

*That they may have life...in all its fullness*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The last few months of the calendar year are a special time in BOSCO. Our youth feel a sense of community and family as we celebrate festivals together. Our Dasara and Christmas celebrations bring us all together as a family who cares for one another and stands by each other.

I would especially like to bring to your attention our work in Foster Care and our initiatives to make this work.

We continue with our regular interventions and training programmes, each of which goes towards building a close community of people who care, who are sensitive to the youth and their issues and who see this as work for a better humanity.

Thank you and may God bless us all.

Fr. Mathew Thomas SDB  
Executive Director

## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

### Campaigns at Railway Station

Awareness programmes were conducted for High Coach Mechanics, Taxi Drivers and public by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team at Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru, during October 2019. The main aim of the awareness programmes was to sensitize the stakeholders and public towards runaway children and missing children. The topics were BOSCO and its activities, CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, missing children, 1098, runaway children, child rights child protection mechanisms, child welfare committee and the role of stakeholders in rescuing children.

No. who attended: 23 High Coach Mechanics; 16 Taxi Drivers and 150 public



### Foster Care

BOSCO Foster Care Project organized awareness programmes for mothers of children attending Anganwadi, Anganwadi helpers, teachers, Self-Help Groups, CWC members, Staff of DCPU, PRI members and religious communities, officials and staff from Department of Health, Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Shimoga, Gadag, Bagalkot, Haveri and Uttara Kannada districts of Karnataka during October to December 2019.

No. who attended: 140 Anganwadi Mothers, 214 teachers and workers, 39 CWC members and DCPU staff, 79 SHG members, 79 personnel from Department of Health, 83 PRI members and 44 people from religious communities.



- 02 Task Force Meeting   03 Open House Programme   04 Training on Counseling   05 Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas   06 National Consultation on Foster Care   07 Diwali Celebrations
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## OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019

- » Half Yearly Evaluation at BOSCO
- » Awareness Programmes about child rights, CHILDLINE, RTE etc. in Schools, Communities, Health Centres, for the Stakeholders, Public, Shops, NGOs, Madrasas, CCGs, etc.
- » Health Camps
- » Community Mobilization Programme
- » Value Education Classes
- » Life Skills
- » Mothers' Meetings in the project areas of BOSCO
- » Parents' Meeting
- » Task Force Meetings
- » Child Rights Club Formation and Meetings
- » Outings, Visits and Picnics
- » Training, Consultations and Workshops
- » Adolescent Girls' Meeting
- » Competitions- Quiz, Essay, Drawing, etc.
- » Children's Collective
- » Celebrations – International Day of the Girl Child, Children's Day, Christmas
- » Networking Meetings
- » SDMC Meetings
- » Care Community Group Meetings
- » Surveys
- » Campaigns :
  - Child Rights Week
  - International Human Rights Day

### Communities

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Programme BOSCO, Bengaluru organized awareness programmes in Janata Colony and KG Nagar areas of Bengaluru on October 5 and 15, 2019. Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU spoke about child rights, right to education, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act), child marriage, child labour and SJPU. The team explained about the importance of education to the parents. They were given information about various government schemes.

Mr. Siddappa, ASI, JJR Nagar, Bengaluru, and Smt. Asha, PSI, KG Nagar, Bengaluru were present during the programmes respective-



ly. Around hundred community members participated in the awareness programmes.



### Task Force Meeting

BOSCO Team working at Bus Stand area, Majestic, Bengaluru, organized Task Force Meeting for the Police Personnel at Upparpet Police Station premises and the Security Personnel of Kempegowda Metro Station on October 21 and December 19, 2019. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, shared about the difficulties faced by children on the street. He also shared about BOSCO Assistance centre in Bus stand and its services, child helpline 1098, child rights and protection. Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, spoke about JJ Act and Special Juvenile Police Unit. Mr. Suresh M R, Police Inspector, Upparpet Police Station, Bengaluru, thanked BOSCO and ensured support towards BOSCO and its activities. Mr. K R, KUMAR (ASO) Assistant Security Officer, Metro Station was present during the meeting. Sixty-eight Police Personnel and hundred and two security personnel attended the awareness session.

### Health

BOSCO Health Care Department organized health awareness programme for youth of BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training centre at the centre on November 21, 2019. The awareness programme was organized to improve the hygiene of the youth in the centre and for early detection and prevention of sicknesses in them. Nursing students of St. Martha's Hospital conducted a skit on personal hygiene, cleanliness and fever management. Twenty-nine boys attended the awareness programme.



## Student Police Cadets



Karnataka Special Reserve Police (KSRP) organized awareness programmes for Student Police Cadets (SPC) selected from BBMP Schools in the city, in four batches at BOSCO Mane Chamaraipet, from November 18 to 21, 2019. Mr. M V Ramakrishna Prasad, KSPS, SP, KSRP addressing the gathering on the second day of the programme said, "You need to have dreams and goals in your life. Once you fix a goal, you should toil tirelessly to achieve it." Ms. Bhuvaneshwari, Headmistress, BBMP School, Chamaraipet exhorted children to capitalize the opportunities at hand and become good police officials one day. Mr. Mufid Khan, PSI, KSRP, Koramangala spoke on the occasion.

The programme was organized with the objective to train and sensitise student police cadets about children in need of care and protection and to gain knowledge about the functioning of Child Care Institutions. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) briefed the children about Juvenile Justice Act, child rights, children in conflict with law and mechanisms for the care and protection of children. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about the services rendered by BOSCO Bengaluru and CHILDLINE 1098. Mr. Doddamani, ASI, Mr. Aslam Nevani and Mr. Guruswami Y, staff and 320 students participated in the programme.

