



# E-Street Voice

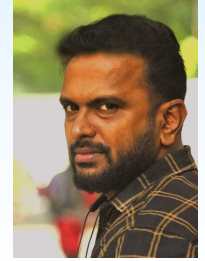
*Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru*

## *Editorial Note...*

### Remembering a Real-life Hero...

People of Karnataka, members of the film fraternity, well-wishers and fans across the country were plunged into a sea of sadness at the unexpected departure of Puneeth Rajkumar, the popular Kannada actor. “Shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic news of Puneeth Rajkumar's demise. One of the humblest people I've met and interacted with,” tweeted Mahesh Babu, a Telugu Film Actor. The tweet is just one among the hundreds of messages that flooded the new media and as well as the main stream media. The philanthropic efforts and his willingness to campaign for various social causes gained him many admirers. The actor contributed significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic by spreading awareness and by donating ₹ 50 lakhs to the Karnataka CM Relief Fund. He had given ₹ 5 lakhs to the Chief Minister's Natural

Calamity Relief Fund to help flood victims in North Karnataka. Puneeth was supporting 26 orphanages, 16 old age homes, and 19 gaushalas. He used to make regular donations to few Kannada Medium schools. The actor, through his charitable institution, ‘Shakthidhama,’ was supporting thousands of underprivileged girl children. Besides, Puneeth Rajkumar donated his eyes and as per Dr Bhujanga Shetty, Director Narayana Nethralaya, four people received sight because of the actor. May the life of this real life hero be an inspiration as we endeavour to transform the lives the less privileged.



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

## International Day of Girl Child



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan celebrated International Day of the Girl Child at the centre on October 11,

2021 on the theme, ‘Digital Generation Our Generation’. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that there is gender inequality still prevailing in the society including the digital world. Ms. Bharathi Devi BS., DCPO, Bengaluru Urban, said that this day is mainly celebrated to create awareness about gender discrimination. Bharathi, Sub Inspector, GRP Cantonment, Bengaluru, said that even now, in Indian society, many consider girls as burden to the family. Children of the centre performed songs and dances on the occasion. Around hundred children, trainees, Directors and staff were present on the occasion.

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Addressing the gathering at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Ms. Shakila, Head constable, Wilson Garden police station, said, “Mobile phones and other online platforms are to be used responsibly. Everyone should promptly and boldly report abuses so that the police can take appropriate action.” Dr. Shobha, Roshni Nursing Home, Wilson Garden, exhorted the children to take care of their health and pay attention to personal hygiene. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, reminded everyone about the crucial role of girl children and women in the society. Around forty children and staff participated in the programme.

As the part of International Day of the Girl Child, BOSCO Sumanahalli organized drawing competition and games to create awareness about protecting girls. Seventeen youth participated in the celebration.

International day of the girl child celebration was organized at BOSCO Nilaya, Vyayaam Shaale and Vinobha Nagar areas. Ms. Brunda and Mr. Vinod, Social Activists, BOSCO Nilaya briefly explained about the importance of the day and about the protection and safety of girl child. Essay and drawing competitions were conducted for the tuition children. Hundred and six tuition children and two tuition teachers along with staff and student volunteers participated the program.

BOSCO Nivas celebrated International Day of the Girl Child in Nehru Puram, Makan Compound, Ambedkar huts and Nivas to motivate and inspire the girls by giving relevant examples of great women who were born as ordinary people but made useful contributions to the society by proving themselves as strong individuals. Twenty-four girls were part of the celebrations.

An awareness program was organized at the entrance of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE by placing a kiosk. The team distributed the pamphlets highlighting the importance of the day. In the afternoon a rally was organized in coordination with Ms. Rashmi, CLA. Mr. Waseem, CI, RPF, Ms. Devasmitha, Senior Police Commissioner, Ms. Kusuma, ARDM, Ms. Anusha, SI, RPF and other officials were present in the rally. Around two hundred people were benefitted from the programme.

Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chief Guest of the programme at BOSCO Mane said that girl children should be given equal rights in the society. She exhorted everyone to respect and safeguard the rights of the girl child.

Ms. Geethamala, Counsellor sensitized the youth and children from the area, on the theme, ‘Digital Generation, Our Generation’ at BOSCO Yuvakendra, Magadi Road, Bengaluru. Fr. CV George, staff and forty children participated in the programme.

