Vol. 2 Issue: 3



July-September 2018

STREET VOICE

QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

On August 31, 2018 we celebrated Young at Risk (YaR) Day, at all the areas and centers of BOSCO. The all-important theme of YaR day 2018 was, "Protect children from violence". It is the right of a child to be protected from all forms of violence. Protecting children from violence means: to stop violence against children, prevent violence towards children and help children harmed by violence. Don Bosco, father and friend of the young did away with all forms of violence while educating and taking care of the young during his times. Loving kindness was his method and with it he stopped and prevented violence in his activities for the young and took care of the young harmed by violence.

Just as children need to be protected from violence, children need to avoid violent behaviour when relating with others as they too commit acts of violence. On the YaR Day this year the staff and children of BOSCO in keeping with the theme, underwent training on the theme, PROTECT CHILDREN FROM VIOLENCE and took pledge to avoid all forms of violence always.

Avoiding violence and taking care of children with loving kindness is Don Bosco's way and that is what we will follow.

Thank you,

Fr Mathew, SDB, Executive Director



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

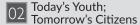
Over six hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in Independence Day celebrations at BOSCO, Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru. The theme of the Independence Day celebration was 'Learn, Teach and Build our Nation'.

Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Children not only have rights but also duties. Only when they carry out their duties responsibly, they can become champions and build the nation".

Mr. Mohan Kumar, Corporator, BBMP Member, Ward No.73, Bengaluru, appreciated BO-SCO's work and assured his continued support. Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad, Actor, Composer, Film Director, Lyricist, Dramatist, Dialogue writer, Kannada Film Industry, narrated the exemplary stories of heroes such as Udham Singh and Arunima Sinha and asked children to follow them in order to be successful in life.

Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes were organized. An awareness campaign was held at Mantri Square, Orion Mall, Peenya II Stage Bus Stop, Sumanahalli Signal, Banashankri Bus Stand, Jayanagar 4th Block, Ashoka Pillar and Lalbagh gate areas of Ben-

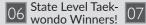
Sr. Antony Maria Selvy, Principal, St. Joseph School, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, Biju Thomas, Member, JJB, Bengaluru and Puneeth, Actor, Kannada Film Industry were present in the program. K M Basavaraju welcomed the gathering and Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli proposed the vote of thanks.















July - September 2018

- Independence Day Celebration
- YaR Day Celebrations
- Third Anniversary Celebrations of BOSCO Railway CHILD-LINE
- World Clean-Up Day at BOSCO
- Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO
- Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Nilaya
- Awareness Programs about child rights, CHILDLINE, RtE, etc. in Schools, Communities, Health Centres, for the Stakeholders, public, shops, NGOs, Madrasas, CCGs, etc.
- Health camps
- Community Mobilization Programme
- Formation of Child Rights Clubs
- Value Education Classes for youths and children of B. Sumanahalli, B. Yuvakendra, B. Mane, B. Vikas, B. Nivas and B. Nilava
- Life Skill programs for youths and children of B. Sumanahalli, B. Yuvakendra, B. Mane, B. Vikas, B. Nivas and B. Nilaya
- Mothers' Meetings in the project areas of BOSCO
- Parents' Meeting at B. Vatsalya Bhavan, B. Rainbow Home and B. Vikas
- Youth Parliament in B. Sumanahalli and B. Yuvakendra
- **Outings and Picnics**
- Open House
- Trainings and Workshops
- Task Force Meeting
- Quiz Competition
- Adolescent Girls' Meeting
- Ward Sabha
- Focus Group Discussions

Today's Youth; Tomorrow's Citizens





YaR (Young at Risk) day is an initiative of Don Bosco YaR Network, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Vikas. On August 31, 2018, celebrated as YaR Day, they organised sessions on protecting children from violence. The staff, children and youth were made aware of child rights and asked to share the various issues they face at schools, homes, and other institutions. They were made aware of different types of violence meted out to children; an explanation was given about physical, sexual and emotional violence. They were given orientation about child help line 1098.





A short Kannada video clip named 'Hale paper' about child labour was screened. Children were empowered through the activities and also gathered knowledge about the institutes protecting children from violence. They were instructed to shun violence against each other and co-exist symbiotically. On the day, everyone took a pledge on non-violence. Twenty-two youth, hundred and thirty two children and twenty-five staff participated in the program.





BOSCO INITIATIVES & REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Value Education Sessions

Between July and September 2018, 22 boys and 42 girls participated in a series of value education sessions on 'Team work, Virtues and Leadership' conducted for the youth and girls at BOSCO Life Skills Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, and BOSCO Rainbow Home, Bangalore respectively.

Value education session on Team work was conducted at BOSCO LIFE SKILL TRAINING CENTRE, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, for the youth residing at the centre by Ms. Celine



Antony, Volunteer, on July 26, 2018. The session began with a short film on team work and the important aspects of team work such as communication, cooperation, roles and responsibilities and resolution of conflict. "Cross the river" activity was conducted to ignite the spirit of team work among the youth. Twenty-two youth participated in value education session.