## Youth Parliament at Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, organized Youth Parliament for the inmates of the centre on December 28, 2019. The previous month's report was read. The freshers were welcomed and introduced to the group. The youth discussed about keeping the premises clean, maintaining personal hygiene, waste management and waste segregation, displaying decent behavior, taking care of the centre materials and infrastructure, etc. They also discussed about the programmes during the month such as career guidance session, life skill classes, Christmas Celebrations at Jyothi Nivas College. Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, exhorted the youth to lead a disciplined life and become responsible citizens of the society. Sixteen youth participated in the meeting.

## Open House Programme

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized open house at Govt. Model Tamil Primary School, Bhavani Nagar, Bengaluru on November 5, 2019. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about CHILDLINE, services provided and about the purpose of the open house. Mr. Manjunath, PSI, Barashankari Police Station said, "Education has utmost importance in a person's life because it forms character." Ms. Sunitha, Block Resource Person, South-1 exhorted the children to be regular to school and make use of the facilities provided by the government. Ms. Githa, Cluster Resource Person, South-1 spoke on the occasion.



Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CHILDLINE Bengaluru facilitated the discussion with children. During the interactive session, children mentioned about certain issues they face and the authorities present assured them that amicable solutions would be sought in a timely manner. CHILDLINE team, together with the officials from the Department of Education held a separate discussion with all the teachers of the school regarding the matters mentioned by children. Ms. Kamala, In Charge Headmistress, Mr. Sundar, President, SDMC, staff and over forty children participated in the programme.

## New CRC Leaders

CREAM, BOSCO organised Leadership Training for new Child Rights Club (CRC) Leaders along with the Formation of District CRC Federation on October 21 and 22, 2019 at BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, in the key note address motivated children to ensure 0 % out of school children in their surroundings. Fr. Joyce, Provincial, emphasizing the importance of human efforts said that one can grow in life only by making others grow and motivated children to grow and let grow. Fr. Mathew Thomas spoke to children about their responsibilities as CRC Lead-



## TRAINING

ers. Ms. Rekha, BRC, South-2 appreciated BOSCO for working with children and creating better leaders.

Mr. Surendra, Teacher, Sri Siddalingeshwara School, Magadi Road briefed about the disadvantages of mobile phone, safety measures while using a mobile and its ill-effects on health and education. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli facilitated an interactive session on 'Self-Awareness, Leadership qualities and Team Building'. He motivated children to be optimistic, manage the power of love and build a good team. Ms. Swaroopa, Supervisor, ICDS, DWCD, in her session on gender equality and equity and schemes in ICDS, spoke about effects of abortion, right to survival and right against discrimination on grounds of race, caste,

creed, etc. Mr. Arul Das, Theatre Artist explained about child rights and their violations through various theatre activities.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya explained about child rights' violation with a few cases studies. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme explained about the importance of parenting, JJ Act, Foster Care and Adoption. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM, briefed about the formation of the Federation and its duties, facilities mandatory in the school and qualities of a good leader. District CRC Federation Leaders were elected by children. Mr. Jagadish, CRP, KP Agrahara Cluster, South-2, Education Department and Mr. Melvyn, Australia, were present at the inaugural function. Forty CRC Leaders, nine Teachers from twenty schools of Bengaluru participated in the programme.

## Training on Counseling



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized one day training on Basic Counseling for the staff involved in counseling children, at BOSCO Mane

on October 24, 2019. The resource person, Ashwini NV, Founder and Director, Muktha Foundation, Bengaluru, in the interactive session, briefed about basic counseling skills, prevention of sexual abuse at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, possible warning signs of child abuse. She explained in detail about the different types of child sexual abuse, models of defining abuse, myths pertaining to child sexual abuse, signs that a child may be at risk and the basic points a counselor has to keep in mind while counseling a child. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering and Ms. Mounika, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, proposed the vote of thanks. Sixteen staff of BOSCO involved in children attended the training.

## Capacity building for ICDS Staff and School Teachers

BOSCO Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme organized Capacity Building training for ICDS Staff and School Teachers at BOSCO Nilaya on November 21, 2019. Training was given on storytelling, social and emotional skills. Distribution of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to Anganwadi Centres and Schools was done on the occasion.

In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO ECCE Programme, emphasized the importance of inculcating knowledge, value, attitude and skills in children during the early stages of their development. He facilitated an interactive session on qualities of a good teacher, roles and responsibilities of a teacher and briefed about various ways of storytelling through videos using Digital tools.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE Programme, explained the methods to teach socio emotional skills to children. Ms. Divya, AWC Teacher, demonstrated the use of the TLM. TLM were distributed to thirty schools and twenty Anganwadis. Some of the teachers felt that using LM on a regular basis has increased the attendance of children in the schools. Twenty Anganwadi teachers, thirty School Teachers and seven CRC members attended the training.



## Child Rights Club Members



CREAM, BOSCO, Bengaluru organized three levels of training for the members of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at Sri Vinayaka Higher Primary School, Cubbonpet, St.Teresa's GHS, Chamrajpet, GHS, Byatarayanapura and Sri Sharadha HPS, Byatarayanapura, during November 2019.

CREAM staff briefed about BOSCO, CREAM, about the activities and CHILDLINE. Children gained knowledge about UNCRC, Child Rights, Child related laws and Children in difficult situations. Children were motivated to call 1098, Child helpline number during difficult situations. Children expressed that these trainings helped them to become better individuals and empower them to fight for their rights. Children said that they had seen child laborers selling balloons, pens, etc., at traffic signals and junctions in Bengaluru. Hundred and twenty-four boys and five hundred and twenty-six girls attended the trainings.