The International Day of the Girl Child was organized for the children of Gandhinagar area at BOSCO Yuvodaya. Sr. Jyothi, Mangalore spoke about digital generation and gender inequality. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya spoke on the occasion. Children from the area performed dances and songs. Drawing competition on gender inequality was organized for the children and prizes were given to the winners.



## Workshop for Child Safety Enhancement



BOSCO Bengaluru organized a Workshop for Child Safety Enhancement for the members of the Child Protection Committees of the organization at BOSCO Yuvodaya on October 21, 2021. In his introductory words, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that the presence of Child Protection Committee (CPC) in an organization ensures that child rights are restored and upheld.

Ms. Edwina Pereira, Child First Foundation, facilitated the session on understanding the Child Safeguarding Policy of BOSCO and explained in detail about Recruitment, Induction, training, Management systems, Behaviour protocols, Appropriate behaviors of the staff, visitors and the relationship of children among themselves in the CCIs, Communication protocols regarding children, Reporting and reaction protocols regarding allegations of abuse and partnerships, services and empowerment through activities and through presentation of various cases.

Ms. Santa Silvia, Child First Foundation explained about the five types of abuse with special mention on child sexual abuse. The mantra that should be taught to children in times of abuse- 'Run, Yell and Tell' was told. All the CCIs, Central Committee and the General committee planned their activities for the year as CPC members. Twenty-nine CPC members of the CCIs, Central Committee and the General committee attended the workshop.

## Training of Child Rights Club Members



CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized two levels of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in ten schools of Bengaluru Urban and Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural, during October 2021.

Staff members of CREAM Project briefed about BOSCO and CHILDLINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, Child, Child Rights, Child related laws and about Children in difficult situations. Children were motivated to call 1098, Child helpline number, during difficult situations. Children expressed that these trainings helped them become better individuals and empower them to fight for their rights. Two hundred and six CRC members attended the trainings.

## Outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized one-day outing to Biological Park, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru for the children at the centre on October 20, 2021. Children strolled around the park enjoying the greenery, watching different animals, birds, reptiles and insects. They sang and danced to their heart's content. They enjoyed a sumptuous lunch. Later during the day, they visited the convent of the Holy Spirit Sisters. Kavya SA, Student, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan briefed about the activities of the centre. Children enthralled the audience with their dance. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and eight staff joined the children for the outing. Fifty children were part of the outing.

## Dasara Camps at BOSCO

Dasara camp was organized for the children of BOSCO Centres from October 11 to October 22, 2021. The purpose of the camp was to engage the children in meaningful activities during Dasara holidays and help them understand themselves better.

BOSCO Vikas and Mane organized the camp from October 11 to October 19, 2021 at BOSCO Mane. Sessions on health, leadership, family and society (social responsibility), environment, etc. were conducted. Craft work, drawing, singing, story-telling, roleplays, cooking and sports- volley ball, cricket, indoor games, motivation games, etc. were organized. Points were given based on their performance, discipline and behavior. Prizes were distributed to the winners. Forty boys benefitted from the camp.

Dasara camp was organized for the children at BOSCO Rainbow Home from October 12 to 17, 2021 at BOSCO Rainbow Home. The input sessions included, 'Importance of Discipline in our life' and moral values by Ms. Thara T, Assistant Professor and Outreach Coordinator, Bembala, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, music class by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, value of education by Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, time management by Sr. Leena, Holy Cross and anger management by Hope Work Foundation. Art and craft classes like basic stitching, stage performances, paper garland making, cake making, drawing and painting, rangoli, cooking without fire, dance, skit singing and sports activities such as playing throw ball, leg cricket, kho-kho, Kabbadi, picking of dog's bone, etc. were organized.

The Camp in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan was conducted separately for the juniors and seniors from October 15 to 20, 2021. The senior girls were conscientized on social responsibility. The children went to various centers- BOSCO Nilaya, Yuvakendra and Mane to give awareness on environmental conservation and personal hygiene. The children had an opportunity to visit and spend time with the differently abled children at Cottolengo Special School, Varthur, Whitefield. The girls also tried raising funds for needy children by keeping charity box. Drawing competition was organized as part of World Food Day for the senior girls.



