



E-Street Voice

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Editorial Note...

Never Say Never!

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up”, says the inspirational American inventor, Thomas Alva Edison. When it comes to scaling heights and achieving goals, persistence quotient is widely regarded as one of the vital ingredients. Persistence, as explained in Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary, is 'the fact of continuing to try to do something despite difficulties, especially when other people are against you and think that you are being annoying

or unreasonable’. This issue of E-Street Voice appreciates the efforts of the students of BOSCO who appeared in the SSLC and PUC examinations. These children who have been rescued from difficult and vulnerable situations have appeared in the exams despite the number of difficulties of sorts they had to face at a tender age. Regular counselling sessions, remedial classes, peer group support systems and individual care plans have been in place, to lay their inner demons to rest and maximize the ac-

tualization of potentials. Kudos to the teachers and mentors who prepared the students on a daily basis with untiring optimism. As we congratulate our children for their achievements, let us relentlessly strive to instil in them the much needed determination and drive to achieve their goals!



Fr. Prasad SDB

Shale Kade Nanna Nade Awareness Campaign



BOSCO, Bangalore, organized ‘Shale Kade Nanna Nade’ (SKNN) from 21st May to 26th May 2018 in support to the initiative taken by

Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) and Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Four different teams from BOSCO namely Child Safety Network (CSN), Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), BOSCO Nilaya and BOSCO Nivas were

into the campaign in different areas of Bangalore.

Inauguration of the week-long enrolment and re-enrolment aware-

ness campaign was organized by Nivas, Nilaya, CREAM and Child Safety Net Programs of BOSCO in collaboration with Adjacent Railway Station Programme (ARSP), Foster Care, Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Bus Stand Movement (CREAM), BOSCO Teams, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Sumanahalli.

The campaign was flagged off by taking a solemn pledge to identify and bring back drop outs from areas and communities into

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Training for Stakeholders



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized four training programmes for the CWC Members and DCPU Staffs, Hassan and Mysore, teachers, Asian College of Teaching, Bangalore, Anganwadi workers, PHC Staff and Asha

Workers, K.G Halli, KR puram and Halasuru areas, Bangalore, from May 15 to 26, 2018. The participants were introduced to BOSCO and the activities and services rendered by the organization.

The facilitator explained about the child rights and importance of family, concept of foster care, the legal procedures in foster care, difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different types of placements like individual foster care, group foster care, kinship care, short term-long term foster care,

age group of children, time frame for placements and legal procedures involved in becoming a foster parent, basic understanding foster parental skills and the roles and responsibilities of CWC.

DCPU appreciated BOSCO for taking up Foster Care Program. Basavaraju, Superintendent, Government Boys' Home assured full support to BOSCO and its programs. Thirty-two CWC Members, DCPU Staff twenty-eight teachers, eighteen Anganwadi teachers and hundred and twenty PHC staff and Asha Workers attended the training.

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Shale Kade Nanna Nade

mainstream schools, as general public have approached community club members from mobilizers to enroll their schools and communities. Armed with a banner on SKNN, placards, dropouts and child labor boards displaying slogans on the importance of education, nagar, K R Market, Mysore Road and Sumanahalli. The out of school children who were identified, are being followed up for enrolment and re-integration. During the span of six days of the campaign, over three thousand people pledged their support for the cause of enrolling and re-enrolling the school dropouts.

As an outcome of the six-day long campaign several people from the

Life Skill Session Organized



Life skill session on Interpersonal relationship and others. Activities were conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bangalore for the youth residing at the centre, by Celine, Volunteer, BOSCO Bangalore on May 29, 2018. The session began with an introduction on the importance of interpersonal relationship skills in building positive and reciprocal relationships in the family, with friends and others. Activities such as "Knowing each other" and "The statue" were conducted which helped the boys learn interpersonal skills such as being patient, being able to control anger and stress, being negotiable, understanding minds, etc. that enable them to work with others harmoniously and efficiently. Eighteen youth participated in the life skill session.

Beating Odds All the Way!



Vinod Kumar.B, hails from Banni Mantapa, Mysore. He lost both his parents at a very young age. Ever since the demise of his parents, he was raised by Mu-

Achievements

Besides pursuing his education, he helps children attending the remedial education classes at the centre. He is the Leader of Child Rights Club (Nehru Makala Sangha), Jolly Mohalla, Bangalore. He participated in Karnataka state 10th Child Rights Parliament in November, 2017 and was a student representative to evaluate child related issues with State level authorities and dignitaries. He won 2nd Rank at State Level, Siri Kannada Examination in November, 2017.