## RPF

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized half-day training programmes in collaboration with Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, for the RPF officials of 'Project SAKSHAM' of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station and Krishnarajapuram Railway Station at Programme Training Centre, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on December 5, 12 and 19, 2019. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU, introduced BOSCO and its activities to the participants. He further explained about JJ Act, JJ Board, Child Welfare Committee, Railway CHILDLINE, Child Helpline -1098, SJPU, their functions, criteria for adoption, missing children, child rescue procedures, CARA, HAMA Act, etc. Fifty-four RPF officials attended the programme.



## State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care

One Day State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care was organised by BOSCO Foster Care at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on December 10, 2019. In the inaugural address Ms. Usha Kiran,



Member of Foster care Guidelines, Karnataka said, "There are several challenges in Foster care, especially the process of identifying and selecting the parents and children. Every child has a right to live in the family". Speaking on the occasion Ms. Geetha Mala, Member, Child Welfare Committee-3, Bengaluru Urban, said, "Every child needs love, care and family environment. Most of the parents come forward to adopt a child below five years. Children above seven

years of age can be placed in Foster Care". Ms. Nagaratna, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee-3, Bengaluru Urban said that the parents who really care and love children can be considered as 'Fit Foster Parents'. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said, "Let us join hands for promoting foster care concept so that every child can be placed in a family environment". Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Foster Care Programme briefed about the purpose of the workshop.

Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme presented the concept of Foster Care, why Foster Care, Child Rights, eligibility criteria of children and parents, types of Foster Care, roles and responsibilities of children, foster parents, and CWC. Mr. Manjappa, State Coordinator, CREAM, Davanagere facilitated the process of Federation formation.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care, welcomed the gathering and Ms. Akshitha, Counsellor, Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Over eighty-five participants, including Self Help Group members, SDMC Members, Anganawadi Teachers, Asha Workers, NGO Staff, Community members, Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) members, Foster Parents, Social Activists, Youth Members, Police Officers, DCPU Staff, etc. from fifteen districts of Karnataka were part of the Federation.

## CAMPS

### Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas

BOSCO Nilaya organized Dasara Camp for children attending evening tuitions, from October 9 to 11, 2019 at BOSCO Nilaya. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, HDFC, ECCE, and CREAM Projects, in his keynote address, spoke about Don Bosco and his life, motivated children to make productive use of the camp by active participation. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, comparing traffic signals to life, motivated children to learn values of life and have goals. Mr. Melvyn motivated the children to never give up in life. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli briefed the children on goal setting and aiming high. Children were made to draw the 'Tree of life' in which they were asked to reflect on their life, their hopes and dreams. Mr. Arul Das, Art and cultural instructor took a session on Theatre activity and script writing. Action songs were taught.

Fr. Joshy SDB, Principal, Don Bosco B. Ed College, Yedgiri conducted a craft session on wall hangings and paper designs. Dr. Meghana, Dentist, explained about self-awareness. Ms. Geethamala, CWC Member, explained about CWC and its procedures. Mr. P.N. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU explained the JJ Act, JJ Board, children in conflict with law and various forms of abuse. 137 children from nine Tuition centers participated in the camp.

BOSCO Nivas organized Dasara Camp for children of Mackan Compound, Nehrupuram and Ambedkar Huts on October 6 and 7, 2019, at St. Xavier's School, Bengaluru. In the keynote address, Fr. Regi Director, BOSCO Nivas, mentioned that camps provide children an opportunity to showcase their innate potentials, build inter-personal relations, the spirit to win and let others win. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Mary, Teacher, St. Xavier's School congratulated the children and expressed her joy. Dr. Meghana, Dentist, enlightened the children about the importance of cleanliness and dental hygiene.

Staff conducted outdoor games like Human chain, Running Race, etc. Ms. Vinnarasi, at the adolescent girls meeting, spoke about the importance of being truthful. Mr. Ramaswamy educated children about their rights-Survival, Development, Protection, and Participation. Seventy children participated in the camp.



## Health Camps at BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Health Care Department organized health camps for the inmates of BOSCO Yuvakendra, Rainbow Home and children of Moulana Azad English Medium School, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Community Medium Department, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru at the centres and school premises on October 17, 29 and November 8, 2019 respectively. The camps were organized for early detection and prevention of sickness in children.

Eye Testing, Height and Weight check-up, BP check-up, Sugar testing and Physical Health check-up were done for all the youth. Doctors prescribed medicines for the ailing. Dr. Selvaraj Abraham, Uma Raj, Social worker, Sr. Susan, Coordinator, BOSCO Health Care Department, Trainee Doctors and two Nurses conducted the camps.



Nineteen boys from BOSCO Yuvakendra, one room placed boy and 56 people from the neighbourhood communities, fifty -three girls from Rainbow Home and fifty-six school children availed the services of the camps.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

### National Consultation on Foster Care

A two-day National level consultation on Foster Care was organized in collaboration with BREADS, Bengaluru, UNICEF and DWCD, Karnataka, at Don Bosco Provincial House, Milton Street, Bengaluru, on October 14 and 15, 2019. Speaking at the concluding programme, Ms. Shailaja, Programme Director, ICPS, Bengaluru assured that suggestions and deliberations emerging from the consultation would be considered while formulating Guidelines on Foster Care for Karnataka State.

Fr. George PS, SDB, former Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said, "Let us join hands in providing family care to children in need of care and protection."

Mr. Somykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, said "It is ten years since the Guidelines on Alternative Care of children was adopted by the UIN, ten years since the implementation of the ICPS programme of the Government of India and thirty years have passed since the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Hence, this is the appropriate



and opportune time to hold a National Consultation on Foster Care." Mr. Rakesh Singh IAS, Principal Secretary, DWCD Karnataka said that proactive efforts would be taken to formulate the Guidelines on Foster Care in a timely and efficient manner.

The inputs, suggestions, recommendations and action plans are included in the plan for the way forward. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru presented the highlights of the two-day programme. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care Programme, said the vote of thanks. Over 50 NGO Foster Care Practitioners from across the country and social activists participated in the programme.



