

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17



BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA



## Fr. Mathew Thomas SDB

Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore

Dear Friends

Another year has gone by and we are grateful to God for the abundant graces bestowed upon us at BOSCO. Our interventions in the lives of marginalised youth and children continue to grow in the spirit of Don Bosco's ideals.

It gives me great pleasure to place before you the Annual Report of the last year, 2016 to 2017. In this year from the streets and other situations of danger we have rescued 6856 children and rehabilitated them. Of these 5495 were reintegrated back to their families. Many of the children who could not go back to their families due to various serious reasons were received into the children's homes of BOSCO for formal education and skill training. 599 Children were provided education in the schools, colleges and in other educational institutions during the year. 375 boys and girls were given technical skill training to support them towards a livelihood with dignity. Through the tuition centers, support to anganwadis, child rights clubs, child rights education in the schools, caring communities, mothers' groups, community leaders and adolescent collectives in many slum communities of Bangalore we empowered children, ensured education for them and prevented child rights violations especially child labour, dropping out of education and child marriages. This annual report is filled with such stories. We celebrated the first anniversary of the Railway Childline, a new venture of the Govt: of India and in this inaugural year we were able to rescue 2,507 children from the city railway station and restored them to safety.

During this year we were blessed with a new building with proper facilities for BOSCO Nilaya in KR Market. We continue to conduct workshops for our staff and awareness campaigns for our stakeholders in society. The pages of this annual report will unfold briefly many stories of care and commitment to the young at risk by BOSCO. The Team BOSCO, over 145 dedicated personnel, put in their best efforts last one year to make the lives of thousands of boys and girls happy and meaningful. We step into the New Year with greater resolve to be at the service of young at risk. We shall work on realising an extension programme for Vatsalya Bhavan. The National Foster Care Guidelines need to be taken forward in Karnataka with the support of the Government. Also we plan to work with the Government of Karnataka to ensure a proper after care programme for the young who are in the Juvenile Homes of the Government.

In the last one year our friends and well wishers, Govt: departments, donors, volunteers and supporters walked with us and strengthened us in various ways so that we may effectively reach and protect and care for those vulnerable children/youth. Thank you all on behalf of the children and may God bless you.

It has been a busy year and while we are happy for what we could achieve, we are aware that more needs to be done, and it needs to be done soon. We thank our supporters and we shall move on with more love in our mission for the last, least and the lost in the Don Bosco's way.



Dear Fr. Mathew Thomas, Members of the Staff and Well Wishers of BOSCO,

I am grateful to you all for another year of hard work in favour of the less privileged youth. I congratulate you all for the commitment and the sense of purpose with which you all work as a team in all the centres of BOSCO. While we remember with gratitude the founding fathers and all those who are involved in this service for the past several years, I would like to thank Fr. Mathew Thomas, the Executive Director and all the other fathers and brothers and the members of the staff for their spirit of collaboration and for sharing the vision of Don Bosco to love the young. We shall continue to make relevant interventions in the life of those who need our help and assistance.

Fr. Viktor Alassonatti, one of the earliest collaborators of Don Bosco in his work for the less privileged youth had a maxim that he followed in his life. He used to ask himself that question; 'Viktor, Viktor, why did you come here?' This was a question with which he used to get himself motivated and this used to keep up his enthusiasm even in very trying circumstances where caring for the young appeared to be very demanding. Correct and healthy purposes can help create useful and effective patterns. This is seen in BOSCO as it has served tens of thousands of youth for several decades. Let us all continue to be motivated by the noble ideals of doing good to the young which was a passion for Don Bosco and his followers.

This also bears witness to the fact that we are committed to the cause of the young especially the less privileged, and we will uphold their cause and help prepare a society where the dignity of everyone is loved and respected. We thank God Almighty for the gift of Don Bosco to humanity under whose inspiration and model we work. Born in Turin in Italy more than two hundred years ago (16th August 1815), this saint of the Catholic Church has given to humanity a system of education and a style of intervening in the life of the less privileged. He was a man of many colours: a Catholic Priest, acclaimed and proclaimed by the Church and the word at large as a saint, an educationalist, a pastor, a social activist, a healer, a friend of the poor and abandoned youth, the founder of congregations and inspirer of many religious congregations, mystic in the spirit, prophet of fraternity and a servant of the young.

We Indians are used to a pledge that we used to take when we were all students in the schools. It starts with the words, "India is my country and all Indians are my brothers and



sisters" and it ends with a very responsible statement, "In their well being and prosperity alone, lies my happiness." This is a statement that implies a lot of things and it calls us for a life which invites us to act in very responsible ways. We need to develop a life style that ensures the welfare and happiness of those around us. In a world where the individual is given a lot of importance and his/her importance is upheld can we think of a life style that ensures the welfare of those around without a life style that entails sacrifice, genuine love, and social responsibility? One of the systems from where we learn this life style is the family. It is from the family that we learn to live together and to accept one another. It is from the family that we learn the value of 'live and let live' and the spirit of 'give and take' and imbibe certain important values like spirit of hard work, sacrificial love, making sacrifices for the welfare of the other, and a genuine spirit of religiosity. Don Bosco under whose inspiration we all work wanted all his houses to live in the spirit of the family which means also learning to live with a spirit of co responsibility where everyone has to play his and her role to make a house a family. These days when a lot of importance is given to the families we too need to form part of the efforts to make families more and more stable so that children can grow in healthy environments and the society will be all the more healthy because of that.

"The beauty of a house is order  
The blessing of a house is contentment  
The glory of the house is hospitality  
The crown of the house is Godliness"  
With Every Good Wish,

Yours in Don Bosco,

**Fr. Joyce Thonykuzhiyil SDB**  
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## MESSAGE

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) is doing favour for Children who are at risk by rescuing the street Children and nurturing them into a responsible individual/Citizen from the past 36 years is a tremendous job.

The Vision and Services of BOSCO is service and to secure the rights of the Children and Youth and to build a community where Children feel safe and protected. The Child nurturing programmes and activities at BOSCO is really commendable.

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, BMTC is also been associated with BOSCO from many years at Kempegowda Bus Station, KBS, Bangalore. The nodal office at Bus Station for missing Children or run out Children is working through regular interaction, co-operation and with a team work.

At this occasion of bringing out the annual report, it is well appreciated for the commendable job carried out by BOSCO. I congratulate the whole team of BOSCO for striving the society with standard activities/programmes carried out for Children to make them responsible Citizens.

On behalf of BMTC and Government of Karnataka I extend my support to the Organization and wish them a good success in the years ahead.

**M NAGARAJU (YADAV)**



**SANTOSH HEGDE**  
Station Director/SBC  
KSR Bangalore City  
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## MESSAGE

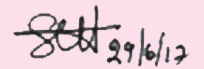
Railway Station is an area where people come from various places of this country. Various sections of the society use the services. In this mass contact area many un attended children come and they are in need of protection.

BOSCO Childline is working 24x7 for the protection of children in KSR Bengaluru city railway station. Their employees are going around the station to rescue and attend to the children in need. Every month on average 150-200 children are rescued from the station. This is a sensitive and continuous service which BOSCO is doing very well.

Apart from this they are involved in sensitising people regarding the need for child protection. They are sensitising regarding various Acts, rules and court judgements regarding child protection through videos, plays and discussions. Regular monthly meetings have been held with stake holders like RPF, GRP and Station staff for sorting out various issues regarding child protection

It is my pleasure to be associated with BOSCO CHILDLINE at KSR Bengaluru city station for the noble cause of rescuing children and sensitising people for child protection.

With best wishes,



Santosh Hegde

Station Director/SBC

Dated 29.06.2017

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# Message

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) is a well known NGO in Karnataka, especially in Bangalore city, working for the rescue and rehabilitation of street children and missing children. It is working in close collaboration with the Government in taking care of children in need of care and protection. This organization is working for the protection of children and their rights. BOSCO sends the majority of children rescued back home to their parents, after counselling them. These children are saved from human trafficking, child labour and many other anti-social activities and crime.

I am happy to know that they are bringing out their Annual report of the year of service for children in the city of Bangalore. I extend my best wishes to the endeavour.

*Uma Mahadevan*

**Uma Mahadevan**  
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‘ಸೇವೆಯೇ ಪರಮ ಧರ್ಮ’ ಎಂದು ನಂಬಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ಅಪರಿಮಿತ ಸೇವೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಾದ ಡಾನ್ ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಅವರ ಕನಸನ್ನು ನನಸಾಗಲು ಸದಾ ತನ್ನನ್ನು ತೊಡಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

‘ಆರೋಗ್ಯವಂತ ಸಮಾಜದ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವೇ ಮದ್ದು’ ಎಂದು ಭಾವಿಸಿರುವ ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಗಳಿಂದ, ಬಂಧುಗಳಿಂದ ದೂರವಾದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ತನ್ನ ‘ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಮನೆ’ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶ್ರಯ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಉಚಿತ ಊಟ ವಸತಿ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರ ಸಮಾಜದ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸದಾ ಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಬದುಕಿನ ಕಲೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಚಯಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮುಂದಿನ ಬಾಳಿಗೆ ನೆರವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಗಳಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗಿ, ಅವರ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ವಂಚಿತರಾದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕೊರತೆಯು ಕಾಡದಂತೆ ಎಚ್ಚರವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ದೈಹಿಕ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗಾಗಿ ಹಲವಾರು ಕ್ರೀಡೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮನೋವಿಕಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ, ಸಂಗೀತ, ಕಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಮಾಡೆಲ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೂ ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೂ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸಂಬಂಧವಿದ್ದು, ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ವಿವಿಧ ತರಗತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವ್ಯಾಸಂಗ ಮಾಡಲು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಶಾಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಅಪಾರ ಅಭಿಮಾನವಿಟ್ಟು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. 2013 ನೆ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡೆಲ್ ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಮುಖ್ಯೋಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯಿನಿಯಾದ ನನಗೆ ‘ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮಿತ್ರ’ ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಗೌರವಿಸಿದ ಸಂದರ್ಭವನ್ನು ನಾನು ನೆನೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಇದು ನನ್ನ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಜನಪರವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬೊಸ್ಮೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ ಶುಭಾಶಯಗಳು!

