



E-Street Voice

Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

Editorial Note...

Guru Devo Bhava!

“The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires,” says William Arthur Ward, educator and author. Teacher’s Day is celebrated nation-wide on September 5. The closure of schools due to COVID-19 pandemic dealt a heavy blow not only on the lives of children but also on the lives of teachers. However, heroic and inspiring stories of teachers adapting themselves to the situation from various parts of the country, is heartwarming.

National Teachers Day Award for the year was conferred on Ajit Kumar Sethy, Head Master, Government Upper Primary School, Kanamana, Chatrapur, Odisha, by Honorable President Ramnath Kovind.

When he joined the school four years ago, the institution lacked infrastructure and the rate of school dropouts was high. Along with the stakeholders in the community and the locality, he improved the infrastructure and composed songs based on the lessons to keep the classes interesting and more engaging.

There are several other teachers, unsung heroes who went about the sublime task of imparting education to the children beating the odds and moving miles out of their comfort zones. Let us salute our teachers and join hands with them in transforming the society.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Teacher’s Day Celebrations



Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan and Gandhinagar area celebrated Teacher’s Day on September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2021 at the respective centres. Children performed dances and songs, did drawings and paintings. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teacher’s Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Fr. Vaghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the children at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, appreciated the teachers at the centre. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, said that teachers are

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State Level Planning and Monitoring Meeting

BOSCO Foster Care Programme organized State Level Planning and Monitoring Meeting for the Social Mobilizers of ten districts of Karnataka at BOSCO Yuvodaya on September 18, 2021. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, expressed his happiness for creating awareness about foster care concept for all sections of people in the society. He said that now the focus should be on placing the children in the families for foster care.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, spoke about goal setting and about achieving them. He presented the meaning of Log Frame Analysis (LFA), advantages of LFA, case study format, sample case studies, reporting format, success stories, difference between case study and success Story, LFA format and how to capture photos.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru presented a summary of the draft SOP for Foster Care. He made a presentation of the Foster Care Standard Operating Procedures including the meaning of foster care, basic principles of foster care, objectives of foster care service, types, eligible criteria of children, selection criteria of foster family, and responsibilities of different stakeholders, monitoring and follow up, records and documents to be maintained.



Social Mobilizers shared about the Application forms for Prospective Parents that were submitted to DCPU, the status of foster care children in foster families, about the meeting to be planned with DCPO, CWC Members, PO-NIC, PO – IC, BOSCO and ICPS Director. Social Mobilizers from ten districts presented the two-month statistical data, challenges and achievements. There was a discussion about accounting procedures. Mr. Ganesh, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, Bellary proposed vote of thanks. Sixteen participants from ten districts of Karnataka along with BOSCO staff were present in the meeting.

Police Sensitization Programme



BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), Bengaluru, in coordination with Chamarajpet Police Station organized a sensitization programme and Masika Jana Samparka Sabha in the police station premises on September 25, 2021. Mr. Thippeswamy D, Coordinator,

BOSCO SJPU Project briefed about the project to the group. He explained about JJ Act, JJ Board, children in conflict with law and the difference between serious and non-serious cases. He also explained about the roles and responsibilities of child welfare officers.

Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project explained about child abuse and corporal punishment according to JJ Act. Mr. B S Lokapoora, Police Inspector, Chamarajpet Police Station spoke on the occasion. Mr. Govind Naik, ASI, Traffic Police, ensured police support to SJPU team. Mr. Ravi P, ACP, West Division, Bengaluru was present in the programme. Forty-seven police and local people attended the programme.

Public Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Nilaya conducted awareness to the public and shopkeepers at Jolly Mohalla and Bhangi Colony, Bengaluru on September 7 and 23, 2021. The general public appreciated and thanked the Nilaya team for the efforts made in creating awareness about CHILDLINE, tuition class, opportunities given for vocational training and other services. Two youth and one adult were interested in joining skill training course. Two youths showed interest joining driving class. Around 350 people were given awareness.

BOSCO Nivas conducted awareness for the people at the community, shopkeepers, auto drivers, stalls owners and public in the areas surrounding BOSCO Nivas at Shivajinagar, Bengaluru on September 18, 2021. The team created awareness about tailoring class, BOSCO vocational training programmes, child rights, child helpline 1098 and

free tuition classes from LKG to 10th standard. As per the Government notification schools would reopen for 6th to 10th std. Hence, information was given to the children to attend school regularly and follow the COVID -19 protocols like wearing masks, sanitizing hands frequently and maintaining social distance. Handouts containing information about BOSCO were distributed to around three hundred people.