Facilitating the session, Sr. Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, began with a short introduction about values. The children were asked to reflect on values. During the interactive session, the participants opined that inculcation of the right values is essential in living an exemplary life. They vowed to practice virtues in their day-today lives. After a short introduction, children watched a motivational movie on 'how to become a better person'. Forty-two girls participated in the session.



Community Mobilization Programme

Child Safety Network (CSN) Project, in collaboration with BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a community mobilization programme at Devaraj Urs Community, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on July 29, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Thippanna, Dalithara Samara Sene (DSS), Bangalore, said, "Education is the biggest gift you can give to your children." Devaraj, Rescue Coordinator, CSN, BOSCO, Bengaluru, exhorted the parents to encourage children to attend school and tuition classes regularly. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO, Sumanahalli told the community members to make best use of the opportunities and facilities provided by the government for the welfare of the less privileged. Over 60 people including children participated in the programme.

Quiz Competition at Bosco Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru organized a Quiz Competition for the children at the center, on August 25, 2018. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the purpose of the program and wished the contestants best of luck. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE and CREAM Projects, BOSCO, Bengaluru congratulated the leaders of the Children's Collective for organizing the program.

Rules and regulations for the competition were explained by Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya. Four groups were selected with four participants each on the basis of age. Ms. Priya, Documentation Officer, BOSCO Nilaya was the judge.

The quiz master, Master Vinod, Child Representative, Children's Collective, facilitated the programme. The format of the quiz included 15 rounds such as Audience round, Rapid Fire round, Written Test round and General rounds with questions on Don Bosco, BOSCO, Mathematics, Science and General Knowledge. Trophies were awarded to the winners. Certificate of participation was given to all the 49 participants.



Child Friendly Police



Police officials of Kamakshipalya Police Station conducted an awareness programme for the children and youth of BOSCO Sumanahalli at the centre on August 9, 2018. In the interactive session, Kiran, Police Sub Inspector (PSI), Kamakshipalya Police Station, Bengaluru, spoke about safe touch and unsafe touch and CHILDLINE 1098. He spoke about police helpline -100 in times of danger, crimes, accidents, etc. He said that BOSCO and Police should work hand in hand to combat evils like child labour, child marriage, child abuse and other child related issues and crimes. He invited children and youth for an exposure program to Kamakshipalya Police Station so that, they could get to know more about police station.

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli welcomed the gathering. Three police personnel, 41 children from Devaraj Urs area and 21 youth from BOSCO Life Skill Training centre and six staff participated in the program.

Youth Parliament

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, organized Youth Parliament for the inmates of the centre on August 18, 2018. The previous month's report was read. The 30 youth discussed value-based education which helps in inculcating values such as being humble, empathetic, listening, showing gratitude, showing respect to others, being helpful, etc.

The youth also discussed about keeping the premises clean, using water sparingly, printing a book on prayer songs, usefulness of educative films, etc. The boys requested the Director to provide an opportunity to learn football. They also discussed forthcoming events such as YaR Day, Anniversary of the centre.



Formation of Child Rights Clubs



CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru facilitated the formation of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at Janatha Vidyalaya School (Kannada Medium and English medium), Chamrajpet, Bengaluru on August 28, 2018 and BBMP High School, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on August 29, 2018. Thirty-four boys and twenty-seven girls were selected as members of these clubs.

Vinnarasi, Social activist, CREAM project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the training and explained about the need for the formation of CRC, roles and responsibilities of club members and leaders. The names of the CRC clubs are, Mahatma Gandhi Club. Abdul Kalam Club and Subhash Chandra Bose Club.

Some of the members of the clubs shared that they had come across cases of child labour and child marriage in their localities and were promptly motivated to call up the CHILDLINE number.

LIFE SKILL SESSIONS



Celine Antony, Volunteer and Trainers, Creating Futures, Bengaluru conducted life skills sessions on "Self-Awareness", "Decision Making" and "Team building" at BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Yuvakendra and BOSCO Rainbow Home for the youth and girls residing at the centre, during July and September, 2018.

The session began with an introduction on decision making and team building. A few scenarios were explained to the youth and they suggested alternatives. Few activities were conducted such as "Knot or not", "Egg drop challenge", "Encountering the scenario" and "Balloon race". Twenty one youth from Sumanahalli,22 youth from Yuvakendra and 16 girls from Rainbow Home participated in the life skill sessions.



Life Skills and Spoken English Classes

BOSCO Computer Training Project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru organized life skill sessions and spoken English sessions for the computer trainees at BOSCO Mane from July 2018 to September 2018.