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ಕೆ.ಎಲ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣವಳ್ಳಿ

ಮುಖ್ಯೋಪಾಧ್ಯಾಯಿನಿ

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# Message

# BOSCO, THE CANDID CANVAS

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota, commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It is established in 1980 by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).



## VISION

BOSCO aspires for a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth through preventive and promotional approaches as well as stands up for their well-being.

## MISSION

BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to the centre of society so that they may become integrated individuals and responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth such as children on the streets, child laborers, run-aways and trafficked children, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuses, rag pickers, child beggars, etc.

## MOTTO

BOSCO lives by its motto, "That they may have life....in all its fullness". In keeping with the motto, following are the services and programmes rendered by BOSCO on behalf of the Young at Risk:

## ACTION

24\*7 Street Presence | Child Rescue Booths  
CHILDLINE | Counseling | Special Juvenile  
Police Unit | Missing Child Bureau  
Child Safety Net | Community Development  
Child Rights Campaigns and Awareness Creation  
Child Rights Clubs | Foster Care | Shelter Homes  
for Children | Skill Training | Education  
Health Care | Job Placement | Room Placement  
Home Placement | Advocacy | Research and  
Documentation | Publication

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## **STREET PRESENCE**

Many children take their lives to the street either lured by the prospects of a good job or to lead an independent life. Here lies the possibility of getting into a trap of crooked and shady elements ruling the streets and as a result bringing an abrupt halt to their childhood and innocence. Therefore, it is BOSCO's devoted agenda to extend its round the clock presence through various services such as rescue operations, counseling, medical assistance, providing food and shelter, organizing orientation camps and awareness programmes.

## **RESCUE**

A large number of children who find it hard to adjust or deal with personal issues tend to run away to big cities with the hope of leading a better life. Here, they become prey to human predators such as child traffickers, criminals and abusers. Therefore, BOSCO's mission is to come in contact with them before they are preyed upon. It is the collective effort of BOSCO to apply the best strategy in accordance with the circumstances and ensure that quick action is taken; thus attempting to decrease the intensity of the problem. BOSCO's rescue operations take place in railway platforms, bus terminals, factories, hotels, parks, public places, etc. BOSCO's important components such as CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net etc., collaborate with Police and other Government Departments in crucial intervention for mass rescue operations and prevention of child right violations.



## ANITHA REGAINS HER LOST CHILDHOOD

Anitha (name changed) is 6 years old; belongs to a Tamil family. They hail from Vinayaka Nagar, Bangalore. Anitha lost her father at birth. Mother lives in the street and begs for her livelihood. She dragged Anitha also into begging. The mother was never interested in her daughter's upbringing and always neglected her education or well being. On seeing the child's pathetic condition, one of her relatives, suggested her mother of admitting Anitha in BOSCO Rainbow Home. Initially she was hesitant, but constant motivation made the child get entry into Rainbow Home. Anitha never had a formal schooling. Rainbow Home got her admitted in Government Kannada Model Primary School. Now she is studying in 1st std. She is studious. She has good memory power and is improving scholastically with the help of staff and special coaching. Anitha is also learning to communicate in English and Kannada. Anitha is very smart, naughty and buoyant but at the same time an innocent child. Over the days she has built a good relationship with staff and children of Rainbow Home.

## Statistics of Children Rescued by BOSCO during June 2016-May 2017

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Total
BOSCO Mane	25	00	25
BOSCO Summanahalli	16	00	16
BOSCO Nilaya	36	36	72
BOSCO Nivas	70	33	103
BOSCO Yuvakendra	17	00	17
Railway Station	2256	249	2505
Bus Stand (BMTC and KSRTC)	1350	130	1480
BOSCO Yuvodaya	16	00	16
CHILDLINE	215	108	323
SJPU	326	88	414
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	56	56
ARSP	540	55	595
CSN	77	23	100
BOSCO Rainbow home	23	00	23
Services Provided	814	117	931
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5961</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>6856</b>

### Action Taken

Type of Actions	Number of Children
Home Placement	5495
Institutional Placement/Referred to CWC	1192
Counseled and Sent	0097
Present in BOSCO Centres	0072
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6856</b>

## MESSIAH IN THE GUISE OF AN AUTO DRIVER

'Community Empowered Street Presence' is the approach adopted by BOSCO in rescue of street and vulnerable children. Public on the streets are encouraged to talk to children in distress and provide assistance if they require. One morning, Mr. John, an auto driver from Goripalaya, on his way back from Bangalore City Bus Stand, after dropping a passenger, found a 10 year old boy in shabby clothes sitting alone on the roadside. Without hesitation he approached the boy and while talking to him he realized that he had run away from his home town in Ananthpur District of Andhra Pradesh. Realizing the importance of protecting the childhood of this boy Mr. John took him in his auto to BOSCO Yuvodaya and handed him over to the Coordinator for counseling and rehabilitation. True to his actions he proved to be a responsible citizen.

This is one of the many rescues done by Civil Society members.





A deep sense of abandonment is so strongly rooted in the psyche of street children such that they are totally dejected with life. It is BOSCO's primary goal to make the child feel that he/she is worthy and capable of living a better life. BOSCO provides counseling service to the children with the help of professional counselors at different stages of intervention. A counselor tries to shed light on a child's hidden feelings and emotions, endeavors to change his/her unhealthy and inappropriate attitude, instill self-confidence and self esteem in them, prompt the child to come in terms with the reality and thus, inspire him/her to make suitable resolutions. Therapeutic counseling and referring to specialized centers is administered from the rehabilitation centers of BOSCO. It also provides counseling to the parents, guardians and legal custodians of the rescued children.

## Counseling

Knowing that a child in the street lives in extremely unhygienic conditions and consequently becomes vulnerable to a variety of diseases and parasitic infestations, BOSCO makes remarkable medical interventions. The Health Care Department of BOSCO takes care of the medical services for the rehabilitation centers, slum communities and its operational areas. Besides direct interventions, many health awareness programmes and medical camps are also conducted.

## HEALTH CARE



Statistics of Medical Care Provided in 2016-17	
Type of Cases	Numbers
In Patient	0022
Out Patient	0719
Other Medical Care	1456
<b>Total</b>	<b>2197</b>

### Ms. Shruthi, Make a Difference Volunteer.

I've been volunteering with BOSCO through Make A Difference since September 2016.

The first thing that strikes about BOSCO is that it's warm and welcoming. The kids we interacted with have been sweet, naughty, sensitive and strong in many different ways.

To see that every kid loves back the Shelter Authority and the same is reciprocated from you is beautiful.

Interacting with you has been a pleasure and a wonderful learning experience for me. Each kid is given individual time and care. You have been helping us help them better by giving us necessary inputs when required. This is very promising for us to believe that kids are in Safe Hands and their future is bright. Thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to work with you! Looking forward for one more wonderful year in association with BOSCO.

## NON-FORMAL EDUCATION



The children rescued by BOSCO are from diverse backgrounds such as school dropouts or children who have never been to school. The first priority of the organization is to prepare these children for formal education provided they possess the aptitude and interest in studies. Thus classes are organized in different shelter homes of BOSCO which prepare them for schooling. BOSCO also organizes classes for children beyond school age, to prepare them for open school exams in 10th standard and to take up jobs according to the skills that they are trained in.

## FORMAL EDUCATION

BOSCO believes in educating those children who have the least chances of attaining regular schooling, who require immense motivation, love and support from the educator. Children who land up on the streets usually have less interest in studies which results in an increase in the number of school dropouts. BOSCO, with its innovative strategies motivates the children in gaining interest in studies and attending regular classes. Its centers such as BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan are dedicated towards making the children develop greater interest in their studies. On the other hand, BOSCO Summanahalli is dedicated towards providing higher education to its residents.



### STATISTICS OF SCHOOL/COLLEGE GOING CHILDREN IN 2016-17

Standard/ PUC/Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Summan- ahalli	BOSCO Nilaya	BOSCO Nivas	BOSCO Yuvak- endra	Foster Care Pro- gramme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	36	-	02	-	14	16	07	-	-	075
I	-	-	06	03	05	25	10	04	-	053
II	-	01	03	-	05	21	04	02	-	036
III	-	05	05	04	-	25	10	02	-	051
IV	-	03	16	05	02	23	05	04	-	058
V	-	09	14	05	-	31	09	08	02	078
VI	-	13	04	03	01	12	14	17	01	065
VII	-	06	04	02	-	14	07	08	03	044
VIII	-	05	10	03	-	8	12	-	01	039
IX	-	07	06	03	-	7	04	-	01	028
X	-	06	03	02	-	2	06	-	01	020
PUC 1	-	-	-	5	11	-	-	-	-	011
PUC 2	-	-	-	03	11	-	-	-	-	013
Diploma 1	-	-	-	-	08	-	-	-	-	008
Diploma 2	-	-	-	04	03	-	-	-	-	007
D.C -1	-	-	-	-	07	-	-	-	-	007
D.C -2	-	-	-	02	02	-	-	-	-	004
D.C -3	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	002
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>599</b>

## Carving Life Again!

Faizal (Name changed) hails from Bihar. His family is economically poor. His father is a painter and a seasonal agricultural laborer. His mother is a domestic worker. He is the eldest son in the family and he has four younger brothers and one younger sister. Faizal says that he had no interest in studies ever since childhood. He recalls the very first day at the Govt. School, where he went up to the school gate and ran behind his mother back home. And his parents too did not take much care to encourage him.

