



E-Street Voice

January 31, 2020

Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

Editorial Note...

Starting Afresh!

In the institutions of Don Bosco across the globe, January is generally considered and celebrated as ‘the month of Don Bosco.’ Encapsulating his sole motive for working with the vulnerable and marginalized youth of his times he used to say, “It is enough that you are young for me to love you very much.” Reaching out to the disadvantaged youth of the 19th century Turin, Italy, who suffered the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dared to offer them

‘a new lease of life’, despite their dismal past.

At the close of a year and at the beginning of a new year, people often think about ‘starting anew’ with resolutions and visions. Albert Einstein is widely credited with the saying, “The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results.” Hence, prior to envisioning a better tomorrow, new life or a brighter future, one has to have a willingness to change, the determi-

nation to succeed and an environment that facilitates growth.

May each attempt to reach out to the less privileged be characterized by an extraordinary dose of optimism and patience to optimize and augment their potential to become God loving persons and honest citizens.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Grand Finale of Children’s Cultural Fest



BOSCO Bengaluru organized the Grand Finale of the Children’s Cultural Fest on the theme, ‘God Loving Persons and Honest Citizens’, at BOSCO Mane,

Chamrajpet, Bengaluru on February 2nd, 2020. Inaugurating the programme, Ms. Sushma Godbole, IAS, Director, Mass Education, Karnataka, exhorted children to be in the company of good friends, give back what the society has given to them. She said, “Don Bosco is like a light house, beacon of life. You can show your love to him by being loving persons and honest citizens”.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Nagaratna, District Child Protection Officer, Bengaluru, said, “If not for BOSCO we would have seen Bengaluru streets flooded with children. We should thank BOSCO for their yeoman services”. Rev. Fr. John Bhaskaran, Rector, PIME Major Seminary, Pune, said, “You are not here by accident but by the choice of God. Become one

Community Awareness Programme

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme at Ramakrishna Ashram Layout, KG Nagar, Bengaluru, on January 22, 2020. During the field visits it was observed that intervention and awareness were necessary. So the awareness programme was organized to sensitize the community about the ill effects of substance abuse and addiction to alcohol.



PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related issues such as child labour, child marriage, child abuse, children dropping out of school, children in conflict with law, child trafficking, etc. He also spoke about the importance of education and requested the parents to encourage children to go to school. He discussed in details regarding the ill effects of substance and alcohol addiction citing various examples. He briefed

about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention about BOSCO skill training courses and asked the youth to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Ms. CH Asha, PSI, KG Nagar Police Station and Mr. Sharanabasappa, PSI, KG Nagar Police Station, were present during the awareness. Ninety people including men, women, youth and police personnel participated in the programme.

Continued from Page 1

Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest



like him". Ms. Kavitha, Social Worker, Special Juvenile Police Unit, BOSCO welcomed the gathering and KM Basavaraj, Social Worker, Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO proposed the vote of thanks.

In the Valedictory Function, Ms. Anu Prabhakar, Film Actress, South India, said that education is an asset that nobody can take away. She pleaded the children to study well, respect elders and make optimum use of the services provided by BOSCO. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "You can show your

love to Don Bosco by believing in God and becoming honest and upright citizens". Danny, Film Actor, South India asked the children to make education and prayers to God as their main goals in life. He enthralled the gathering with his dance moves.

Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil, Provincial, Bengaluru Province, in the presidential address, said, "Place of Don Bosco means a home where we feel secure, a school where we can learn, a playground where we can play and enjoy and a place of prayer where we find peace and happiness".

The winners of the month-long celebration that included quiz competition, children's sports day, past pupils' day, annual national level college essay competition, inter-centre cultural competition etc., were awarded during the function. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, welcomed the gathering and PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Programme, gave the vote of thanks. Around five hundred children, friends and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered at BOSCO Mane, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on the occasion.

Inauguration of Month of Don BOSCO



Don Bosco's month, was inaugurated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children, youth and stakeholders from January 2 to 6, 2020. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the Saint. BOSCO Mane and Vikas organized the inauguration of Don Bosco's month on January 2, 2020 in the presence of Puttaswamy, Inspector, Channammanakere Police Station, Bengaluru, Lal Saab, PSI, Shankarpuram Police Station, Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane and Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas. Around fifty children from Mane and Vikas participated in the programme.