The sessions were facilitated by the faculty, Creating Future, Bengaluru. Life skills such as self-awareness, communication, problem solving, decision making and interpersonal skills were taught through various activities like 'crossing the river', 'fear and wish', 'car and driver', body mapping, 'building bridge', 'Chinese Whisper', 'Tictac-toe', 'Balloon tower', 'Making maximum squares using minimum match sticks', 'Bing, bang, bong and rabbit, arrow, wall' and moral stories like 'Thirsty crow', 'Monkey and the crocodile', etc. Spoken English classes included basics of English, grammar, making sentences and basic communication in English. Thirty-two computer trainees attended the classes.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Open House Programmes



CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized open house programmes at Smt. Gangamma S Thimmayya, Govt. High School, Shivanagar, Bengaluru, Govt. High School, Sarakki, Bengaluru, and-Nirdishta Vargagala Sarkari Vasati Shale, Arehalli Bengaluru on July 23, September 8, and September 25, 2018 respectively.

In his keynote address, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the vision and mission of CHILD-LINE and the goals and objectives of the open house programme. He also spoke regarding online safety and mentioned that in recent days children are being increasingly victimized because of the proliferation of New Media. He exhorted the participants to use the media discretely. S. Krishnappa, BRP, Bengaluru North-1, said "The government has set in place various programmes and schemes in order to ensure that every child, especially the less privileged receive quality education." He exhorted the students to avail the facilities and gain optimum benefits from them by excelling in their curricular and co-curricular activities.

Muthuraj A, Training Coordinator, Yuvaspandana, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, spoke to the students about the ill-effects of substance and drug abuse. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about JJ Act and children in conflict with law. Nagamani CN, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE, Bangalore, facilitated the interactive session in which children expressed their concerns about

care and protection. The authorities present gave suggestions and solutions for the issues. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, enlightened the children about the project, CWC, JJB, SJPU and various Child Protection mechanisms. Mohan Kumar Reddi, Member, SDMC, applauded the activities of CHILDLINE and assured support.Mr. Madhu K, Sub Inspector, Subrahmanyapura Police station, said that POCSO Act is applicable to the whole of India and provides protection to children from sexual offences.

Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru, Ramesh Desai, ASI, Basaveshwar Nagar Police Station, Vinayak, CRP, Shivanagar, Bangalore, Ramesh, Headmaster, Primary School, Venakataraman, Teacher, High School, Marilakkappa, SDMC Member, Smt. Gangamma S Thimmayya, Govt. High School, Shivanagar, Bengaluru, Jagadish Nayak, in charge Principal, Govt. High School, Sarakki, Bengaluru, Puttamadaiah, ASI, JP Nagar, Dharma KN and Ramesh Kori, JP Nagar Police Station, Ms. Mangamma Member BBMP, Mr. Rangaiah BM, Headmaster Nirdishta Vargada Makkala Vasati Shale, Ms. Ananthalakshmi and Ms. Uma Asst. Teachers of Govt higher primary school, and 680 children participated in the programmes.





Awareness Campaigns on Independence Day

BOSCO, Bangalore organized awareness campaigns at various locations in Bangalore on the theme, "Learn, Teach and Build Our Nation," on August 15, 2018. The team was divided into two groups. One group headed by Fr. Rubin, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, reached out to Banashankri Bus Stand, Jayanagar 4th Block, Ashoka Pillar and Lalbagh gate areas of Bengaluru. The other group headed by Devaraju, Rescue Coordinator, Child Safety Net, BOSCO Bangalore, held the campaign at Mantri Square, Orion Mall, Peenya II Stage Bus Stop and Sumanahalli Signal areas of Bengaluru.

Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan provided information on child rights, child helpline -1098, child related issues, child protection mechanisms through a mime. The general public was made aware of not just the children's rights but also the duties that they need to perform in order to become champions and build the nation.

MAKING NEWS

State Level Taekwondo Winners!

Vijay S and Srikanth V of BOSCO Vikas studying in 8th and 9th standard in St. Joseph's High School, participated in the State Level Taekwondo Competition held at Koramangala Indoor Stadium, Koramangala, Bengaluru, on July 28, 2018. Srikanth V. participated in the 34 kg category and bagged the gold medal whereas Vijay S. took the gold in the 32 kg category.





Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO



First quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held on September 17, 2018 at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru. Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas SDB, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, shared news on the recently organized Young at Risk (YaR) day by the National YaR network where all the staff and children took a pledge to 'Protect Children from Violence'.

He also briefed them about the global event, 'World Clean-up Day' in which BOSCO participated by cleaning up the centers, and areas of intervention. The activity was meant to create awareness about the importance of a clean environment. He exhorted everyone to imbibe the spirit and principles of the events so that they become part of one's attitudes and practices.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas and centres of BOSCO. The events organized and conducted during the first quarter of the year, were evaluated. Plans for the major upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2018 to August 2018. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme.

