



E-Street Voice

Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

Editorial Note...

Hearken to their Cry!

“Capable, generous men do not create victims, they nurture victims,” says Julian Assange, the Australian media activist who founded WikiLeaks. The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed on July 30. ‘Victims’ Voices Lead the Way’ is the theme for the campaign in 2021. The self-proclaimed patriarchal custodians of morality often point their fingers and pelt stones at the victims for the crimes they are responsible for.

The debates that raged post-Nirbhaya case forced one to cringe at the warped mindsets of people who scream for the blood of the victim. The immense pressure to recount the traumatic account of the

event multiple times, the insensitive treatment meted out to and the stigmatization of the victim have become painfully common in the society.

The initiative of the UN to sensitize the world to listen to the voice of the victims, considering their experiences and take their suggestions to combat human trafficking is a welcome gesture. While reaching out to the deserving children and youth, let us make efforts to be companionate to the victims, accompany them and prevent all forms of re-victimization.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Inauguration of Railway CHILDLINE Kiosk



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE kiosk was inaugurated on the second and third platform of Krantiveera San-

golli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru on 13th July 2021. Inaugurating the Railway CHILDLINE Kiosk, Mr. Raghuraman, Consultant, IRSDC, congratulated BOSCO for establishing the kiosk in second and third platforms. He asked BOSCO staff to have a focused approach in the rescue and rehabilitation of children. He also shared the idea of adding the information regarding the presence of the Child Assistance Centre in Google Map for ease in locating the booth. Mr. Ramesh, Constable, RPF, Cleaning staff, other railway stakeholders, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Railway CHILDLINE staff were present on the occasion.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2021

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized a week-long campaign on World Day against Trafficking in Persons at KSR Railway Station from July 26 to 30, 2021. Based on the theme for the year 2021 – ‘Victims’ Voices Lead the Way,’ BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized several awareness programmes at KSR Railway station highlighting the importance of listening to and learning from the survivors of human trafficking.

The campaign started with the inauguration at the entrance of the railway station by placing a moveable kiosk and giving awareness to the coolie porters on July 26, 2021. CHILDLINE face masks were distributed to the participants. Thirty-one porters got benefited. On July 28, 2021 awareness program was conducted to RPF officials on platform 5. Fourteen officials got benefited. Awareness was given to the passengers in moving trains from KSR station to Mandya and from Bangarpet to KSR Station on July 29, 2021. Seven hundred and fifty passengers benefited.

During the concluding programme, an awareness rally was organized from the entrance of the KSR Railway station till the exit gate of the station on July 30, 2021. Staff distributed pamphlets to the passengers and commuters on the platforms. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CRT spoke about the importance of the day and functions of CHILDLINE and sought the support of the public in rescuing children in need of care and protection. Ms. Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), South



Western Railways, spoke about the importance of the day and thanked CHILDLINE teams and BOSCO for the work. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF welcomed the gathering. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Sourab Jain, Joint General Manager IRSDC, Mr. Srikanth, CMI/ SBC, Mr. Kumara Swamy, Station Master, SBC, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE BOSCO, staff members from BOSCO CHILDLINE and Railway CHILDLINE, APSA and SATHI were present during the programme.

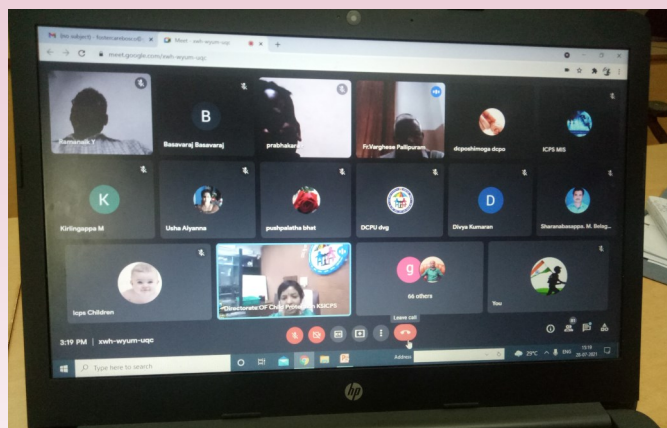
Foster Care Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Foster Care Project organized awareness programmes for Anganwadi Mothers at the Anganwadi centres in T C Halli, Anekal, Pantharapalya, Banaswadi, Velumuruganpura and Chikkadasarahalli, Sarjapura Hoballi, Anekal, Bengaluru during July 2021. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Benga-

luru, briefed about BOSCO and its activities. He explained in detail about adoption, foster care concept, procedures involved in Foster Care programme and the role of DCPU and CWC. He exhorted the Anganwadi Mothers to disseminate this information to others in their communities and support BOSCO in identifying potential foster parents and children. Hundred and one Anganwadi Mothers participated in these programmes.

