

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



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QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

We are now many months into the Covid lockdown. Luckily Covid lockdown also comes up with various forms of lock open. Yes, life is moving along. BOSCO moves on with its various activities trying to add value to the lives of youth and children found in vulnerable situations. Namma Shaale is one such initiative where older children in the slums are gathering younger children daily, to teach language, maths and about health during Covid. This is also seen as an initiative to prevent children from being trafficked during these days when the schools are remaining closed. May children be safe. The essay competition on the occasion of the International Day of Girl Child saw bicycle being distributed among the winners.

It has been a difficult year for us. Lack of enough resources to support the various needs of the children that we come across in difficult situations is a serious difficulty. We hope things will pick up in the coming months.

Thank you and May God bless you all.

Fr. Mathew Thomas, SDB
Executive Director

BOSCO DIARY

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER

- Awareness Campaigns
- Health Camps
- Community Mobilization Programme
- Value Education Classes
- Life Skills
- Task Force Meetings
- Youth Parliament
- Online Trainings, Consultations and Workshops
- Essay Competition
- Outings
- Comestai Regazzi Camp
- Sports Meet
- Day of the Poor
- Namma Shaale
- Celebrations- Gandhi Jayanthi, International Girl Child Day, World Food Day, Kannada Rajyotsava, Children's day, Deepavali, Christmas
- Meetings
- Child Rights Week

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

HEALTH AWARENESS

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a health awareness session for the girls at the centre, on October 3, 2020. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, spoke about health and hygiene. He spoke about taking bath on a daily basis, maintaining dental hygiene, trimming nails on a weekly basis, drinking safe water, eating healthy food, etc.

He gave awareness on COVID-19 through a Power Point presentation. He insisted that children wear masks and maintain social distance, especially when they are in public places. Fifty-one children benefited from the health awareness.



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STAKEHOLDERS' AWARENESS PROGRAMME

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized an awareness programme for RPF officials at the RPF Police Station located on the 5th platform, on October 7, 2020, and GRP officials at the GRP Station located on the 6th platform of Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station on October 8, 2020. The awareness programme was organized to orient the newly appointed officials at the station about BOSCO and its activities. Information was given about the functions of Railway CHILDLINE, working procedures, the role of

BOSCO and the role of RPF in the care and protection of children at risk. Awareness was also given on COVID-19 and the precautions to be taken, like maintaining social distance, using hand sanitizers etc. The present procedure of child rescue and intervention and the medical and quarantine facility for the rescued children was also explained. Ms. Bharathi, SI, GRP, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, was present during the programme. Seventeen RPF officials and nineteen GRP officials attended the awareness programme.



AWARENESS AT AMBEDKAR SLUM NEAR KRANTHIVEERA SANGOLLI RAYANNA RAILWAY STATION



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE (BRCL) conducted a community awareness programme for the people at Ambedkar Slum near Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, on October 12, 2020. Mr. Balraj and Ms. Vimala, BRCL staff, spoke about Railway CHILDLINE, services of Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO, and the safety measures to be taken during the COVID-19 pandemic. Face masks were distributed to the children. Fifty community members and children participated in the programme.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



BOSCO Bus Stand team conducted six public awareness programmes in Kempgowda Bus Station, KSRTC Bus Station, KG Road, and Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, during October, November and December 2020. The team explained about child rights, child protection mechanisms, issues related to children such as runaway children, child labour, child trafficking, child abuse, etc. The team briefed everyone about BOSCO activities in the Bus Stand, CHILDLINE, Child helpline-1098, and distributed pamphlets to the general public and passengers. The team was able to reach out to around four hundred people through these awareness programmes. Pamphlets were also distributed to around three hundred people.

CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT CRIMES

Kalasipalaya Police Station in collaboration with CHILDLINE-1098, organized an 'Awareness Campaign to Prevent Crimes' programme at Vinobha Nagar, Bengaluru, on December 17, 2020. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the Juvenile Justice Act, Prevention of Child Marriage Act, POCSO Act, Child Labour Prohibition Act, and about the means to prevent children from entering into conflict with law. Preethi.HR, Prasanna, Ravish, and Dhanush Chand, Sub Inspectors, Kalasipalaya Police Station spoke on the occasion. The police officials urged the members of the community to educate their children and keep them away from evil influences in the society. Over 150 people from the community including children were given awareness through the programme.



PROGRAMME ON CHILD RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

Special Juvenile Justice Unit (SJPU) programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness programme on Child Rights and Protection for the staff of Sudarshan Silk House, Balepet, Bengaluru, on December 22, 2020. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about child rights, child protection mechanisms and the POCSO Act. There was an interaction with the staff regarding work place harassment and sexual abuse. There was a discussion on how to handle such problems. Ms. Shruthi, Woman PSI, City Market Police Station, was present during the awareness programme. Fifty staff members attended the programme.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS



Special Juvenile Justice Unit (SJPU) programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a community awareness programme at the Meeting Hall, Kamakshipalya Police Station, Magadi Road, Bengaluru, on December 26, 2020. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about child rights, child related issues such as child trafficking, child labour, child marriage, child abuse, children dropping out of school, prevention of crimes, etc. citing various examples. He also spoke about children in conflict with law, POCSO Act-2012, JJ Act -2015, and SJPU procedures. The community people assured that they would report cases related to children in their neighbourhood, if any, to the concerned authorities. Prashanth, PSI, and three Sub Inspectors, Kamakshipalya Police Station, were present for the programme. Forty-seven people participated in the programme.