World Clean-Up Day at BOSCO



BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli organised World Clean-Up Day in their working areas and at the centre on September 15, 2018. Nehru Makkala Sangha CRC Children, Tippu Sultan and Raziya Sultan CRC Club members, Tuition Children and staff of BOSCO Nilaya went on a rally holding placards from the centre till Barlane Government Urdu Model School (GUMS), Dr. TCM Royan Road, Bengaluru shouting slogans and creating awareness about clean surroundings and environment.

Mohammad Aslam Khan, President, Karnataka State SDMC, Aisha, H.M, Barlane GUMGHPS, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM spoke few words on the importance of the day and inaugurated the program by giving an open call to clean up the school surroundings. Everyone cleaned up the garbage dumped next to the school gate. The School Compound was white washed with messages written on keeping the surroundings clean.

The premises and surrounding areas of MS building were cleaned up by the tuition children of Nehrupuram and Mackan Compound and BOSCO Nivas staff. The residents were invited to join in the cleanliness drive. A pledge was taken by all gathered there that they would adopt cleanliness at home and surroundings on a daily basis and would also educate the others too in maintaining cleanliness.

With the help of the public address system, residents were instructed on the damaging consequences of the garbage spill - it serves as a breeding ground for several disease causing microbes, polluting the air, land and thus being hazardous to human existence. The inmates of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, cleaned the surroundings of the centre on the occasion. Around 500 people were made aware. Around a hundred children participated in the cleanliness drive.



Ward Sabha

A Ward Sabha was organized in the premises of Nau Bahar Sha School, Mackan Compound area by BOSCO Nivas on September 28, 2018. Fr. Regi, Director, Project CRY, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address and spoke to the children about the purpose of the Sabha. He further mentioned that the meeting was a common platform for the children to air their issues boldly and unhesitatingly to the local governing bodies and the representatives from various departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Nayana, Child Welfare Officer, educated the children on safe and unsafe touch. She advised the children to use internet discretely, be cautious about cybercrimes and instructed them to shout aloud when in danger. She assured that the police were there to protect them whenever in need. Ms. Mahadevamma, Senior Nurse, PHC, Broadway Road, educated the children on the diseases, symptoms and how they could prevent themselves from the diseases. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, invited the children to mention their issues to the representatives of various departments present. Addressing the issues, the representatives promised to look into them and work towards bringing about necessary changes.



Mr. Satish, Representative, Ward 91 Corporator's office, Bengaluru, Ajmal, Mackan Compound area In-charge, Dinesh, Staff, Concerned for Working Children, Bengaluru, Bharat, Representative, CRY, Bengaluru, Nasreen, Head Mistress, Rehmania GUHPS, Bengaluru were present at the Sabha. Seventy-nine children from six schools took part in the programme.

MEETINGS

Caring Committee Meeting at BOSCO Nilaya



CRY project, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized Caring Committee Meeting at BOSCO Nilaya on July 24, 2018. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, said, "One of the most important duties of the parents is to spend time with their children. Parents and teachers together can carve a successful life for the children." Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about child protection mechanisms, child rights and various other issues related to children.

Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, briefed everyone about the activities of Nilaya and asked the Caring Committee Members to make optimum use of the opportunities provided at the centre for the benefit of the children. Pushpa, Coordinator, CRY project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, explained about the purpose of the gathering and said, "It is

the joint responsibility of the parents, community members and NGOs to bring children into the mainstream of the society". Vinod Kumar, Student Representative, welcomed the gathering. Twenty-four members participated in the meeting.

Parents' Meetings at BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, in association with BOSCO Vikas organized parents meeting on July 8, 2018 at the centre. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, welcomed the gathering and briefed about BOSCO and its activities. The meeting was inaugurated by watering a sapling by Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru. Ten parents attended the meeting.

The parents were made aware of their roles and responsibilities and the ways to prevent their children from major social evils. They were asked to take care of their children and make them feel that they are accepted and cared for by the parents. The parents were exhorted to support the centres in making birth certificate, Aadhar card, Transfer Certificate, Cast and Income Certificate and Bank account which are mandatory to enroll children in the school/ colleges.

Rainbow Home, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized Parents' meeting at the centre on August 12, 2018. Addressing the parents, Fr. John M.A., Director, Rainbow Home, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke on how parents become role models for their children. Twenty-five parents were present for the meeting.

Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized parents /guardians meeting at the centre on September 30, 2018. Orientation about BOSCO and its activities was given to the parents. Thirty-three parents /guardians participated in the meeting.





Adolescent Girls' Meeting



CRY Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized an Adolescent Girls Meeting at Vyayam Shala on August 20, 2018. The topic selected for the meeting was 'Hand Holding'. The meeting was led by four student volunteers. There was a discussion on child marriage, legal age for marriage and ill effects of child marriage, smoking, substance abuse, alcohol addiction and child prostitution. Girls were made aware of safe touch and unsafe touch, menstrual hygiene and reproductive health. Eighteen girls participated in the meeting.