### International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Bengaluru

BOSCO, organized a programme on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2019. Inaugurating the rally at Idgah Ground, Chamarajpet, Ms. Shruti, WPSI, Chamarajpet, said that she is proud to be a girl and exhorted the children to grow up as good citizens. The children from BOSCO Rainbow Home performed a street play about the need to protect and educate the girl child.

The awareness rally that began from Idgah Ground, Chamarajpet, accompanied by children's band troop concluded at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chamarajpet. The children of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan and Nivas created awareness on the theme, 'Empower Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow.'

The concluding programme was held at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Asha H.C, WPSI, Kempegowada Nagar, said, "The issues of poverty, gender discrimination, lack of education of the girl child and child marriage are the evils in our society that need to be addressed." She said that through education, sensitization and awareness creation every girl child can dream of a better tomorrow. Addressing the gathering Dr. Harisha MBBS, MD, Leelavathi Hospital, Chamarajpet said that occasions of the sort are to be used to spread awareness among people. Making proper choices and utilizing every opportunity to the maximum, everyone can reach greater heights in life.

Ms Pavithra, Program Manager and Ms Zaheera, Managing partner, Winlexis, Bengaluru, and Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. Children from the various Child Care Institutions of BOSCO staged cultural programmes. Ms. Shamala Mary welcomed the gathering and Ms. Shridevi proposed the vote of thanks. Over three hundred children from Child Care Institutions and areas of outreach participated in the programme.

## CELEBRATIONS

### Diwali Celebrations

BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvakendra Bengaluru celebrated Deepavali with the migrant workers in the construction sector near the market area and the youth residing in Yuvakendra and children from the surrounding areas of Yuvakendra on October 28 and 29, 2019. Fr. Regi, Director, Nilaya, addressing the construction workers, said, "Diwali is a festival of lights. In the end, Light and Goodness prevails. Let this Diwali bring prosperity to one and all." He also yearned that the existing out of school children be enrolled in school. The gathering was briefed on the available vocational skill training opportunities for mothers and youth in BOSCO. They were also taken to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan to take a look at the Tailoring and Beautician Courses. One youth and one mother got enrolled in Tailoring course. Children were exposed to the Open Shelter facilities.

Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Programmes, addressing the youth and children at Yuvakendra, spoke about the importance of the festival. He said that 'one has to light the lives of others by being good, thinking good, and doing good.' Sr. Silvy, Director, Yuvakendra was present on the occasion.



All participants burned crackers and celebrated Deepavali by spreading smile. Food and sweets were distributed to all. Twelve children and seven mothers from the migrant families and sixteen youth and twenty-four from Yuvakendra and children from the surrounding areas were present during the celebrations.



### Global Hand Washing Day

Early Childhood Care and Education team of BOSCO organized awareness on washing hands for children of GKHPs, Anchepalya, GKHPs, Aralpet, United Mission School, Mission Road, Sharadha Stree Samaja School, Chamrajpet on account of Global Hand Washing Day on October 25, 2019. Ramaswamy said that Global Handwashing Day is a global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

The resource person demonstrated six steps in washing hands. The children were asked to repeat the same. The children were told that such simple habits practiced regularly would help in maintaining the health and hygiene of the individuals. Around three hundred and fifty children were a part of this awareness.

### Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration

BOSCO Yuvodaya and Nilaya centres celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava on November 1, 2019 at their respective centres with the children by hoisting the Kannada Flag. Kannada anthem was sung by all. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering said, "This is the 64th Kannada Rajyotsava. This is a month long celebration. Let us contribute to the State by learning its culture and language". Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Karnataka Rakshana Vedike members spoke about the importance of the day to the children. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator CREAM and ECCE Programmes motivated children to spread Kannada culture. Students delivered a speech in Kannada about the celebration. Children put up cultural programmes. Chocolates and sweets were distributed to all gathered.

Children of BOSCO Nilaya were given an opportunity to participate in the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations organized by DDPI, South-2, Education Department, Bengaluru on November 1, 2019

at Kantheerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru. Mr. Suresh, Minister of Education, Government of Karnataka, was the chief guest of the programme. Children had the opportunity to watch the cultural events performed by students of schools of South-2 Division. They felt honoured and expressed happiness in being part of the State Level celebration. Children gained knowledge about culture and tradition of Karnataka. Around hundred and fifty children participated in the celebrations.



## Children's Day at BOSCO Bengaluru



BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Children's Day celebration based on the theme, 'All Rights to All Children', at BOSCO Life Skill Training Center, Sumanahalli Bengaluru, on November 17, 2019.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his keynote address, said "Let us celebrate childhood and ensure that all

children are given their rights. Let them live with joy and happiness". Shri. V Manohar, Kannada Cine Actor and Music Director, speaking on the occasion exhorted the children to 'learn through play'. He felt that he could see some actors, singers, musicians, sportspersons, etc. in the making. He appreciated BOSCO for bringing out the hidden talents of children. Shri. G Mohan Kumar, Corporator, BBMP, Kottegalya lauded BOSCO's work and ensured his support for the cause of children. Rev. Fr. Valentin Anthony, Director, Sumanahalli Society, Bengaluru, briefed about the various rights of the children necessary for their holistic development. Ms. Rakshita, Child Representative, and Ms. Bharathi D. Sub Inspector, GRP, KSR Railway Station, and Makkala Mitra Awardee spoke on the occasion.

Makkala Mitra Award was given to four stakeholders who played key roles in the protection and promotion of child rights at the centers and areas of its service. Four children who excelled in cultural, social, sports and educational fields were awarded with the Prathibha Puraskara Award. Chance games and theme based cultural programmes were organized on the occasion. Ms. Geetama, Counselor, BOSCO Yuva Kendra welcomed the gathering and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli proposed the vote of thanks. Around five hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.