He began to help his father in painting from the age of ten. Later, he was brought to Bangalore City by his uncle in order to earn money by taking up a job. He found a job in a company for coloring dresses, drying and packing clothes. Though he expressed to his uncle that he was not interested in that job, he was least bothered. Hence, one day Faizal ran away from the workplace without intimating anyone and reached Railway Station. BOSCO Staff met him, counseled him and sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra for further follow-up. He stayed there for over three months and he was motivated to do Vocational training at BOSCO Sumanahalli.

He joined BOSCO Sumanahalli on October 15, 2016. However, he expressed his desire to go back to BOSCO Yuvakendra within two days from where he was home placed immediately. The boy ran from home again and came to BOSCO Yuvakendra directly. He was referred to BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 30, 2017 as he expressed his desire to pursue vocational training. He is currently pursuing vocation training in carpentry at the centre.

## BRIDGE EDUCATION

Of the children rescued from the streets and vulnerable pockets of Bangalore, either orphaned or unable to return to their homes, are admitted to BOSCO centres. Here, skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, homely atmosphere, therapeutic counseling, mentoring, craft, play, art, etc. are provided to eliminate the deep rooted negative impact of the street life or the problems faced by them at home due to various unavoidable circumstances. The bridge schooling programme not only aims to enroll chil-

dren in schools but also focuses on their overall development and reintegration into the mainstream society.

Once the children complete their schooling, there still remain vulnerable young adults who are either orphans or are unable to return to their families. Each of them has dreams, aspirations and wishes to continue education on a higher level. BOSCO enrolls such youth in colleges, ITIs and other training institutes based on their interests and aptitude.



## SKILL TRAINING

BOSCO runs its own skill training centre for boys at BOSCO Summanahalli, in the outskirts of Bangalore. It is equipped with the latest machineries, qualified and experienced staff to promote work culture in the youth; thereby, bringing them into the mainstream society. Besides training them in six trades such as carpentry, electrical, two wheeler mechanics, bakery, book binding and welding, BOSCO Sumanahalli also provides computer education to the youth in basics, Microsoft Office, internet and tally. Apart from the above mentioned trades, a tailoring unit is also functioning at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. During the year Beautician course was started in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and 3 batches of the course were conducted.



### STATISTICS OF YOUTH ENROLLED FOR TRAINING IN 2016-17

Types of Trade	Number of Children
Welding	08
Two Wheeler Mechanic	19
Book Binding	03
Bakery	12
Carpentry	06
Electrician	11
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	68
Tailoring (Shivajinagar)	45
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	90
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>

### Where there is a will there is a way!

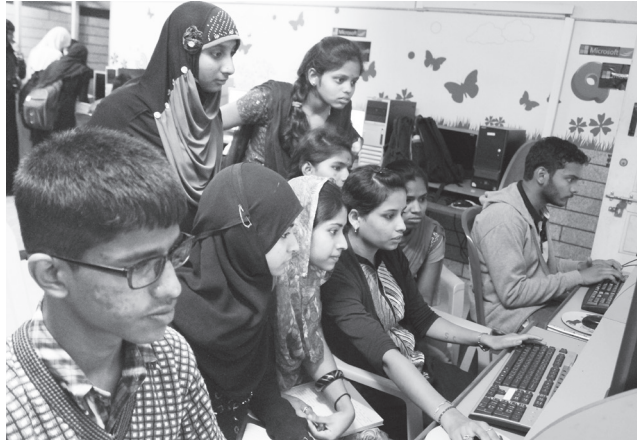
Sandesh (name changed) aged about 15 yrs, came in contact with Bosco Nilaya in the year 2013, through open shelter. He was a coolie cum beggar, City Market footpath was his home, street vendors and coolies were his friends and caregivers.

Sandesh belongs to low income family. His father is a coolie, alcoholic, used to harass the wife regularly. Apparently both parents got separated when boy was 5 yrs old, and got married to different partners leaving the child with maternal relatives at Kalasipalya. Boy was left unattended and as city market was close by he happened to visit it regularly and slowly he adjusted to street life. He never cultivated that love and affection towards his family or his mother. During his stay as a street boy, he was addicted to smoking, chewing tobacco, inhaling solution and also his behavior was very daunting.

Staff at NILAYA counseled and motivated him to change for the better. In order to provide him a better future he was placed in BOSCO YUVAKENDRA for skill training. At Yuvakendra he underwent repeated counseling as he had a tough time to give up his habits. He expressed his desire for two wheeler mechanics training and thus was sent to Sumanahalli for the training returned back to Yuvakendra for job placement. He was thrown out of every job that he was offered because of his unruly behavior. Sandesh did not stop using the substances. He was fully addicted and lost control over his behavior, due to which BOSCO admitted him to NAVAJEEVANA de-addiction center, where he underwent treatment for about 6 months and returned back with full confidence. He was placed in an Ayurvedic clinic at Palakkad, Kerala. But there too the employer complained about his behavior and sent him back. However, with lots of discussion and counseling, counselor at Yuvakendra decided to trace the family once again and asked boy to try to re-call his memories. This time, as luck permitted, the staff was successful in locating his grandfather's house. The family was happy to see him back. The center witnessed the reunion of the mother and son after 10 yrs. The mother was happy to see her 20 year old son in safe hands. She thanks God and BOSCO a million to make him what he is today! Once again BOSCO proved - 'where there is a will there is a way!'

## COMPUTER EDUCATION

With the advancement of technology, computer has become an inevitable part of daily activities. BOSCO provides an opportunity to the youths and children to become computer literate. There are two



computer training centers situated at BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Summanahalli campus which widens the career options for children and youth which in turn contributes to their integral development. BOSCO Mane computer training is mainly in view of taking up a job, whereas BOSCO Sumanahalli provides training in basics of computer to the children as part of their curriculum. In BOSCO Sumanahalli, a total number of 80 youngsters were equipped with computer knowledge.

### Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training in 2016-17

Sl. No.	Number of Batches	Basic (Below 18)	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total	Basic/Vocational	Job Placement (Above 18)
1	BOSCO Mane	70	06	37	113	89	31
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	67	05	08	080	-	22
	<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>53</b>

Computer education is a course of 4 months and during the last one year 3 batches completed their course in Basic, Tally and Vocational. Among the students, who are above 18, 53 got placed in companies such as Sapthagiri Pharma, Sujal Pharma, SLN Paper Agency, MA Printers, BOSCO Mane, Ddees Clothing, DTDC Courier, Maruthi Infotech, Samskruthi Selection, Reliance Co. and some Call Centres.

### THUS SPOKE WARD-92 CORPORATOR, JANAB ISHTIYAKH AHMED...

"I have been associated with BOSCO since November 2015, from whence they have been working with the Nehrupuram Community. I'm all praise for the efforts put in by BOSCO in bringing about visible changes in the educational standards and personality of the children of my ward. I appreciate the work BOSCO does for the development of the community. I'm proud to be a part of the International Women's Day celebration, Ward Sabha and Shale Kade Nanna Nade programmes held in my ward.

I wish BOSCO greater success in all their efforts. May Allah shower His choicest blessings on BOSCO.

**Keerthana** – 1Yr PUC student of BOSCO Rainbow Home says "My heart is filled with gratitude to all those who supported me especially BOSCO to complete SSLC and given the courage to continue Education with confidence.

### Mrs. Usha Rani, Instructor, Tailoring Unit, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

I am Usha Rani, mother of two children. I am 46 years old. I was working in APSA before getting the job in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. I am working for the past two and half years in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan as an Instructor at the Tailoring Unit. I would like to express my frame of mind of Vatsalya Bhavan the home dedicated to the girls/women in need.

I feel that it has good infrastructure and also provides good food, shelter, individual attention, care and individual responsibilities were given to me. I can make plan for each child. I appreciate the way that BOSCO seeks the hidden potential of each child by providing all the necessary facilities to improve her potential. This encourages children and helps them to live independently. I feel that the management is very flexible, it takes everyone's suggestions and always supports us. I feel that it has a good team work. I feel a friendly environment persists here.

## JOB PLACEMENT

Most of the youth come to the city in search of jobs. After being counseled at BOSCO Yuvodaya these youth are sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra, where they are assisted and guided in finding suitable employment. Youth who have undergone skill based training at various vocational skill training centers of BOSCO are placed for skilled jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data entry, electricians, mechanics, screen printing, bakery, tailoring, sales, etc. BOSCO is in contact with a number of employers who understand the situation and background of these youth and are ready to extend cooperation and offer them jobs.

Statistics of Youth Placed in Jobs in 2016-17		
Sl. No.	Type of Job	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Printing Press	10
2	Two Wheeler Mechanics	11
3	Office Assistant and Hospitality	32
4	Eateries	3
5	Semi-Skilled Jobs	32
6	Others	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>



## ROOM PLACEMENT

Mainstreaming youths, in the age group of 18-25, by leading them back to the society as economically independent young adults is our ultimate goal. BOSCO helps youngsters in hiring rooms or renting a place along with other boys. They are equipped to pay for the accommodation. The core idea behind room placement is to prep up the youth for the metamorphosis from a cocooned life of institutionalized care where they were provided with everything to rooms where they have to manage on their own; facing the stark realities of life. BOSCO staff does a regular follow up by visiting them and arranging past-pupils get together. During the project year, BOSCO placed 3 new youth and the follow up of 10 youth were done.

## HOME PLACEMENT

Home placement is one of the major activities of BOSCO. BOSCO Yuvodaya acts as a transit home for around 30 children on a daily basis who are rescued from the railway stations, bus stands and the various contact points in the streets of Bangalore. The children who are brought to the centre are counseled and encouraged to return to their homes. BOSCO's main aim is to reunite the children with their parents since it believes that family is the most suitable place for a child to grow up. A lot of motivation and awareness is given to children as well as parents before BOSCO decides to home place a child. This home placement in most of the cases includes calling the parents or close relatives and handing over the child



to them and sometimes our staff accompanies the child back home. In the previous year a total number of 5495 children were home placed from BOSCO.