Mother's Meeting at Tippunagar

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), BOSCO Bengaluru organized Mothers meeting on the theme, 'Role of Family in Child Development' at Tippunagar Anganwadi Center (AWC) on September 22, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE, BOSCO Bengaluru, said "Family is the single most important influence in a child's life. Parents are a child's first teachers and act as role models in shaping the child's life". He emphasized teaching children about the importance of education and human values.

Mothers requested BOSCO to start tuition center in Tippunagar. They expressed that they would request the Corporator to give them a place to conduct remedial education classes. Ms.Shamima, Nurse, Government Hospital, Sirsi Circle, Bengaluru and Ms. Anupriya, Tippunagar AWC Teacher explained about the importance of food and nutrition through a demonstration. Twenty-one mothers participated in the meeting.



Task Force Meeting

BOSCO Team working at KSRTC, Bengaluru organized a Task Force Meeting with the objective of creating awareness about BOSCO work and its services to the officials, at KSRTC Bus Stand, Terminal 2, on September 18, 2018. Mr. Raju ATM, KSRTC, Bengaluru welcomed the gathering. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Bus Stand area, Bengaluru gave a brief introduction about BOSCO, its activities at busstand areas and about the presence of BOSCO Child assistance center at KSRTC and BMTC Bus Terminals.



He also spoke about the issues faced by children/youth on the streets and called for the support of the officials in reaching out to these children/youth in need of care and protection. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about Foster Care program and its activities. The officials assured their support to BOSCO in reaching out to the needy children and youth. Forty-two KSRTC Officials attended the Task Force meeting.

School Development and **Monitoring Committee Meeting**



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) Meeting at Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Valmikinagar, Bangalore, on August 18 2018.

Ravikumari, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its activities. In the interactive session, roles and responsibilities of SDMC were briefed. The SDMC members were made aware of their duty to see that the children are regular and punctual to school and the ways in which issues pertaining to the school like lack of teachers, infrastructure are to be addressed.

Participants were exhorted to coordinate with Block Education Officer (BEO), on behalf of children to advocate for their rights and promote and avail facilities at the government schools. Parents were motivated to meet teachers once a month to know more about their child's progress and spend time with their children regularly. Parveen Taj, SDMC President, was present at the meeting. Twenty SDMC members participated in the meeting.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Child Rights' Training for Children

Child Rights Education Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training program for the children of Vani Vilas Government Girls High School, Kalasipalya, Bengaluru, on July 3, 2018. Initiating the interactive session, Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, introduced BOSCO, its activities and CREAM program. He explained the purpose of the training.

PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru spoke in detail about UNCRC, Child Rights, Child protection mechanisms, Child Rights Violations in Karnataka, Child Helpline -1098. Vidya, Head Mistress, felt that the information given to the children was very useful for their self-protection and requested for a continued association with BOSCO for the coming days. Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru was present during the training program. Ninety- eight high school girls attended the training.



Capacity Building for ICDS Staff at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), organized training for ICDS Staff on Emergent Literacy and Math (ELM) and distribution of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) at BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru, on July 25, 2018 and at BRC Center, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar on September 3, 2018.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE program, interacting with the Anganwadi Teachers, said, "Early education is important to lay the foundation for every child's future. Anganwadi Teacher should, therefore, be a role model for every child. Let's work together towards achieving this goal".

Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, spoke about CHILDLINE and child rights. He exhorted the participants to join hands in reaching out to the children in need of care and protection in a timely, efficient manner. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE program briefed about the ECCE programme.

Shwetha, Child ELM Consultant, enlightened the participants on areas of early childhood development under which language, communication skills, physical development, cognitive development and social-emotional development. Jyothi, Counsellor in the Foster Care Programme spoke on Foster Care and its importance. Mr. Eeraswamy, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Bengaluru, appreciated BOSCO and said, "In order to retain Anganwadi Centres (AWC) inculcating new technologies is necessary. We need to adopt new technologies for change and success". Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) were distributed to Anganwadi Teachers. Thirty-three officials and thirty-two Anganwadi teachers attended the training program.

Training for Panchayat Raj Institutions at Anekal

CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized training for PRI members at Mayasandra panchayat, Anekal, Taluk, on July 28, 2018. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, said, "If every village and its people are empowered on child rights and follow the same, then a Child friendly village can be established.' He explained about BOSCO, CREAM Project, Child Rights and their importance.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, briefed about Panchayat Raj Act and UNCRC. He said, "According to Panchayat Raj Act, it is the responsibility of Grama Sabha to make sure that child rights violation does not take place in the village. Children are the Wealth of a nation." He spoke about CHILD-LINE and Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU). Jyothi, Foster Care, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke on parenting, importance of parental care and Foster care.

