



# E-Street Voice

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## Editorial Note...

### Altruism: An Attitude to Acquire!

Ernesto Che Guevara, the Argentinian Marxist revolutionary once said, "If you tremble with indignation at every injustice, then you are a comrade of mine." International Human Rights Day was celebrated on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The clarion call of the UN on the occasion was to 'Stand Up for Human rights', banking on the youth across the globe to be catalysts and ambassadors of change for a better world where everyone's rights are upheld.

December 2019 witnessed nation-

wide protests in the wake of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). One of the opinion columns in a leading newspaper during the time said, 'students from various colleges and universities are on the forefront of the protests.' The author observed that the protesters were doing so on behalf of others, for the greater good than for themselves exclusively.

'Altruism' is defined by Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary as, 'the fact of caring about the needs and happiness of other people

more than your own.' Standing up for the rights of another sans color, caste, creed and language requires considerable

measure of empathy and humanism. May we at the dawn of another month, year and a decade, pledge to wipe every tear, uplift the down-trodden, become a voice for the voiceless and stand up for the rights of the other.



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

## International Human Rights Day



On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized various activities

in its centres. Human rights awareness programme was organized at Government High School, Vajarahalli, Talaghatapura, Bengaluru on December 10, 2019. In his keynote address Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, Bengaluru described about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and said that everyone should join hands to prevent violation of human rights. Everyone should take steps to uphold and promote the rights of all human beings. Mr. Gopal Krishna, ASI, Talaghatapura Police Station was also present. Over two hundred

## Day of Poor at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated Christmas with the less privileged who dwell on the streets, at the centre on December 21, 2019. The programme was organized to provide them an opportunity to celebrate Christmas and also to motivate them to become child rights supporters. They were given an opportunity to watch television, have a haircut, take bath and wear new clothes provided by the centre. First aid was provided for the needy.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli, said that the face of God is to be seen on the face of the poor and the less privileged. He inaugurated the crib. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya spoke about the life of Jesus. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE Programmes interacted with the poor and spoke about



the process of identifying and helping vulnerable children. Children from BOSCO Mane performed a dance. Seventy people living on the streets benefitted from the programme.

## Youth Parliament at Yuvakendra



BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, organized Youth Parliament for the inmates of the centre on December 28, 2019. The previous month's report was read. The freshers were welcomed and introduced to the group. The youth discussed about keeping the premises clean, maintaining personal hygiene, waste management and waste segregation, displaying decent behavior, taking care of the centre materials and infrastructure, etc.

They also discussed about the programmes during the month such as career guidance session, life skill classes, Christmas Celebrations at Jyothi Nivas College. Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, exhorted the youth to lead a disciplined life and become responsible citizens of the society. Sixteen youth participated in the meeting.

## Parents Meeting Organized



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a meeting for the parents of the children residing in the centre on December 22, 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to create awareness about JJ Act and POCSO Act among the parents. Ms. Renuka, Education Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home gave brief explanation about JJ Act and POCSO act, rules and regulations quoting various examples.

Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, emphasized on general rules and regulations of Rainbow Home and procedures of CWC. He exhorted the parents to spend quality time with the children when they are sent home during vacations. He also reminded them to open the bank account and get caste and income certificate for the children. Sixty-one parents were present in the meeting.

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children and six teachers participated in the awareness programme.

Special Juvenile Police Unit, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized community awareness in Hosa Guddadahalli, Bengaluru on December 6, 2019. Mr. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and explained about Child Rights and Human Rights. Mr. Premaraj, Head Constable, JJR Police Station, was present on the occasion. Over hundred twenty-five children participated in this programme.

Nilaya, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Human Rights Day celebration at the centre on December 10, 2019. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, and Ms. Pushpalatha, Social Activist, Nilaya, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about UNO, empowered children about Human Rights and acts. A few incidents of Human Rights Violations were shared. Children were motivated to restore Human rights and help others in difficulty as much as possible. A drawing competition was organized for the children. Twenty-five children from 10 tuition centres and two staff and tuition teachers participated.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated the International Human Rights Day with the youth residing at the centre. Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Member, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSOCO Yuvakendra briefed about the importance of the day and explained about human rights and the importance of protecting and pro-

moting human rights. The youth and staff took oath on protecting human rights. A drawing competition on the theme was organized. Eighteen youth participated in the celebration.