### Vinod, Team Member, BOSCO CHILDLINE

It is really a great opportunity to work as staff member in the organisation which protects the rights of children, being face of BOSCO. CHILDLINE team rescues children who are in need of care and protection and to be part of this noble project is a privilege. It is not so easy to rescue the children as an individual group. The team needs more support from other departments, like-minded organizations and groups to protect the rights of children. CHILDLINE needs to concentrate on increasing the network with various departments and build rapport in order to protect and promote the rights of children.

## SLUM/COMMUNITY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

BOSCO, being a right based organization, concentrates its effort in the holistic development of slum communities to promote child protection. In this regard, BOSCO team works closely with slum communities and especially women and children on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education and women empowerment.

**In 2016–17, BOSCO team worked closely with various slum communities and ensured the following:**

- » Birth registration of 193 new born babies and 678 children were immunized.
- » The pulse Polio Drive benefitted thousands of children
- » 365 malnourished children were identified
- » 22 health camps were conducted in slums during the year and a total of 1916 people benefitted from them.
- » Supported 81 families to get Adhaar cards, Ration cards, and Voter ID cards

## SCHOOL AND TUITION CENTRES



During the scholastic year, there were 149 new enrollments and re-enrollments from slum communities. An average of 359 children from the areas that we work, were given tuitions and they proved to be eager learners

### Statistics of Children Attending Tuition Centres (2016-17)

Sl. No	Place Name	Number of children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Ramanna Garden	22	20	42
2	Vyayamshala	14	15	29
3	Vinobhanagar	15	17	32
4	Satellite	15	15	30
5	Market	20	19	39
6	Devarajurs Slum	16	14	30
7	R.G. Colony	15	25	35
8	Nehrupuram	19	21	40
9	Mackan Compound	25	32	57
10	Magadi Road	12	13	25

## PERSEVERANCE PAID OFF....

On August 16, 2016, Nath (name changed) aged about 15 yrs was referred to Bosco Yuvakendra through Child Welfare Committee (CWC) -3. It was told that the boy is a single child to his parents who are coolies and is originally hailing from Srinivaspura taluk, Chikkabalapur (Dist).

Earlier he was first found loitering in BMTC Majestic, from where he was taken to Bosco Yuvo-daya and then referred to CWC. During interaction he told that he has come to Bangalore from Mumbai in search of job and has no contact number of his family, thus the boy was referred to Boy's Home.

After being in the Boys Home for few days, he again fled along with a few boys by breaking open the gate in the midnight. But again he fell into the safe hands of BOSCO along with 3 more boys in the Railway station. CWC, after having spoken to him, decided to place him in BOSCO Yuvakendra based on his interest for skill training.

At Yuvakendra boy got adjusted very soon, he exhibited good behavior and showed interest in screen printing training and was regular to the sessions. It was noticed that boy was not interested in talking about his parents or his family. Counselor approached Social Welfare Department at Chinthamani Tq, Chikkabalapur District and traced his family. The parents were coolies, father working as a Tempo driver and mother working as a maid in school. Nath is the eldest child, not interested in studies and hence was irregular to school. Apparently boy's attendance graph was low and his parents were summoned to school by the teachers. Fearing the repercussions of his act, he again took the same train to Bangalore.

Finally both Parents and Child was counseled and finally he was home placed on the directions of CWC. He is under regular follow up and is found to be happy at home and regular to his classes.



# CREAM

## Child Rights Education & Action Movement

BOSCO works closely with children in schools and slum communities through the CREAM project with the objective of providing them with a platform to share their ideas and empowering them to address their own protection issues. The child rights club acts as a powerful medium for bringing about transformation in the society. Through their timely intervention, many child marriages were stopped, child laborers were rescued and many children were re-enrolled to the schools. Once in a month, club members meet with their animator and discuss about current child related issues particularly those pertaining to their respective schools.



## ADVOCACY WITH SLUM BOARD AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

BOSCO directly involves with the communities, especially slums, to ensure that their basic rights are protected. It conducts various field visits to study the communities in crisis and advocate for their essential needs. BOSCO's strategy of conducting awareness programme for the well-being of the slum community involves not only spreading awareness about child rights, health care, women empowerment, etc. but also ground level work for the community. Through BOSCO's intervention in collaboration with Action Aid, negotiation on land allotment is in the process for the evacuated slum people.



# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Women have a major role to play in any society. Very often it is the women who run the family with their meager income shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children as the men are either alcoholics or have deserted the families or are no more. It is against this socio-economic background, BOSCO started intervention among women in slum communities. The major objective of BOSCO is to empower women to educate their children and through their children bring about transformation in their lives which will enable them to lead respectful lives in the society. BOSCO has strengthened Mother's groups across 26 ICDS centres through 101 sessions. A total of 1381 mothers were capacitated on emergent literacy and maths.



# NETWORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders can affect or be affected by the organization's actions, objectives and policies. Major stakeholders include a wide range of people who are supporting both directly and indirectly towards the rescue and rehabilitation of children. It ranges from common man on the streets to Government officials such as Police, RPF, GRPF, Railway and bus stand officials, AHTU, child rights clubs, NGOs, school teachers, parents, SDMC members, local leaders of the ward, etc. It also includes the duty bearers such as CWOs, DCPO, CWC, JJB, railway officials, KSRTC, BBMP officials, officials from the Departments which includes WCD, ICPS, labor departments, education departments and health departments, Law Enforcement and Legal System, etc.



## BRIDGE NETWORK



BRIDGE or Bangalore Rights Initiative for Development and Gender Empowerment is a ten year project which was initiated in 2006 as a network of 11 NGOs, among which BOSCO is functioning as the nodal agency. It is supported by Action Aid. BRIDGE Network, was instituted with an aim to connect the urban deprived communities with the government agencies and avail the government schemes or projects that are set apart to ensure these people's basic rights. BRIDGE network works towards safeguarding five rights such as Right to

land and housing, Right to education, Right to food, Rights of women and children and Right to health. BRIDGE network has its presence in 32 slums in the city of Bangalore. BRIDGE connects the people with government projects that are made for their holistic development.

### Some of the major actions of BRIDGE Network are:

- » 106 families received hakku patra. 45 houses have been sanctioned.
- » A protest conducted in front of Food office and submitted memorandum regarding problems related with AADHAR and ration card linkage
- » A public hearing (Children meet) was conducted in Shikshakara Sadana Bangalore. A total 640 children and 150 community people participated in the meet.
- » 10 families received Bhagyalaxmi bond, 2 received pension, 5 women received widow pension, and 20 received caste and income certificate.
- » 780 families received ration cards
- » Re-enrolment of 2 school dropouts
- » 65 Children underwent the Self Defence Training from Maj. Bhavana Chiranjay (RTD)
- » Baale campaign – a rally addressing POCSO Act, Sexual harassment, Legal Justice was conducted in 10 areas.
- » A 9 years old rape victim was counselled and supported by Swakshatra NGO.

"I called CHILDLINE and complained about School Dropout Children in our school. The Rescue team visited the children's family who were migrated from North Karnataka, through different activities like Door to Door awareness, Open house programme, Party games they attracted children and re-enrolled back to school. I will extend my support to the team whenever they require support" said **Head Master, Govt. School, Uttarahalli, Bangalore.**

# CHILDLINE



CHILDLINE is a 24\*7 free emergency telephone helpline service for children in distress. It is a project of the Ministry of Women and Child Development and works in partnership with NGOs, Government and Corporate Sector. BOSCO is the collaborative organization of the CHILDLINE. BOSCO CHILDLINE is committed to respond to the CHILDLINE calls on 24\*7 basis and intervene in crisis situations since 2002. It identifies high risk areas where the number of vulnerable children is high and reaches out to them. CHILDLINE intervenes in cases of child labor, child marriage, abandoned children, sexual abuse, corporal punishment, school drop-out children, begging children, etc.

### Mr. Durgappa the slum leader of Devraj

**Arasu** said, 'This team is doing a very good work. Because of their support our children have been going to school regularly. The team motivates our children to go to school. They are very child friendly. They speak to the people in our community with great affection and care. They also spoke to us about child rights through which, I understood the importance of education, motivated our members and told them to listen to this team and adhere to their instructions as they are saying for own good. Like this around 32 children are going to St. Josephs Convent School. This team also promised us that if we send our children they would provide us with books, uniform etc and kept their promise. We are very happy and feel grateful to have been associated with this team.'

## Statistics of Call and Intervention Cases (2016-17)

Types of Calls	Number of Calls
Medical Help	0019
Shelter	0071
Repatriation	0002
Protection from Abuse	1028
Parents asking help (Missing)	0253
Emotional Support and Guidance	0009
Information and Referral to Services	0125
Information about CHILDLINE and Volunteers	0354
Sponsorship	0004
Follow-up	2035
Phone testing	2408
Administrative	0010
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6321</b>

## A stitch in time saves nine!

Siri (name changed) is 12 years old and lived in a family of 4 members: her parents, 1 younger sister and herself. The child was basically from Talagatapura. She was living with her employer at Banashankari, 2nd stage, Bangalore. She's a school dropout, has studied up to 2nd std. Her father is an alcoholic and mother has left the family. Grandfather, who is employed as a security guard, took care of Siri. Grandfather sent the girl to the employer's house when she was 6 years old where she served as a domestic help. BOSCO CHILDLINE received the call from the general public regarding domestic child labor. Responding promptly to the call CHILDLINE team went to the spot; found the girl, counseled her making her understand the real situation and issues related to child labor and encouraged her towards further education in order to achieve her goals. It also helped the child in taking further decision about her future. Siri was rescued from the spot and produced before CWC for the further follow up. CWC ordered to file an FIR against the employer as the girl was trafficked from Nepal. The case was filed in Banashankari police station against the employer under trafficking 370, JJ act 23, 26 and Child labor prohibition act. Siri is presently safe in Government home.