Ms. Suma, Sub Inspector, Upparpet Police Station, Bengaluru and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya inaugurated the Don Bosco Month by garlanding the Don Bosco Statue on January 3, 2020. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram spoke about Don Bosco and his work for children and also the reason of celebrating Don Bosco month. Seventy-two rescued and migrant children participated in the programme. BOSCO Sumanahalli inaugurated the Don Bosco month on January 3, 2020. Fr. William D'Souza spoke about the importance of celebrating Don Bosco's Month, his mission and vision. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director BOSCO Sumanahalli was present on the occasion. Thirty youth and thirty children from Devaraj Urs community participated in the program.

Don Bosco's Month was inaugurated at BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE in the presence of Ms. Bharathi

Sub Inspector, GRP, Mr. Mitchell, Senior Section Mechanical Engineer, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE and Ms. Rashmi, CLA, CIF at the BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE office on January 4, 2020. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram spoke about the life style and service of Don Bosco to stakeholders. Forty-five stakeholders were present for the programme. BOSCO Nilaya organized the inauguration programme at BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO's new Campus, Ramanna Garden, J.C. Road on January 4, 2020. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in the key note address narrated the Life of Don Bosco and motivated the children to follow his methods of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness. Mr. Lokesh, Writer, informed about the purpose and use of Suraksha app launched for the safety of women. Hundred and fifty children from the areas participated.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan had the inauguration of Don Bosco's month on January 4, 2020. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, exhorted the children to be trustworthy and genuine in following the footsteps of Don Bosco. Children sang hymns honoring Don Bosco. Sixty-five children attended the program. BOSCO Nivas organized the inauguration of the Month at Doddi, Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram areas of Shivajinagar on the January 4, 2019 in the presence of Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas. Staff, tuition teachers and thirty-five children participated in the programme.

Don Bosco's Month Inauguration at BOSCO Rainbow Home saw the presence of Ms. Rajanna, ASI, Wilson Garden Police Station, Bengaluru, and Fr. John. MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, on January 4, 2020. Ms. Rajanna, motivated the children to make use of all the facilities provided by the centre to become good and responsible citizens. Fifty-five children attended the programme. BOSCO Yuvakendra inaugurated Don Bosco's month on January 6, 2020. Fr. Mathew Vadakkal, Fr. CV George, Director, ARSP and SJPU projects, BOSCO Bengaluru and Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra graced the occasion. Thirty youth participated in the program.

BOSCO Children's Sports Day 2020



BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Meet at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 19, 2020. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Dr. AV Ravi, former Mr. India and International Body Builder, Bengaluru, said, "You can also become one like me. You have to make use of the facilities that BOSCO provides you, respect your elders, teachers and your fellow beings to achieve what you dream of. You can make a career in sports." He also shared about his life experiences and

his struggles in becoming a body builder. He said that he was always open to train and coach the children and youth of BOSCO. He was felicitated by Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Children and staff took oath during the programme. The Olympic Torch was borne by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with.

Various sports events like running race, relay, high jump, long jump, shot put, musical chair, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race and tug of war were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The winners were awarded with medals and certificates. Fr. John MA, Administrator and Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. C. V. George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Projects, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, staff and volunteers were present at the event. Fr. Prasad SDB welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Around 500 children participated in the sports meet.

BOSCO Annual Quiz Contest 2020

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 25, 2020. Inaugurating the programme, Fr. William SDB, Regional Youth Director, Karnataka, said, "Don Bosco loves us and we love him. He is everywhere. Our love should lead us to the road of happiness." Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke on the occasion.

Eight teams representing different centres and areas, participated in the competition. The quiz masters Br. Devaraj, Br. Prajwal and Br. Chandramohan, Kristu Jyothi College, Bengaluru conducted the program. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners, BOSCO Sumanahalli bagged the second prize and BOSCO Vikas secured third prize.



Mr. Wali Basha, ACP, VV Puram Police Station, Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. John MA, Director and Administrator, BOSCO Mane and Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO ARSP and SJPU Programmes were present on the occasion. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care project welcomed the gathering and Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-two children participated in the quiz contest.

BOSCO Past Pupils Meet 2020

BOSCO Past Pupils Day was organized by BOSCO Yuvakendra at the centre on January 26, 2020. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, “There is unity in diversity. We should respect the law of the country”. He exhorted the past pupils to lead a respectable life and guide other youth and help them in becoming responsible citizens in the society. Mr. Revanna, Past Pupil, thanked BOSCO for what he is today. He said that BOSCO has given him and his fellow-men the guidance, support, imparted good values and morals for becoming responsible and independent citizens in the society. Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO Alumni, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvo-



daya, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present in the meeting. Twenty-nine past pupils participated in the meeting.

