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Editorial Note...

Of Chalk and Challenges...

September 5th is celebrated as 'Teachers Day' in India, in honor of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the revered philosopher, educationist and statesman. India is known for the legendary respect and admiration shown to teachers from eons. However, the challenges faced by modern day teachers are at times intriguing and overwhelming.

One of the news headlines recently lamented, 'Schools turning into theatres of violence, teachers feel terrorized'. During an interaction with

teachers and students at a school in Bengaluru, one of the teachers said, "I am afraid to correct some children because they might even harm us after school hours." Another voiced his concern saying, when students underperform, fingers are pointed at the school authorities, while imposing of disciplinary measures at schools are not looked upon kindly.

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's educational perspective indicates that moral values should be imparted

through real life and living examples. The preventive system of education of Don Bosco rests on the three pillars, namely, reason, religion and loving kindness. Let us as we reach out to children and youth in difficult situations, strive to be educators who accompany the young with an exemplary life, un-failing kindness, unconditional love and commitment.



Fr. Prasad SDB

World Clean-Up Day at BOSCO

BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli organised World Clean-Up Day in their working areas and at the centre on September 15, 2018. Nehru Makkala Sangha CRC Children, Tippu Sultan and Raziya Sultan CRC Club members, Tuition Children and staff of BOSCO Nilaya went on a rally holding placards from the centre till Barlane Government Urdu Model School (GUMS), Dr. TCM Royan Road, Bangalore shouting slogans and creating awareness about clean surroundings and

environ-
ment.

Mohammad Aslam Khan, President, Karnataka State SDMC, Aisha, H.M, Barlane GUMGHPS, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Waseem, Coordinator,



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Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO



First quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held on September 17, 2018 at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru. Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, shared about the recently organized Young at Risk (YAR) day, by the

BOSCO participated by cleaning up the centers, and areas of intervention. The activity was meant to create awareness about the importance of a clean environment. He exhorted everyone to imbibe the spirit and principles of the

National YaR events so that they become part of network where all one's attitudes and practices.

The coordinators presented reports of projects and programmes from the various areas and centres of BOSCO. The events organized and conducted during the first quarter of the year, were evaluated. Plans for the major upcoming events and activities were presented and discussed. All the new staff were welcomed and introduced to BOSCO. A common birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays from June 2018 to August 2018. All the managing directors and staff of BOSCO attended the programme

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World Clean-Up Day

BOSCO Nilaya and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM inaugurated the program by giving an open call to clean up the school surroundings. The School Compound was white washed with messages written on keeping the surroundings clean. The premises and surrounding areas of MS building were cleaned up by the tuition children of Nehrupuram and Mackan Compound and BOSCO Nivas staff. A pledge was taken by all gathered there that they would adopt cleanliness at home and surroundings.

With the help of the public address system, residents were instructed on the damaging consequences of the garbage spill. The inmates of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, cleaned the surroundings of the centre on the occasion. Around 500 public were given awareness. Around hundred children participated in the cleanliness drive.

Value Education at Rainbow Home



Value Education on virtues was conducted for the inmates of the centre at Rainbow Home, BOSCO Bangalore on September 2, 2018. Facilitating the session, Sr. Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, began with a short introduction about values. The children were asked to reflect on values. During the interactive session, the participants opined that inculcation of the right values is essential in living an exemplary life. They vowed to practice virtues in their day-to-day lives. After a short introduction, children watched a motivational movie on 'how to become a better person?'. Forty-two girls participated in the session.

Ward Sabha at Mackan Compound

A Ward Sabha was organized in the premises of Nau Bahar Sha School, Mackan Compound area by BOSCO Nivas on September 28, 2018. Fr. Regi, Director, Project CRY, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the key note address and spoke to the children about the purpose of the Sabha. He further mentioned that the meeting was a common platform for the children to air their issues boldly and unhesitatingly to the local governing bodies and the representatives from various departments.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Naryana, Child Welfare Officer, edu-

cated the children on safe and unsafe touch. She advised the children to use internet discretely, be cautious about Cyber Crimes and instructed them to shout aloud when in danger. She assured that the police were there to protect them whenever in need. Ms. Mahadevamma, Senior Nurse, PHC, Broadway Road, educated the children on the diseases, symptoms and how they could prevent themselves from the diseases. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, invited the children to mention their issues to the representa-



tives of various departments present. Addressing the issues, the representatives promised to look into them and work towards bringing about necessary changes. Seventy-nine children from six schools took part in the programme.

Staff Training at BOSCO Nilaya



CREAM, BOSCO, Bangalore, organized training for project staff at BOSCO Nilaya, on September 5, 2018. The interactive session by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, included a video on 'Lesson for my Teacher'. Through the session, tips to improve work performance and problem solving were explained.

A session on Foster Care by Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program, included history, definition, laws, procedure, public support systems, documents required, etc. Difference between adoption and Foster care was briefed. Fr. Regi Jacob, in his concluding remarks, said that empowering children with life skills and value education is as important as that of academic skills. Twenty-nine staff attended the training programme.