## CHRISTMAS

### Accenture Bengaluru visits BOSCO Mane



Accenture, Bengaluru visited BOSCO Mane to celebrate Christmas with the children on December 14, 2019. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane, welcomed the gathering and gave a brief introduction about BOSCO. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvaodaya, explained in detail about the different programmes and activities of BOSCO. Mr. Ravi, Manager, CSR, Accenture, spoke about Accenture and its work. The visiting group entertained the children with dance performances, carols and film songs. The children from Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan also performed dances, songs and other cultural programmes. Fr. John MA proposed the vote of thanks. Around hundred and fifty staff of Accenture group and two hundred children from BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan were present during the celebration.

### Christmas Celebrations with the Less Privileged

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated Christmas with the less privileged who dwell on the streets, at the centre on December 21, 2019. The programme was organized to provide them an opportunity to celebrate Christmas and also to motivate them to become child rights supporters. They were given an opportunity to watch television, have a haircut, take bath and wear new clothes provided by the centre. First aid was provided for the needy.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli, said that the face of God is to be seen on the face of the poor and the less privileged. He inaugurated the crib. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya spoke about the life of Jesus. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE Programmes interacted with the poor and spoke about the process of identifying and helping vulnerable children. Children from BOSCO Mane performed a dance. Seventy people living on the streets benefitted from the programme.





## Christmas at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamaraipet, Bengaluru, on December 21, 2019. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering. John Joshua, Coordinator, HUK, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the importance of Christmas and preparation of the crib. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. He said that we must love each other and work towards the care and protection of children. The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane proposed the vote of

thanks. All the staff, volunteers and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.



## Christmas at BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nilas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas and Sumanahalli organised Christmas Celebrations with children and youth from December 22 to 24, 2019 at their respective centres. Sr. Prema, Principal, St. Teresa's Degree College for Women, Bengaluru gave Christmas message on Selfless Love and the importance of loving the least to the children of Vatsalya Bhavan. She also appreciated the work of BOSCO in serving the young. Ms. Bindhya, Ms. Ashika, Ms. Saritha, CWC-2 members along with their families, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and neighbors were present during the celebration. Two hundred and fifty children, parents and guardians were a part of the celebrations.

BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated Christmas along with the children of the open shelter on December 22, 2019. The program was inaugurated by Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. He shared the importance and value of Christmas. Few games were conducted for the children and surprise gifts were given. Sixty-four children participated in the programme.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated Christmas at the centre on December 22, 2019 along with the inmates, neighbours, past pupils and their families. The Dignitaries-Dr. Mani, Social Worker, Magadi Road, Dr. Reddy, BBMP Hospital, Magadi Road, Dr. Jayaram, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, Fr. CV George, Director, SJPU and ARSP programmes and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra inaugurated the crib. Fr. CV George spoke about infant Jesus. Dr. Mani exhorted the youth to keep going and never give up despite several challenges in life. Youth performed cultural programmes. Twenty-four youth of the centre, seventeen past pupils, twenty-eight members of their families and neighbours were part of the celebrations.

Christmas celebration for the children of the four working areas of Shivajinagar was held on December 22, 2019 at St. Xavier School, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar. Sr. Liege and Sr. Santhoshi and Ms. Divya, Student of Physiotherapy and Studies, presided over the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Sr. Santhoshi recapitulated the reason for the celebration. She reminded the children that Christmas was the season of good cheer and happiness, an occasion to forgive and forget, to be kind and helpful and spread happiness all around. Addressing the children Dr. Divya, advised them to follow the path of goodness, spread joy, respect the elders, be obedient, honest, humble and always remember the Creator. Children put up cultural programmes. Eighty children were part of the celebrations.

BOSCO Nilaya organized Christmas celebration at the centre on December 23, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, narrated a story of the birth of Jesus. Dignitaries inaugurated the crib. Staff performed carols. Children put up various programs including dances and skit. Fr. Mathew and Santa distributed prizes to the Essay Writing and Drawing Competition winners. Hundred and seventy children and tuition teachers from ten tuition centres and thirty neighbours and sponsors participated in the programme.

Celebrations at BOSCO Sumanahalli started with the inauguration of the crib by Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas. Fr. T. Joseph, Director, Anuraha gave the Christmas message. Children performed dance, skit and song. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli gave Christmas gifts to the children and youth. Mr. Anshanni Gowda, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station, Mr. Biju, Juvenile Justice Board Member, Bengaluru Urban, Fr. C.V. George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Programmes, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and sisters from St. Joseph Convent, Anuraha were present. Children from Sumanahalli centre and Devaraj Urs area children participated in Christmas celebration.

BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Rainbow Home celebrated Christmas at the centres on December 23, 2019. The celebrations consisted of cultural programmes from the children, messages from the Directors and sweet distribution and cake cutting from Santa.



## I Child Rights Week

### Inauguration of Child Rights Week



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized the inauguration of CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week at the entrance of KSR Railway station in the presence of Mr. Purushotham Nair, Deputy Station Manager, Mr. Shikanth, Commercial Inspector, Ms. Bharathi Sub Inspector GRP/ KSR, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, Ms. Rashmi CLA/CIF and Child Help Desk staff on November 14, 2019. Director Fr. Varghese Pallipuram shared about the importance of Children's Day, CHILDLINE Se Dosti week and the 30<sup>th</sup> year celebrations of UNCRC. Ms. Bharathi, Sub Inspector, GRP shared the functions of Railway CHILDLINE. Ms. Rashmi CLA/CIF spoke on the occasion. Along with the program the signature campaign was done. Mr. Johnson, Coordinator Railway CHILDLINE welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Around hundred people were present for the program.