BOSCO Mane organized an orientation programme on the occasion of Human Rights Day for the inmates on December 10, 2019. Students from St. Joseph's College and Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane spoke human rights and related acts. Around thirty children attended the orientation.

BOSCO Vikas had an interactive session with the children at the centre on December 10, 2019. Papai-ah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas explained the leaflet on Human Rights Day to the children. The children were later divided into four groups and were asked to do a painting on the theme. Forty-three boys participated in the session.

BOSCO Nivas organized an orientation on Human Rights Day on December 9, 2019 at the respective tuition centres in Mackan Compound, Nehrupuram, Ambedkar huts and Nivas. Over hundred and fifty children were part of the orientation. An essay competition was held for the children at the centre on December 10, 2019. Twenty children from four tuition centres took part in the essay competition.

Painting competition was organized for the youth residing in BOSCO Sumanahalli as part of Human Rights Day. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the importance of the day and the importance of protecting human rights. Twenty-five youth participated in the painting competition.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow Home conducted Human Rights Day through awareness programmes regarding human rights and the importance of standing up for their own rights and the rights of others at their respective centres on December 10, 2019. On the occasion, quiz, essay and drawing competitions were organized for sixty-five children of Vastalya Bhavan and fifty-six children of Rainbow Home.

# Christmas Celebrations



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas and Sumanahalli organised Christmas Celebrations with children and youth from December 22 to 24, 2019 at their respective centres. Sr. Prema, Principal, St. Teresa's Degree College for Women, Bengaluru gave Christmas message on Selfless Love and the importance of loving the least to the children of Vatsalya Bhavan. She also appreciated the work of BOSCO in serving the young. Ms. Bindhya, Ms. Ashika, Ms. Saritha, CWC-2 members along with their families, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and neighbors were present during the celebration. Two hundred and fifty children, parents and Guardians were a part of the celebrations.

BOSCO Yuvodaya was celebrated Christmas along with the children of the open shelter on December 22, 2019. The program was inaugurated by Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. He shared the importance and value of Christmas. Few games were conducted for the children and surprise gifts were given. Sixty-four children participated in the programme.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated Christmas at the centre on December 22, 2019 along with the inmates, neighbours, past pupils and their families. The Dignitaries –Dr. Mani, Social Worker, Magadi Road, Dr. Reddy, BBMP Hospital, Magadi Road, Dr. Jayaram, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU and ARSP programmes and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra inaugurated the crib. Fr. CV George spoke about infant Jesus. Dr. Mani exhorted the youth to keep going and never give up



despite several challenges in life. Youth performed cultural programmes. Twenty-four youth of the centre, seventeen past pupils, twenty-eight members of their families and neighbours were part of the celebrations.

Christmas celebration for the children of the four working areas of Shivajinagar was held on December 22, 2019 at St. Xavier School, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar. Sr. Liege and Sr. Santhoshi and Ms. Divya, Student of Physiotherapy and Studies, presided over the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Sr. Santhoshi recapitulated the reason for the celebration. She reminded the children that Christmas was the season of good cheer and happiness, an occasion to forgive and forget, to be kind and helpful and spread happiness all around. Addressing the children Dr. Divya, advised them to follow the path of goodness, spread joy, respect the elders, be obedient, honest, humble and always remember the Creator. Children put up cultural programmes. Eighty children were part of the celebrations.

# Christmas Celebrations



BOSCO Nilaya organised Christmas celebration at the centre on December 23, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, narrated a story of the birth of Jesus. Dignitaries inaugurated the crib. Staff performed carols. Children put up various programs including dances and skit. Fr. Mathew and Santa distributed prizes to the Essay Writing and Drawing Competition winners. Hundred and seventy children and tuition teachers from ten tuition centres and thirty neighbours and sponsors participated in

the programme.