Training on Foster Care



Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bangalore, organized training program for the staff of Don Bosco Centre, Hospet, on September 3, 2018 at the centre. Fr. Lawrence Director, Don Bosco Hospet gave introduction about BOSCO Bangalore and its services.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care, explained about CHILDLINE, Child rights, Foster care, Types of Foster care (Group Foster care, Individual Foster care, Kinship care), Purpose of Foster care, difference between Adoption and Foster care, and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee. Sudha Rani, Tuition Teacher, welcomed the participants and Ganesh, Coordinator, MCB proposed vote of thanks. Nineteen staff participated in the training.

Training of Teachers

CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized two-day Training for Teachers at Block Resource Coordinator's (BRC) office, Hosahalli, Bangalore on September 18 and 19, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, CREAM, BOSCO Bangalore, in his keynote address, introduced BOSCO, BREADS, CREAM and Child Rights Club. Addressing the gathering, Lohiteshwara Reddy, Block Education Officer (BEO), South-2, shared his personal experience about BOSCO and said, "I would support BOSCO and want all of you as well to support them. Let us all join hands together for the benefit of children."

Rekha, BRC, South-2 said, "BOSCO had given Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) to Schools. However, one to one interaction with the teachers would be more effective in using the TLM better." She asked



teachers to refer 'out of school' children and youth to enroll into vocational skill training centres of BOSCO. Narasegowda, Education Coordinator, South-2, spoke about the importance of teaching.

Mother's meeting at Tippunagar



Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), BOSCO Bengaluru organized Mothers meeting on the theme, 'Role of Family in Child Development' at Tippunagar Anganwadi Center (AWC) on September 22, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE, BOSCO Bengaluru, said "Family is the single most important influence in a child's life. Parents are a child's first teachers and act as role models in shaping the child's life".

He emphasized on teaching children about the importance of education and human values. Mothers requested BOSCO to start tuition center in Tippunagar. Ms. Shamima, Nurse, Government Hospital, Sirsi Circle, Bengaluru and Ms. Anupriya, Tippunagar AWC Teacher explained about the importance of food and nutrition through a demonstration. Twenty-one mothers participated in the meeting.

An open session on subject related techniques and methodologies, was taken up by TK Prasanna Murthy, Resource Person. Through activities and presentation, important questions, topics, methods and techniques of teaching mathematics was briefed.

Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru explained in detail about UNCRC, child rights, child in vulnerable situations, types of vulnerability, JJ Act, JJ Board, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), CHILDLINE, Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and Child Welfare Officers (CWO) through various activities and also by sharing few incidents. Fr. Regi enlightened the teachers with the importance of ten life skills through various activities.

Ramchandra Bhat, Resource Person, briefed about teaching science through experiments and activities.

Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Verrappa, President, High School Teacher's Association, two Education and Communication Officers (ECO), three Block Resource Persons (BRP), two Cluster Resource Persons (CRP) and ninety High School Teachers participated in the training.

Open House Programmes

CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized open house programmes at Govt. High School, Sarakki, and Nirdishta Vargagala Sarkari Vasati Shale, Arehalli Bengaluru, Bengaluru respectively on September 8 and 25, 2018. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO, Bengaluru, in his keynote address spoke about the goals and objectives of the helpline, the purpose of the open house programme. He exhorted everyone to make optimum use of the available opportunities and achieve academic excellence while paying attention to one's integral development. Puttamadaiah, ASI, JP Nagar, Bengaluru, said "Every student should focus on curricular and co-curricular activities. Motivate your friends to abide by the law and avoid joining friends or gangs that involve in criminal activities".

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Project, BOSCO, Bengaluru, enlightened the children about the project, CWC, JJB, SJPU and various Child Protection mechanisms. Mohan Kumar Reddi, Member, SDMC, applauded the activities of CHILDLINE and assured support. Jagadish Nayak, in charge Principal, spoke on the occasion. Children expressed various issues and sought clarifications from the authorities present during the interactive session.

Mr. Madhu K, Sub Inspector, Subrahmanyapura Police station, said that POCSO Act is applicable to the whole of India and provides



protection to children from sexual offences. Providing for a child-friendly judicial process, the Act encourages children who have been victims of sexual abuse to bring their offender to book and seek redressal for their suffering, as well as to obtain assistance in overcoming their trauma, he added. Staff members and over five hundred children participated in the programme.

Medical Camp at Nehrupuram



A Special Outreach Health camp was conducted at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Nehrupuram, Bangalore, on September 26, 2018. The Health Camp offered services like blood pressure testing, blood sugar check-up, suspected tuberculosis, and thyroid. Many of the residents were found to be diabetic with their random sugar levels reading high. Post check-up, medical advice and medication was given to them. Medicines were given for the ailments identified. Hundred and fifteen residents of the area and the neighbourhood availed the services.

Parents Meeting

Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized parents /guardians meeting at the centre on September 30, 2018. Orientation about BOSCO and its activities was given to the parents. The parents/guardians were made aware of their roles and responsibilities. They were asked to take care of their children and make them feel that they are accepted and cared for by the parents.

The parents were exhorted to support the centre in making Aadhar card, Caste and Income Certificate and Bank account in order to get access to scholarship facilities for the students. After the general discussions, the Coordinator met the parents individually and discussed about their academic and behavioural concerns. Thirty-three parents /guardians participated in the meeting.

Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya, Bengaluru celebrated its second anniversary on September 21, 2018. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address, shared about the achievements and success of

BOSCO Nilaya. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, congratulated the team for having rescued, rehabilitated and restored number of children back to their families. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Summanahalli, briefed about BOSCO and its mission.

Nijalingappa, Sub-Inspector, Cottonpet Police Station, Bengaluru expressed that the number of children attending Tuition classes at BOSCO Nilaya has increased enor-

mously compared to the previous year and thanked Fr. Regi for the service. Children pledged to uphold the name of the center. Children and staff of the centre staged cultural programs. Gunasekar, Area leader, Anandapuram, Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. C.V. Geogre, Director, ARSP and SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru and Harshitha, Child representative were the special guests. Around two hundred and fifty people including children, neighbors, Anganwadi teachers, Tuition teachers and staff attended the celebration.

Training for Bengaluru Railway Staff

Half day training program was organized for Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTE) and Railway Mechanic staff on the theme “Ensure Care and Protection of Children in contact with Railways” on September 11, 2018.

The program was organized by CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) and supported by Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI) in coordination with BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL), Bengaluru. Fr. Rubin Mathew, Director, Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE, Bengaluru, gave a detailed narration about BOSCO and its functions.

Barmappa, Inspector, GRP, Bengaluru explained about the missing children and how one can help them and the legal procedures in-



involved including filing of First Information Report (FIR). Mahesh Jakati, City Level Anchor, CIF, Bangalore gave a brief information about the Standard operating Procedures (SoP) of Railways and CIF and the plans under Program for Children in Contact with Railway Station (PCCRS). The functions, aims and objectives of CIF and the

role of Railway CHILDLINE were discussed with the participants.

Deepak Dinesan, Senior Coordinator, Training, CIF gave a brief note about Human Trafficking and the reasons behind trafficking. He spoke on ways of preventing trafficking. Nine GRP officials and nineteen Railway Mechanic Staff attended the training.

Capacity Building Training on Literacy

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Project, BOSCO Bangalore organized Capacity Building Training on Literacy Boost and distributed Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) at BRC Center, Hosahalli, Vijayanagar on September 3, 2018.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO ECCE Project, in his keynote address, said, "Motivate children to develop decision making skills and social responsibilities. Build more rapport with the children by interacting with them regularly."

Through various activities, teachers gained knowledge about education, self-knowledge, self-acceptance and some tips on being a good teacher. The role of teachers in inculcating knowledge, life skills, enhancing overall development in children was explained by giving examples. Swetha, Consultant, ELM, explained about literacy boost, phonics for children, developing motor skills and encouraging creativity in



children. Fr. Regi Jacob distributed the TLM consisting of thirty items to thirty School Representatives. Thirty three officials participated in the training.

Task Force Meeting



BOSCO Team working at KSRTC, Bengaluru organized Task Force Meeting with the objective of creating awareness about BOSCO work and its services to the officials, at KSRTC Bus Stand, Terminal 2, on September 18, 2018. Fr. Rubin, Director, BOSCO Bus Stand area, Bengaluru gave a brief introduction about BOSCO, its activities at bus stand areas and about the presence of BOSCO Child assistance center at KSRTC and BMTc Bus Terminals.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Program, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about Foster Care program and its activities. The officials assured of their support to BOSCO in reaching out to the needy children and youth. Forty-two KSRTC Officials attended the Task Force meeting.

Training for Anganwadi Teachers

Foster Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized training programs for Anganwadi Teachers and Asha Workers at Bommashettihalli, Gopalapura, Bengaluru and Primary Health Centre (PHC), Singasandra, Bengaluru respectively, on September 26, 2018.

The Foster care team introduced BOSCO, its centres, services and explained in detail about child rights, CHILDLINE helpline, concept of foster care, the legal procedures in foster care, difference between foster care and adoption, eligibility of foster parents, different type of placements like individual foster care, group foster care, kinship care, short term and long term foster care, age group of children, time frame for placements and legal procedures involved in becoming a foster parent and the roles and responsibilities of Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Twenty-four Anganwadi Teachers and twenty-three Asha workers participated in the training programs respectively.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



September- 2018

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	228	37	265
Service provided	146	33	179
Grand Total	374	70	444

Service Provided

Center/Area	Male	Female	Total
Bangalore Railway Station	13	00	13
Bangalore Bus stand	14	00	14
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	05
BOSCO Vatslyabhavan	00	01	01
CSN	20	07	27
BOSCO Nivas	24	19	43
BOSCO Nilaya	05	00	05
BOSCO Child line	23	05	28
ARSP	42	01	43
TOTAL	146	33	179

Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	10	04	14
Home Placement	113	14	127
Produced before CWC	91	18	109
Shishumandir	00	01	01
Referred to OH	13	00	13
Referred Back to Hostels	00	00	00
Recommended to Hostel	00	00	00
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	01	00	01
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	228	37	265

Classification Report

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	28	11	39
Unaccompanied	200	26	226
TOTAL	228	37	265