Panel discussion



Panel discussion on Foster Care SOP was organized by ICPS Director via Google meet for the District DCPOs and CWC members on July 28, 2021. Ms. Pallavi, Director, ICPS Initiated the meeting. Ms. Sindhu Naik, Adoption Scrutiny, Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare, Bengaluru presented Foster Care concept in detail. Ms. Usha Kiran KT, Psychiatric Social Worker, Member of Foster Care State Guidelines, NIMHANS explained about the roles and responsibilities of different stake holders involved in the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru enumerated the documents to be maintained by DCPU/ NGO necessary for the programme. 100 members attended the meeting.

Adolescent Girls' Meeting



BOSCO Nilaya conducted adolescent girls' meeting at JC Road, Bengaluru on July 17, 2021. The session started with an explanation on the importance of personal hygiene, safe and unsafe touch. Awareness was given about COVID-19 and precautions against the third wave by Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya. Girls were motivated to maintain personal hygiene.

Ms. Brunda and Ms. Archana, Social Activists, BOSCO Nilaya spoke about the need to be prudent about the use social media and mobile phones. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya spoke on the importance of education by screening a motivational video. The topic, 'Goal setting,' was explained. Thirteen adolescent girls attended the session.

Outing to Ajjanahalli



BOSCO Vikas and Mane organized an outing to Don Bosco Yuvakara Grama, Ajjanahalli for the inmates of the centers on July 26, 2021. Fr. Julian and Fr. Uday welcomed the children along with the staff. The children enjoyed trekking to the hills surrounding the centre. After lunch, they played volley ball and cricket and visited the nearby Siddeshwara Betta. They enjoyed the serene beauty of nature and the fresh air. It was a pleasant change away from the buzz of the city. Twenty boys from BOSCO Vikas and sixteen boys from BOSCO Mane along with the staff were present.

Emotional Management



Life skill training programme on 'Emotional Management' was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the girls at the centre on July 22, 2021. The training began with an outdoor game. Through this game, girls learnt tolerance, attentiveness, emotiveness, etc. Children were able to recognize the different feelings of each person and also the changes that happen according to the situations. It helped them to develop a positive sense of self, manage their emotions and get along with others, control their anger and improve their mental health. Thirty girls participated in the session.

Annual Evaluation at BOSCO



The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on July 5 and 6, 2021. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering. One-minute silence was observed to offer condolences to the families of our staff Mr. Manjunath, Cook, BOSCO Mane and Mr. Antony Swamy, Welding Instructor, BOSCO Sumanahalli on their demise. The new Directors, Brothers and Staff were welcomed to the BOSCO family. Fr. John MA, introduced Fr. Varghese Pallipuram and welcomed him to take the responsibility of the Executive Direc-

tor. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas welcomed Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas welcomed Fr. Dr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli. The Annual Evaluation was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the new Directors and staff.

In his message, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, thanked the staff for the generous and dedicated efforts in the field of child care and protection even during the COVID pandemic. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the programmes and activities of BOSCO during the last year and accordingly plan for the present year as well as prepare for the third wave of COVID-19. He spoke about management with special emphasis on Planning, Organizing, Decision Making, Implementing and Evaluating the programmes. In this process he felt that the staff, coordinators and directors become the leaders to take BOSCO forward.

The activities of twenty-six departments were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. Major events and activities to be organized during the year were planned. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. The staff members who were newly married, were felicitated. There was a farewell programme to Ms. Mary Triza who has served the organization in various capacities for twenty-seven years. All the managing directors of BOSCO and coordinators were present for the programme.

Child Protection Committees Formed

Child Protection Committees (CPCs) were formed at Anandapuram, Bengaluru, Hasiruvalli Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural and Giripuram community by BOSCO CREAM Project and Nilaya on July 7 and 14, 2021 respectively. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services and CREAM Project.

Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, explained about the four child rights, child rights violations. Seventy-six Anganwadi teachers, parents, child rights club leaders, area leaders, police, ASHA workers, PHC (Primary Health Center) members, members of Mamatha, Sochara and Action Aid NGOs PDO,



Panchayath members, village leaders and school Headmasters participated in the meetings.

Training of Child Rights Club members

First segment of training was organized by BOSCO CREAM Project for children from Child Rights Club (CRC) at GMPS, Vadakunte, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, GHPS, Honnenahalli, Nelamangala, Bengaluru, Rural and Bairappa Badavane Community, Bengaluru Urban, on July 12 and 20, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, introduced BOSCO and CREAM Project and explained about UNCRC, child rights, CRC -importance and roles and responsibilities. Children were asked to be leaders and support the deserving ones in difficult situations.

Mr. Devraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, briefed about CHILDLINE and responsibilities of CRC members. Children were asked to be active leaders and work towards achieving their goal. Teachers appreciated for the efforts made in motivating the



children. Hundred and thirty-two children were selected as club members.

Kidovation Session



Kidovation, a globally established educational programme to help children by providing Design thinking, Marketing and Coding lessons, bridging the creativity skills gap and teaching them critical thinking skills was organized by Accenture London, for the students of BOSCO Mane and Vikas on July 10, 2021.