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS



BOSCO Foster Care programme, organized awareness programmes for Government Officials at BRC Centre, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru, School Teachers at CRP Centre Model Higher Primary School, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, Govt. School, Karithimannahalli, Bengaluru, and Self-Help Group Members, Anganwadi Centre, Pillareddy Nagar, Bengaluru, during December 2020. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about BOSCO and its services. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, discussed about laws and policies related to children and enlightened the participants regarding the foster care concept, types of foster care, purpose of foster care, and roles and responsibilities of the Child Welfare Committee. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, requested the stakeholders to promote foster care in the communities they work in, so that parents would come forward to give a child a family. Twenty-four Government Officials, thirty-seven School Teachers and twenty-one SHG Members attended the awareness programmes.

CELEBRATIONS

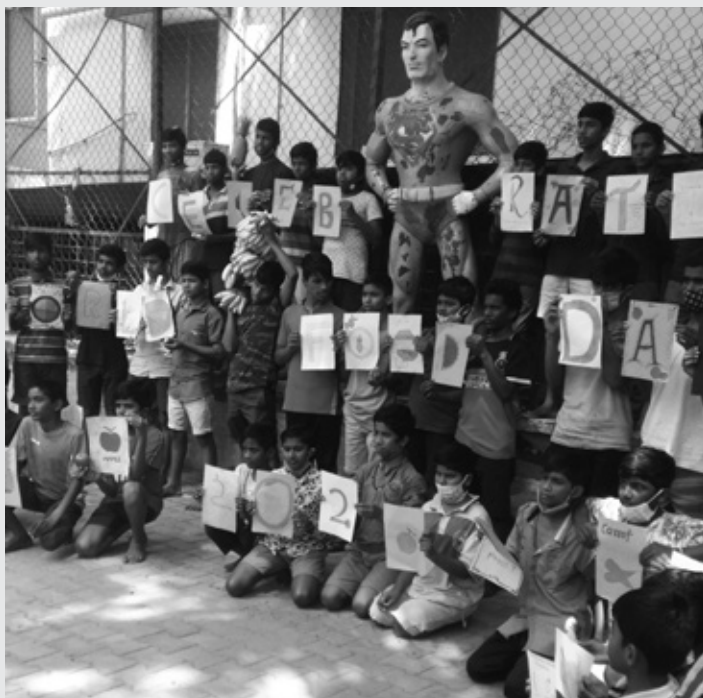
GANDHI JAYANTI



BOSCO Vikas and Mane celebrated Gandhi Jayanthy and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanthy on October 2, 2020, at BOSCO Mane. Mr. Dhareesh, Warden, BOSCO Vikas, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Lalitha, Teacher, BOSCO Mane, spoke about the life of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, former Prime Minister of India. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, garlanded the photos of Gandhiji and Lal Bahadur Shastriji, and gave a message to the children. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem. In the afternoon, party games were organized for the children of Vikas and Mane. Fifty-five children participated in the celebration.

WORLD FOOD DAY

World Food Day was organized for the children in BOSCO Vikas by AOW Response Net Group, Bengaluru, on October 16, 2020. The purpose of this programme was to make children understand the importance of food and nutrients for healthy living. Fr. Rubin, Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of food and nutrition in order to lead a healthy life. As part of the programme, drawing and painting of different types of food was held. Children enjoyed drawing and painting the food items. Fifty children participated in the programme.



INTERNATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY



On the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized cultural programmes, essay writing, drawing, and slogan writing competitions for the girls residing at the centre, based on the theme, 'My Voice, Our Equal Future. Save the Girl Child', on October 11, 2020. The girls were divided into five groups and given topics based on the theme for presentation and debate. The different teams spoke on the life story of Malala, Onake Obavva, Savithribai Phule, Kiran Majumdar Shaw, and Hima Das.

On October 12, 2020, during the programme at the centre, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, gave a message on the theme and said that every girl should uphold the rights of every other girl. Sr. Sheeba, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, distributed prizes to all the participants. Fifty girls and staff of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan participated in the celebrations.

The Day was celebrated at BOSCO Rainbow Home on the theme, 'My Voice, Our Equal Future', on October 11, 2020. The programme started with a brief introduction on the purpose of celebrating International Girl Child Day, and the value and worth of being a girl. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of the Girl Child Day and exhorted every girl to fight for her rights. Children staged theme based cultural programmes and enjoyed celebrating their day. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, Sr. Leena, Coordinator, Rainbow Home, seven staff members, and fifty-seven children were present for the programme.

KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA

BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the transit home children, in the centre, on November 1, 2020. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the children and the gathering. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, hoisted the flag, spoke about the importance of the day, and shared the values and culture of Karnataka with the children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke on the occasion. Sweets were distributed to the children. Special food was arranged in the afternoon. Fourteen children and three staff members participated in the celebration.