TYPE OF CASES (2016-17)					
Case type	CCC	Out reach	CSN	Bosco Center	Total
Child Labor	181	41	50	0	272
Domestic Child labor	07	01	0	0	8
Begging/rag picking	155	54	40	0	249
Child Marriage	26	8	0	0	34
Shelter	53	9	0	0	62
Runaway/Found	41	23	8	1	73
Street Child	10	11	6	0	27
School related	33	01	0	0	34
Education Related	18	00	0	0	18
Corporal punishment	03	00	0	0	3
school dropout	74	02	1	0	77
ES & G	33	04	0	0	37
Physical abuse/Emotional abuse	133	03	0	0	136
Sexual abuse	16	03	0	0	19
Medical help	19	00	0	0	19
Missing	51	00	0	0	51
Trafficking	03	00	0	0	3
Sold Child /abandoned Child	04	01	0	0	5
Drug Addiction	09	00	0	0	9
Sponsorship	06	00	0	0	6
illegal Adoption	01	00	0	0	1
Family Related	06	00	0	0	6
Kidnapped Child	01	00	0	0	1
Mentally Ill child	01	00	0	0	1
Custody of the Child	0	01	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1152</b>

During the Open house, **Suma** (name changed) expressed that she had telephoned 1098 after the school awareness and complained about her alcoholic father who was physically harassing her. He was forcing all his young children and his wife to go for work. The call was made at 10.45 pm. However, CHILD-LINE team, along with the police reached to the aid of the child. She said that she is able to continue her studies only because of the intervention.

## PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO

- » Glow in the Horizon
- » Madila Serida Hoogalu (Kannada)
- » Buddhivantha
- » Foster Family Renewed Hope and a New Life
- » Working with Children at Risk
- » Street Presence
- » Contemporary Perspective of Children in Conflict with Law

### Transgender group

During the public awareness team met a group of transgenders at the signal at South End Circle, after CHILD-LINE team explained them about the project and its activities they said that many children frequent the signal for begging or selling various items. They said that they would inform CHILDLINE whenever necessary.



**CALL 1098 TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN DISTRESS**

## Railway CHILDLINE

Railway CHILDLINE is a new project which is jointly initiated by the Department of Women and Child Development and Indian Railways in 2015. The aim of the programme is to rescue children from the railway station and the surrounding areas, provide counseling to the children and reintegrate them with their family members. The procedure, starting from rescue till the reintegration, involves several stages such as, collecting details of the children, producing the children before Child Health Group (CHG), sending them to the open shelter and finally producing them before Child Welfare Committee (CWC).



## ECCE

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is a project which aims to improve the quality and learning environment of children belonging to primary schools as well as ICDS (Anganwadi) centers. This project was carried out by BOSCO in partnership with 'Save the Children'. The objective of the programme is to create child friendly learning environment for supporting children's education in slums of Bengaluru Urban. In this programme children were supported in 26 ICDS (Anganwadi) centers and 60 schools in 21 wards, out of which 55 schools are run by the government and 5 are private schools in the urban slums of Bengaluru.

### Statistics of Children Rescued by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE during June 2016-May 2017

Age group	Fresh		Repeat		Total
	B	G	B	G	
Below 18	2014	211	77	2	2304
Above 18	165	36	-	-	201
Service Done	223	43	-	-	266
<b>Total</b>	<b>2402</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2771</b>

### Back to the nest!

It is usual that trains to Bengaluru City bring about 40 to 50 children daily. On December 22, 2016 the Kachiguda Express reached Bengaluru City at around 6.30 am and BOSCO staff was there to rescue Kiran (name changed), 9 years and his younger brother who is just 3 years old. Both of them did not show any sign of being in an unknown place although they had travelled about 500 kms away from their parents. Kiran was scolded by his father for doing some mischief. Pained by his father's scolding he did not think twice, took his younger brother along with him and set off to Mahabubnagar Railway Station and boarded the train that was on its way to Bengaluru. As BOSCO team met Kiran and his younger brother at around 9 am, it was surprised to see them happy and smiling. Although they were unable to give the contacts of their parents, thanks to the efforts of BOSCO staff and support of Mahabubnagar Police, the parents reached BOSCO Yuvodaya and took them back home on December 23, 2016. A timely intervention by the team has made it possible to return the children safely which the co-travelers and officials failed along a distance of 500 kms.

## Foster Care



Foster care refers to a temporary arrangement for children who are in a difficult period in their lives such as orphaned/semi-orphaned and children who do not have a family of their own. These children are placed in to a home, individually or in a group, of foster parents certified by the state. BOSCO Foster Care works in collaboration with various Government Departments, Government Homes and other NGOs. The activities of BOSCO Foster Care include identifying the potential foster parents, counseling them, identifying and preparing children for going into foster care, visiting homes of the potential foster parents, visiting children at school to ensure their well-being and growth as well as maintaining a systematic documentation. BOSCO provides foster care services such as individual and group foster care. In 2016-17, 5 children were placed in Individual Foster Care, and 7 children were placed in Group Foster Care.

## Child Safety Net (CSN)

The project 'Child Safety Net' was initiated for vulnerable children on the streets of Bangalore. The objective of the project is- round the clock care and protection to children at risk; through the physical presence of the street educators/field animators in the most vulnerable pockets of Bangalore city patrolling on rescue vehicles. It focuses on rescue of vulnerable children besides bringing in public awareness.

### God in Student's Guise

The Child safety net (CSN) team was giving awareness to the students regarding CHILDLINE and child rights by distributing pamphlets near K.L.E College, Rajajinagar, Bangalore during which one student came up and told the team that there was a boy who sells pens at the signal near Navrang Theatre and sleeps on the footpath at night. The team quickly swung into action and rescued the boy near Navrang Theatre. On asking him, he revealed his details. His parents were coolies and stayed near Peenya. He has two younger brothers and a sister. He is 10 years old. Even though he is interested in studying, he is unable to because of extreme poverty. His parents do not entertain him in the house and ask him to stay away to make a living. They also expect him to give his earnings to them. Otherwise he is beaten black and blue by his father who comes to collect the money once a week. He sells pens, earns around 1000 per week. He loves going to school, but parents forcibly put him to this work. The bruises and cuts made by the parents were apparent on his body. The team rescued him by providing an intimation letter to Rajajinagar Police Station. He was referred to BOSCO CHILD LINE for further care and protection, counseling and follow up.

## Open Shelter

It is a programme for Integrated Child Protection Scheme in urban and semi-urban areas to provide care, support and rehabilitation for the children. Open shelter caters to children in need of care and protection like beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, orphaned, deserted and trafficked children particularly those without home and family ties since they are vulnerable to abuse and exploitation; especially children of sex workers and pavement dwellers. The project provides shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education and recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation, enrolment in schools,



vocational training and placement, health services, reducing drug and substance abuse and HIV/AIDS among street children.

It also creates awareness and advocacy with various Government Departments and formation of caring communities. In 2016-17, the CSN team has attended 100 cases of child labor, conducted 331 public awareness and door to door awareness programmes and 53 school awareness programmes and enrolled 149 children in different schools of Bangalore.

## Missing Child Bureau



BOSCO functions as the State Nodal Agency for the Missing Child Bureau (MCB) of the state of Karnataka. It works in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development and police in collecting and sharing information about missing and unaccompanied children by using latest technologies and strategies. MCB uses a web based technology (Child MISS) to track and trace missing children. It also collaborates with NGOs in all the districts of the state of Karnataka who carry out missing complaint registration and other related works.

<b>Missing Complaints and Traced Children in Karnataka (2016-17)</b>	
<b>Missing Child Complaints</b>	<b>Number of Complaints</b>
Total Missing Complaints	2542
Missing Complaints Solved/ Traced Children	1285
Yet to be solved Missing complaints	1247
<b>Unaccompanied Children Contacted and Home Placed in Karnataka (2016-17)</b>	
<b>Unaccompanied children Details</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
Total unaccompanied children	1186
Still Unaccompanied	0698
Made accompanied	0478
Run Away	0010

### **Monisha N. 10th Std., Nehrupuram, Bangalore**

'BOSCO has been working in our area from the past two years, but I have been with it for a year now. I enrolled for the free tuitions held in the area by BOSCO. BOSCO is not only assisting us in our studies, but also providing us opportunities to show our talents in all fields, which otherwise wouldn't have been possible. In the tuitions, we are not only tutored, but are also motivated, guided inspired, imbibed values and rewarded for our performances. The trip to Tulip Resort was the most memorable experience in my life. My teachers in tuitions are very loving and caring and give us individual attention. God bless BOSCO!!!'

### **I need to live the life of a child**

Extreme poverty with no proper social entitlements goes to describe Manju's family in Nel-amangala. Mother the only bread winner in the family is struggling to make both ends meet. Due to severe financial crisis the child tried staying with his Aunt and Uncle for some time and then in a hostel, leaving behind the love and compassion of father and mother.

Early one morning after having his breakfast Manju left his home to go back to his hostel for continuing his study along with his friend but on the way he changed his mind and decided not go either to the hostel or home. At the same time he was indecisive and had no place to go. Thus, in a confused state, he landed up at the railway station. He got onto a train and sat on the foot board thinking about his next course of action. He fell asleep on the train only to find himself in Hassan Railway station. The very next day a missing complaint registered at MCBDC Bangalore Rural by the hostel warden. While he was roaming around in the Hassan railway station the police took the child and handed over to Hassan MCBDC and staff of the organization collected all the details from child and intimated the information to Bangalore Rural MCBDC. MCBDC acted upon immediately and with the help of Hassan MCBDC traced the child and handed him over to Bangalore Rural CWC from where he was sent back home.

Manju was uncomfortable to stay back at his home. When asked the reason he said his mother was an alcoholic and every evening he would get beaten up and abused physically and verbally by his mother. Thus his life had become a misery. He feared that he had to undergo this all over again. Thus Bangalore Rural MCBDC coordinator spoke to the child and his mother and to protect the best interest of the child placed him in a NGO. The NGO took over the child and made sure the child is going to school. At present Manju is studying in 7<sup>th</sup> standard. Thus with the timely intervention and the mediation of MCBDC staff, the child is back into government lower primary school.