Celebrations at BOSCO Sumanahalli started with the inauguration of the crib by Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas. Fr. T. Joseph, Director, Anugraha gave the Christmas message. Children performed dance, skit and song. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli gave Christmas gifts to the children and youth. Mr. Andhanni Gowda, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station, Mr. Biju, Juvenile Justice Board Member, Bengaluru Urban, Fr. C.V. George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Programmes, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and sisters from St. Joseph Convent, Anugraha were present. Children from Sumanahalli centre and Devaraj Urs area children participated in Christmas celebration.

BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Rainbow Home celebrated Christmas at the centres on December 23, 2019. The celebrations consisted of cultural programmes from the children, messages from the Directors and sweet distribution and cake cutting from Santa.

## Staff Christmas Celebrations

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 21, 2019. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering. John Joshua, Coordinator, HLK, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the importance of Christmas and preparation of the crib. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane inaugurated the crib.

The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff, volunteers and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.



## State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care

One Day State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care was organised by BOSCO Foster Care at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on December 10, 2019. In the inaugural address Ms. Usha Kiran, Member of Foster care Guidelines, Karnataka said, “There are several challenges in Foster care, especially the process of identifying and selecting the parents and children. Every child has a right to live in the family”. Speaking on the occasion Ms. Geetha Mala, Member, Child Welfare Committee – 3, Bengaluru Urban, said, “Every child needs love, care and family environment. Most of the parents come forward to adopt a child below five years. Children above seven years of age can be placed in Foster Care”. Ms. Nagaratna, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee – 3, Bengaluru Urban said that the parents who really care and love children can be considered as ‘Fit Foster Parents.’ Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said, “Let us join hands for promoting foster care concept so that every child can be placed in a family environment”. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Foster Care Programme briefed about the purpose of the workshop.



Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme presented the concept of Foster Care, why Foster Care, Child Rights, eligibility criteria of children and parents, types of Foster Care, roles and responsibilities of children, foster parents, and CWC. Mr. Manjappa, State Coordinator, CREAM, Davanagere facilitated the process of Federation formation.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care, welcomed the gathering and Ms. Akshitha, Counsellor, Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Over eighty-five participants, including Self Help Group members, SDMC Members, Anganawadi Teachers, Asha Workers, NGO Staff, Community members, Panchayat Raj Institutions(PRI) members, Foster Parents, Social Activists, Youth Members, Police Officers, DCPU Staff, etc. from fifteen districts of Karnataka were part of the Federation.

### Exposure Visit to Cake Exhibition



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized exposure visit to the ‘Cake Exhibition’ at St. Joseph Indian School Ground, Bengaluru for the youth undergoing training in baking, on December 30, 2019. The youth had an opportunity to see varieties of cakes in different shapes, exhibited at the show. They also learned how to prepare cakes in different shapes and designs. Four youth visited the cake show. Mr. Anthony, Instructor, Life Skill Training Centre, accompanied the youth.

### Distribution of Footwear

BOSCO ECCE and CREAM Projects distributed 1631 pairs of footwear to the children of 14 Tuition centers under BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and 25 Anganwadi centers as Christmas and New Year gifts in collaboration with Dr. Shruthi, School Health Annual Report Programme (SHARP) and BATA Happy Steps Project, during second and third week of December 2019.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM and ECCE programmes, Staff and Tuition teachers carried out the distribution of footwear in the presence of Ms. Surekha, Ms. Shashikala, Ms. Pushpa, Ms. Seema, Anganwadi Cluster Supervisors and Anganwadi teachers and helpers and parents. CDPO, Anganwadi supervisors, Area leaders and parents appreciated the efforts made by BOSCO towards the wellbeing of children.

## Mothers' Meetings Organized



ECCE, BOSCO, organized Mothers' meetings on the Health and Nutrition, Pregnancy and Early Childhood Education at Thammaiah Park, Timberyard Layout, Siddharthanagar and Anandapuram Anganwadi Centers during December, 2019. Ms. Ravikumari and Ms

Shivaleela, Cluster Coordinators, ECCE Programme, spoke about the importance of health and nutrition, early childhood education and child protection, child safety measures and prenatal and postnatal care. Ms. Teresa, Anganwadi Teacher, motivated mothers to teach their children about safe and unsafe touch.