CHILDREN'S DAY

BOSCO Yuvodaya organized Children's Day celebrations for the children in the Open Shelter and the children of migrant families, at the centre, on November 14, 2020. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the importance of the Day. Mr. Shivaswamy, Inspector of Police, Upparpet, Bengaluru, appreciated BOSCO and its work especially for children. Children from BOSCO Yuvodaya performed a mime. Recreational and cultural activities, and party games were organized on the occasion. Ms. Manju, Member, CWC1, Bengaluru Urban, and Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the programme. Eighteen children from the open shelter, fifteen children from migrant families, and twenty-three staff members attended the programme.

BOSCO Vikas and Mane organized Children's Day celebrations at the centre, on November 14, 2020. Ramu Jogihalli, Chairperson, CWC, Bengaluru Rural, inaugurated the programme and spoke about child rights. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the responsibilities of citizens in the upbringing of children. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli, exhorted the children to make use of the facilities provided in the CCIs and become successful in life. Children from Vikas and Mane staged a mime show, dance, and skit, related to the theme, 'Prevent Child Trafficking'. Chance games were organized for the children. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. John, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, and sixty-seven children participated in the celebrations.

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated Children's Day at the centre, on November 14, 2020. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that everyone should work towards eliminating child labour, child marriages and child beggary, and uphold the rights of the children. Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, said, 'Education is the most powerful weapon in changing the world'. He strongly felt that education should be given priority and that every child should be educated. Fifty-eight children participated in the celebrations.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized Children's Day Celebrations at the centre, on November 14, 2020. The programme started by tying ribbons on the wrists of the children, followed by cultural programmes. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of celebrating Children's Day. Staff of the centre performed a dance. Fifty children participated in the programme.

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated Children's Day on November 13, 2020, at the centre. Ms. Archana, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya, explained the purpose of celebrating Children's Day and Child Rights Week. The life of Nehru was narrated to the children. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, said, 'Today's children are Today's citizens' and motivated the children to become better individuals. He emphasized the need for ensuring child rights, and motivated the children to take initiative and promote more advocacy actions. Thirteen children, nineteen staff members, and eight volunteers participated.

BOSCO Sumanahalli, CHILDLINE, and Yuvakendra celebrated Children's Day in Sumanahalli, on November 17, 2020. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE Programme welcomed the gathering and spoke about the importance of the Day. Relating his own life, Lokesh of Comedy Khiladigalu fame, Past Pupil, said that it is very important that today's children and youth are aware of child trafficking and the adverse effects of it. They should also know the preventive measures. Various cultural programmes and games were organized for the youth of Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli. Prizes were distributed. Youth were happy to participate in the programmes and games. Face masks were distributed to the youth. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and staff of Sumanahalli, CHILDLINE, and Yuvakendra were present during the celebrations. Sixty youths participated in the programme.



DEEPAVALI

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated Deepavali with the less privileged who live on the streets, at the centre, on November 14, 2020. The programme was organized to provide them an opportunity to celebrate Deepavali and also to motivate them to become child rights supporters. Food kits containing bread, cake, and chocolates were distributed. Forty-nine people living on the streets benefited from the programme.



BOSCO Yuvodaya organized Deepavali celebrations for the children of the open shelter by lighting diyas in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, and staff of the centre. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram highlighted the importance of celebrating the festival, which was translated into Hindi by Jilani, Night Warden, BOSCO Yuvodaya, for the convenience of the children. After the celebration, a special dinner was arranged for the children. Around fifteen children participated in the celebration.



CHRISTMAS AT BOSCO CENTRES

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, and Sumanahalli organised Christmas celebrations with the children and youth, at their respective centres, from December 21 to 23, 2020. The Directors of the respective centres inaugurated the crib and gave a message on the importance

of celebrating Christmas. Children and staff performed skits, dances, and carols signifying the value of Christmas. The Management and Staff were present during the celebrations. Around 250 children and youth from the centres and areas were a part of the celebrations.



YOUTH PARLIAMENT AT BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a Youth Parliament for the youth residing at the centre, on October 17, 2020. The purpose of the meeting was to build leadership qualities among the youth so that they participate and take ownership of the activities in the centre. Speaking on the occasion, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, said that Yuvakendra is like a lighthouse leading the youth through the path of humanity, moulding them into responsible citizens of the country. She exhorted the youth to make the best use of the opportunities provided to them in the centre. She expressed her happiness over the proceedings of the meeting being held in English. She was happy to see the youth converse in English with confidence and asked them to continue the same as it would be useful while taking up jobs. Fifteen youths and the staff of Yuvakendra participated in the meeting.



