2019. Dr Abraham, Dr. Johana, Pangamsorin and Nivetha N, Nurses and Ms. Uma, Social Worker, along with his team conducted the camp. Fifty-six children availed the services.

Child Rights Week



Inauguration

BOSCO Bengaluru, observed 'Child Rights Week' on the theme 'All rights to all children', to spread awareness and promote child rights from November 14 to 20, 2019. Against the backdrop of the increasing violations and neglect of child rights, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, CSN, Nilaya, Nivas, ECCE CREAM, ARSP, SJPU and Yuvakendra teams organized various programmes during the week.

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized the inauguration of CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week at the entrance of KSR Railway station on November 14, 2019. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram shared about the importance of Children's Day, CHILDLINE Se Dosti week and the 30th year celebrations of UNCRC. Ms. Bharathi, Sub Inspector, GRP shared the functions of Railway CHILDLINE. Ms. Rashmi CLA/CIF spoke on the occasion. Along with the program the signature campaign was done. Around hundred people were present for the program.

BOSCO CHILDLINE inaugurated the CHILDLINE Se Dosti Programme in Prajna School, Bengaluru where inmates from BOSCO Yuvakendra performed a theme based dance. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director CHILDLINE conducted a session on child's right to protection. Laws and acts related to children were briefly explained.

BOSCO Nilaya in collaboration with CREAM and ECCE projects inaugurated the Child Rights Week at Government High School, SR Nagar, Bengaluru on November 14, 2019. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator,



Fr. ECCE and CREAM Programmes, enlightened the children about UNCRC, its 30 years of journey and child rights. An oath was taken by all those gathered that they would uphold the rights of themselves as well as for others. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya conducted an activity oriented session on Trustworthiness and the importance of Team Spirit. This was followed by a Signature Campaign. Pamphlets were distributed. Sixty children and six teachers participated in the inauguration.

BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Child Safety Net had the inauguration of Child Rights week at St. Rocks School and GHPS Coolie Nagar respectively by taking oath on the theme 'All Rights to All Children'. This was followed by awareness on child rights, child protection mechanisms, UNCRC and importance of celebrating Children's Day.

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) programme held the Inauguration of Child Rights Week by organizing a community awareness programme at Haleguddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru.

Child Rights Week



Public awareness at Jalahalli Cross

On November 15, 2019 CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized public awareness at Jalahalli Cross. Fr. Prasad Director CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru tied the CHLDLINE Se Dosti band to Mr. Narayanaswamy, PSI, Peenya traffic police station. Information was given to the public as to not to encourage the child beggary. Awareness was given to Auto drivers, Bus drivers, Conductors, Students, general public and Dosti band was tied to students and children.



Quiz Competition for College students

CHLDLINE Bengaluru organized Quiz competition to College students in collaboration with KCRO on November 16, 2019. In the key note address, Mr. Lakshmi Prasanna, Member, CWC-2 said that every student/child must know about child rights and responsibilities of children. Mr. Chandrashekhar Member, CWC-1 appreciated the service of CHLDLINE.

Mr. Nagasimha, CHLDLINE Nodal, conducted the quiz Competition on Child rights and current affairs. Eight teams from different colleges participated in the programme. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering.

Prevention of Child Marriage

CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programme on Child Marriage at different areas of Bengaluru. CHLDLINE team identified four areas and decided to give awareness. Vijayanagar, Magadi Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Kamakshipalya, were the areas identified. The team visited twelve Marriage halls, met the officials and gave awareness about the prohibition of child marriage. The team distributed CHLDLINE pamphlets and informed report violation of child rights to CHLDLINE 1098.



Day with Differently Abled Children

CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a day of competitions for the visually challenged children at Sri Ramana Maharshi Academy for the blind, J.P Nagar, Bengaluru on November 18, 2019. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru tied the CHLDLINE Se Dosti Band to Mr. Joseph senior instructor of the Academy and inaugurated the Programme. Mr. Joseph, senior instructor, appreciated the work of CHLDLINE. Around 40 children from St. Rocks School and 24 CRC Leaders took part in the essay competition.

Child Rights Week



Photo Frame



CHILDLINE Bengaluru organized Photo Frame programme and awareness about CHILDLINE was given in collaboration with KCRO, at Balabhavan, Cubbon Park on November 19, 2019. CHILDLINE kiosk was placed at the entrance of Balabhavan and CHILDLINE team tied the Dosti band to Fr. Antony Sebastian, Chairperson, KSCPCR, Ms. Meital Rusdia (UNICEF) Chief Field Officer for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Karnataka, Sri Prosun Sen, Communication, Advocacy & Partnership Specialist UNICEF and the children from various schools and other institutes. Around 300 children and 250 public got benefited from this programme.

Swatch Bharath Campaign

On November 20, 2019 CHILDLINE Bengaluru, BOSCO Collab team joined hands with Railway CHILDLINE for the Swatch Bharath Campaign at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru. Mr. Shrikant, Commercial Inspector, Mr. Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Station Manager and Mr. Yuvaraj, ISRDC were present for the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE briefed about the objectives of the programme. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, Bengaluru shared information about CHILDLINE and its function. Over 600 public were given awareness.



Essay Competition



BOSCO Nivas and CREAM Programme organized essay competitions for the school children and Child Rights Club (CRC) leaders at St. Rocks School and Nilaya centre respectively, on November 19, 2019. The competition was organized with the aim of making children aware of child related issues, child rights, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE and Child helpline 1098. The essay topics included child marriage, importance of child rights, advantages and disadvantages of using mobile phones.

Candle Light Procession

The weeklong programme culminated with a 'Silent Candle Light March' at Upparpet Police Station, starting from Pothys, KG Road, Bengaluru on November 20, 2019 in the presence of Smt. Nagaratna R, Chairperson, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban and Shri. Mahant Reddy, ACP, Chickpet Sub-Division, Bengaluru. Tulasi, Child Representative, read out the memorandum asking the authorities to protect all their rights. The signatures of the children and public, and the memorandum were presented to Shri. Mahant Reddy.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



November- 2019



--	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	254	30	284
Service provided	118	55	173
Grand Total	372	85	457

Children Rescued Data Center/Area wise

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	125	08	02	01	136
Railway Station Above aged	02	00	00	00	02
Bus stand BMTC	20	04	00	00	24
Bus stand KSRTC	20	02	00	00	22
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO MANE	00	00	02	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	03	00	03	06
CHILDLINE	13	05	00	00	18
CSN	07	00	00	00	07
SJPU	18	01	00	00	19
ARSP	38	03	00	00	41
TOTAL	250	26	04	04	284

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	41	06	47
Home Placement	115	05	120
Produced before CWC	89	19	108
Referred to OH	06	00	06
Referred back to school	02	00	02
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	01	00	01
TOTAL	254	30	284

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	19	03	22
Unaccompanied	235	27	262
TOTAL	254	30	284