BOSCO Team working in the Bus Stand organized public awareness in BMTc and KSRTC Bus Stands on September 17 and 24, 2021. Kiran, Vijaya and Vinnarasi, Team Members gave awareness about child rights, child related issues, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, 1098, BOSCO and its services, child assistance centre, to the public and shopkeepers. Around four hundred pamphlets were distributed to the public.

Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO

First quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held on September 16, 2021 at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, exhorted every staff of BOSCO to know about the organization, about the target groups, the team and about one's role in the organization. Shivaraju, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru shared the programme schedule for the day.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas and centres of BOSCO. 'BOSCO at a Glance,' of June 2020 and May 2021, Street Voice of April to June 2021 and E-Street Voice, August, 2021 were released by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BNRD on the occasion.

Plans for the upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. Some of the new reporting for-



mats were introduced and explained. The newly appointed coordinator of BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE was welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2021 to August 2021. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme.

Anniversary Celebration of BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated the fifth anniversary on September 21, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address highlighted the achievements of Nilaya and thanked the staff, management, partners, stakeholders, well-wishers and above all, the children, for the success of the centre. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru enumerated the activities of BOSCO Nilaya, like providing education, conducting extra-curricular activities, tuition classes, karate classes, moral/value education classes, computer classes etc. and exhorted the children to utilize the facilities to the maximum. Area children staged cultural programmes. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator BOSCO Nilaya screened a video of BOSCO Nilaya taking the gathering down the memory lane.

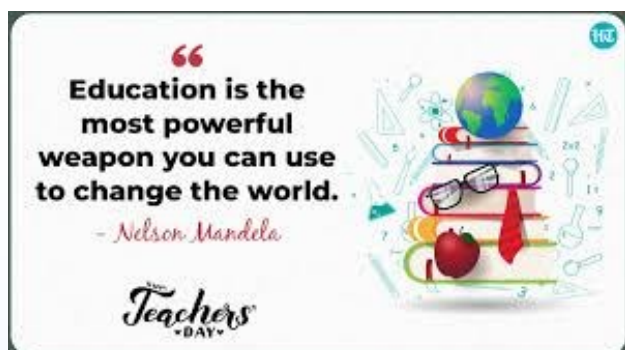
Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Amal, Project



Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru and Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru were present on the occasion. Food and snacks were distributed to the children. Hundred and forty-five children from the tuition centres and areas along with staff of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Student Volunteers, Tuition Teachers and neighbours participated in the celebrations.

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Teacher's Day Celebrations



God's messengers. He asked the children to be grateful to all the teachers and staff of BOSCO as they not only teach but also guide and shape the character and future of the students. He enlightened children about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and about the importance of the day. Fr. Joshy Puttur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the role of teachers and their valuable contribution to the society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas guided the children to respect all their teachers. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations.

Session on Relationship Skills



A session on 'Relationship Skills' was organized by BOSCO Rainbow Home for the children residing in the centre, on September 15, 2021. The purpose of the session was to guide children to have healthy relationships in life and to communicate effectively, evolve, grow and collaborate well with their peers. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home explained how relationships are critical in achieving success in life. She said that everyone should develop the ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships, communicate effectively, resolve conflicts, resist peer pressure, and collaborate - all essential in human interactions. Twenty-six girls participated in the session.

Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru celebrated the 36th anniversary of the centre on September 8, 2021. Sr. Sivly, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, shared about the achievements of Yuvakendra and the milestones reached. Rev. Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian province of Bangalore, noticed that the past pupils were doing well in life.



He felt that it was because of BOSCO's intervention that they are into the mainstream society and have carved a niche for themselves. He asked the staff and the directors to continue the good work and provide children what they did not get from the society. Centre youth staged a cultural programme to mark the anniversary celebration. Shoes were distributed to the tuition children during the occasion. Fr. Varghese

Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. CV George, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra welcome the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Centre youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.

Session on Moral Education



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a Value Education session on the 'Importance of Moral Education' to the inmates of the centre on September 16, 2021. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, conducted an activity-based session to help children to distinguish between right and wrong attitudes and behaviors and to get rid of vices like dishonesty, jealousy, anger, etc.