CREAM PROJECT



CREAM project team, BOSCO Bengaluru, participated in the training programme of CREAM- Phase 3, organized by BREADS, Bengaluru, at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru, from December 1-3, 2020. Fr. K. C. Sebastian, Rector, Don Bosco Provincial House, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, Executive Director, BREADS, in his introductory message said that the CREAM project works in collaboration with the Government and tries to strengthen the Government programmes for children. Fr. Antony Sebastian, Chairperson, KSCPCR, in his inaugural message said, "In Phase 4, I wish CREAM to cover all the districts of Karnataka, and KSCPCR will be happy to join hands." Mr. Sony Kutty, Child Rights Specialist, UNICEF, addressing the gathering said, "We need to network to resolve the issues faced. We can make the difference together." Fr. Jose Koyickal, Vice-Provincial, Bengaluru Province, quoted the famous saying, "When the going is tough, the tough gets going." He said that the Salesian world is happy to present CREAM. We have to instil self-esteem, self-confidence, and hope in children.

Mr. Sony Kutty, introduced UNICEF to the group. He said that activities such as Grama Sabha, Child Rights Clubs etc., should be organised to provide opportunity for children to participate. Legislation of laws, and mechanisms such as CWC, CHILDLINE, DCPU, CMPO, SJPU, were explained. It was suggested that CREAM 3 should emphasize on positive parenting. Fr. Rubin Mathew, Assistant Director, BREADS, presented Don Bosco National Job Placement Network, www.donboscojobs.org, a website, and Jobs

DBI, mobile app. Key features of the website was shared and a poster was distributed.

Fr. Joy Nedumparambil, explained the baseline survey reporting format, monthly reporting format, and the impact indicators, through a presentation. The 20 project locations were shared. Major activities of the project were explained. Targets per year were shared. Mr. Manjappa, State Coordinator, presented a Power Point presentation on Children's Grama Panchayat amendments.

Mr. Benny Augustine, Manager, Projects, BREADS, explained about the advocacy action, reporting format, MIS- Management Investigation System, details of child protection systems required in a Panchayat, District, Taluk, Panchayat-wise SDMC, CPC, Bala Vikas Committee, Village Justice Committee etc. The teams from different districts shared about the existing advocacy activities in their respective districts. Roles and responsibilities of the CREAM staff members were shared.

In the Valedictory programme, Fr. Joy Nedumparambil wished that the learnings would be turned into action. Fr. P. S. George, Economist, Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru Province, wished that advocacy would be taken up on a war footing. Thirty-three participants from Don Bosco Mysore, Ramanagara, Davangere, Chitradurga, and BOSCO Bengaluru, participated in the programme.

ADOLESCENT CHILDREN AND YOUTH MEET



CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Adolescent/Youth meet at St. Peter and Paul Higher Primary School in Rayapuram Cluster; at Vyayamashala AWC Centre, Shanthinagar Cluster; at BOSCO Nilaya, KR Market Cluster; and at the Government Model Higher Primary School, Karithimmanahalli, Chamrajpet Cluster, during the first and second week of December, 2020.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM project, Ms. Vinnarasi, and Ms. Pushpa, Cluster coordinators, CREAM project, conducted the sessions. They explained about Don Bosco, BOSCO centres, and their activities. They also briefed everyone about the Child Marriage Act, CHILDLINE, child rights, reproductive health and hygiene, safe and unsafe

touch, and COVID -19 safety measures. Activities on how to manage emotions, develop self-confidence, trust, patience, and setting goals, were conducted by the team. The participants were introduced to the vocational courses in BOSCO, and the Don Bosco Jobs app.

5 youths expressed interest in joining skill training. 3 youths joined the Beautician course in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.

TRAINING /WORKSHOPS

FOSTER CARE



Foster Care programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training for the children and staff of Auxilium Navajeevana Girls Home, Guduvanahalli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, on October 2, 2020. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care programme, started the session by speaking about the importance of family for children and parents, the responsibilities of parents and children in the family, creating alternative family care for children without families/parents, identifying potential parents interested in fostering children, the procedures involved in foster care, etc. Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane, and Member, CWC Rural, spoke about the care and safety of girl children, prevention of physical and sexual abuse, and child trafficking. Fourteen children and staff participated in the training.

BOSCO Foster Care programme organized online and onsite Foster Care trainings for stakeholders like Anganwadi teachers of Dodda Banaswadi and Devanahalli Aganwadi Centre, and SHG members of MRS Palya, Jayamahal Extension, Bengaluru, during November, 2020. The purpose of these trainings was to make the stakeholders aware of the Foster Care programme, so that they would disseminate the information to the community members which in turn would help in identifying prospective foster parents and children. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, and Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care programme, briefed everyone about the procedure for applying in CARA Website (Adoption), and explained about BOSCO activities, JJ Act, and foster care procedures. Fifty-two Anganwadi teachers and twenty-nine SHG members attended the training.

ONLINE FOSTER CARE



BOSCO Foster Care programme organized online training via Google Duo Meet for the Directors and Social Mobilizers of the project across ten districts of Karnataka, from BOSCO Mane, on October 17, 2020. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, appreciated the Social Mobilizers for promoting the Foster Care concept in their Districts and said, "We are the people who are working for the children in difficult situations and all of us

should agree to the fact that the biggest happiness of a child is to grow up in a family environment."