He has won 2nd Place, State Level, Hindi Secondary Examination. He is selected to Quiz competition at Hyderabad organized by ISRO on World Science day. The competition dates are yet to be announced. He won 2nd Place in Mathematics activities organized at Tata Institute, Bangalore on National Mathematics Day December 22, 2017. He won 1st Place, Qualifier level in Essay writing Competition organized by LIC in 2017.

nirathna, his maternal grandmother who is a vegetable vendor at K.R. Market, Bangalore. Formerly Vinod used to stay with his granny on one of the pavements at K.R. Market. Although there was no one else except his grandmother, he pursued his studies with passion and determination. When he was studying his 9th standard in December 2016, Vinod Kumar came across BOSCO Nilaya (One of the centers of BOSCO Bangalore, an NGO working with the children in need of care and protection in the city). He began frequenting the center to attend the free remedial education classes conducted in the evening.

After a month when he shared his plight, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya agreed to help him with academic expenses and accommodation. Thus, Vinod became an inmate at BOSCO Nilaya. He completed his SSLC at BBMP High School, Ganganagar, R. T Nagar, with 78.9%. Vinod Kumar aspires to become an IPS officer in the future.

Training for Police Officials



Trainning programme was organized for the Government Railway Police (GRP) officials at GRP Police Station, Platform No. 6, KSR Railway Station, Bangalore, by the BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL), Bangalore, on May 28, 2018.

Facilitating the session, Mahesh Jakati, CLA, CIF, Bangalore spoke about Child Rights, Toll Free Number 1098, JJ Act and Standard Operating Procedures. It was followed by an interactive discussion between the GRP officials and the BRCL Staff. Twenty-five GRP officials attended the programme.

Education is My Right!



Hafiza (Name changed), a fifteen-year-old girl studying in ninth standard, from Bangalore is the eldest of two other siblings. She stays in the joint family with her parents and relatives. Her father is a tailor and mother, a housemaid. Being an alcoholic, major part of her father's earning is spent on alcohol abuse. Hafiza and her younger sister study in the same School.

Hafiza is a bright, smart, proactive

child who has been empowered with her rights through the free tuition classes and her participation in the Child Rights Club (CRC) in her area. Couple of months ago, she had identified ten school drop outs from her area and presented them before the CRC of the area, to be enrolled into schools in the coming academic year.

During May 2018, Hafiza's parents fixed her marriage without her knowledge or consent. She told her

parents that she was not interested in the happenings, and wanted to pursue her studies, but her requests fell on deaf ears! The only support she had was that of her paternal grandmother. Being empowered with the knowledge about her rights she called up Child Helpline and sought the support of BOSCO CHILDLINE to resolve the issue. The officials responded to her plea and intervened on an emergency basis. The parents called off the engagement and agreed to let her continue her studies.

Hafiza's strength of character, as she is empowered and aware of her rights through the area CRC club, helped her gain a new lease of life. She has become a living example for all the young school going girls on how to exercise their rights. Hafiza continues to go to school, and is presently in the tenth standard, happily living with the fact that she saved her life.

Staff Picnic to Lumbini Garden

BOSCO, Bangalore organized a one-day picnic to Lumbini Garden for the staff on May 19, 2018. Away from the busy work schedule, the staff had a chance to relax and enjoy to their heart's content at the theme park. Irrespective of the age, professional hierarchy or experiences, the mood of recreation was contagious.

Post tea-break, there were party games arranged for the staff like musical chair, breaking the balloons, tying the balloons to a thread, etc., Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, Fr. Binny, Fr. John, Fr. Regi and Fr. Rubin, Directors, BOSCO Bangalore, were present for the picnic.



EXAM RESULTS



SSLC Results



78.56 %

Gayathri P

Hailing from a very poor socio-economic background was enrolled in BOSCO Rainbow Home. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to BOSCO and its staff for giving her a safe shelter, guidance and an opportunity to study and complete her SSLC with 78.56%. She aspires of becoming a Software Engineer.

Anitha B

Coming from an economically poor family was referred to BOSCO Rainbow Home from one of her relatives. Rainbow Home enrolled her in tenth standard. She says 'Through constant motivation, guidance and inspiration of staff members, I began to work hard and slowly gained confidence. With this confidence I was able to achieve 61.44% in SSLC.

61.44 %



SSLC Results



**EXAM
RESULTS**



56.16 %

Rebecca

Joined BOSCO Rainbow Home in 2014 as she lost both her parents. The love and care shown by BOSCO Rainbow Home helped her adjust with the other inmates, concentrate on her studies and score 56.16%. She aims at becoming a Software Engineer.