She exhorted children to acquire a set of values and beliefs and follow moral codes. Children listed out some of the moral values such as love, kindness, respect, obedience, sacrifice, honesty, leadership, unity, empathy, courage, sharing, cheerfulness, forgiveness, learning, humility, justice, hope, confidence, cooperate, gentle, politeness, confidence, peace, etc. in the form of drawing. Twenty-one girls attended the session.

Certificates Awarded



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized Certificate Distribution programme for the students who had completed the skill training courses from the centre on September 28, 2021. Addressing the trainees, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru explained the importance of receiving the certificate after having completed the course in Tailoring and Beautician trades. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram appreciated the instructors for their hard work towards training these students. Thirty trainees received the course completion certificate.

Stakeholder's Workshop at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya organized a workshop for the stakeholders at the centre on September 28, 2021. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, gave an Introduction about BOSCO and its services and the CREAM Project. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about children's rights. Mr. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Yuvodaya briefly explained about who the children are and the importance of education. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE shared about child mar-

riage and education related cases during the COVID pandemic period. Mr. Thippeswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project said that the police have assured to make Bengaluru 'drug-free' region and will support BOSCO in attending cases related to substance abuse in the areas.

Mr. Anto Michael, Taluk Physical Officer, Bengaluru appreciated the work of BOSCO. Mr. Dhananjay, Sub Inspector, Cottonpet Police Station shared that he had come across many child laborers and other child related cases during his tenure. He felt that BOSCO is not only providing services to the needy children but also transforming them into responsible citizens. Twenty-seven stakeholders including Police officers, ASHA workers, Anganawadi workers, School teachers, Education officers, Community leaders, Youths, NSC Group President, self-help group members, NGOs participated in the workshop.

Awareness for Self Help Group



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an awareness for Self Help Group (SHG) Members of Haalu Utpadakara Sangha, Guduvanahalli, Devanahalli Circle, Bengaluru Rural on September 6, 2021. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme spoke about rights of children, and the procedures for placement of children in foster care. Nandini, Documentation Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, addressed the queries put forth by the group. Mamatha, Anganwadi Teacher welcomed the participants. Sujatha, SHG Member proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty SHG members benefited from the awareness programme.

State level Staff Training



BOSCO CREAM Project attended the State Level Staff Training and Meeting organized by BREADS Bengaluru at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru on September 14 and 15, 2021. Fr. Sebastian, Rector, Provincial House and Fr. Deepu, Assistant Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, Fr. Rubin Mathew, Executive Director, BREADS, Mr. Kishor Attavar, Mr. Benny, Manager, BREADS, and Ms. Sherlin spoke on the occasion. Ms. Catherin, Accounts, BREADS Bengaluru explained about the accounting procedures and the vouchers. Six staff of BOSCO CREAM Project attended the training.

Meeting of SJPU Partner NGOs

A meeting of SJPU Partner NGOs was organized by BOSCO SJPU Project at BOSCO Mane on September 3, 2021. APSA, PARASPARA and ECHO along with BOSCO had a meeting to plan further course of action in view of the project, as the project has been reinstated. Mr. Tippeswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, shared in detail the activities undertaken during the lockdown, achievements and challenges faced. The representatives of the Partner NGOs too shared their work, achievements and challenges in their respective jurisdictions.

Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project facilitated the session on implementation of the project with the involvement of the DCPU. A collective decision was taken to give a letter to the DCPO and ACPs



of all the divisions regarding the problems and challenges encountered during the implementation of the project during the previous years so as to ensure smooth running of the project in the coming year. Twelve Directors, Coordinators and Social Workers of the Partner NGOs attended the meeting.

Launch of Mulmina: A Nutritious Health Supplement



Mulmina, a clinically proven immune booster, was launched by Jagadale Pharma and Rotary, Bengaluru Aagneya in partnership with Tetra Pak India Pvt Ltd. to mark the Birth Centenary Celebration of Shri Radhakrishna Jagadale, Founder, Jagadale Industries Pvt. Ltd. at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru on September 20, 2021. Mr. Simon, Director, Jagadale Pharma, speaking on the occasion, said that Mulmina is a nutritious health supplement packed with natural strong immune boosters, powerful antioxidants and stress relievers that strengthen the immune system.

It helps fight against viral and bacterial infections,

distribute Mulmina.