The juniors were divided into three groups. Activities such as composing action songs, Janapada geethe, dumb charades, tie and dye colouring on cloth, folk dance and fashion show were organized. Sixty children participated in the camp.

BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli conducted Dasara camp in the centre from October 13 - 22, 2021. Volley ball and basketball coaching were given to the youth. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya and Fr. Joshi SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skills Training Center, Sumanahalli were present during the camp. Seventeen youth benefitted from the camp.

Dussehra Mix Masala Camp was held in St. Theresa Church Hall, JC Road Bengaluru for the children from the neighboring slums under the auspices of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas from October 18 to 20, 2021. Sessions on health and hygiene, goal setting, importance of education, child rights and responsibilities, adolescent health and COVID awareness, leadership and team building. Group activities, games, party games, competitions, art and craft, karate and aerobics, cultural programmes were organized. Resource persons were, team of doctors and health professionals from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and Master Marlinga. Over 200 children attended the camp.

## Ragazzi Rilalssatevi Camp



Three-day camp – Ragazzi Rilalssatevi was organized for the youth at BOSCO Yuvakendra at the centre and at St. Philomena High School, Railway Colony, Bengaluru from October 30, 2021 to November 1, 2021.

Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra inaugurated the camp. Mr. Nagraj and Mr. Mahesh, Past Pupils, BOSCO, conducted the camp by involving the group in various activities, exercises and games. Outdoor sessions were conducted in St. Philomena's High School.

The participants were asked to share their dreams with one another and a discussion on how education helps to fulfill one's dream was taken up. Through a tableau, the youths showed how they could stay connected to each other. In the concluding programme, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas exhorted the youths to bring their thoughts into actions and fulfill their dreams. The participants shared their experiences and learnings of the camp. Sixteen youths participated in the camp.

## Life Skill Session



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized life skill session on 'Understanding Others' for the girls of the centre on October 21, 2021. The purpose of organizing the session was to prepare children to know about the emotions and feelings of others, be empathetic towards them and to train the children to have a spiritual approach towards others who are in distress. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted various activities to explain the concept. She explained about empathy. Twenty-six girls participated in the life skill session.

## World Food Day Celebrations



Food Festival was celebrated in BOSCO Centres as part of World Food Day on October 16, 2021 on the theme - "Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life". Children at the centres prepared various dishes like vegetable salad, fruit salad, bhelupuri, bread cake, milk Shake, vegetable sandwich, vegetable pulav, gobi, custard, etc. The stalls were arranged and variety of dishes were served. It gave them an opportunity to learn cooking and know the importance of food. They learnt to become Food Heroes for a better and more sustainable world. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Directors of the centres and staff appreciated the children for preparing delicious food. All the children and youths, staff of the centre participated in the food festival.

## Parents' meetings



Parents' Meeting was organized at Vinobha Nagar, Bengaluru by BOSCO Nilaya on October 13, 2021. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, briefed about BOSCO, its services and skill training programmes available at BOSCO. He explained about different Government schemes, COVID pandemic, education, maintaining hygiene and cleanliness. He briefed about child rights and child related issues. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO Nilaya explained about Pradana Mantri Mathru Vandana Yojana and about proper mobile and social media usage. Twenty-parents, area leader and one tuition teacher participated in the meeting.

BOSCO team working in Gandhinagar area organized a meeting for the parents of the children attending tuition classes at Annamma Temple Colony, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru on October 28, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to make the parents aware of the safety precautions for their school going children and about following COVID -19 protocols. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the responsibilities of parents towards educating their children. The parents were also informed about the vocational trades that could be pursued by the youths in BOSCO. The children were told about discipline, punctuality, maintaining social distance and wearing masks in schools. Parents were happy that their children were attending regular tuition classes. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO, Bengaluru, Br. Rathnakar Singh, PMI and Ms. Vijaya, Tuition Teacher were present in the meeting. Twenty-two parents attended the meeting.

## Advocacy Meeting with the Stakeholders



BOSCO CREAM Project in collaboration with BOSCO SJPU Project organized an advocacy meeting with the stakeholders at Chamarajpet Police Station, Bengaluru on October 23, 2021. Mr. Lokapur, Inspector, Chamarajpet Police Station welcomed the gathering. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services and CREAM Project. Mr. Lokapur explained about the youths' addiction to drugs. Thirty-three stakeholders including area leaders, social workers, police officials, SHGs, and staff from Child Welfare Department were present in the meeting.

