

*Editorial Note...***Of Leaving a Legacy**

The month of February is often a month wherein commercialization and commodification of that sublime emotion, 'love' apparently happens on account of the Valentine's Day. This year however, several social media platforms were abuzz with edifying strain of thoughts of gratitude, appreciation and remembrance. Hundreds of people paid tributes to the forty CRPF personnel killed in the terror attack in Pulwama a year ago. "They were exceptional individuals who devoted their lives to serving and protecting our nation. India

will never forget their martyrdom," tweeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you", says inspirational author, Shannon Alder. Along the same line, Stephen Covey says that certain things are fundamental to human fulfilment. The need to live is a person's physical need for food, clothing, shelter, economic well-being, health etc. The need to love is our social need to relate to other people, to belong,

to love and be loved. The need to leave a legacy is a need to have a sense of meaning, purpose, personal congruence and contribution.

Let our every striving be to mold the less privileged children and youth into finer human beings who would make this world a better place for generations to come!

Fr. Prasad SDB

**Karate Belt Grading Examination**

BOSCO Nilaya organized Karate belt grading examination in collaboration with Mr. Marlinga, Karate in-

structor (WFSKO) at Sahana International Hi Tech School, Andralli, Bengaluru, on February 16, 2020. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas said, "Let us create a child friendly society and karate would help children to build a good character." Demonstration on Karate was given by twelve Karate Instructors. Mr. Shivalingaiah, Founder, Sahana International Hi Tech School appreciated Mr. Marlinga and BOSCO for working towards empowering children through karate coaching.

Mr. Melyvn, Volunteer, Australia appreciated the efforts of children and encouraged them to work hard with dedication to become successful in life.

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Consultation Programme

Station Level Consultation Programme was organized by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE Team for the Government Officials, Railway Officials and other stakeholders at the Second Entry Gate VIP Waiting Lounge, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on February 28, 2020.

The purpose of the consultation was to share the information about revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Station Level Fund, functions of Railway CHILDLINE and Programmes for Children in Contact with Railways (PCCRS). The program started with the welcoming of the guests by Mrs. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, Bengaluru. She presented the programs of PCCRS and APPI CHILDLINE.

Mr. Johnson Joseph, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE presented the one year data of Railway CHILDLINE, functions of Railway CHILDLINE, and the challenges of the programme. Mr. Pushpendar Kumar, Inspector, RPF shared the issues they faced during the rescue of children in railways. Mr. Chandrashekar, Member, CWC 2 explained the process and procedures of CWC. Mrs. Indira, CWC



Member, CWC 1 spoke about the challenges. Mr. Raghuraman, Consultant, IRSDC, shared about BOSCO and its work and appreciated BOSCO for its yeoman services.

Ms. Nagarathna, DCPO, Bengaluru, appreciated the work of Railway CHILDLINE. Mr. Siddlingayya, Superintendent, Government Boys Home, Mr. Srikanth, CMI, SBC, Mr. H Hanumanthayya, ASI, GRP, Mr. Ravi Kumar, SSE, SBC, Mr. Aslam Pasha, CTI, SBC, Mr. Shravan, SSE, RSDC, SBC and Mr. Sourab Jain, DCM, IRSDC were present for the Consultation. Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Johnson Joseph. Twenty-eight Government Officials and Railway Officials and other stakeholders were part of the consultation.

Kudos to Kavya!



Congratulations to Kavya, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for winning first prize in 100 metres, 400 metres, 4x100 metres relay and long jump during the Athletics Sports Meet organized at Maharani Women's Arts, Commerce and Management College, Bengaluru on February 25, 2020.

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Karate Belt Grading

Certificate, memento and belt were distributed to all participants by dignitaries. Eleven children were given yellow belts, fifteen were given orange belts, one child was given green belt, nine were given blue belts and one was given brown belt. Ms. Shivalingaiah, Fawad, Mr. Melyvn and Mr. Marlinga were felicitated during the occasion. Ms. Priya, Reporter, BOSCO Nilaya welcomed the gathering and Master Vinod Kumar proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-seven children from BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Nivas and seventy-seven children from various parts of Bengaluru participated in the programme.

