



# E-Street Voice

*Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru*

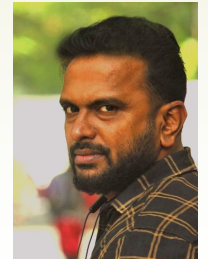
## Editorial Note...

### Bouncing Forward!

Albert Camus, the French Philosopher once said, “In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there’s something stronger – something better, pushing right back.” In other words, the ability to cope with struggles and difficulties and flourish lies deep within each cell of our being. ‘Resilience’ is the power to bounce back. Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary defines resilience as, ‘the ability of people or things to feel better quickly, after something unpleasant, such as a shock, injury, etc.’ And, ‘the ability of a substance to return to its original shape after it has been bent, stretched, or pressed.’ In short, anything that bounces back needs to primarily discover that primordial ability within. Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant, in their book, ‘Option B,’ sug-

gest yet another option, of ‘growth’ after a traumatic experience, the ability to bounce forward.

In the institutions of Don Bosco, the month of January is celebrated as the month of Don Bosco (the founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco across the world). Don Bosco, the man who later came to be known as father and friend of youth was born into a poor peasant family in Italy in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Having lost his father at a young age, Don Bosco had to overcome innumerable odds before he could become a beacon of hope for the young. Powered by the legacy of such a great educator, let us strive to enable the young to march forward in their lives, with the mindset of a warrior.



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

### Past Pupils’ Day



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized Past Pupils Day at the centre to have a get-together of the past pupils of BOSCO on January 26, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipu-

ram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed his happiness to meet a large number of past pupils who had gathered to show their gratitude to BOSCO. He exhorted them to register the past pupils’ group as an association so that they could take up social responsibilities and continue to contribute to society more efficiently.

Fr. George Kollashany, one of the pioneers of BOSCO Bengaluru, appreciated the unity of the group and gave examples of other states where the past pupils’ groups are functioning.

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## Public Awareness Programmes

BOSCO Nilaya conducted public awareness on child rights, child rights violations, CHILDLINE, tuition centers, vocational skill training courses, karate classes, special tuition classes for high school children at BOSCO Nilaya, at Avenue Road, Bengaluru on January 5, 2021. The public appreciated and thanked the team for the efforts made in creating awareness. Five youths showed interest in joining the skill-training course. Eight children were contacted during the public awareness and motivated to join the tuition class. Three school dropouts and one child who needed a hostel facility were identified. Follow-up is being done. Around 350 people were given awareness.

BOSCO Adjacent Railway Street Presence Project (ARSP) organized programmes in Kengeri Railway Station and Yelahanka Railway Station with the objective of creating awareness about BOSCO work and its services to the public on January 12 and 15,



2022. Mr. Rangaswamy, Mallappa, and Shekhar, Team Members, BOSCO gave a brief introduction about BOSCO the services rendered at the railway stations. They also spoke about the issues faced by children/youth on the streets and called for the sup-

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### Past Pupils' Day



Past pupils shared their experiences and relationship with BOSCO. They also recalled their sweet memories and thanked the directors and staff for their support and guidance. A core committee of eight past pupils was formed to take responsibility for the formation of the association. Other directors and staff too shared their experiences with past pupils and cherished the moments.

Fr. C.V. George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. John M.A, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Sheeba, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Mrs. Mary Triza, Former BOSCO staff and forty-two past pupils attended the meeting.

port of the public in reaching out to these children/youth in need of care and protection. The public assured their support to BOSCO in reaching out to needy children and youth. Around a hundred and sixty-five public were reached out to by way of distributing pamphlets.

BOSCO Nivas conducted public awareness programme in Gujri Market near the church on January 11, 2022. The team made the public aware of the tuition classes and tailoring classes at BOSCO Nivas and skill training at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sumanahalli. The team also sensitized the public about the new guidelines and protocols of the Government regarding Omicron. They motivated the parents to send their children to the tuition classes at Nivas. Around a hundred and twenty men and women were given handbills.