The Social Mobilizers of the 10 districts shared the reports of their activities during the last 3 months. Ms. Usha Kiran, Member, Foster Care Guidelines, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru, spoke about the JJ Act, Foster Care guidelines and rules. She started the session with UNCRF's insights on children, principles of placement in alternative care, UN Guidelines, Foster Care legal framework in India, identification and preparation of children, matching and placement, post placement, roles and responsibilities of DCPO, CWC, PO-NIC, PO-IC, and SFCAC. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Foster Care Programme appreciated the Social Mobilizers and other team members who helped in creating awareness about the programme in their respective districts. He also explained about the meaning of network, advantages of networking, and Foster Care implementation. Mr. Praveen, BOSCO Accounts Department, clarified issues related to budgeting.

Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care programme, welcomed the participants and proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five participants from 10 districts of Karnataka were a part of the online training.

PROGRAMME ON FIRST AID

BOSCO Nilaya organized a training programme on First Aid for the team members, at the centre, on November 25, 2020. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, Nilaya, facilitated the session. Defining First Aid, she said that it is the immediate treatment that is given to a person on an emergency basis.

She explained about minor illnesses and the general medicines for them. Clinical thermometer, tablets, and ointments with their names were explained. Usage of cotton, bandage, and surgical scissors were shown and methods to use them were described. Fifteen staff members and volunteers attended the training.



CHILDREN'S WARD SABHA

BOSCO Nilaya organized a capacity building programme on Children's Ward Sabha for the staff, at the centre, on December 7, 2020. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, quoting the message of Fr. Angel Fernandez Arttime, SDB, Rector Major, said, 'Let all our approach be positive and filled with hope'. Mr. Ramaswamy, Cluster Coordinator, Spoorthi Project, introduced the principles of the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act, and the Children's Grama Sabha, with the details of amendments. He spoke about organizing Children's Ward Sabhas in the target locations. He also explained about UNCRF, child rights, and the importance of advocacy actions. Mr. Wasim, outreach staff, and Ms. Priya, Project Coordinator, Spoorthi Project, explained in detail about the nine mandatory participants required to be present for the children's Sabha.

During the discussions it was decided that two representatives from the Child Rights Clubs of each school would be present for the Ward Sabha. Ms. Ravikumari, Cluster Coordinator, Spoorthi Project, emphasized on strengthening advocacy actions through Children's Grama Sabha. Twenty-two staff members participated in the training.



CHILD RIGHTS WEEK

CHILD RIGHTS WEEK INAUGURATION



Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Child Rights Week, from November 14 to 20, 2020 on the theme 'Prevent Child Trafficking', in collaboration with the Railway Department, as part of Children's Day. The inauguration of the programme was held on November 13, 2020.

Ms. Rashmi, CLA, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO CHILDLINE, delivered the keynote address and spoke about Child Rights Week and the importance of the programme. Ms. Mumtaz, DCPO, Bengaluru Urban, spoke about BOSCO CHILDLINE's work in the railway stations and other centres for the betterment of children.

Mr. Kumara Swamy, Station Master, Mr. Raghuraman, Senior CMI, Mr. Srikanth, CMI, Mr. Sharavana, Engineer, IRSDC, Mr. Waseem, Inspector, RPF, Ms. Chayamani, SI, RPF, Ms. Bharathi, SI, GRP, Ms. Bharathi, TTE, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, Directors and Coordinators from APSA, SATHI and Child Rights Trust, and BOSCO CHILDLINE staff were also present during the programme. The guests and dignitaries released the poster based on the theme "Anti-Child Trafficking".

CAMPAIGNS DURING CHILD RIGHTS WEEK



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized awareness campaigns on 'Prevention of Child Trafficking', for shop owners, passengers on the platforms, and coolie porters at the entrance of KSR Railway Station, on November 14, 16 and 17, 2020. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, Railway CHILDLINE, welcomed the gathering and spoke about Railway CHILDLINE and its function. He explained about the role of stakeholders while rescuing children in need of care and protection. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, spoke about the Child Rights Week celebrations. Face masks were distributed to the coolie porters. Twenty-five shop owners, around 200 members of the public and passengers, and fifty coolie porters benefited from the programme.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan carried out awareness campaigns on 'Prevention of Child Trafficking', for the public at Chamarajpet, for the Leelavathi Hospital staff, BBMP workers, and ANS Rainbow Home children, on November 16, 2020. Railway CHILDLINE and BOSCO Yuvodaya jointly organized "Awareness Rally on Child Trafficking", in the Majestic Area of Bengaluru, on November 19, 2020. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, and Mr. Lokesh, Past Pupil, BOSCO, flagged off the rally. Awareness pamphlets and stickers were distributed to the public. The teams raised slogans on prevention of child trafficking. Following the Government protocols

on COVID-19, the participants of the rally maintained social distance and wore face masks. For the conclusion program at the KSR Railway Station, Mr. Sourab Jain, JGM, IRSDC, Mr. Srikanth, CMI, and Mr. Raghuraman, Senior Consultant, IRSDC, were present. Mr. Sourab Jain appreciated CHILDLINE for its work at the railway station. The children tied CHILDLINE Dosti bands for the guests.