Several Rotarians, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Rubin Mathew, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. The Immune Boosters were given to Fr. Varghese Pallipuram to be distributed to the children of BOSCO. Gifts were distributed to the children. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan performed a prayer dance. Thirty children from BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan were present for the programme.

relieves stress and calms the body. It contains immune boosting vitamins such as Vitamin A, B-complex vitamins, Vitamin C and Vitamin E and minerals such as Zinc, Iron and Selenium. He said that there was a plan to reach out to more than thirty thousand children across India. The company has chosen BOSCO Bengaluru to

Parents meetings Organized



A meeting was organized for the parents of children attending tuition classes at Vyayam Shaale and Cement Huts on September 13, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services. He motivated

the parents to send their children to the tuition classes. Ms. Kalaivani, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya explained about the importance of education, hygiene and cleanliness and the skill training programs available at BOSCO and also about COVID 19 pandemic and preventive measures to be taken for the 3rd wave. Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya explained about proper usage of mobile and social media. Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CRAM Project spoke about child rights and child related issues. He motivated the parents to inform BOSCO CHILDLINE if they come across children in difficult situations. Twenty-two parents attended the meeting.

Provincial Visitation at BOSCO

Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore held a three-day visit to BOSCO, Bengaluru from September 8 to 10, 2021. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the provincial to the organization.

Fr. Provincial visited all the centres and areas of BOSCO and interacted with the Confreres, staff and the coordinators. He expressed his happiness saying that BOSCO is like a family collectively rendering selfless services towards the needy children and youth. He observed that BOSCO is growing tremendously and the work is being recognized at the national level. He shared a story from the book 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' highlighting the importance of loving the children wholeheartedly in order to transform them into responsible independent citizens.

He participated in the anniversary celebration of BOSCO Yuvakendra. He felt that following the path



of Don Bosco, BOSCO through its presence, is nourishing the children and youth to live life in all its fullness. The new Brochure of BOSCO was released during his visit. All the staff and managing directors were present during his visit.

Adolescent Girls' Meetings

BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya organized adolescents' meeting at Nehrupuram, Shivajinagar, Vyayam Shaala and Cement Huts, Bengaluru on September 23 and 24, 2021. Priya Malini, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas educated the girls about proper use of internet on the mobile phone, usage of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Advantages and disadvantage of social media was discussed. Misuse of data shared in the social media was also discussed.

The session started with an explanation on the importance of personal hygiene, safe and unsafe touch. Ms. Kalaivani, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya explained about the proper use social media and mobile



phones. Motivational videos were screened. Twenty-three adolescent girls attended the session.

Youth Group Meeting



BOSCO Nivas organized youth group meeting for the college students at Shivajinagar Bus Stand on September 23, 2021. COVID 19 protocols such as sanitizing hands frequently, wearing masks, and maintaining social distance were explained in detail. Priya Malini, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas said that teacher has to pay more attention to students, students should focus more on studies, there should be more interactions between students and teacher.

Students felt that their focus on the topics in the classes conducted online was less and teachers could not keep proper track of the students. They felt that offline classes were much better than the online mode of studies. Ten youth were a part of this meeting.

Awareness in Trains and Bus Stands



Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programme for the passengers in the train on Platform No. 1, Yelahanka, Cantonment, Kengeri, Bidadi, Railway Stations, and Yelahanka Old Town Bus Stand and Yelahanka NES Bus Stand, Bengaluru, during September, 2021.

The team gave information regarding CHILD-LINE 1098, child rights, children in distress and COVID -19 protocols by distributing pamphlets in the trains, Bus Stands and Plat Forms. Around eight hundred passengers and public were given awareness.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

September- 2021



-	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	270	54	324
Service provided	137	117	254
Grand Total	407	171	578

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	95	17	00	00	112
Bus Stand BMTC	26	06	00	00	32
Bus Stand KSRTC	40	08	00	00	48
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	01	00	03
BOSCO Sumanahalli	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO MANE	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	00	01	00	00	01
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	04	00	00	04
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	05	00	00	05
CHILDLINE	02	04	00	00	06
Child Safety Net	19	00	00	00	19
Special Juvenile Police Unit	09	07	00	00	16
Adjacent Railway Street Presence	73	02	00	00	75
TOTAL	269	54	01	00	324

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	136	26	162
Home Placement	70	14	84
Produced before CWC (Admission)	21	14	35
Referred to OH	05	00	05
Referred to Hostels	00	00	00
Referred to Balarakshak	38	00	38
TOTAL	270	54	324

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	12	16	28
Unaccompanied	258	38	296
TOTAL	270	54	324