BOSCO outreach team working in BMTC and KSRTC Bus Stands conducted four awareness programmes for the commuters and the passengers during January 2022 regarding runaway children, child labour, child trafficking, CHILDLINE, 1098, and other activities of BOSCO. The team explained child rights, child-related issues, BOSCO Child assistance centre at KSRTC & BMTC to the public, and distributed around 650 pamphlets to the public.

## Exposure Programme Goes Virtual



A virtual exposure programme was organized for the employees of the IBS software company by the Bakery Unit at BOSCO Sumanahalli, to understand the functioning of the unit and also promote the CSR activities of the company, on January 21, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru introduced BOSCO to the participants. Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Life skill Training Centre introduced the centre and its activities. Mr. Antony

Das, Trainer, Bakery Unit introduced the machines, products made in the bakery. He expressed his happiness in working and training the boys in the bakery. Sr. Saleena, Coordinator, BOSCO Sumanahalli, explained the syllabus of the program. She also facilitated the program by playing the role of a translator between the children and the IBS representatives. The trainees introduced themselves and explained their learning experiences in the Bakery unit. Besides, they also explained how the items prepared in the centre are being distributed.

The employees of the company expressed their desire to support the expansion of the bakery unit. They also suggested commercializing the products. Five trainees, five staff, Mr. Amal, Project Development Officer, Mr. Tino, Asst Project Development Officer, and the IBS staff attended the virtual meet.

## Foster Care Prospective Parents Meeting

Foster Care Prospective Parents Meeting was organized by BOSCO Foster Care Programme at BOSCO Mane on January 11, 2022.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru thanked all parents for their willingness to become foster parents. He

said that every child has the right to grow in a family and we have the responsibility to provide parental love to the children by placing them in families instead of placing them under institutional care. The Foster Care team will have to support during and after the placement of children in foster families and ensure that the children are given their rights.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas said that some of the parents are seen disowning their own children and that it is heartening to note that some parents are showing willingness to foster children. Mr. Yogesh, PO – NIC, DCPU, said that he would help in



the process of placing children in foster care.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained briefly about adoption process, foster care concept, eligible criteria of parents and children, child rights, weaning period, roles and responsibilities of parents, CWC Members, DCPO, follow up of children and parents with CWC, types of Foster Care and termination.

Mr. Shivamallu welcomed the guests and parents. Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobiliser, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty-four prospective parents participated in the meeting.

## Meeting with KSRTC Officials

BOSCO Foster Care Programme conducted a meeting with KSRTC Ticket Collectors (TCs) and staff in collaboration with the outreach team working in the Bus Stand at KSRTC Bus Terminal, Majestic, Bengaluru on January 18, 2022. Mr. Chandra Shekar, Divisional Controller, KSRTC, Bengaluru expressed his happiness in being associated with BOSCO, Bengaluru for the past 40 years. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, addressing the gathering said that every child should grow up in a family. Institutionalization should be the last resort. He shared the data of the children rescued with the help of KSRTC and BMTC officials and also screened a video highlighting the activities of BOSCO.

Mr. Basavaraju PN, Rescue Coordinator, BOSCO Child Safety Net Project, briefed about JJ Act, Child Safety Net project, child rights by citing relevant examples. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme briefed about the procedures



for rescuing children, services provided to the children, producing the children before the CWC, adoption procedures, foster care concept, children eligible for foster care, the role of parents, CWC procedures and the role of DCPO/Unit.

Mr. Srikanth, Assistant Traffic Officer, KSRTC was also present during the meeting. Mr. Shivamallu welcomed the guests and the participants and proposed a vote of thanks. Thirty-nine KSRTC Officials attended the meeting.

## Parents Meeting at Nehrupuram



BOSCO Nivas organized a meeting for the parents of the children attending tuition classes at the centre on January 22, 2022. The team exhorted the parents to follow the protocols of COVID 19 and Omicron such as washing hands, sanitizing frequently, wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, and guiding their children to do the same. Parents were guided to keep an eye on their children during online classes as there was a possibility of the children being engaged in chatting with friends or playing games. The mothers expressed that the tuition classes should be resumed as soon as possible to help their children to be in line with what is being taught online. Twelve mothers attended the meeting.