BOSCO CHILDLINE inaugurated the CHILDLINE Se Dosti Programme in Prajna School, Bengaluru where inmates from BOSCO Yuvakendra performed a theme based dance. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director CHILDLINE conducted a session on child's right to protection. Laws and acts related to children were briefly explained.

BOSCO Nilaya in collaboration with CREAM and ECCE projects inaugurated the Child Rights Week at Government High School, SR Nagar, Bengaluru on November 14, 2019. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, ECCE and CREAM Programmes, enlightened the children about UNCRC, its 30 years of journey and child rights. An oath was taken by all those gathered that they would uphold the rights of themselves as well as others emphasizing on the theme "All rights to all children." Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya conducted an activity oriented session on Trustworthiness and the importance of Team Spirit. This was followed by a Signature Campaign. Pamphlets were distributed. Sixty children and six teachers participated in the inauguration.

BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Child Safety Net programme had the inauguration of Child Rights Week at St. Rocks School and GHPS Coolee Nagar respectively by taking oath on the theme 'All Rights to All Children'. This was followed by awareness on child rights, child protection mechanisms, UNCRC and importance of celebrating Children's Day.

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) programme held the inauguration of Child Rights Week by organizing a community awareness programme at Haleguddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru.



### Public Awareness at Jahallhi Cross on Children Begging and Child Labour

On November 15, 2019 CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized public awareness at Jahallhi Cross. Fr. Prasad Director CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru tied the CHILDLINE Se Dosti band to Mr. Narayanaswamy, PSI, Peenya traffic police station. CHILDLINE team gave awareness about CHILDLINE by distributing CHILDLINE Pamphlets. Posters were distributed. Information was given to the public as to not to encourage the child beggary. If they were to find any child who is working or in distress, the information is to be given to CHILDLINE 1098. Awareness was given to Auto drivers, Bus drivers, Conductors, Students, general public and Dosti band was tied to students and children.



## Quiz Competition for College students

CHILDLINE Bengaluru organized Quiz competition for college students in collaboration with KCRQ on November 16, 2019. In the key note address, Mr. Lakshmi Prasanna, Member, CWC-2 said that every student/child must know about child rights and responsibilities of children. Mr. Chandrasekhar Member, CWC-1 appreciated the service of CHILDLINE.

Mr. Nagasimha, CHILDLINE Nodal, conducted the quiz competition on Child rights and current affairs. Eight teams from different colleges participated in the programme. Tumkur College grabbed the first place. PG Center Kolar obtained second prize and Engineering College, third prize.



Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru welcomed the gathering. Ms. Nagamani hosted the programme. Ms. Gunzsheela proposed vote of thanks.



## Prevention of Child Marriage

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programme on Child Marriage at different areas of Bengaluru. CHILDLINE team identified 4 areas and decided to give awareness. Vijayanagar, Magadi Road, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Kamakshipalya, were the areas identified. The team visited twelve Marriage halls, met the officials and gave awareness about the prohibition of child marriage. Posters were pasted at the marriage halls. In some marriage halls marriage functions were going on. The team distributed CHILDLINE pamphlets and informed reporting violation of child rights to CHILDLINE 1098.

## Day with Differently Abled Children

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a day of competitions for visually challenged children at Sri Ramana Maharshi Academy for the blind, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru on November 18, 2019. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru tied the CHILDLINE Se Dosti Band to Mr. Joseph senior instructor of the Academy and inaugurated the Programme.

Fr. Prasad, in his keynote address the aim of the CSD Week and CHILDLINE 1098. Children interacted during the session and clarified their doubts. Mr. Joseph, senior instructor, appreciated the work of CHILDLINE.

Competitions and games were conducted by the staff for children and winners were given prizes. CHILDLINE Suraksha Bandhan was tied on the hands of the children, teachers, parents and volunteers. Children expressed that they enjoyed the games. CHILDLINE team joined hands in organizing the Programme. Forty children, volunteers and staff participated in the Programme.



## Photo Frame

CHILDLINE Bengaluru organized Photo Frame programme and awareness about CHILDLINE was given in collaboration with KCRQ, at BalabHAVan, Cubbon Park on November 19, 2019. CHILDLINE kiosk was placed at the entrance of BalabHAVan and CHILDLINE team tied the Dosti band to Fr. Antony Sebastian, Chairperson, KSCPCR, Ms. Meital Rusdia (UNICEF) Chief Field Officer for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana & Karnataka, Sri Prosun Sen, Communication, Advocacy & Partnership Specialist UNICEF and the children from various schools and other institutes. The authorities allowed to capture their photographs in the frame and expressed their solidarity to CHILDLINE. Ms. Meital Rusdia appreciated the work of CHILDLINE in helping the children. Mr. Lukose Vallatarai former IAS officer, Karnataka met the CHILDLINE team and appreciated the CHILDLINE Services. The NGOs that came for the programme assured that they would support CHILDLINE in the future. CHILDLINE team conducted awareness by distributing the pamphlets, posters and explained about CHILDLINE Services. Around 300 children and 250 public got benefited from this programme.



## Swachh Bharat Campaign



On November 20, 2019 CHILDLINE Bengaluru, BOSCO Collab team joined hands with Railway CHILDLINE for the Swachh Bharat Campaign at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru.

Mr. Shrikanth, Commercial Inspector, Mr. Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Station Manager and Mr. Yuvaraj, ISRDC were present for the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE briefed about the objectives of the programme. Child-friendly stakeholders were honored at the program by the guests.

The stakeholders were appreciated by the guests for their work and child friendly attitude. Ms. Rashmi, CLA, CIF proposed the vote of thanks. After the inaugural function, Swachh Bharat rally was done at all the railway platforms. Awareness was created through PA system and by distribution of handbills. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, Bengaluru shared information about CHILDLINE and its function. Over 600 public were given awareness.