Ajith

He was enrolled in BOSCO Vikas in 2014 after the death of his parents. Since then his commitment to studies due to the guidance and motivation of BOSCO staff has only grown to tremendous heights which has been reflected in his results.

73.44 %



Sabera Tarannum

Having dropped out just couple of months before the finals, she was motivated, shown the way, counselled both at tuitions and from professionals, to finally consent to take up the exams. She laid the entire credit on Nivas and the tuitions.



45.7 %

Shwetha R

She cleared the SSLC exam with 57.6%. She gives credit to the Centre teachers who groomed her and polished her skills to achieve what she has scored today.

57.6 %



PUC Results



**EXAM
RESULTS**



81 %

Kavya

I came to Bosco in the year 2013. I was interested in my studies along with other extra-curricular activities. I have been given ample opportunities to excel in various fields of learning. I was given full support in my studies, so today I am happy that I completed 2nd PUC with 81%. I would like to pursue my studies further.

Sumithra

I felt really happy when I saw my result. I did not expect these marks. However, I got 78%. I want to do a teacher training for 2 years. After that I want to work and take up further education simultaneously.

78 %



Gayathri

I am grateful to god for the good result. I didn't expect it. I thought I was going to fail. But I got 64% in 2nd PUC. I want to take up BSW course.

64 %



Shoba Rani

I am happy that I scored 63%. I had fear that I would fail in Kannada as I am not good in it, but with the help of my teachers and BVB Staff I could pass.

63 %



PUC Results



**EXAM
RESULTS**



60 %

Divya

I thought I would get 60%, but I got less. I got 57%. My favourite subjects are English, economics, and social. I am thinking about doing BA.

Akhilesh

Akhilesh, an orphan was met by BOSCO staff and was brought to Bosco Yuvodaya. From there he was sent to BOSCO Mane after motivation. After few weeks he was placed to BOSCO Vikas and for regular schooling. From there his journey started with studies. Now he has completed his II year PUC in Arts (HEPS) and secured 53.5%.

53.5 %



Mallikarjun

I'm from Andhra Pradesh. I was rescued by BOSCO Staff and was working in Two Wheeler Showroom and appeared for SSLC exams and cleared my exams. I was referred to BOSCO Sumanahalli from where I joined 1st year PUC in Arts (HEPS). With constant motivation and encouragement from BOSCO management and staff, I completed my 2nd year PUC with 55.5%. I wish to work but at the same time **study** in evening college.

55.5 %



PUC Results



**EXAM
RESULTS**



70 %

David

I'm from Bangalore. I was placed in BOSCO Mane. I completed my SSLC at St. Joseph's School. I wanted to pursue my education, so I was enrolled for 1st year PUC in Arts HEPS in Don Bosco College Prakashpalya with the support of BOSCO. I have completed my 2nd year PUC and secured with 70%. I wish to pursue my higher education in Hotel Management studies.

Bharath H.R

I was working in a hotel and a priest referred me to Navajeevana and from there I was referred to BOSCO Mane and placed in BOSCO Vikas. I studied at St. Joseph's School and completed my SSLC. With the support of BOSCO I was enrolled for PUC DON BOSCO College, Prakashpalya. I completed my 2nd year PUC and secured with 77.5%. I want to continue my degree in Bachelor of Arts. I'm proud and ever thankful to BOSCO who supported me in all my endeavours.

77.5 %



Eresh

I'm Eresh from Bangalore. I thought I had a bleak future. But with the help of BOSCO I completed my SSLC at DON BOSCO Ajjanahally. I was enrolled for PUC in Arts HEPS in DON BOSCO college Prakashpalya. I completed my PUC 2nd year and secured with 64%. I wish to pursue my further studies in Hotel Management. I'm sure with the support and encouragement of BOSCO I will achieve my goals and come out with flying colors.

64 %



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



May- 2018



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	217	41	258
Service provided	79	05	84
Grand Total	296	46	342

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	27	02	29
Bangalore Bus stand	12	01	13
BOSCO Yuvodaya	00	00	00
BOSCO Nivas	00	00	00
BOSCO Vataslyabhavan	00	00	00
CSN	18	01	19
BOSCO Yuvakendra	00	00	00
BOSCO Child line	09	01	10
ARSP	13	00	13
TOTAL	79	05	84

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	07	03	10
Home Placement	112	29	141
Government organization/NGO's	98	09	107
Referred to Back to police	00	00	00
Replacement to School	00	00	00
Replacement to Hostel	00	00	00
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	00	00	00
TOTAL	217	41	258

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	22	19	41
Unaccompanied	195	22	217
TOTAL	217	41	258