## Awareness for Caring Community



An awareness program was organized for the Caring Community Group (CCG) comprising of sweepers at the KSRTC Bus Stand at Terminal two, by the BOSCO outreach team working in the Bus Stands, on January 29, 2022. Mr. Balaraj, Coordinator, briefed the participants about BOSCO and the presence of the team at the Bus Stand. He explained about child rights and the role of BOSCO in the protection of child rights and shared about the BOSCO Assistance center at the Bus stand and its services. Mr. Ravi, Supervisor, KSRTC Bus stand ensured support to BOSCO. Fourteen members attended the programme.

## Value Education Sessions



Value education session on ‘Generosity’ was conducted for the girls residing in BOSCO Rainbow Home on January 17, 2022, to empower them to be generous in their attitudes towards others, to think of others, to listen to others, share with others, value others and give to others. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home narrated a moral story,

showed them a motivational movie on generosity, and motivated them to cultivate good qualities like patience, love, kindness, compassion towards others. Twenty-three girls participated in the session.

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a session on Communication Skills for the youth of the center on January 13, 2022. Mr. Sathya, Ms. Menaka, Ms. Padmashree, and Mr. Dilip conducted the session by organizing a few activities and party games to make the youth understand the topic. Twenty-six boys attended the session.

BOSCO Nilaya organized a value education session for the tuition children at Vyayaam Shaale, Cement Huts, and Ramanna Garden on January 25, 2022. Ms. Archana and Mrs. Kalaivani, Social Mobilizers, BOSCO Nilaya guided the children on the importance of education and gave useful tips regarding preparations for the exams. They also explained the importance of discipline and respecting others. Children were motivated to create a positive atmosphere at the tuition centres. Forty-nine children from the three tuition centres, and three tuition teachers participated in the session.

## Republic Day at BOSCO

Republic Day was celebrated at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 26, 2022. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas briefed about the importance of our Constitution. He exhorted the children to contribute towards the growth of the country as responsible citizens of India.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, said, “We should be proud of our country and its constitution.” Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present on the occasion.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru hoisted the flag in BOSCO Yuvodaya and spoke about the importance of the day. Around 125 children and youth participated in the Republic Day celebrations.



## Awareness Programme at Gandhinagar



The outreach team working in the Gandhinagar area organized an awareness programme for the Guest Lecturers at Maurya Signal, Gandhinagar on January 29, 2022. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Gandhinagar Area Project spoke about BOSCO and its activities. He also briefed about child rights, child-related laws and acts, child protection mechanisms, child-related issues, CHILDLINE, helpline number-1098, and distributed pamphlets. Hundred and twenty-five Guest Lecturers benefitted from the programme.

## Adolescent Girls Meeting



BOSCO Nilaya organized a meeting for the adolescent girls from the tuition centres of Vyayaam Shaale, Cement Huts, and Ramanna Garden on January 25, 2022. The meeting started with meditation. Ms. Kalaivani and Ms. Archana, Social Mobilizers, BOSCO Nilaya, explained about personal hygiene and girls' safety. They also explained preventive measures for the third wave of COVID-19. The video, 'She,' was screened. Twenty-five girls attended the meeting.

## Youth Meeting



BOSCO Nivas organized Youth Meeting as a part of National Youth Day at the centre on January 12, 2022. Priya Malini, Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas briefed about the significance of National Youth Day. She narrated the childhood story of Swami Vivekananda and his quotes on youth. She raised awareness on the need to ensure the participation of youth in the modern world while upholding their values.

She highlighted the importance of yoga and meditation. She said that Swami Vivekananda believed that youth can transform the fate of India through their hard work, education, dedication, and spiritual power.

Guidelines were given to the youth to be confident in attending the SSLC exam. They were motivated to study well. Sixteen boys and girls attended the meeting.