BOSCO Yuvodaya conducted awareness on 'Prevention of Child Trafficking', for the migrant families residing near Sangham Theatre in the Majestic area of Bengaluru, on November 20, 2020. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about Children's Day celebrations. Ms. Rashmi, Programme Manager, CIF, spoke on the theme, "Prevention of Child Trafficking". Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. The migrant children performed a dance. The open shelter children performed a mime on 'issues faced by children'. Prizes were distributed to the migrant children. Mr. Anil Joseph, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya, facilitated the programme. Around hundred and twenty-five parents and children participated in the programme.

SJPU team visited various media houses like Praja Vani, The Hindu, Indian Express, Vijaya Vani, and Vijay Karnataka, created awareness on child trafficking, and displayed posters on prevention of child trafficking, in the media houses, during Child Rights Week. The

team organized awareness programmes for the police officials in various police stations including Kamakshipalya, Magadi Road, VV Puram, KP Agrahara, Chandra Layout, RR Nagar, Jnana Bharathi, and Kengeri, and also for the traffic police in Vijayanagar, Bengaluru. The team also conducted an awareness programme on the theme, for the youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra.

CSN team carried out awareness programmes on child trafficking in Bhariappa Badavane and Krishnappa Layout areas of Bengaluru.

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted an awareness campaign in the Wilson Garden Police Station on the prevention of child trafficking and gave posters to display in the police station. 12 police personnel were given awareness.

Through various social media, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas carried out a Digital Campaign by disseminating information on Child Rights Week and Anti-Child Trafficking. Posters on Child Rights Week were distributed to four police stations and one community centre. Over 2600 shares were made.

COMPETITIONS DURING THE CHILD RIGHTS WEEK



Drawing and poster making competitions were held for the children in Nagarbhavi, Nandini Layout, and SR Bus Stop communities on the theme 'Prevention of Child Trafficking', on Nov 16, 2020, by BOSCO CSN team. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized a drawing competition on 'Prevention of Child Trafficking', for the children of Ambedkar colony and VST colony located near the KSR Railway Station, on November 16 and 17, 2020. Thirty children from VST colony and fifty children from Ambedkar colony participated in the competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners.

Children of the communities in and around BOSCO Nilaya made posters on 'Anti-Child Trafficking'. Children shared the soft and hard copies of their posters to the staff members. The team visited their homes and collected the posters and the winners were given prizes.

Poster campaign on the 'Prevention of Child Trafficking' was held in Gandhinagar, by BOSCO Yuvodaya team, who handed out the posters made by the children to the shops and hotels in Gandhinagar to be displayed.

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted essay and poster making competitions for the children of the centre during the Child Rights Week. The best essays and posters were selected, and prizes were distributed.

Children of BOSCO Nivas wrote essays on 'Anti-Child Trafficking'. Children shared the soft and hard copies of their essays to the staff members. The prizes were distributed to the winners after the essays were assessed by a panel of judges.

BOSCO Vikas held tabloid and poster making competitions on child trafficking for the children of the centre and gave prizes.

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized activities for the children at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on November 17, 2020. Drawing and essay competitions, indoor games, party games, volleyball and cricket matches, were conducted for the children as part of the Child Rights Week. Prizes were given to the winners. Around forty children participated in the programme.



CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT CHILD BEGGARY

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized the campaign against child beggary launched by KSCPCR and the Police Department, by reaching out to Mahalakshmi Layout and RMC Yard Police Station limits through engaging a vehicle and making public announcements over the PA system, on November 18, 2020. The Hoysala Police vehicles from the concerned police stations joined the team to give awareness to the public at APMC Vegetable Market, Swimming Pool Road, Mahalakshmi Layout Bus Stand and Main Road, Nanda Nagar, Ashoka Nagar, Yeshwanthpur, Goraguntepalya, Kantheerava Nagar, APMC Ward, and Goutam



Nagar Community areas and traffic signals. These areas were earlier identified by CHILDLINE as vulnerable areas. The police assured to continue the support to CHILDLINE in rescuing children in need of care and protection.

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, in continuation of the Anti-Child Beggary campaign launched by KSCPCR, in collaboration with the Department of police, organized public announcements over the PA system, engaging a vehicle, on November 24, 2020. The team sensitized the officials at the jurisdictional police stations and

moved through the vulnerable areas and signals together with the Hoysala Police vehicles. The team gave awareness at Bangarappana Gudde, Bairappana Badavane, Cow-beggars' Colony community, and Jawaregowdana Doddi that come under the RR Nagar Police Station limits, and Hosakerehalli, Hosakerehalli Cross, Bus Stop, Main Road, Veerabhadranagar Signal, and the community near Hosakerehalli Signal that come under Giri Nagar Police Station. CHILDLINE team along with the police officials warned parents and employers who had brought children to their place of work. They agreed that they would not employ children.

SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a 'Signature Campaign' as part of the Child Rights Week, at the entrance of the KSR Railway station, on November 15, 2020. Mr. Manu, Deputy Station Master, inaugurated the campaign by signing on the banner and spoke a few words about the importance of the Children's Day celebration. After the inauguration ceremony, the railway stakeholders and passengers signed on the banner and awareness was given to them. The public gathered and participated in the signature campaign. Hundred and fifty signatures were collected from the passengers and stakeholders.

BOSCO Yuvodaya organized a Signature Campaign near Movie Land Theatre, as part of the Child Rights Week, on November 17, 2020. Mr. Anil Joseph, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvodaya, facilitated the programme and gave brief information about the programme. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF, and Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, inaugurated the programme.



Mr. Sudhakar, ACP, Upparpet Traffic Police Station, visited the programme point and assured his support to CHILDLINE 1098. Open shelter staff and children assured their support to CHILDLINE by putting their palm impression on a white cloth. Pamphlets were distributed during the programme. Around 150 members of the public benefited from the programme.

CHILDLINE SE DOSTI BAND



BOSCO Yuvodaya in coordination with the BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE team organized a visit to Upparpet Traffic and Crime Police Station, Outpost Station, RPF, GRP, and Primary Health Centre, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru, along with children from the open shelter and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Railway CHILDLINE, on November 18, 2020. Staff

introduced themselves to the police officials and stakeholders from the various departments such as IRSDC, Station Manager, GRP, RPF station, and briefed them about BOSCO and its activities. They also spoke about the importance of Child Rights Week. Children tied the Dosti band for all the police officials and stakeholders, and handed over the memorandum and awareness poster to the police officers. Police officials appreciated the work of BOSCO and CHILDLINE. Upparpet Traffic Police officials offered sweets to the children. Six children and five staff members were a part of this programme.

BOSCO Nilaya team along with children and community leaders visited Cottonpet Police Station, KR Market Police Station, SJ Park Police Station, JJR Nagar Police Station, Ambedkar Bhavan Community Centre, and V.S. Garden, on November 20, 2020. Pushpa, Cluster Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, briefed the stakeholders about the importance of Child Rights Week, and the children tied friendship bands for the police officials symbolizing Child Friendly Police. Mr. Prem Kumar, Assistant-Sub Inspector of Police, Cottonpet, Bengaluru, with the other police officials received the memorandum from the children. Six Children, thirteen police officials, and two community members along with Nilaya Staff participated in the event.

BOSCO Nivas continued the campaign of tying Dosti bands and submitting the memorandum in Shivajinagar Police Station and

Government offices, on November 20, 2020. The programme started with a visit to the Women Police Station, Broadway Road, Shivajinagar, and then to the BEO Office, Kamaraj Road, Shivajinagar. Five children participated in the campaign.

SJPU team visited various media houses like Praja Vani, The Hindu, Indian Express, Vijaya Vani, Vijay Karnataka, and gave the posters on Prevention of Child Trafficking and tied Dosti bands for the media personnel during the Child Rights Week.

Children from BOSCO Vikas and Mane along with the staff visited VV Puram Police Station and submitted the memorandum duly signed by the children and staff, to the Police Inspector, on November 21, 2020.

CSN team visited eight police stations in its working area including that of Jnanabharati and Kengeri, along with the children from the communities who tied Dosti bands for the police personnel and presented the memorandum and sought help from the police to protect children and stop child trafficking.

A team from CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, along with staff and children's representatives from BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, visited Annapoorneshwari Police Station and Kamakshipalaya Police Station on November 17, 2020. The team tied CHILDLINE bands on the wrists of police officials and requested them to help the team reach out to children in need of care and protection. Posters on Child Rights Week and Anti-Child Trafficking were given to the police stations.

SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION



BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CSN, and Rainbow Home teams organized a slogan writing competition for the children of the centre and the surrounding communities of Shivajinagar, KR Market, Bairappa Badavane, and Krishnappa Layout, Bengaluru, on the theme 'Prevent Child Trafficking', during the Child Rights Week. BOSCO teams visited the homes of the children and encouraged them to write slogans based on the theme. Children recited slogans on Child rights and Anti-Child Trafficking. Videos of children shouting slogans were made. Children shared the videos with the staff members. Three best videos from each of the teams were selected. Children from the area actively participated in the event in large numbers.

ONLINE SESSIONS BY BOSCO CHILDLINE



An online session on CHILDLINE 1098, Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act, Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, POCSO Act, and Online safety, was organized over ZOOM Platform by BOSCO CHILDLINE, for the students of Jindal Public School, Bengaluru, as part of Child Rights Week, on November 18 and 19, 2020. The session was facilitated by Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru. Children and staff clarified their doubts regarding child related Acts and issues related to children. Over 150 students and twenty teachers participated in the session.

CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



CHILDLINE Bengaluru organized a consultation with CDPOs and ICDS officials at Stree Shakthi Bhavan, Madiwala, Bengaluru, on November 20, 2020. The programme marked the conclusion of Child Rights Week. Speaking at the programme, MN Karibasavanna Gowda, ACP, South Division, Bengaluru, said that the police department would provide the necessary assistance in rescuing victims of child marriage. B. Usha, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Development, Mumtaz, DCPO, Bengaluru, Anjali Ramanna, Chairperson, CWC, Bengaluru Urban, Lakshapathi, Director, APSA, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. The officials discussed about the various issues regarding the prevention of child marriages and about the effective rehabilitation of children. Around sixty officials participated in the programme.