Environmental Education



BOSCO CREAM Project organized Environmental Education for the children of GMHS, Karithimmanahalli, GKMPs, Chamrajpet, GKHPs and GUHPs, Doddamavalli, GUHPs, Barlane, Dr.T.C.M. Royan Road and GKMPs, Attiguppe, Bengaluru on January 10, 11, 14 and 16, 2020. The purpose of the training was to introduce and empower children to become new generation farmers to achieve sustainable farming. Children were given information about the importance of gardening, ecology and the need for organic farming.

Five ECO Clubs with fifty children each were formed. The roles and responsibilities of the ECO Club members were explained. Ms. Rajeshwari, CRP appreciated BOSCO for such an initiative. The Headmaster assured support towards fulfilling the project goals. Children listed out the vegetables that could be planted in the garden. One hundred and twenty girls attended the training.

Foster Parents Meeting



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized parents and children’s meeting at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on January 18, 2020. Addressing the foster parents and children, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care Programme said, “If a family is good, the entire society will be good.” Ms. Usha Kiran, Psychiatric Social Worker, Bengaluru said that one needs to observe the children during counselling. She appreciated the foster parents for giving family care to children. She said that in a family there should be a good relationship between the parents and children. Both parents and children need to do some sacrifices for the well-being of the family. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster care welcomed the gathering and proposed vote of the thanks. Forty parents and children attended the meeting.

Open House Programme



On January 27, 2020 CHLDLINE Collab BOSCO Bengaluru organized an open house programme at Binny School, Binnypete. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru shared about objectives and procedures of CHLDLINE and briefed about child rights. Mr. Ramanna Gowda, PSI, JJR Nagar Police Station ex-

pressed about importance of education and children should learn good habits. He also suggested children to have discipline, respect teachers and classmates. If the children study well, they would be able to become good officers in the future.

During the general discussion children shared about the various issues faced by them. Mr. Ramanna Gowda said that the police has already taken steps to maintain law and order in the area. Fr. Prasad and Mr. Ramanna Gowda provided group counselling to the children. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator CHLDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, Mr. Ramachandra Headmaster, Binny school, Ms. Annapoorna, Anganawadi teacher and 44 children participated in the Programme.

School Development and Monitoring Committee Meetings

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) project, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Meetings at GUHPS, Old Guddadahalli GKHPS, Arundhathinagar, and Janatha Kannada HPS, Chamrajpet on January 9, 11 and 22 2020 respectively. Glimpse of activities of ECCE Project in the Anganawadis and schools, role of parents in child care and protection, Child rights violations, CHLDLINE and protection mechanisms were briefed. SDMC

members were asked to visit the school and monitor the child's activities. Relevant incidents were shared. Information regarding vocational skill training courses available at BOSCO was given.

Parents were requested not to entertain children below 18 years riding scooters. The SDMC members were given tips on the efficient functioning of the Eco



Club in the Schools. Three SDMC members, eleven parents along with HM, three children from GKHPS, Arundhathinagar, six SDMC members and fifteen parents from GUHPS, Old Guddadahalli and eight SDMC members, HM and nine CRC members from Janatha Kannada HPS, Chamrajpet participated in the meetings.

Parents Meeting

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with law of the West Division at BOSCO Mane, Bangalore on January 31, 2020. Mary Triza, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvodaya, briefed about the roles and responsibilities of parents. She asked the parents to spend sufficient time with the children. 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 briefed about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention of BOSCO Skill training courses. He explained about the importance of children's follow up and present situation of the serious offences. Some of the cases were still continuing.



A few children were already into work. One youth was placed in Special Home and one boy was admitted to Rehabilitation Centre. He asked the children to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Fourteen parents and five children participated in the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO team working in the Bus Stand Area, Bengaluru organized 'Task Force Meeting' for the members of Sadhana Mahila Sangha at BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 23, 2020. Addressing the group, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, Nivas and Nilaya, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained about the current issues such as child and human trafficking, child labour, child marriages, etc. affecting children, child rights and child protection mechanisms.