## Training of Child Rights Club Members



BOSCO CREAM Project organized the second level of training for the children of Child Rights Club at G.H.P.S, Veera Raghavana Palya, Bengaluru Rural, on January 24, 2022. Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, gave an Introduction about BOSCO, its services, and about CREAM Project. He explained the roles and responsibilities of children and reminded them about the four child rights. He also explained leadership qualities and maintaining a good environment. Over 110 children were part of the training.

# Don Bosco's Month



## Inauguration



Don Bosco's month, was inaugurated at the various centers of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth from January 1 to 5, 2022. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the saint. The directors of the centers enlightened the children on the life of the priest, founder, father and teacher of the youth, St. John Bosco. They exhorted the children and youth to become independent, and follow the path of the saint to become responsible citizens in the society. The inauguration of the month of Don Bosco was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 1,

2022. Fr. Regi Jacob SDB, Director BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas spoke about the importance of celebrating Don Bosco's Month, St. John Bosco's work, his mission and vision. Nineteen youth participated in the programme.

BOSCO Nilaya organized the programme at the centre on January 1, 2022. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the children, spoke about Don Bosco and motivated the children to make use of Nilaya to grow in life. Gifts were distributed to the tuition children.

The inauguration was held at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on January 3, 2021. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were present. Children sang hymns honoring St. John Bosco. Seventy children attended the program.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas held the inauguration of Don Bosco's month on January 4, 2022. Addressing the children, Fr. William D'souza, SDB, Regional Youth Director, Karnataka, exhorted the children to imbibe the attitude that Don Bosco possessed. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, were present on the occasion.

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Around eighty children from Mane and Vikas participated in the programme.

Don Bosco's month was inaugurated in BOSCO Yuvakendra on January 4, 2022. The dignitaries inaugurated the model- "SHIP" containing the thoughts and words of Don Bosco. The ship also signified that "YOUTHS" are travelers of the ship in the captaincy of Don Bosco. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director BOSCO Bengaluru, Dr. Ayub Ali Khan Zai, Medical Officer, Govt Leprosy Hospital, Arogya Soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru, Mr. Shivananda, Sub Inspector, Traffic Police Station, Magadi Road, Bengaluru, Fr. C.V. George, Salesian In-charge, Yuvakendra and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra graced the occasion. Twenty-seven youth participated in the program. Driving license was distributed to three girls and ten boys who completed the training in driving.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru and Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya inaugurated Don Bosco's Month by garlanding the statue of Don Bosco on January 5, 2022. Fr. Johnson spoke about Don Bosco and his work for children and also the reason of celebrating Don Bosco's month. Around fifty children from the open shelter and Gandhinagar area participated in the programme.

BOSCO Nivas organized the programme at the centre on the January 5, 2022. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas. Nivas team, tuition teachers and forty-five children participated in the programme.

BOSCO Rainbow Home held the inaugural function on January 5, 2022. Mr. Ravichandran, Former Councillor, Wilson Garden and Fr. John. M.A, Director, were present. Venissa and Sathya A, who won Gold Medals in front to back rope skipping event and Madhu who won the Bronze Medal in the free style event in the South Asian Rope Skipping Competition held at Khatmandu, Nepal, during December 2021, were felicitated. Forty-six girls attended the programme.

## Activities organized

The various centers of BOSCO- Mane, Vikas, Nilaya, Nivas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli and Yuvodaya including the project in Gandhinagar area organized various activities as part of the Don Bosco month celebrations for the children and youth during January 2022. Drawing, indoor sports, outdoor sports, dance, mime, skit, quiz, singing, poster making, collage making, Rangoli competition and pick and speak were conducted to learn more about Don Bosco and inculcate his values. The activities were conducted to enhance the mental and social skills of the children and youth and to increase their creativity. Prizes were distributed to the winners.







The certification ceremony was organized for the Tailoring and Beautician students of the BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan Training Unit. Driving Licenses were issued to those who completed their driving course in BOSCO Yuvakendra and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Around two hundred children and youth from the centres and two hundred children from the tuition centres, KR Market, Shivajinagar, and Gandhinagar areas participated in these events.

