



E-Street Voice

Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

Editorial Note...

Furtherance of a Dream Sublime!

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." An altruistic, empathetic leap to be at the side of the suffering lot requires hope and daring. BOSCO Bengaluru, the organization that evolved as result of a dream of a bunch of students to reach out to the marginalized and less privileged youth of the city of Bengaluru celebrated the 41st anniversary of its inception on June 15, 2021.

At this juncture, E- Street Voice remembers with gratitude the Executive Directors, Directors, staff and vol-

unteers who have served the children and youth in need of care protection under the auspices of the organization down the years. Having accompanied deserving children and youth over the years, the organization currently focusses on addressing the adverse consequences of COVID-19 pandemic on the young. As the society at large is on the path of recovery, let us join hands to light up the lives of children and youth living on the fringes of the society.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Anniversary Celebrations



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Br. Manuel Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, and Br. Lijo. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed about the history of program to commemorate the 41st anniversary of BOSCO.

Yuvakendra celebrated the day by garlanding BOSCO on June 15, 2021. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane remembered the pioneers of the organization. Twenty youth and staff were present on the occasion.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas celebrated the occasion by cutting cake in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. John

derprivileged families from the surrounding communities. Twenty-two youth participated in the celebrations. BOSCO Rainbow Home screened a short film, sang songs and performed dances on the occasion. Around twenty girls and staff were present during the programme.

World Day Against Child Labour

World Day Against Child Labour with the theme, 'Act Now: end child labour,' was observed at BOSCO mane on June 12, 2021, Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, said, "Everyone should join hands to eradicate child labour." A signature campaign was organized on the occasion. Fr. John MA, Director, SJU and Rainbow Home, Staff and children were present for the programme.

On the occasion, BOSCO Yuvodaya conducted a drawing competition on the theme. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya was the judge. Johnson, Coordinator, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, gave awareness on the theme. A drawing competition was organized for the children of Annamma Colony under the guidance of Ramaswamy, Outreach officer, BOSCO Yuvodaya. Twenty-one children and staff attended the programme.

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized drawing competition for the youth of the centre on the World Day Against Child Labour. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, gave awareness on the theme and asked everyone to join hands to end child labour. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. CV George, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present on the occasion.

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with Bembala-Outreach Programme, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, conducted an online session on CHILDLINE 1098 and child labour. Speaking on the theme, 'Act Now: end child labour', Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and CHILDLINE said, "The pandemic has aggravated the existing woes of the economically poor and the marginalized. Everyone should join hands to eradicate child labour." Over hundred and ninety students and staff of the college participated in the programme.

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE observed the day by conducting outreach activities. The team did one to one awareness on the theme to the public and the



stakeholders in Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru. Hundred and twenty people got benefitted from the programme.

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized drawing competition, skits and dances highlighting the importance of the theme. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, children and staff were present on the occasion.

World Day Against Labour was carried out at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB) on June 12, 2021. Children staged drama depicting the theme followed by the song on the same. Ms. Saroja, Teacher, BVB gave message on the theme, 'Act Now, End Child Labour' and also on the importance of education. Children participated in drawing and painting competition and the winners were announced. Sixty girls participated in the programme.

BOSCO Life Skills Training Centre, Sumanahalli conducted drawing competition for the youth of the centre. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas spoke about the eradication of child labour which is the need of the hour.

World Environment Day Celebration



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Vikas and BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated World Environment Day with the theme, "Reimagine,

recreate, restore." at their centres on June 5, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. George CV, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sr. Sheeba, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya

Bhavan inaugurated the programme at the respective centers and spoke about the importance of the day. It was told that the day is celebrated to create awareness about environmental protection and to highlight the crucial role we play in protecting the planet, on which we depend.

Cultural programmes and party games were organized. Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the theme- to prevent, halt and reverse the damage and to go from exploiting nature to healing it. Posters, slogans were created and saplings were planted to help children realize the areas the individual needs to look into in order to be part of the restoration process. Sixty girls from Vatsalya Bhavan, thirty-eight children from Vikas and Mane and twenty youth from Yuvakendra along with the staff participated in the programme.

International Yoga Day



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized International Yoga Day for the youth at the centre on June 21, 2021. Bro. Naveen, BOSCO Yuvakendra explained to them about the importance, benefits and advantages of practicing yoga on a daily basis, especially during COVID pandemic. The youth were told that yoga could be considered as a disciplined method for attaining a goal, and a method for mastering body and the mind.