Amaresh, PDO, Mayasandra Panchayat, appreciated CREAM, BOSCO and welcomed CREAM Team to conduct more training in the next Grama Sabha. Latha, Agriculture officer, Vijayal, CDPO, R. Suresh, BEO, Harish, Grama panchayat member, twenty-seven government officials, four Staff and forty people participated in the programme.



Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized training programme on foster care for the staff of Don Bosco Centre, Ramanagar, on July 28, 2018, for the staff and students of Don Bosco Centre, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, on August 10, 2018, for the staff of Don Bosco Centre, Hospet, on September 3, 2018 and for Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers at Bommashettihalli, Gopalapura, Bengaluru and Primary Health Centre (PHC), Singasandra, Bengaluru respectively, on September 26, 2018.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, explained foster care, the difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different types of placements like individual foster care, group foster care, kinship care, (short term, long term foster care), age group of children, time frame for placements and legal procedures involved in becoming a foster parent, roles and responsibilities of CWC, etc.

Fifty-nine staff from Don Bosco centres and 24 Anganwadi Teachers and 23 Asha workers participated in the training programmes respectively.

Foster Care Training Programmes







Training for Railway Police

Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized training programme on 'Confronting Child Trafficking', for GRP personnel across Karnataka, at KSR railway station on July 27, 2018, in view of the International Anti Human Trafficking day July 30. Inaugurating the training programme, Srinivasa Reddy, DYSP, GRP, KSR, Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of protecting the children who come in contact with the railways. Arunmozi, Senior Programme Coordinator, Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI), Bengaluru, spoke about the role of CHILDLINE supported by APPI in protecting the rights of children. Mahesh Jakathi, CIF, Bengaluru, spoke on the SOP for Railways to ensure care and protection of children in contact with Railways, vulnerability issues of children and the functions of CWC and JJB as per JJ Act.

William Christopher and Acca Varghese, IJM, Bengaluru facilitated sessions on trafficking, the process of trafficking and the actions to be taken against traffickers and employers. He also explained about the kinds of exploitation trafficked children experience. Police of-



ficers interacted and expressed the views on trafficking and the kind of support that would be given in handling such cases. Thirty-seven GRP officers from seventeen GRP stations in Karnataka participated in the training.

Training for Bengaluru Railway Staff

A half day training programme was organized for Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTE) and Railway Mechanic staff on the theme 'Ensure Care and Protection of Children in contact with Railways' on September 11, 2018. The program was organized by CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) and supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic



Initiative (APPI) in coordination with BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL), Bengaluru. Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE, Bengaluru, gave a detailed narration about BOSCO and its functions.

Barmappa, Inspector, GRP, Bengaluru explained about the missing children and how one can help them and the legal procedures involved including filing of First Information Report (FIR). Mahesh Jakati, City Level Anchor, CIF, Bangalore gave a brief information about the Standard operating Procedures (SoP) of Railways and CIF and the plans under Program for Children in Contact with Railway Station (PCCRS). The functions, aims and objectives of CIF and the role of Railway CHILDLINE were discussed with the participants. All the procedures that need to be followed in the process of rescue of children who are in need of care and protection were explained to the participants. The participants were also made aware of their roles in helping BRCL in achieving its goals.

Deepak Dinesan, Senior Coordinator, Training, CIF gave a brief note about Human Trafficking and the reasons behind trafficking. He spoke on ways of preventing trafficking. Nine GRP officials and nineteen Railway Mechanic Staff attended the training.

Focus Group Discussions at BOSCO Mane



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized a focus group discussion with parents of children in conflict with law of West Division and South Dicivisions, Bangalore at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on July 15 and 29, 2018 respectively. Fr. C V George,

Director, SJPU, Bangalore, inaugurated the program and exhorted parents to ensure that their children do not end up becoming habitual offenders. He spoke about the importance of child rearing and providing a good family environment to 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. The participants were shown a video on Child Marriage. He also spoke about the importance of children's follow-up and present situation of the non-serious offences.

The resource person asked the parents to immediately contact the social worker in BOSCO whenever they required assistance. He asked the children to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Two youth enrolled themselves for skill training in BOSCO after the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared that the reports on home visits, counseling sessions with the children and behavior of the children were submitted to Juvenile Justice Board regularly. Twenty-four parents and fifteen children participated in the discussion.

Training for youth at BOSCO Nilaya



CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized training for youth at BOS-CO Nilaya on August 18, 2018. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM project facilitated the training. Through the session, youths gained knowledge about humanity, childhood, adolescence, children in conflict with law through various examples. Youth were briefed on the effects of drug abuse, alcohol addiction and child sexual abuse. Regarding measures to be taken to stop child sexual abuse, youth expressed that girls should be taught self-defense.