## Feast of Don BOSCO

Feast of Don Bosco was celebrated at the various centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children/youth on January 31 and February 1, 2022.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas organized the Feast of Don Bosco on January 31, 2021, in the presence of Mr. Lokesh Bosco and Mr. Surya, Cine and TV artists of Comedy Kiladigalu fame. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru were present. Lokesh and Surya asked the children to grab every opportunity that comes their way and utilize it to the maximum. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram exhorted the children to aim high and work towards achieving their goals through determination and persistent efforts. He encouraged the children to inculcate the values of Don Bosco. Fr. Prasad exhorted the children to be cheerful. Children performed dances and sang songs on Don Bosco. Around seventy children from Mane and Vikas participated in the programme. BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan conducted the Feast of Don Bosco on January 31, 2022. The celebration began with the lighting of the lamp by Fr. George PS, Fr. Paul, Principal Don Bosco Mithra, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsal-



ya Bhavan. Addressing the gathering, Fr. George P.S appreciated the children for their knowledge about Don Bosco. Prizes were distributed by the dignitaries. Fr. George P. S, Fr. Paul, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, and Ms. Sheeba Thomas awarded certificates to forty-four students who completed their vocational training courses. Few trainees shared their experiences of being a part of BOSCO. Driving licenses were

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given to two girls for having completed their driving training. Children staged cultural programmes. BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco in the centre on January 31, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya inaugurated the programme. Fr. Johnson spoke about the life story of St. John Bosco. Children staged cultural programmes. Prizes were distributed to all the children. Around thirty children participated in the event.

BOSCO Nivas organized the Feast of Don Bosco at the centre on January 31, 2022. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas addressing the children, mentioned Don Bosco's quotes and motivated children to grow as responsible citizens in life. Cultural Programs were organized. The program drew to an end with prize distribution to all the winners. Fifty children from the different communities of Shivajinagar participated in the feast.



The Feast of Don Bosco was celebrated by BOSCO Yuvakendra on January 31, 2022. Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Mrs. Merry and Family, Sponsors, Mr. Satya, Choreographer and Ms. Menaka, Dancer graced the occasion. Youth put up cultural programmes. Prizes were distributed for the events conducted during the month. Twenty-nine youth participated in the program.

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated the Feast of Don Bosco on February 1, 2022. Mr. Lokesh, TV and Cine artist, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Manjula Telagade, Programme Manager, Rainbow Home State Office, Manjula Ulla, State Education Coordinator, Rainbow Home, Mr. Jaikar, State Advocacy Officer, Rainbow Home Manjula, Attender, Rainbow Home, Primary and High School Teachers, Bro. Isaac, Bro. Lijo and Mr. Peter, Volunteer, were present on the occasion. Children performed dances. Forty-nine girls attended the programme.



BOSCO Sumanahalli celebrated the feast on February 1, 2022, in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Rev. Fr. George Kannanthanam, Director, Sumanahalli Society, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli and Fr. Irudayaraj, Director, Support Sumanahalli. Fr. Pallipuram said, "Don Bosco lived for the young and children. As a person Don Bosco is not present today but in spirit, he is with us when we reach out to the young at risk". Fr. George said what he is today is because of Don Bosco. Fr. Prasad exhorted the group to rise above their problems to lift others and decide to be good and exemplary persons for their fellow beings. Fr. Johnson appreciated the talents of children and youth. Fr. Joshy motivated the children and youth to be persons who lead a good and successful life. Seventy children including trainees, tuition children, and computer students from BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training Centre attended the programme.



# Annual

## Essay Writing

### Competition 2021 – 22



BOSCO Bengaluru organized an essay writing competition for college students spanning from October to January 2021-22. Around 140 colleges/universities from across India were contacted, and students from undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels of various disciplines like management, social work, sociology, media, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences participated. The competition was intended to be an open platform for students to express their ideas and communicate their thoughts about issues of current social and cultural relevance, and three such issues formed the core of the competition. The Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on children, Online education and cyber safety, and Climate change and what it could mean for our future generations were the topics chosen for the competition. The essays were judged by a panel of 3 external judges on the criteria of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style, and the first prize was awarded to Moumi Das from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The second place was secured by Sharbari Ghosh from Banaras Hindu University, and the third prize went to Arushi Srivastava from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2022 offered a detailed look and new insights into three areas of urgent concern and was a refreshing reflection of the perceptions and perspectives of today's youth.