They were taught a few asanas, simple yet affective. Youth learnt the physical and mental benefits of yoga such as increased flexibility, strength, stamina and improved body alignment, also stress reduction, body awareness, better sleep balance, relaxation and improved self-confidence. Twenty-two youth attended the session.

Group Counseling Organized



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a group counseling session on the importance of behaviour for the boys of the centre on June 18, 2021. Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, started the session with two fun games -Tiger hunting the deer and pick and act. Based on these games she explained them about the value and importance of good behavior and the impact of the negative behavior.

They were exhorted to make optimum use of the opportunities at the centre in order to reach their goal. The session helped the youths to analyze their behavior and to adopt the positive mannerisms and attitudes. Twenty-two participated in the counseling session.

Youth Parliament at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, organized Youth Parliament for the inmates of the centre on June 23, 2021. The meeting was organized to provide a platform for the youth wherein they participate, share their views and be well informed about the current state of affairs. The report of the previous month was read. The youth shared their views about the activities that were organized during the month.

They also shared about the changes that have taken place in their life. Sr. Sivly, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, expressed her happiness about the active participation of every individual in the group. She exhorted the youth to continue with the same spirit and



to make use of the opportunities. Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra facilitated the meeting. Twenty-two youth attended the meeting.

Value Education Session



Value Education session on 'Respecting People and Things' was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the children of the centre on June 26, 2021. The session was facilitated by Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home. She explained them the importance of respecting people and things around them and know their value. She said that everyone in the world has the right to live with respect and dignity, including self.

She also emphasized on knowing one's worth and honouring the worth of others. An inspirational movie was shown to make the children understand the difficulties that the parents are facing in educating their children. Eighteen girls attended the session.

BOSCO Yuvakendra Organizes Webinar



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a webinar on COVID Care for the Past Pupils of BOSCO on June 15, 2021. The past pupils shared about the difficulties they faced due to the lockdown. Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, exhorted the youths to be brave and follow the COVID protocols.

They also asked the youth to inform those who needed the support from BOSCO. The youth were happy to be a part of the webinar and requested to be connected through virtual discussions and meetings regularly. Fourteen Past Pupils were a part of the webinar.

Life Skill Training



BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a life skill training session on the 'Importance of Making Connections,' for the children of the centre on June 25, 2021. The purpose of the session was to help them to know that connections help them to describe how things are related to each other, how the physical world works and to guide them to expand their thinking by making connections which is a core component of creativity.

Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, **BOSCO** Rainbow Home, divided the children into groups of three persons and asked them to speak about any object and its flow of connections. The activity helped the children to sort out and categorize objects and the way they are connected. Eighteen girls participated in the session.

General Health Check-up



General health check-up camp was organized for children and staff of **BOSCO** Mane, Vikas and Yuvodaya at the respective centres in collaboration with **BOSCO** Health Care Department on June 24 and 26, 2021. Dr. Abraham and his team, Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru conducted the camps. They checked the eyes, ear, nose, throat, height, weight and general health of the children present in the centres. Medicines were given as per prescriptions.

Dr. Abraham spoke about health and hygiene. He also stressed the need for maintaining personal hygiene. Seventy-four children from **BOSCO** Mane, Vikas and Yuvodaya and nine staffs were benefited by the health check-up.

Induction Training Organized

Human Resource Department, **BOSCO** Bengaluru conducted an online induction training program for the newly recruited employees. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, **BOSCO** Bengaluru welcomed the trainees and gave introductory words.

Fr. John. MA, Administrator, **BOSCO** Bengaluru facilitated a session on Programs and Services at **BOSCO**. The session provided a clearer understanding of the services rendered by **BOSCO**.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, **BOSCO** Nilaya and Nivas engaged the staffs in the session about the preventive system of Don Bosco, values and accepted behaviour at **BOSCO**. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram spoke about Child Welfare Committee and the procedures to be followed and Juvenile Justice Act. Mr. Prashantha Murthy, HR Manager, **BOSCO** Bengaluru, briefed about the HR Policy session. Twenty-four new staff participated in the training.

Drawing Competition



BOSCO Vikas organized a drawing competition to mark the World Day against Child Labour, with the theme, 'Act now: end child labour!', on June 11, 2021. Mrs Lalitha, Teacher, **BOSCO** Mane, Sr. Susan, Coordinator, Health Department, **BOSCO** Bengaluru, Mr. Tippeswamy, Social Worker, SJPU Project, **BOSCO** Bengaluru were the judges for the competition. Master Manjunath won the first prize; Master Imran second prize and Master Murali won the third prize. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, **BOSCO** Mane and Vikas was present on the occasion.