## Child MISS

Child MISS is software cum web portal tool to assist documentation of both quantitative and qualitative data to create a database for the organization. It is networked with Homelink and the team focuses on documenting the information of vulnerable children of its networking partners. The Child MISS Programme supports its partners to collect the data in systematic formats based on the JJ Act. The use of Child MISS would reduce re-typing the reports, helps in down-



loading the reports in needed formats such as CVS, Excel, Word, PDF, etc. The option of online editing and modification is provided which enables to update the children's information regularly and makes it accessible, secured online use and view of data, maintaining data bank in cloud base without the use of system space.

## Special Juvenile Police Unit



BOSCO through Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) has been assisting the police in handling cases in the two divisions of Bangalore city - South and West Divisions covering 35 police stations. The primary objective of SJPU is to create a child friendly approach while dealing with the children involved in criminal offences and thereby, ensuring their rights are not breached at any stage of the legal procedure. BOSCO SJPU wing conducts various public awareness programmes to prevent crimes by children. These programmes include special training for police officials and counseling sessions for both children charged with criminal offences and their parents. All serious cases are re-

ferred to Observation Home for further intervention by Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU networks with various Government Departments and other NGOs.

<b>Statistics of Cases Attended in 2016-17</b>			
Types of Cases	South Division	West Division	Total
Serious Cases	103	79	182
Non- Serious Cases	77	77	154
Care and protection	18	18	36
POCSO	21	21	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>414</b>
Male/Female\			
Male	169	157	326
Female	50	38	88
<b>Action Taken</b>			
Types of Action	South Division	West Division	Total
Observation Home	103	79	182
Referred CHG	20	06	26
Direct Home Placement	21	34	55
DHP & PD	75	76	151
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>414</b>

**I am Sujatha**, X standard student of BOSCO Rainbow Home. After being with BOSCO I believe that life is worth living. BOSCO is my strength and courage to fulfill my dreams and desires. I hope BOSCO's love, concern & support will continue to be with me always. With this confidence I will take my steps forward to achieve my goal.



## Youth Parliament

Youth parliament is a meeting of all the inmates of the centre where leadership is taken by the youth themselves. In the meeting the office bearers are elected and the ordinary and simple issues of the centre are solved by the members. The meeting usually takes place once in a month and all



the members attempt to address the matters concerning the centre and their life there. It is a platform for the inmates to express their views and opinions freely to make a necessary transformation in their lives. It also inculcates in them a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging.

### Shivaraju N, Coordinator, MCB Karnataka

11 kids go missing every hour in India. Almost every other minute a child goes missing and every 30 seconds a child runs away from home. Thankfully some are found rather quickly, some others after a frantic search and many unfortunately, go untraced. The problem of missing children is complex and knows no boundaries. The devastating impact on families is at emotional, physical and psychological levels. Furthermore, no accurate DATA is available on how many Missing Children are not traced and returned home. The parents lead their life in nightmare but always keep hope in the eyes that their child may be back one or the other day. It is heartstring to realize that the 40% of these children are never traced. It's a great responsibility to work for Missing Children in Karnataka and we as a team will push ourselves to get more smiles on the faces of parents who lost their children and the children who lost their nest.

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**[www.boscoban.org](http://www.boscoban.org)**

## Psycho Social Interventions at the Juvenile Homes

BOSCO works with children in need of care and protection and with children in Government Homes. As per the Juvenile Justice Act, children are grouped under two broad categories, namely, children in need of care and protection and children who come into conflict with the law. BOSCO reaches out to the children who are given shelter at the Government juvenile homes. Once children are placed in the Government children's home, periodic follow up is done by BOSCO. Special counseling sessions are planned for the needy to guide them towards needed changes in life. BOSCO also organizes cultural events and awareness programmes for these children. BOSCO staff takes initiative in motivating children and youth for doing skill training and encourage them to continue with their academics.

### Empowering Blooming Buds!

BOSCO's Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) project aims at empowering children in addressing their own protection issues by providing them a platform in the form of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in schools. These CRCs are regularly strengthened through awareness programmes, training's, etc. about child rights, importance of child protection, child sexual abuse in schools, child labor, child marriage, and so on. This has resulted in children becoming more receptive. They are taking initiative in organizing programmes in schools. More number of calls is being made by the children now after giving awareness in schools. They are coming out of their comfort zones and raising issues related to schools and voicing their opinions without fear when required. They are also writing letter to the concerned departments seeking help.

This can be substantiated with an example: Children of CRC in one of the Schools in Bangalore were successful in getting a PT teacher, who was abusing the girls in the school, suspended by writing a letter to the higher authorities in the Education Department. An immediate action was taken by way of suspending the teacher and giving order to the school authorities to recruit another teacher in his place within a week's time.

# MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS 2016-17

## Dasara camp for Shivajinagar and Market Children

BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya kick started their fun filled Dasara Camp in Shivajinagar and Market areas from



October 13, 2016 to October 15, 2016, for the tuition children. In the three day camp the kids were engaged in various activities and fun time. The kids were exposed to different activities other than singing and dancing like art and crafts, games, etc. The camp aimed at developing the overall personality of the children and enhancing knowledge of Indian culture was given importance.

## Summer Camps for BOSCO Children

Summer camps were organized for children of BOSCO Vikas, Nilaya Nivas, Rainbow Home and Vatsalya Bhavan from April 2017 to May 2017 at Don Bosco, Sujoyothi, Davangere, Nilaya, Nivas, Don Bosco KGF and Ajjinahalli, Ramanagara respectively. Games, competitions, narration of moral stories, personality development classes, inspirational talks, value education programmes, treasure hunt, picnic and camp fire were organized during the camp. Around 300 children attended the camps



# Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Awareness Campaign

'ShaaleKade Nanna Nade' (My steps towards School), an awareness campaign launched by Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organizations and other likeminded groups to enroll maximum number of children to mainstream schools and thus reduce the number of 'out of school' in the state, was officially launched in Bangalore on April 1, 2017. BOSCO joined hands with the Commission in the campaign to reach out to the public through rallies,



songs, slogans and distribution of awareness materials. The team was divided into three groups that targeted ten areas each in the city. The public awareness campaign was inaugurated in three areas of the city, JJR Nagar, Vinobha Nagar and Nehrupuram, Bangalore, on May 15, 2017 and went on till May 27, 2017 covering different areas of Shivajinagar, KR Market and Mysore Road. BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO CHILDLINE, BOSCO Nilaya, CSN programme, ECCE Programme and SJPU programmes conducted the campaign. Rallies were organized where the children, through the awareness song, slogans, distributing hand outs, taking signatures awakened the residents of the communities to join hands in identifying and assisting BOSCO in enrolling and re-enrolling drop outs into school.

The ten day long campaign was a successful one as it opened up vistas of enlightened thoughts in the sleeping minds of the public, besides waking up the employers to the fact that it was time to wake up and look out to the children employed. Close to five thousand people pledged their support for the cause of enrolling and re-enrolling the drop outs into school during the span of the campaign.

## TRAININGS



**First Aid Training Programme for staff**



**Counselling Workshop for BOSCO Staff**



**Induction Training for Staff**



**In-house Training on 'Basics of Photography and Documentation'**



**Trainings for Stake Holders**



**Training on JJ Act 2015 for Child Welfare Officers of GRP- Roles and responsibilities of child welfare officer**

## Two-Day Workshop on Effective Interventions for Child Labor and Bonded Labor Trafficking

A two day workshop on Effective Interventions for Child Labor and Bonded Labor Trafficking was jointly organized by International Justice Mission (IJM) and BOSCO to create a relevant interface between NGO representatives and Government officials on July 21 and 22, 2016 at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bangalore. Dr. Krupa Alva, Chairperson – Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights inaugurated the Workshop and assured that the recommendations emerging out of the workshop would be put up in the Commission at the State level.



The first day of the workshop involved the NGOs in identifying the child labor, bonded labor and trafficking cases, the necessary interventions that need to be undertaken and liaise with the government on these cases. The workshop served as a platform for NGOs to present the ground realities during rescue, rehabilitation, repatriation, and prosecution of the cases. The underlying conditions, challenges and gaps that came in the way of addressing the issues were discussed.

On the second day there was an open house panel discussion on addressing these issues. Dr. Vasanthi Amar – the Special District Commissioner for Bangalore Urban; Ms. Halima – the Additional Director from WCD; Mr. Mukund – Labor Inspector from Labor Department, Mr. Ujjinappa- Inspector of State- AHTU; Ms. Anupama Hegde-CWC Member were present in the panel which was facilitated by Dr. Shanta Mohan – Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore. There was a kinetic and interactive session of dialogues and discussions between NGOs and Government officials both of who agreed upon:

- The urgent need for convergence and having a networked approach to deal with the issues
- To have standard procedures in place
- To revise the state action plan of Child Labour
- The necessity for proper guidelines
- Capacity building of NGOs, Government officials and community regarding the issue, punishment and procedures
- Getting authorization from the concerned department to carry out the rescue operations

## BOSCO Sumanahalli celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!!!



On February 7, 2017, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre located at Sumanahalli celebrated its 10th Anniversary. It was an exciting day to recall all the memories of the past years. Under the headship of Fr. Prasad, the staff and children offered special prayers to all those who rendered their services for the progress and development of the center. The services of the Directors - Fr. Cyriac, Fr. C.P Varghese, Fr. Steven Lawrence, Salesians Brothers and Pime Brothers, Staff and children who were responsible to take the center to such great heights were given a special mention. Sweets were distributed to all the inmates of the center after the prayers.