## Thus Spake Winners



**Moumi Das**

### First Prize



and I wanted an opportunity to read about them further. Climate change seems like an issue that is still far away from us, but it is closer than we think it is and we need to take immediate action: not just individual, but collective. It helped me understand the matter more and from an extremely essential but less-talked-about perspective. I loved the fact that the essay topic specified future generations because the intergenera-

I remember that I decided to participate simply because I found all of the topics for the essay really interesting. I remember that I decided to participate simply because I found the burden of dealing with scarcity, pollution, and many more ordeals climate change would entail. Research is the key to writing about any complex issue at hand as it ensures we are using the right sources to establish our perspective and ideas, and that we are providing readers with correct information. I got a glimpse into how to research for essays in general while writing for the competition.

Moumi is a student of MA/MSc Analytics from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, who intends to continue in the field of social sciences and work in research roles in the future.

# Thus Spake Winners



## Sharbari Ghosh

### Second Prize

Participating in the competition was both exciting and intimidating. All three themes for the competition unanimously stated the present harrowing scenario amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, but I opted for ‘Online education and cyber safety’ among the three topics. With the regular shifting from laptops to desktops to cell phones for joining classes, downloading research materials, and uploading assignments, students, including myself, have often unconsciously risked our devices with malware. So, to highlight the recurring unsafe online mode concerning the privacy infringement of both devices and users, I chose to delve into the topic and draw upon online education and safety-related queries while simultaneously detail-

ing a range of pertinent solutions to drive away the online issues. While laying out the essay’s framework, I came face to face with the horrifying present-day digital classrooms through articles from various newspapers, and through the research behind the essay, I realized that the digital world still needs to be groomed better in alignment with the educational policies of inclusivity and safety. While addressing the gendered politics prevalent in the digital space through the essay, in the future I aspire to become a professional to fight against the chaotic gendered problems and speak for the human rights of all, and aim to advocate for an inclusive society in terms of education, speech and freedom.

Sharbari is a final year M.A. student of English Literature from the Banaras Hindu University



## Arushi Srivastava

### Third Prize

Participating in the competition was quite an exciting and enriching experience. It gave me the space to express my views and share them with people. I strongly believe that personal growth is a journey we all consciously and deliberately engage in with our efforts and desires, and anything that provides us a medium to expand our skills, knowledge, and thought process, either for our betterment or for that of others, counts as growth, and I have surely grown through this experience. The predilection for the topic ‘The Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on children’ arises from my background in Psychology. Generally, only

the peripheral issues of children affected during the pandemic are brought to attention, while how these issues can also lead to serious ramifications in the days to come is being somewhat ignored, and I thought of this as an excellent opportunity to shed some light on this aspect. The major takeaway from this experience has been to merge critical thinking with creativity; to hold a stance of respectful disregard on critical aspects of issues mentioned in the essay while framing a certain narrative around the issue to capture the reader's attention. Overall, it has been an engaging process where I got to experiment with my writing style and capture the literature pertaining to this particular issue.

Arushi is a student of M.A. Applied Psychology (With Specialisation in Clinical and Counselling Practice) from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Affective/Social Psychology.

## BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT January - 2022



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	166	35	201
Service provided	86	32	118
Grand Total	252	67	319

### New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	77	11	00	00	88
Bus stand BMTC	16	02	00	00	18
Bus stand KSRTC	14	06	00	00	20
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	01	00	00	01
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	02	00	00	02
CHILDLINE	02	05	00	00	07
CSN	15	00	00	00	15
SJPU	13	07	00	00	20
ARSP	23	01	00	00	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>201</b>

### Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	23	07	30
Home Placement	133	18	151
Produced before CWC (Admission)	03	10	13
Referred to OH	07	00	07
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>201</b>

### Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	37	09	46
Unaccompanied	129	26	155
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>201</b>