Staff Day at BOSCO

The Sports and Talents Day for BOSCO staff was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on February 15, 2020. Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE, said, "Let us strive to become God loving persons and honest citizens." Addressing the group, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "If you love children and would like to work with them, you need to love what they like, play and have fun. Don Bosco used to say, run, jump, have fun but do not hurt anybody and respect everybody".

Mr. Melyvn, Volunteer, Australia, expressed his happiness for being part of the BOSCO family. The morning session included cultural programmes by staff



from all the centres, areas and projects of BOSCO. Cricket, party games, volley ball and throw ball were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. Fr. Prasad proposed the vote of thanks. The directors and over seventy staff of BOSCO participated in the event.

Awareness to GRP Officials



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) Programme organized an awareness session to the GRP Officials at the GRP Police Station on Platform no. 6 at Kranthiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station Majestic on February 15, 2020. Mr. Basavaraj KM, Staff, BRCL, briefed about BOSCO and its activities, role of CWC, and role of stakeholders in rescuing and protecting children. Ms. Rashmi CLA/CIF spoke about CHILDLINE 1098. Twenty-eight GRP Officials attended the session.

Picnic to Fun World



BOSCO Nilaya organized picnic to Fun World, Bengaluru for the children from KR Market area on February 29, 2020. Thrilling rides like rollercoaster, and other dry games kept the boys on happiness coast. Water games like lazy river, wave pool were refreshing. The youngsters enjoyed playing water games and dry games. It was a good time of relaxation for them. Eight boys, Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Annammal, Bhagyalakshmi, Varalakshmi and Priya, Staff, BOSCO Nilaya were part of the programme.

Training for GRP Officials



Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted one day training about the role of GRP officials in the rescue and rehabilitation of children, at the Office of the Superintendent Police, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru on February 26, 2020. Mr. Baramappa B Mallur, Police Inspector, GRP delivered the inaugural address. Mr. Ashok, DIG, GRP, spoke about child friendly police and how one can help a child in need

of care and protection. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE spoke about BOSCO and its areas of service.

Ms. Anjali Ramanna, Chairperson, CWC 2, spoke about the role of CWC and the procedures involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of the needy children. She explained about the role of GRP in the care and protection children at risk by sharing various case studies and examples. The session for female staff included the challenges they face at their workplace and on balancing their professional and personal life.

Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF welcomed the gathering and Johnson Joseph, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE proposed the vote of thanks. Forty-five GRP officials from all over Karnataka attended the training.

Stake Holders Awareness



Awareness was conducted for the house-keeping staff and cleaning staff, IRSDC office of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team on February 11 and 12, 2020. The aim of the awareness programmes was to sensitize the stakeholders regarding runaway children and missing children. Balaraj and Vimala Rani, staff, Railway CHILDLINE, spoke about BOSCO, CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, missing children, 1098, runaway children, child rights child protection mechanisms, Child Welfare Committee and the role of stakeholders in rescuing children.

Ms. Rashmi, CLA/ CIF, spoke about the functions and programs for children in CHILDLINE and the different schemes for them. Thirty-five house-keeping staff and ninety-seven cleaning staff were part of the awareness programmes.

Picnic for Open Shelter Children



BOSCO Yuvodaya Bengaluru, organized picnic for the children at the Open Shelter, to BOSCO Ajjanahalli, Magadi, Bengaluru, on February 22, 2020. Fr. Julian, Director, Don Bosco Ajjanahalli interacted with the children. Children explored the centre. They visited Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple. They had an experience of trekking on the mountain. In the evening, the children ventured out to Janapada Loka in Ramanagara and spent time playing in the children's park.

The children had a wonderful time and they enjoyed the trip. Around twenty children along with Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, and staff of BOSCO Yuvodaya joined the picnic.

Sports Day Organized

BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, under the auspices of APPI project, organized Sports Day for the inmates of the open shelter at BOSCO Sumanahalli on February 11, 2020. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE inaugurated the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya explained the purpose of the event. The children were divided into two teams. They participated in a variety of sports events like cricket, volley ball, kabaddi and football. It was a fun-filled day with children jumping, shouting, encouraging and supporting their team members.