During the decade the center has evolved itself as a seasoned vocational training center for the youth from the age of 15 to 18 years by refining their skills to take up jobs to live their lives independently. Besides dispensing training in six trades such as carpentry, welding, book binding, bakery products, two-wheeler & electrical, the center has also organized training in soft skills for the inmates as part of their curriculum. BOSCO Sumanahalli has become a refuge for college going boys.

## Feast of Don Bosco 2017

### Like Don Bosco, with the young and for the young



BOSCO Bangalore celebrated Don Bosco feast on the January 29, 2017 in BOSCO Mane, Bangalore. The Chief Guest, Shri M. Nagaraju Yadav, Honorable Chairman of BMT, Bangalore inaugurated the function and said that God cannot be everywhere so he sent people like Don Bosco to serve the abandoned, orphaned, distressed, mentally challenged children and run away children on the streets. Such children are God's Children and BOSCO is serving God's Children. He vowed to reach out and provide support and safety to all those run away children reaching the bus stands of Banga-

lore along with his officials, staff, drivers and conductors. The special Guests of Honor at the function were Fr. Ebenezer Stanly George, Principal of Don Bosco School, Tumkur, Shri Harshavardhan, Film Artist, Shri Dattatreya, Film Artist, Shri H.T. Prasanna, Editor, Police Bete and BOSCO Past Pupil and Mr. Vincent, Social Activist. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore said that the Don Bosco festival celebration is an opportunity for all of us at BOSCO to re-commit ourselves to serving the marginalized youth/children on the streets of Bangalore with more commitment and in the way our founder Don Bosco taught us.

A month long programme organized during January 2017 included Past Pupils Meet, BOSCO Quiz Contest for children, BOSCO Children Annual Sports Meet and Staff Sports and Talents Day. The winners of the competitions were awarded at the finale function on January 29, 2017. The day's programme included colorful cultural programmes performed by the children of BOSCO centers and an Orchestra performance by Shri Ajay Warrior and his team. The day's celebrations came to an end with a magic show by Shri S.M. Bhakta Kumbhar which the children enjoyed to their heart's content. Around 600 children from its children's homes and slums, friends, guests and well wishers of BOSCO gathered together at BOSCO Mane for the occasion.

## YAR Day Celebrations

YAR day was celebrated on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Vatslyabhavan, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and BOSCO Yuvakendra post school hours for the children. The various services provided to the Young at Risk by the organization were enumerated. A drawing competition was conducted on the day at Nivas, Vatslyabhavan, and Yuvakendra bringing home the fact that the kind of risk children face in today's



world. Topic chosen for the event was "let's join hands to prevent sexual abuse of children". In Yuvakendra singing, performing skit and writing an essay were also organized for the boys. The volunteers from Siemens Technology and Services Private Limited, Bangalore organized special games for the youth in Sumanahalli Centre. A Kabadi match was organized to mark the celebration. Prizes were awarded to the winners and sweets were distributed to the inmates.

## CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week

'Childline Se Dosti' is a weeklong national campaign aimed to make ordinary citizens stakeholders in CHILDLINE 1098. The campaign involved a range of events, activities across the city of Bangalore to reach out to people from different walks of life to create awareness on CHILDLINE, to begin to care about vulnerable children and initiate action towards change. The week long campaign was flagged off on the Children's Day celebration on 13th November 2016 by BOSCO. Awareness was created on 14th November 2016 by way of vehicle announcements in the South and West divisions of Bangalore. Stake holders Awareness was organized on 15th November at Cantonment



Railway station. Children's ward council (Makkala Ward Sabha) was held on 15th November 2016 in Ward no. 92, Shivajinagar. On 16th November a Mass Awareness Rally, Signature campaign and Surakasha Bandhan was organized at Railway station and Bus station, Majestic. On November 17, 2016 the CHILDLINE BOSCO Team conducted an "Essay and Drawing Competition" at BOSCO Mane in order to raise more awareness about the issues revolving around the topic of child abuse. On 18th a workshop was organized for Police from west division. 'Touch is Life' poster was released by the Guests. On 19th at Naragunda international school, in Channammanakere Achukattu Childline team conducted school awareness programme and concluding programme. The response was largely positive and achieved in creating more awareness about the Childline number 1098 as well as about the issue of child abuse.

## Children's Ward Council in Shivajinagar



In the history of Bengaluru Bruhath Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), children's ward council (Makkala Ward Sabha) was held for the first time on November 15, 2016 in Ward No. 92, Shivajinagar. The concept of Children's Gram Sabha was replicated in the urban setting by calling the Ward Sabha. Children from ten schools and the communities of Ward No.92 were gathered in Nehrupuram and the meeting was attended by the Ward Councilor Mr. Ishtiyakh Ahmed, Bhartiyanagar ACP Mr. Basher Ahmed IPS, Angawadi Teacher, Health Inspector, CHILDLINE Nodal Director, Coordinator and Head Masters and Community Leaders. Interacting with the officials, the children raised the issue of safe drinking water in schools, separate bathrooms, watchman in schools, need for Anganwadi centre in the ward, safety from street rogues, safety in public transport, education of child laborers in the ward, financial assistance for poor children etc. Responding to the children Mr. Ishtiyakh Ahamed said that he would address these issues with the community leaders and with the support of BOSCO. Mr. Basher Ahamed advised the children to concentrate on studies, and that the police were there to protect them whenever the need arose. It was an opportunity for children to express their little concerns to people who were responsible in addressing their issues. This indeed is a model act that can be replicated in all the BBMP Wards.



BOSCO management and staff celebrate Christmas

## BOSCO Celebrated Children's Day on November 13, 2016

Children's Day is a day to celebrate children for who they are by educating them and the society about the four child rights. This year, BOSCO celebrated Children's Day on November 13, 2016, at St. Joseph's School Ground, Briand Circle, Chamrajpet, Bangalore, based on the special theme "Join Hands to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse".

The Chief Guest, Smt. Vinisha Nero, Anglo- Indian MLA, Karnataka, in her inaugural speech, made the boys and girls to pledge that they will stand up for each other's rights, values and fight against injustice and treat everybody with equal amount of respect. In his speech, Dr. Shranappa, IPS, DCP Bangalore South, said that education plays an important role in a person's life and great personalities are formed through education. Welcoming the gathering and the dignitaries, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director of BOSCO, invited everyone to join hands in protecting children from sexual abuse. He said "it is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure that children around us are safe and uphold the rights of each child". The highlight of the day's programme was talking doll by India's first female

Ventriloquist, Kumari R. Indushree. She, in her own comic way, strongly conveyed the importance of child rights and how children can help each other in creating a protective environment around them and thus protect each other from sexual abuse. The celebration also witnessed the release of the Annual Report 2015-16 of BOSCO by Smt. Vinisha Nero. During the programme, children performed on the special theme to spread awareness among themselves and the public. Around 600 children from various slums of Bangalore and BOSCO centers witnessed the days programme.



## GIVE ME WINGS TO FLY, NOT KNOTS TO TIE



On the occasion of International Day of the Girl Child, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a programme to protect the childhood of every Girl Child – a gesture of joining hands with global community on October 14, 2016. International Girl Child Day celebration of BOSCO was organized to show solidarity against Child marriage. Thus the theme of the programme was "GIVE ME WINGS TO FLY: NOT KNOTS TO TIE". The programme was organized with the purpose of educating the girl children about the Impact of child marriage on them.

The programme was invoked by the prayer dance followed by a formal welcome by Fr. Mathew. Fr. Regi gave valuable insights into the theme of the programme.

Ms. Kathyayini - Upparpet Sub inspector, the chief guest of the programme, speaking on the rights of the children urged the girls to come out of the shackles of these social evils and get wings of freedom. She made reference of the girl child cases she helped and freed.

**CRP's impression** –After awareness in the school at Yarabnagar, the concerned CRP felt that the team is doing wonderful job and he said that a Headmasters training for three days would be held soon. He said that he would get permission to conduct awareness during their meetings where more than 300 Headmasters would be present



BOSCO Staff Picnic to Hyderabad

## “Find Us, Free Us and Give Us Education”, Independence Day 2016

BOSCO celebrated the 70th Independence Day of India with children on the special theme “Find Us, Free Us and Give Us Education”. The Celebrations started with the Chief Guest hoisting the Flag which was followed by the message of the Chief Guest Shri. C.G. Hungund- Retd. Judge and Member of Karnataka State Human Rights Commission. He stressed that we as Indians need to follow 3 D's – Discipline, Dedication and Determination. The parents and teachers who re-enrolled their dropout children back to school in spite of various difficulties were honored by Ms. Pallavi Akurathi – IAS officer and Deputy Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Vigilance. This celebration also marked the inauguration of a mass one day campaign which was flagged off by Shri Sadhu Kokila- Actor and Director Kannada Film Industry. A total of 8 shows were conducted in KR Market, Kalasipalya, Lal Bagh (all the 3 gates) areas of Bangalore City. The Day concluded with the colorful cultural programmes performed by the children of BOSCO centers. Fr. Mathew Thomas, the Executive Director said that with this Independence Day Celebration with the theme to free the children from the bondage of child labor begins a campaign by BOSCO against Child labour in the city of Bangalore. 700 children from BOSCO centers and areas, participated in the program.



## BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE celebrates its first Anniversary



Introducing the anniversary celebration of Railway CHILDLINE at the conference hall of the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) on July 30, 2016, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bangalore said that, “Bangalore City Railway Station has not only been a model to the country in rescue and rehabilitation of railway children but also has inspired officials to replicate this model to other railway platforms in the form of Railway CHILDLINE project by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Indian Railways.”

The poster on child helpline number 1098 was released by Master Sunil along with Mr. Sanjeev Agarwal, DRM and Ms. Aparna Garg, ADRM, Bangalore Railways. Ms. Aparna Garg pointed out that, “RPF personnel rescued 340 children in the past three years and are diligently performing their duty of assisting railway children. In this effort, the contribution of BOSCO is remarkable and they show the right path in life to these children”. Ms. Narmada Anand, Director ICPS, DWCD, Govt. of Karnataka appreciated BOSCO and South Western Railways, Bangalore Division for the coordinated initiatives in rescue and rehabilitation of railway children and wished that this facility is extended soon to platforms like Hubli, Mysore, Wadi, Gulbarga etc.