They were also made aware of POCSO Act and penalties for the victims. CHILDLINE and child protection mechanisms were explained. A session on 'Way forward' was taken up by Vinnarasi, Social Activist, CREAM project. An open call to build a safe place for children in Bengaluru was made. Ten boys and six girls from J.J.R Nagar, Ranasinghpet, Chamrajpet, Girinagar, Byatarayanapura communities of Bangalore attended the training.

Training for Project staff at BOSCO Nilaya

CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized training for project staff at BOSCO Nilaya, on September 5, 2018. The interactive session by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, included a video on 'Lesson for my Teacher'. Through the session, tips to improve work performance and problem solving were explained. A session on Foster Care by Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program, included history, definition, laws, procedure, public support systems, documents required, etc. Difference between adoption and Fostercare was briefed.

A presentation was done on gender equality by Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO, CREAM Project. At the session, staff gained knowledge on the definition of equality, gender stereotypes, female infanticide, factors affecting gender equality, gender-wise population statistics, gender based jobs, laws related to women and girl child, and methods to contribute to gender equality in our home, society and in nation. Fr. Regi Jacob, in his concluding remarks, said



that empowering children with life skills and value education is as important as that of academic skills. Twenty-nine staff attended the training programme.

TRAINING OF TEACHERS



CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized two-day Training for Teachers at Block Resource Coordinator's (BRC) office, Hosahalli, Bangalore on September 18 and 19, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, in his keynote address, introduced BOSCO, BREADS, CREAM and Child Rights Club. Addressing the



gathering, Lohiteshwara Reddy, Block Education Officer (BEO), South-2, shared his personal experience about BOSCO and said, "I would support BOSCO and want all of you as well to support them. Let us all join hands together for the benefit of children." Rekha,

BRC, South-2 said, "BOSCO had given Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to Schools. However, one to one interaction with the teachers would be more effective in using the TLM better." She asked teachers to refer 'out of school' children and youth to enroll into vocational skill training centres of BOSCO. Narasegowda, Education Coordinator, South-2, spoke about the importance of teaching. An open session on subject related techniques and methodologies, was taken up by TK Prasanna Murthy, Resource Person. Through activities and presentation, important questions, topics, methods and techniques of teaching mathematics was briefed. Fr. Prasad. Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru explained in detail about UNCRC, child rights, child in vulnerable situations, types of vulnerability, JJ Act, JJ Board, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), CHILD-LINE, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and Child Welfare Officers (CWO) through various activities and also by sharing few incidents. Fr. Regi enlightened the teachers with the importance of ten life skills through various activities. Ramchandra Bhat, Resource Person, briefed about teaching science through experiments and activities. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Verrappa, President, High School Teacher's Association, two Education and Communication Officers (ECO), three Block Resource Persons (BRP), two Cluster Resource Persons (CRP) and ninety High School Teachers participated in the training.

HEALTH CARE

Health Camps Organized

1. BOSCO Nilaya organized health camps in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department and Community Health Department, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru at BBMP Office, K.R. Market



Complex, Bengaluru, on July 6, 2018 and Vinobhanagar, Bengaluru on September 2, 2018. Health Inspector appreciated BOSCO and suggested conducting training for BBMP workers and other stake holders on First aid. Hundred and seven children, three hundred and eighteen people benefitted from the camps.

2. An outreach Health Camps for the students of Nava Bahar Shah School and residents of Mackan Compound was conducted in the premises of the school and at the Primary Health Centre (PHC),



Nehrupuram, Bengaluru, by Dr. Abraham and team from St. Martha Hospital, Bengaluru, in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department on July 13, and September 26, 2018 respectively. Services provided were medical tests for blood sugar, blood pressure, suspected tuberculosis, thyroid, cardiac cases and vision impairments. Majority of people who attended the camp availed the Diabetic and Optical examination facilities. Seventy-one students and hundred and eighty-seven residents benefitted from the camp.



3. Medical camp was organized at BOSCO Life skill training centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru for the youth residing at the centre on



July 26, 2019. The general health check-up included blood pressure, sugar, eye checkup and treatment for common ailments like cold, cough and fever. A team headed by Dr. Abraham from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, conducted the health camp. Fr Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, welcomed and addressed the gathering. Twenty-one youth and eight staff of BOSCO Life skill training centre benefitted from the medical camp.

4. ECCE Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized Health checkup at Ramanna Garden Hub center on July 27, 2018. Dr. Avinash, Pediatrician, facilitated the health checkup. NS Garden, Ramanna Garden 1 and Ramanna Garden 2 AWC children underwent health checkup. Medical Prescription was prescribed to the ailing. No SAM child was identified. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE, two ECCE Staff participated and thirty-one children participated in the programme.





CELEBRATIONS!