The online training session via Google Meet named, 'The purpose of life is nothing but teaching and learning,' was facilitated by Nishi, Shravanthi and Bhawana. The interactive session consisted of activities, sharing and discussions. Twenty children from BOSCO Vikas attended the programme.

Vaccination Drive at BOSCO

The second COVID vaccination programme was organized by BOSCO Health Care in Collaboration with Shanti Nursing Home, Bengaluru for the staff of BOSCO, at BOSCO Mane on July 8, 2021. It was initiated by Mr. Shibulal Philanthropic Trust. The first COVID-19 vaccination camp was conducted at Shakti Palace, Cottonpet, Bengaluru organized by Om Shakti Trust, Bengaluru on June 14, 2021. Six staff of BOSCO Yuvodaya and five staff of BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE were given the first dose of the vaccine in the first programme and eighty staff from different centers, areas were given the jab in the second vaccination drive.

Health Awareness

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized health awareness programme in collaboration with St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru for the adolescent girls of the centre on July 16, 2021. Dr. Uma Rai and Sichithra, Nurse, spoke about the physical and mental changes that occur during adolescence as it is the transition phase from childhood to adulthood. The resource persons briefed about the necessary precautions to be taken to maintain personal health and hygiene. Thirty adolescent girls attended the session.

Public Awareness Programmes

BOSCO Nilya team organized Public Awareness programme at Chikkapete, Bengaluru on July 8, 2021. Public and shop keepers were given awareness on child rights, child rights violation, CHILDLINE, tuition centres established by BOSCO, vocational skill training courses at BOSCO, and remedial education at BOSCO Nilaya. The public appreciated and thanked the team for the efforts made in creating awareness. Shopkeepers and vendors took initiative to pass on the information to the public. Some girls from the area showed interest in joining Beautician course. One school dropout wanted to be re-enrolled in school. One of the migrant youths wanted to know whether migrant youths can take up skill training courses. Follow up is being done. Around 300 people were given awareness.

BOSCO Nivas organized public awareness programme at Ambedkar Huts on July 12, 2021. The team gave information about BOSCO, its services, vocational training courses at BOSCO, child related issues, CHILDLINE, etc., by distributing hand-bills. They sought the support of the public to reach out to the children in difficult situations. The public were also made aware of the COVID-19 pandemic and necessary precautions to be taken during the pandemic. Around two hundred and fifty people were reached out to through this programme.



BOSCO team operating at the Majestic Bus Stand organized public awareness programme for the commuters in BMTC and KSRTC Terminal -2 on July 19 and 20, 2021. Vinnarasi and Suma Bus Stand Team Members, spoke about child related issues like runaway children, child labour, child trafficking, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE-1098 and BOSCO services etc. Pamphlets were distributed to around two hundred and seventy people.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO Team working in the Bus Stand area organized a Task Force meeting for the auto drivers at

BMTC on July 26, 2021. The meeting was organized to acknowledge the support given by the auto drivers to BOSCO in the rescue and rehabilitation of the deserving children. Mr. Kiran and Mrs. Vinnarasi, Team Members spoke about the current issues faced by the children and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children on the streets. They also explained about child rights and the role of BOSCO in the protection of child rights. They shared about BOSCO Assistance center in the bus stand and its services, CHILDLINE 1098, etc. Mr. Nagaraja and Venkatesh, Auto drivers ensured that they would be attentive towards the needy children in the bus stands and promised to refer them to BOSCO. Thirty-eight auto drivers were part of the Task Force meeting.

Value Education on Discipline



A value education session on 'Discipline,' was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the girls residing in the centre on July 26, 2021. The purpose of the session was to gain willing acceptance of the standards and procedures of the Home and to encourage the children to learn and manage their feeling and behavior.

Sr. Mary Shamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, helped children identify the different types of feelings like being happy, excited, sad, angry, shy, feeling lonely, afraid, worried, etc. and also to understand how to deal with these feelings to remain calm and peaceful through short video clippings. It would help them to learn responsible behaviour, good values, gain self-control and take responsibility of their actions. Thirty resident girls participated in the session.

Staff Capacity Building



BOSCO CREAM Project organized staff capacity building training for the staff at BOSCO Nilaya on July 10, 2021. Jinu Mathew, Programme Manager, BREADS Bengaluru explained about CRC, CRC Federation, CPC, Makkala Grama Sabha and documentation. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, explained about how to write the reports with emphasis on the impact of the activity. Nine staff attended the training.

Health Camp



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a health camp for the children in coordination with BOSCO Health Department at the centre on July 2, 2021. Dr. Abraham and Dr. Sandhya, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, conducted the camp. The Doctors checked the eyes, ear, nose, throat, height, weight and general health of the children. Medicines were given as per prescriptions. Sixty children availed the benefits of the camp.