The winners were announced and prizes were distributed. Twenty-nine children from the open shelter par-



icipated in the event. Anil Joseph, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

Health Checkup at Hub Center



BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) organized a Health Checkup for the Anganwadi children at the Hub Centre, Ramanna Garden, Bengaluru in coordination with BOSCO Health Care Department and St. Martha's Hospital on February 24, 2020. Dr. S. Abraham and two intern doctors checked the eyes, ear, nose, throat, height, weight and general health of the children present in the Hub Centre. Vitamin tablets were distributed to all children. Medicines as per prescriptions were given. Anganwadi teachers were updated about the same.

Ill effects of milk substitutes and advantages of vegetable consumption were briefed to parents. Parents were guided as to how to take care of the children's health. Ms. Surekha, AWC Supervisor, three Anganwadi Teachers and helpers were present during the camp. Forty-nine children of N.S. Garden and Ramanna Garden 1 and 2 availed the services of the camp.

Vismaya 2020: Inter-orphanage Fest



Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan participated in the Inter-orphanage Fest, Vismaya 2020 organized by St. Joseph's College NSS Unit-2, Bengaluru at their premises on February 16, 2020. The purpose of the fest was to provide a platform for young minds to exhibit their skills and talents. The fest included cultural, sport and literary events.

Children took part in Elocution, Essay writing, Drawing, painting, Storytelling, Pick and speak, Sports, Singing (solo & Group), Dance (solo & group), Fancy dress competition and won the overall Vismaya Championship Award. Thirty girls participated in the event.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO team working in Kempegouda Bus Station, Bengaluru organized a Task Force Programme for the KSRTC Security Personnel at the waiting room of KSRTC Terminal 2 Bus Stand on February 19,

2020. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project briefed about BOSCO and its activities. He shared about the Child Assistance Centre of BOSCO at the BMTTC and KSRTC premises and the services provided by it. He explained about Child Rights, Child Protection mechanisms and CHILDLINE 1098 services.

Mr. Ramakrishnappa, Assistant Security In-charge, KSRTC, Bengaluru appreciated BOSCO and ensured support to BOSCO and its activities. Twenty-five Security Personnel participated in the programme.

Session on Exam Preparation



BOSCO Nilaya conducted a session on Exam Preparation for SSLC Students at the New Campus of BOSCO, JC Road, Ramanna Garden, on February 22, 2020. Children were asked to prepare for the exam using the triple Method -Read, Register and Revise. Methods to increase concentration were enumerated.

Students were told not to panic and read questions fully before beginning to write the answers. Importance of neat handwriting was emphasized. Students were given a time table to follow during the exam preparations. Thirty students were a part of this session.

Health Camp at BOSCO Yuvodaya



BOSCO Yuvodaya organized health camp in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department and St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru at the centre on February 16, 2020. Height, Weight checkup and health checkup were done for all the children. Children were administered Vitamin A, Calcium, Iron and Multi Vitamin tablets. Some children were treated for bruises, cuts and wounds. Eye Testing, Diabetes and Blood Pressure Checkup were done for the parents of the children.

Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Jhancy, Nurse, Uma Raj, Social Worker and Anoop Mathew, MSW Student helped in organizing the camp. Twenty-one children and fifty-eight parents availed the services of the camp.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



February - 2020

-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	257	30	287
Service provided	96	44	140
Grand Total	353	74	427

Rescued Children Data Center/Area wise:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	130	17	00	00	147
Railway Station Above aged	00	00	00	00	00
Bus Stand BMTC	33	00	00	00	33
Bus Stand KSRTC	28	02	00	00	30
BOSCO Sumanahalli	00	00	00	00	00
BOSCO Nivas	00	01	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	00	00	00	00
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	05	00	00	05
CHILDLINE	06	02	00	00	08
CSN	11	00	00	00	11
SJPU	20	00	00	00	20
ARSP	26	03	00	00	29
TOTAL	257	30	00	00	287

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	19	12	31
Home Placement	183	10	193
Produced before CWC	42	08	50
Referred to OH	12	00	12
Referred back to Hostels	00	00	00
Recommended to Hostel	01	00	01
RC Home	00	00	00
TOTAL	257	30	287

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	25	10	30
Unaccompanied	232	20	252
TOTAL	257	30	287