## Value Education on Uniqueness



Value Education session on 'Uniqueness' was conducted for the children at BOSCO Rainbow Home on October 22, 2021. Sr. Shamala Mary, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, made the children understand that every individual is unique and exhorted them to develop positive attitudes through screening of motivational movies. She asked them to listen to their heart and embrace their uniqueness to develop further and explore their true self. Twenty-two girls benefitted from the session.

## Foster Care Awareness Programmes

Foster Care awareness programmes were organized by BOSCO Foster Care Project at the PHC, Anganwadi Centre and Gram Panchayat Office for the ASHA workers, SHG members and PRI members at Tubhgere, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural on October 4 and 7, 2021. Mr. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Project spoke about the activities of BOSCO, foster care concept, adoption process, child laws and child protection mechanisms. He requested the participants to disseminate the information regarding foster care so that more prospective foster parents and children could be identified. Twenty-six ASHA workers, twenty-five SHG members and thirty-two PRI members attended the awareness programmes.

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an awareness programme for the children, trainees and staff at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on October 8, 2021. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Project, spoke about the importance of children being brought up in a family rather than being institutionalized. He explained in detail about the foster care concept and the procedures followed in fostering a child. A video regarding foster care was screened. A radio



clipping of Balraj, Foster Parent sharing his experience of fostering children was also played during the programme. Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan was present in the programme. Sixty children, trainees and staff attended the programme.

## Monitoring Visit to Don Bosco Makkalalaya



BOSCO Foster Care Project organized a monitoring visit to Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Mysuru, on October 28, 2021. As per the schedule, Foster Care team met the prospective parents and had a discussion with them regarding the procedures involved in fostering children. DCPO appreciated parents for coming forward to foster children.

Later during the day DCPU, Mysuru organized a meeting with the NGOs. Mr. Chandra Kumar, Legal and PO, DCPU, briefed about JJ Act and Child Rights. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO

Foster Care Programme explained in brief about foster care concept. Mr. Dhevaraj Bhute, Secretary, Legal Service Authority, Fr. Siju Thomas, Director, Don Bosco Mysuru, Mr. Abhi Kumar, DCPO, Mysuru and Mr. Basavaraju, Deputy Director, DWCD, Mysuru were present in the meeting.

The team also verified foster care documents maintained by the district NGO. Instructions regarding maintaining of separate files for different activities, keeping photo documentation, conducting activities as per the timeline were given. The staff were asked to focus more on identification of potential children and parents and placing them in foster families. Nandini, Documentation in-charge, BOSCO Foster Care Project and Mr. Tony Clifford, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, Mysuru district were also present during the monitoring visit.

## Public Awareness Campaigns



BOSCO team working at the Bus Stand organized an awareness programme for commuters at BMTC Terminal 3 on October 22, 2021. The public were given information about child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, child helpline- 1098, child related issues such as child labour, child trafficking, child abuse, missing children, runaway children, etc. Around two hundred people were given awareness by distributing pamphlets.

BOSCO Nivas conducted Public Awareness Programme in Church Street, Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru on October 11, 2021 to create awareness among people about tailoring training, other vocational trades at BOSCO, child rights and child helpline 1098 and free

tuition classes from LKG to 10<sup>th</sup> std conducted at the centre. The public were made aware of the issues of children and the dangers they face when on street and that, they as active citizens could assist BOSCO in identifying and rescuing such children. The team advised the public and the shopkeepers to send their children back to schools as the schools are re-opened. Handbills were distributed to two hundred and fifty people.

BOSCO Nilaya team conducted shop to shop and public awareness at KR Market, Bengaluru on October 25, 2021. Information regarding child rights, child rights violation, CHILDLINE, tuition centres, vocational skill training courses, karate classes at BOSCO Nilaya, was given. Around 55 people were given awareness. Three youths showed interest in joining skill training course. Two child labour cases were identified.