OTHER PROGRAMMES

ESSAY COMPETITION



Spoorthi Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Essay Competition on the theme 'My Voice, Our Equal Future.' Fr. Regi Jacob, Director,

Spoorthi Project, and the team organized the competition on the occasion of the International Girl Child Day. The purpose of organizing the competition was to create awareness about gender equality and issues faced by girl children. Children wrote essays in English, Kannada, and Urdu languages. The essays were evaluated by a panel of judges consisting of Ms. Robina Farooq, Former School Principal and Teacher, and Mr. Biju, Member, Juvenile Justice Board, Bengaluru.

Bicycles were given to the winners as prizes. School bags were given as consolation prizes to six children. All the participants were awarded with a Certificate of Participation. Distribution of bicycles was done in the communities in the presence of their parents and community members. Certificates of Participation were distributed in the schools and communities. Around 120 children between the age group of 11 and 18 participated in the essay competition.

NAMMA SHALE: FOR THE CHILDREN BY THE CHILDREN



BOSCO Bengaluru has initiated a new programme to address the issue of education for children in slum communities, in the absence of regular classes in schools. Children living in the slums have been among those worst affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of schools across the country. With daily survival itself becoming a challenge for people in slum communities, online education is an unattainable dream for these children, forcing many of them into child labour, child marriage, and beggary. It is in this context that BOSCO has initiated the concept of 'namma shale', in which older children studying in higher classes hold Math, Kannada, and basic health awareness sessions for the younger children.

The programme has been initiated in 21 slums in Bengaluru. Forty-two children from these 21 slum communities have been trained by BOSCO staff to teach the younger children, and the classes in each community are led by 2 senior students. This programme is headed by Shafi, Devaraj, Savita, and Mallu, from the Child Safety Net team of BOSCO. The 'namma shale' programme is designed to continue till schools reopen for regular classes. These classes are proving to be a constructive way of engaging children, while ensuring that they do not lose touch with education. Children in all the 21 communities are actively participating in these non-formal classes, as they eagerly wait for schools to reopen.

COMESTAI REGAZZI CAMP

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a three day camp- Comestai Regazzi on Life Skills, for the inmates of the centre, at Don Bosco, Ajanahalli, from November 27 to 29, 2020. The purpose of the camp was to develop life skills for a better life. Mr. Revanna and Mr. Shivanna, Resource Persons, facilitated the sessions on imbibing various skills like communication, listening, being happy, loving nature and environment, enhancing one's talents and skills, respecting human beings, and becoming responsible citizens, through various group activities.

The youth were also taken to the hill nearby and the Siddeshwara Temple for an outing. They enjoyed the serenity of nature, and played games like cricket, football and volleyball to their heart's content. They also presented a skit on the current situation prevailing in society.

Fr. George CV, Director, SJPU and ARSP programmes, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and the staff were present in the camp. Twenty youths participated in the camp.



OUTING TO BOSCO SUMANAHALLI



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized an outing for the inmates of the centre to BOSCO Sumanahalli on November 7, 2020. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, addressed the children and asked them to feel at home and also asked them to be safe. Sports, cooking, and rangoli competitions were organized for the children. Children enjoyed playing and participating in the different competitions. They

also felt relaxed and happy as they ventured out of the centre for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Forty-seven children were a part of the outing. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Sheeba, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, and staff accompanied the children for the outing.

DAY OF THE POOR

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Bengaluru, organized 'Day of the Poor', to bring joy to the hearts of the poor and to give them a chance to celebrate Christmas, on December 17 and 22, 2020, in KR Market, Cottonpet, Bakshi Garden, Goods Shed Road, Tharagpet, and Shivajinagar. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, along with the staff distributed food kits to the people living on the streets. Street dwellers in need of first aid and medical support were identified and supported. Street dwellers felt happy and energized, and thanked BOSCO. They also said that they will help BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas in rescuing, rehabilitating and referring children in need of care and protection. Around hundred street dwellers were given food kits.



EYE CHECKUP CAMP

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized an eye checkup camp for the children residing at the centre in coordination with Optic Range, on December 5, 2020. Dr. Dharmendra Mittal, Operation Head, Optic Range, and his team conducted the camp. He gave information about eye care and advised the children to include more vegetables in their diet. The team distributed spectacles to fifteen children. Fifty children and twelve staff benefited from the camp.



SPORTS MEET FOR CHILDREN OF BOSCO VIKAS

BOSCO Vikas organized a Sports Meet for the children, at BOSCO Sumanahalli Life Skill Training Centre, on December 19, 2020. Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, welcomed the children and gave brief instructions on the rules and regulations to be followed during the Sports Meet. Team games like cricket, football, and kabaddi were organized. The children were divided into four groups and competitions were held. The event saw the presence of Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Br. Albin, and staff of BOSCO Vikas. Forty-three children participated in the sports activities.



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-Denis Waitley

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