Plant a Tree and get Oxygen for Free

BOSCO Life skill training centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru organized World Environment Day in collaboration with Toyota Kirloskar Motor Company, Bengaluru on July 7, 2 018. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, welcoming the gathering, spoke about the importance of nature, its protection and plantation of trees. Toyota Kirloskar Motor Company sponsored fifty saplings to be planted at BOSCO Sumanahalli campus. Staff from BOSCO, youth, children and employees from Toyota participated in planting trees.

Mr. Kiran conducted a session on Environment and introduced the concept 'SAY NO TO PLASTIC' and the impact of using plastic products on nature and animals. He said that the need of the hour is to replace plastic with eco-friendly materials. The Toyota Kirloskar team played football and basketball with the youth at the centre. Over 50 employees from the company participated in the program. Seventeen youth and staff from BOSCO Sumanahalli, CSN team and 40 children from Devaraj Urs area participated in the programme.



Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE Anniversary

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) celebrated the third anniversary of the project, at Bengaluru Railway Station, Bangalore on July 3, 2018. Pratheeka S.L., Project Coordinator, BRCL presented a brief introduction about BOSCO and the statistics of children who were rescued in the past one year and the various sources of contact. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas extended gratitude to all the officials who had been supportive towards BOSCO's activities. Kalvani Sethuram, ADRM/A, acknowledged the activities of BOSCO and BRCL team.

As a token of appreciation, Chengappa, RPF Inspector and Bharathi, TTE and others who helped in rescuing children, were awarded for their outstanding service in providing care and protection for children in 2017-'18. Fr. Rubin, Director, BRCL, welcomed the gathering and Uma, BRCL proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five officials participated in the programme.



Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru celebrated its second anniversary on September 21, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address, shared the achievements and successes of BOSCO Nilaya. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, congratulated the team for having rescued, rehabilitated and restored number of children back to their families. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, briefed about BOSCO and its mission.

Nijalingappa, Sub-Inspector, Cottonpet Police Station, Bengaluru expressed that the number of children attending tuition classes at BOSCO Nilaya has increased enormously compared to the previous year and thanked Fr. Regi for the service. Children pledged to uphold the name of the center. Children and staff of the centre staged a cultural programme. Gunasekar, Area leader, Anandapuram, Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. C.V. George, Director, ARSP and SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru and Harshitha, Child representative were the special guests. Around 250 people including children, neighbors, Anganwadi teachers, Tuition teachers and staff attended the celebration.

Case Study

Taekwondo Champion from BOSCO Vikas!

Shrikant is 15-years-old and studying in the 9th standard at St. Joseph High School, Bengaluru. He hails from Chikkabalapur but is now a resident of BOSCO Vikas. He lost his parents few years ago and in 2012 he was rescued by BOSCO and provided care, love and educational support. As BOSCO believes that every child has the right to grow up in a family, the organization placed Shrikant in Group Foster Care from 2016 to 2017 and after which he was transferred to BOSCO Vikas.

A bright boy, Shrikant exhibits exceptional aptitudes for sports and regularly participates in athletics, hockey and football in school. He has had the privilege of participating in the school level State Olympics held at Kantheeraya Stadium, Bangalore.

He excels in Taekwondo, one of the forms of martial arts. He has won two bronze, three silver and one gold medal in different categories at State Level Taekwondo Competitions. In 2014 he participated in first District Open Senior, Junior and Sub–Junior Taekwondo Championship organized by Rock Taekwondo Centre and secured 1st place in the 26 kg weight category.

In 2017 he participated in District level Taekwondo competition at Madikeri and received 2nd prize and for the second level he competed at Davanagere and obtained 2nd place. During August 2018, Shrikant participated in the competition organized by Karnataka State Taekwondo Association and bagged gold medal in 35 kg weight category. He will be representing Karnataka at the national level soon.



SOPHIA HIGH SCHOOL TEAM VISITS BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

A team headed by Sr. Roseline, Principal, Sophia High School, Bengaluru, visited BOSCO Sumanahalli on 25 August 2018. Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, Coordinator, BOSCO Sumanahalli, gave a brief introduction about BOSCO Life skill training centre and its operation. The programme included action songs and fun-filled activities such as "Bursting balloon", "The statue", "Cotton plug challenge" and "Kabbadi". Through the session the youth gained the spirit of team work. The team from Sophia School distributed sports equipment for the youth and sponsored scrumptious food. Celine Antony, Volunteer, BOSCO Bengaluru, proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty-five youth participated in the programme.









"The Greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of Independence"



BOSCO

Editorial Board

Ms. Deepa, Fr. Prasad SDB, Ms. Robina

Editorial Advisor: Ms. Priti David

Executive Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya - 91 B Street 6th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009 Ph: 080 22208476 / 22253392

E-mail: boscoban@gmail.com, boscodoc84@gmail.com

Follow us on

Website: www.boscoban.org Facebook: www.facebook.com Twitter: www. twitter.com/#!/boscoban Published by BOSCO Bangalore Printed @ www.dbigact.com