## Essay Competition

BOSCO Nivas and CREAM Programme organized essay competitions for the school children and Child Rights Club (CRC) leaders at St. Rocks School and Nilaya centre respectively, on November 19, 2019. The competition was organized with the aim of making children aware of child related issues, child rights, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE and Child helpline 1098. The essay topics included child marriage, importance of child rights, advantages and disadvantages of using mobile phones. The resource person briefed about the importance of observing Child Rights Week. The children took an oath on protecting their own rights as well as restoring the rights of other children. Around 40 children from St. Rocks School and 24 CRC Leaders took part in the essay competition.



## Candle Light Procession

The weeklong programme culminated with a 'Silent Candle Light March' at Upparpet Police Station, starting from Pothys, KG Road, Bengaluru on November 20, 2019 in the presence of Smt. Nagarathna R, Chairperson, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban and Shri. Mahant Reddy, ACP, Chickpet Sub-Division, Bengaluru. Tulasi, Child Representative, read out the memorandum asking the authorities to protect all their rights. The signatures of the children and public, and the memorandum were presented to Shri. Mahant Reddy. Shri. Mahant Reddy assured the children that the police would strive to uphold and protect their rights. Everyone took an oath to give 'All Rights to All Children' and sang the theme song together.

Around 150 children who have gone through painful situations in the past, child care personnel, volunteers, child rights activists, responsible citizens, etc. took part in the rally.



## II International Human Rights Day

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized various activities in its centres. Human rights awareness programme was organized at Government High School, Vajarahalli, Talaghatapura, Bengaluru on December 10, 2019. In his keynote address Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, Bengaluru described about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and said that everyone should join hands to prevent violation of human rights. Everyone should take steps to uphold and promote the rights of all human beings. Mr. Gopal Krishna, ASI, Talaghatapura Police Station was also present. Over two hundred children and six teachers participated in the awareness programme.

Special Juvenile Police Unit, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized community awareness in Hosa Guddadahalli, Bengaluru on December 6, 2019. Mr. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOS-





CO Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and explained about Child Rights and Human Rights. Mr. Premaraj, Head Constable, JJR Police Station, was present on the occasion. Over hundred twenty-five children participated in this programme.

Nilaya, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Human Rights Day celebration at the centre on December 10, 2019. Mr. Waseem, Coordinator and Ms. Pushpalatha, Social activist, Nilaya, BOSCO, Bengaluru, spoke about UNO, empowered children about Human Rights and acts. A few incidents of Human Rights Violations were shared. Children were motivated to restore Human rights and help others in difficulty as much as possible. A drawing competition was organized for the children. Twenty-five children from 10 tuition centres and two staff and tuition teachers participated.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated the International Human Rights Day with the youth residing at the centre. Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Member, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra briefed about the importance of the day and explained about human rights and the importance of protecting and promoting human rights. The youth

and staff took oath on protecting human rights. A drawing competition on the theme was organized. Eighteen youth participated in the celebration.

BOSCO Mane organized an orientation programme on the occasion of Human Rights Day for the inmates on December 10, 2019. Students from St. Joseph's College and Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane spoke about human rights and related acts. Around thirty children attended the orientation.

BOSCO Vikas had an interactive session with the children at the centre on December 10, 2019. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas explained the leaflet on Human Rights Day to the children. The children were later divided into four groups and were asked to do a painting on the theme. Forty-three boys participated in the session.

BOSCO Nivas organized an orientation on Human Rights Day on December 9, 2019 at the respective tuition centres in Mackan Compound, Nehrupuram, Ambedkar huts and Nivas. Over hundred and fifty children were part of the orientation. An essay competition was held for the children at the centre on December 10, 2019. Twenty children from four tuition centres took part in the essay competition.

Painting competition was organized for the youth residing in BOSCO Sumanahalli as part of Human Rights Day. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the importance of the day and the importance of protecting human rights. Twenty-five youth participated in the painting competition.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow Home conducted Human Rights Day through awareness programmes regarding human rights and the importance of standing up for their own rights and the rights of others at their respective centres on December 10, 2019. On the occasion, quiz, essay and drawing competitions were organized for sixty-five children of Vastalya Bhavan and fifty-six children of Rainbow Home.

## PICNICS AND OUTINGS

### Talakadu



Women's day out to Talakadu, an initiative of BOSCO Nilaya with the support of BOSCO Nivas, ECCE Project was organised on October 12, 2019. The group visited Sri Kengal Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Chennakesava Temple and Dargah. They played in Kaveri River at Talakadu.

The outing made them feel relaxed, refreshed and made them relive their childhood. Women were thankful to BOSCO for providing such an opportunity. Hundred and twenty one mothers of tuition children, Bala Vikas Samithi members, SHG leaders and members, SDMC members, mothers of Anganwadi children, Anganwadi teachers and helpers from twenty communities participated.

### Picnic to Don Bosco, Chitradurga

BOSCO Yuvodaya Bengaluru, organized picnic for the children at the Open Shelter, to Don Bosco Chitradurga, on October 27, 2019. Throughout the journey to Chitradurga, the children sang songs and danced to their hearts' content.

They visited Chitradurga Fort and Murgeswara Mutt. It was a good time for them to relax. The children had a wonderful time and they enjoyed the trip. Twenty-six children along with Fr. Varghese Palliparam, Director, Yuvodaya and staff of Yuvodaya joined the picnic.