The team working in Gandhinagar area conducted awareness campaign on October 27, 2021. The team, Mr. Ramaswamy, Bro. Rathnakar Singh, Ravindra KD, Divya G and Chandrashekar created awareness about child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE 1098, child related issues such as children into begging, child marriage, child abuse, child labour, regarding Child Assistance Center in Gandhinagar Area at Ananda Rao Signal, Mourya signal, S C Road signal, Y R Road signal and Annamma temple signal in Gandhinagar. Around hundred public and shopkeepers were given awareness.

## Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Sumanahalli



The 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BOSCO Sumanahalli was celebrated on October 9, 2021. Fr. Irudaya, Asst. Director, Sumanahalli Society exhorted the youth to fol-

low the footsteps of Don Bosco and become good citizens. Youths of the centre staged cultural programs. Fr. Pradeep, Parish Priest, Moodalapalya, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas and sisters from Sumanahalli Society were present on the occasion. Fr. Dr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli shared about the achievements of the center during the previous year. Hundred and five youths and children from Devaraj Urs community attended the programme.



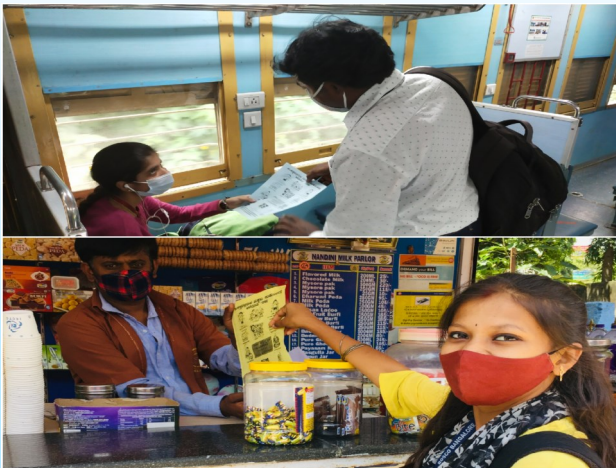
## Adolescent Girls' Meetings

BOSCO Nilaya conducted adolescent girls' meeting at Ramanna Garden on October 9, 2021. Ms. Rasha and Ms. Rohitha, Student Volunteers explained about the importance of education and maintaining personal hygiene. They also spoke about safe and unsafe touch. They emphasized on the importance of maintaining personal hygiene. Fifteen girls attended the session.

BOSCO Nivas organized a meeting for the adolescent girls at the centre on October 26, 2021. They were given information about personal appearance and good manners. The girls were told to wear comfortable and decent clothes, keep the tone and words positive and polite when communicating with people. Ten girls participated in the meeting.



## Awareness Programmes



Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness programme for the shopkeepers at the Kengeri Railway Station on October 8, 2021. Nitya V, Team Member, BOSCO ARSP spoke about BOSCO and its activities, CHILDLINE programme, missing children, problems faced by children, and the process of child rescue. Eight shopkeepers benefitted from this programme.

Adjacent Railway Street Presence organized awareness programme in moving trains, from Cantonment Railway Station to KSR Railway Station on October 28, 2021. Shekar and Rangaswamy, ARSP team, distributed pamphlets containing information about CHILDLINE, 1098, child related issues, BOSCO and its services. Eighty passengers benefitted from the awareness.

## Outing to Fun World



BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli arranged an outing to Fun and Water Amusement Park, Bengaluru for the youths of the centre on October 29, 2021. The youths engaged themselves in amusement rides such as a roller coaster, Ferris wheel, bumper cars and in all types of water games. They enjoyed the games and the rides and felt relaxed and refreshed. Twenty-six youths benefitted from the programme.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT October- 2021



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	193	35	228
Service provided	80	36	116
Grand Total	273	71	344

## New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway ChildLine	107	17	00	00	124
Bus stand BMTC	18	02	00	00	20
Bus stand KSRTC	07	04	00	00	11
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	03	01	00	00	04
CHILDLINE	02	01	00	00	03
CSN	09	01	00	00	10
SJPU	09	07	00	00	16
ARSP	34	02	00	00	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>228</b>

## Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	62	05	67
Home Placement	112	10	122
Produced before CWC (Admission)	12	19	31
Shishumandir	01	00	01
Referred to OH	02	00	02
Referred to Hostels	01	00	01
Recommended to Hostel	02	01	03
Handed over to police	01	00	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>228</b>

## Classification Report