Awareness about Matru Vandhana Week and the scheme, effects of alcoholism on pregnancy, and reasons for abortion were explained. Steps to monitor the motor skill development of children were explained. Roles and responsibilities of Bal Vikas Samithi were briefed. Twenty-six mothers from Thammaiah Park, 16 mothers from Timberyard Layout, 12 mothers from Siddharthanagar and 10 mothers from Anandapuram along with the Anganwadi Teachers and helpers participated in the meetings.

## Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care Project organized awareness programmes for mothers of children attending Anganwadi, Anganwadi helpers, teachers, Self-Help Groups, CWC members, Staff of DCPU, PRI members and religious communities, officials and staff from Department of Health, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru Shimoga, Gadag, Bagalkot, Haveri and Uttara Kannada districts of Karnataka during December 2019.

Hundred and sixteen Anganwadi Mothers, 152 teachers and workers, 31 CWC members and DCPU staff, 79 SHG members, 79 personnel from Department of Health, 83 PRI members and 44 people from religious communities attended the awareness programmes.

## Training Programme for RPF



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized half-day training programmes 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 December 5, 12 and 19, 2019. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SPJU, introduced BOSCO and its activities to the participants.

He further explained about JJ Act, JJ Board, Child Welfare Committee, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline -1098, SJPU, their functions, criteria for adoption, missing children, child rescue procedures, CARA, HAMA Act, etc. Fifty-four RPF officials attended the programme.

## Accenture, Bengaluru Visits BOSCO Mane

Accenture, Bengaluru visited BOSCO Mane to celebrate Christmas with the children on December 14, 2019. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane, welcomed the gathering and gave a brief introduction about BOSCO. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained in detail about the different programmes and activities of BOSCO. Mr. Ravi, Manager, CSR, Accenture, spoke about Accenture and its work. The visiting group entertained the children with dance performances, carols and film songs.



The children from Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan also performed dances, songs and other cultural programmes. Fr. John MA proposed the vote of thanks. Around hundred and fifty staff of Accenture group

and two hundred children from BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan were present during the celebration.

### Task Force Meeting



BOSCO Team working in Bus Stand organized a task force meeting for the Security Personnel of Kempegowda Metro Station on December 19, 2019. The purpose of the programme was to create awareness about BOSCO and its services among the security personnel. Mr. Sathyaprakash, Assistant Security Officer, Metro Station welcomed the gathering. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, shared about the difficulties faced by children on the street. He also shared about BOSCO Assistance centre in Bus stand and its services, child helpline 1098, child rights and protection.

Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, spoke about JJ Act and Special Juvenile Police Unit. Mr. KR KUMAR, Assistant security officer, Metro Station was present during the meeting. Hundred and two security personnel attended the meeting.

### Session on Career Guidance



BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru organized a session on 'Career Guidance' for the youth at the centre on December 11, 2019. Sr. Silvy, Director, Yuvakendra, briefed about the activities of BOSCO. Mr. Vinay Kumar BG, resource person, Skilling for Livelihood Empowering for Life, Bengaluru, oriented the youth on the criteria for the admissions for Skill Training, educational requirement, age, types of courses and job placement.

He spoke about the advantages of undergoing skill training as against taking up jobs without acquiring skills. He exhorted the youth to join the courses provided to them by their organization which were free of cost and make use of the scholarship provided. Nineteen youth attended the session.



# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



## December- 2019



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	212	31	243
Service provided	138	32	170
Grand Total	350	63	413

### Children Rescued Data Center/Area wise

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	122	10	02	01	135
Railway Station Above aged	01	00	00	00	01
Bus stand BMTC BM	14	08	00	00	22
Bus stand KSRTC	17	00	00	00	17
BOSCO Sumanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Mane	03	00	01	00	04
BOSCO Nivas	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CHILDLINE	05	04	00	00	09
CSN	04	00	00	00	04
SJPU	09	00	00	00	09
ARSP	27	05	00	00	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>243</b>

### Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	21	14	35
Home Placement	132	08	140
Produced before CWC	57	09	66
Referred to OH	02	00	02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>243</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	11	02	13
Unaccompanied	201	29	230
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>243</b>