## Kudos to BOSCO Vikas Boys!!

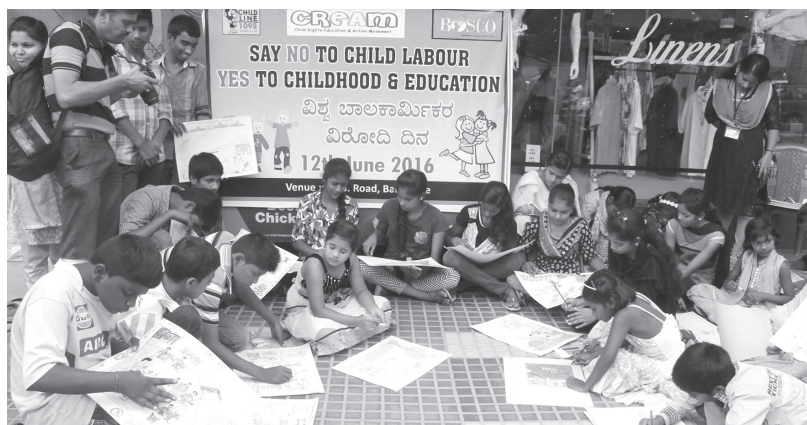
District level Foot Ball Tournament was conducted by the Education Department, Bangalore South Division on September 1, 2016. 7 of BOSCO Vikas boys represented the St. Joseph's Primary School and won the second place at the district level. 4 out of the 7 boys have been selected for the state level Foot Ball Tournament.





## BOSCO OBSERVED ANTI-CHILD LABOUR DAY WITH 25 CHILD ARTISTS IN BENGALURU

25 child artists expressed their concern for child labor by painting on the theme 'Say No to Child Labor' on June 12, 2016 at M.G. Road, Bangalore on the occasion of Anti Child Labor Day. BOSCO observed this meaningful day with 25 child artists and among these children Master Ravi, a child labor himself, inaugurated the event and addressed the gathering. Ravi said, "I wanted to study. I trusted a neighbor who promised to educate me if I go with him to Bengaluru. Once we reached here, he merely made me stay in a hotel in Channasandra. A month later, I ran away from there and was rescued by BOSCO staff". Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO, Bangalore addressed the gathering by saying "child labor is the death of childhood and all the people concerned about this issue should join hands to end this menace from the society". At the end of the event the paintings, portraying children's idea about the issue of child labor, were displayed to the public for creating awareness and motivating them to fight against child labour.



## BOSCO NILAYA gets its own space...



BOSCO Nilaya has a new premise now at K.R. Market. Mr. Ayub Khan, the Area Leader and Rev. Fr. Joyce Thunikuzhiyil SDB, Provincial, Bangalore Province inaugurated the centre in the presence of other eminent dignitaries, Community People, Area School Head masters, Local leaders and Children on September 21, 2016. Later Rev. Fr. Joyce Thunikuzhiyil blessed the place and the gathering with a prayer. Delivering the Key Note Address, Fr. Mathew Thomas- Executive Director, BOSCO Bangalore expressed extreme joy for having opened the eighth own center of BOSCO. He said that the center would act as a Hub from where all the activities would be carried out in the Market area.

Rev. Fr. Joyce Thunikuzhiyil SDB, Provincial, Bangalore Province urged the BOSCO family to continue with the good work and educate the community with commitment and honesty. He honored all those including the owner, contractor, carpenter, welder, electrician and the HMs of the schools who had transformed this building to what it is today and for continuously supporting all our endeavors. The occasion also unfolded some breathtaking talents of the children who showcased them through the cultural programmes.

## Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (BNRD) has been instituted to take up systematic data collection, scientific documentation and research and publications of the materials of BOSCO. Reports and photos of the activities and events from all the centers, areas and programmes are collected periodically and maintained in BNRD. The department also has well maintained information on Child data of the last three decades.

BNRD manages BOSCO website, updating and uploading reports on social media and also coordinates the publication of newsletters, annual report and researches conducted by BOSCO. It has a library where books, journals, research papers, case studies and other private circulations on child related articles are maintained for reference.

## BOSCO and YaR National Network

Head quartered in Delhi, Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, commonly called YaR is a National Network of Don Bosco organizations in India that are committed to the care and protection of the children/youth who are at risk such as street and vagrant children, runaways, unaccompanied children, child labourers, school dropouts, children of migrant manual labourers, refugees, etc. BOSCO is an active member of the YaR network.

Don Bosco YaR Forum has developed a new web portal, CHILD MISS (Management Information System and Services) for the care and protection of children. BOSCO, Bangalore has been appointed as the Nodal Agency by Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS program in Karnataka and Kerala.

BOSCO is a part of another National YaR network programme called Participatory Action Research (PAR). This is a training and research programme to support YaR centres to be effective in caring for children with behavioural difficulties.

### Nadeem

First of all I thank the BOSCO Foster Care Department which gave me a beautiful life. If I had not come to BOSCO I would not have got this kind of a safe and happy life. I was thinking that I had lost everything in my life and institutional care was thought to be the last resort. But BOSCO put a lot of effort on me to get a family based care. At present, I am getting a lot of love, care and attention from my foster family. Also this family is helping me in studies and allowing me to follow my own religion and culture. I am very much thankful to my foster parents and BOSCO. I am very happy to continue my studies.

## Volunteering

Through its department of Human Resource, BOSCO, Bangalore has taken up 'Volunteer Management' programme where it receives volunteers from corporate, educational institutions, religious institutions and foreign countries. During the reporting period Human Resource department of BOSCO provided opportunities to 355 volunteers to get involved in BOSCO's activities. These volunteers were involved in early intervention surveys, street presence programmes, public awareness programmes, fund-raising, research and other support programmes. BOSCO would like to thank the schools, colleges, religious congregations and individual volunteers for teaming up with us for the cause of changing the society.

- Religious Volunteers - 107
- Student Volunteers - 217
- Foreign Volunteers - 11
- Professional Volunteers - 20

Anupama C.V said "I completed my MA and B.Ed, I come from Malagala, even though I completed my masters in arts I was not having basic computer knowledge needed in professional setup, after joining computer class in BOSCO Sumanahalli I got certified from BOSCO for learning basic computer and tally. Now I am working as teacher in Bhagavath Geeta Vidhya Kendra. I thank BOSCO for the opportunity provided for me".

### BOSCO STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Other Institutions (including BOSCO Centres)			Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BM	BYK	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-2005	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	3715	2990	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-06	871	3392	4263	1928	98	109	458	312	342	239	30	1127
2006-07	761	4277	5038	2312	22	134	1807	482	540	222	331	1127
2007-08	663	3892	4555	2200	43	90	1551	633	834	131	367	1607
2008-09	691	5922	6613	3527	30	141	1796	572	843	128	167	1281
2009-10	521	6445	6966	4083	27	85	1899	778	939	137	352	1068
2010-11	208	7186	7394	5070	18	115	2342	866	153	174	359	1699
2011-12	374	6932	7306	5176	26	140	1891	1150	1228	182	393	3574
2012-13	218	5310	5528	4027	36	42	994	439	1024	171	412	1886
2013-14	317	6167	6484	4862	18	17	1003	423	1290	187	585	5449
2014-15	295	7318	7613	5603	16	108	370	395	1016	121	713	2741
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	63	253	1953	119	795	1662
2016-17	298	6856	7154	5495	03	154	44	25	1192	375	741	1456
<b>Total</b>	<b>24359</b>	<b>105122</b>	<b>129481</b>	<b>68929</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>3349</b>	<b>17933</b>	<b>9318</b>	<b>12023</b>	<b>4576</b>	<b>10409</b>	<b>57628</b>



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sl No.	Award/Recognition	Year
01	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, has been honoured in August 1990, for his noble work by Rotary Bangalore	1990
02	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO and appointment of an A.C.P. at Police Commissioner's office and Sub Inspectors (1991) in all the police stations to deal with cases pertaining to street children, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
03	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kollashany was honoured with the Bheedhi Bhagya award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
04	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. KurshidAlam Khan, the Honourable Governor of Karnataka	1994
05	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, has been honoured in August 1998, for his noble work by Rotary Bangalore Vijayanagar with a Community Service Award and a Citation	1998
06	Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi Award: The State Award, Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi, was received from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for being the best NGO in the State for child welfare activities	2000
07	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
08	Makkala Mitra Award: BOSCO received the Makkala Mitra Award from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for the year 2004 and 2005	2004 and 2005
09	Kempe Gowda Award: The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child labourers in the Bangalore Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the Institute	2007
10	Rotary award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from Department of Women and Child Development for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with Police Department and net working NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services and contributions	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organisation Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015

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## BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA (BOSCO)

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Consolidated Society Account

### Receipt and Payment account for the year 31.03.2017

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contribution	3,142,563.40	
Local Contribution	5,709,417.52	
Projects Grants	39,911,975.00	
Govements Grants	5,220,287.00	
Bank interest	1,192,298.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		5,975,441.00
CHILDLINE (1098) Services		3,134,427.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		2,488,632.00
Community Involvement		2,243,442.00
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/Colleges/Public Places, Etc		6,215,350.00
Higher Education of the Rescued children		2,090,840.00
Renovation, Repair & Maintenance etc		10,313,945.22
Health Care		1,465,608.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		21,248,485.00
Piloting Alternative Form of Care in India		2,445,199.00
Picnic, Sports, Entertainment and Functions etc		1,959,793.87
Food for children		7,448,423.00
Travel and Conveyance		1,296,128.00
Clothes for children		662,962.00
Family Reunification and Fallow up		1,200,760.00
Opening/Closing Balance	30,548,330.41	15,535,435.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>85,724,871.33</b>	<b>85,724,871.33</b>

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