Basavaraj PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, spoke about the role of BOSCO in dealing with the related issues and ensuring a safe environment for the children in difficult situations. He also shared about BOSCO Assistance Centre set up in KSRTC and BMTC and its services, CHILDLINE, etc. He urged the Sadhana Mahila Sangha members to support BOSCO in its noble cause. The members assured of their support in referring needy children to BOSCO Rescue Booth. Forty-six members attended the meeting.

Medical Camp



BOSCO Health Care Department in collaboration with Community Medium Department, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru organized a medical camp for the inmates of Vatsalya Bhavan and BOSCO Mane at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on January 14, 2020. The camp was organized for early detection and prevention of sickness in children. The camp offered eye check-up, dental check-up, and general health check-up.

Health issues of children like tonsils, cough, congestion and other related problems were also attended to by Dr. Selvaraj Abraham and his team. A few children were administered iron pills and syrup. Seventy-five girls of Vatsalya Bhavan and thirty boys of Mane availed the services of the camp.

BOSCO National Essay Competition 2020



BOSCO Bengaluru organized a national level essay competition for college students, spanning from October to December 2019. Around 150 colleges/universities from across India were given information regarding the competition. Students from the Undergraduate, Graduate and Postgraduate levels of different disciplines like Management, Social Work, Sociology, Mass Media, Economics, Engineering, Law, Commerce, Psychology and Life Sciences, participated in the competition. The competition was a platform to

express one's opinions about issues of social relevance pertaining to children and youth. Three such relevant topics were chosen for the competition: 'Scope of alternative family care for children without families', 'India's youth and my response to the call of Mahatma Gandhi to Be the Change I want to see in the World' and 'What I would do to promote the cause of children and their rights, if I was Prime Minister for a day'.

The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges on the basis of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style. This year's competition reflected fresh ideas and thoughts, and the opinions and convictions of today's youth. The first prize was awarded to Diksha Garg of St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru. The second prize was awarded to Sujan Ganesh of Crescent School of Law, Chennai and the third place was secured by Nicole Mary Swer of School of Life Sciences, Manipal.

National Inclusive Children's Parliament

National Inclusive Children's Parliament was organized at Navinta, Okhla, New Delhi from January 28 to February 4, 2020. The children are part of the "NINE IS MINE" campaign, an advocacy movement led by children, participated in a nine day training workshop that started with a panel discussion titled 'Children in the Republic' where child-rights experts discussed issues related to laws, schemes, budgets and more all linked to themes of the rights of children.

A total of 75 child parliamentarians aged 11 years and above were selected from the 29 states and UTs committed to create an inclusive India with their formula of "the last child as their first priority" administered by former Lok Sabha speaker Meira Kumar.

Apart from the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that included no poverty, zero hunger, gender equality and others, the child parliamentarians of the NINE IS MINE campaign insisted that there is an 18th goal which they call "All rights for All children". The child advocates pressed to end all forms of child labour. The Children's Parliament's annual national



parliamentary session concluded with a press conference and review of the Budget of 2020 with the title, 'We the Children'.

Children were asked to take up the 99 Days Challenge and bring about a positive difference in their community, School and Country. Ms. Vindhya, Social Activist and Ms. Tanisha Sharma, Leader, District Child Rights Club Federation, Bengaluru participated in the event. Ms. Tanisha was elected as Secretary for Goals 1, 5 and 17 in the National Inclusive Children's Parliament. Children from 29 states and union territories in India were sworn in as 'Ministers' at the annual National Inclusive Children's Parliament.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



January - 2020

-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	262	48	310
Service provided	145	48	193
Grand Total	407	96	503

Rescued Children Data Center/Area wise:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	144	30	00	00	174
Railway Station Above aged	01	00	00	00	01
Bus Stand BMTC	25	01	00	00	26
Bus Stand KSRTC	30	00	01	00	31
BOSCO Sumanahalli	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	00	02	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	00	00	02	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	01	00	00	01
CHILDLINE	12	07	00	00	19
CSN	03	02	00	00	05
SJPU	13	01	00	00	14
ARSP	30	04	00	00	34
TOTAL	259	48	03	00	310

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	30	10	40
Home Placement	173	33	206
Produced before CWC	53	04	57
Referred to OH	01	00	01
Referred back to Hostels	02	00	02
Recommended to Hostel	02	00	02
RC Home	01	01	02
TOTAL	262	48	310

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	34	10	44
Unaccompanied	228	38	266
TOTAL	262	48	310