## Innovative Film City

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a one day picnic to Innovative Film City, Bidadi, Bengaluru, for the inmates of the centre on November 15, 2019. Children felt happy and refreshed as they engaged in interesting activities and attractions such as Dino Park, Mirror Maze, Haunted Mansion, Tribal Museum, Kabali Walkthrough and Fossil Museum coupled with Catapult, bow, and arrow, etc. They enjoyed playing in the water. Sixty children along with Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and staff of Vatsalya Bhavan were part of this picnic.



## Staff Picnic



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a two-day picnic to Chikkamagalur and surrounding areas for the staff in two batches during the first week and third week of November 2019. The staff visited Belur and Halebeedu temples on the first day of the picnic and concluded the day with a camp fire wherein both the staff and management had party games and enjoyed to their hearts content. On the second day they visited Mullayanagiri Peak, Sitalanyyanagiri Temple, Kaval Gundi, Honneamma Falls, Dabadabe Falls, Dattapeetha, Manik-yadhara Falls, Z point and Siri Statue.



## Cake Exhibition

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized exposure visit to the 'Cake Exhibition' at St. Joseph Indian School Ground, Bengaluru for the youth undergoing training in baking, on December 30, 2019. The youth had an opportunity to see varieties of cakes in different shapes, exhibited at the show. They also learned how to prepare cakes in different shapes and designs. Four youth visited the cake show. Mr. Anthony, Instructor, Life Skill Training Centre, accompanied the youth.



## Magic Show

On the Occasion of Kanakadasa Jayanthi, KMS Team, Bengaluru organized Magic Show for the children of BOSCO Vikas and Mane at the centre on November 15, 2019. Children were happy to see the magician and enjoyed the tricks shown to them. Fr John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane welcomed the team and Mr. Pappiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas proposed the vote of thanks. Forty-five children from Vikas and thirty children from Mane were present for the programme.

## LIFE SKILLS

### Life Skills and Spoken English Classes

BOSCO Computer Training Project, organized life skill sessions and spoken English classes for the computer trainees at BOSCO Mane from September 2019 to October 2019. The sessions were facilitated by the faculty from Creating Future, Bengaluru. Life skills such as, self-awareness, communication, problem solving, decision making, interpersonal skills, and meditation were taught through various activities like 'River Crossing', 'Thread Passing', 'Passing the Ball', 'Section Says', 'Tik to Tak', 'Protecting our Balloon', etc.

Spoken English classes included basics of English, parts of speech, tenses, grammar, sentence formation, framing questions, increasing vocabulary and basic communication in English through activities like playing word puzzle, word building, picture cards, question booklets, reading newspapers, etc. Thirty-two computer trainees attended the classes.



### Career Guidance

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru organized a session on 'Career Guidance' for the youth at the centre on December 11, 2019. Sr. Silvy, Director, Yuvakendra, briefed about the activities of BOSCO. Mr. Vinay Kumar BG, resource person, Skilling for Livelihood Empowering for Life, Bengaluru, oriented the youth on the criteria for the admissions for Skill Training, educational requirement, age, types of courses and job placement. He spoke about the advantages of undergoing skill training as against taking up jobs without acquiring skills. He exhorted the youth to join the courses provided to them by their organization which were free of cost and make use of the scholarship provided. Nineteen youth attended the session.

### Life Skills at BOSCO Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a life skill session on 'Goal Setting' for the inmates of the centre on December 15, 2019. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, conducted the session and said that setting goal gives one a purpose in life and helps to guide one's life. It gives a direction and destination, clear focus on what is important, clarity in decision making, provides motivation and a sense of personal satisfaction. Eighteen girls took part in the session.



## OTHER PROGRAMMES

### Tuition Center Inauguration

Children's day was celebrated at a construction site near Majestic, Bengaluru on November 14, 2019. Mr. Santhosh Hipparagi, Asst. Labour Commissioner, inaugurated the tuition center for the migrant children who were recently enrolled in the school. He said, "Children, you must play and you must study. BOSCO has enrolled you into the school and also starting a tuition center so, make use of the opportunities to the maximum". In his speech he also said that there are many smaller children at the construction site for whom he would like to open a crèche. He ensured that the labour department would work towards providing other welfare entitlements for the labourers and for their families at the site.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of education for the children. Children performed dance during the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Di-

rector welcomed the gathering and Anil Joseph, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five migrant children and their family members were present during the inauguration of the Tuition Centre.



## Half Yearly Evaluation at BOSCO, Bengaluru

The Half Yearly Evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru on December 16, 2019. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, in his keynote address, said that Government is setting up systems to ensure that there is proper infrastructure, and quality of work in the CCLs. He exhorted the staff to work with the same motto of transforming children into honest and responsible citizens.

The activities of all the projects and centers of BOSCO were evaluated on the basis of the reports presented. Some of the major events and campaigns organized between June 2019 and November 2019 were evaluated. Upcoming events and programmes were planned. New staff were introduced to BOSCO. Staff who have completed twenty-five years of service at BOSCO were felicitated by the Management. A common birthday celebration was organized for the staff who celebrated their birthdays during the last four months. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO were present for the evaluation.



## Distribution of Footwear

BOSCO ECCE and CREAM Projects distributed 1631 pairs of footwear to the children of 14 Tuition centers under BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and 25 Anganwadi centers as Christmas and New Year gifts in collaboration with Dr. Shruthi, School Health Annual Report Programme (SHARP) and BATA Happy Steps Project, during second and third week of December 2019.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM and ECCE programmes, Staff and Tuition teachers carried out the distribution of footwear in the presence of Ms. Surekha, Ms. Shashikala, Ms. Pushpa, Ms. Seema, Anganwadi Cluster Supervisors and Anganwadi teachers and helpers and parents. CDPO, Anganwadi supervisors, Area leaders and parents appreciated the efforts made by BOSCO towards the wellbeing of children.



*Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully & lovingly nurtured. They are the future of the nation & citizens of tomorrow.*

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