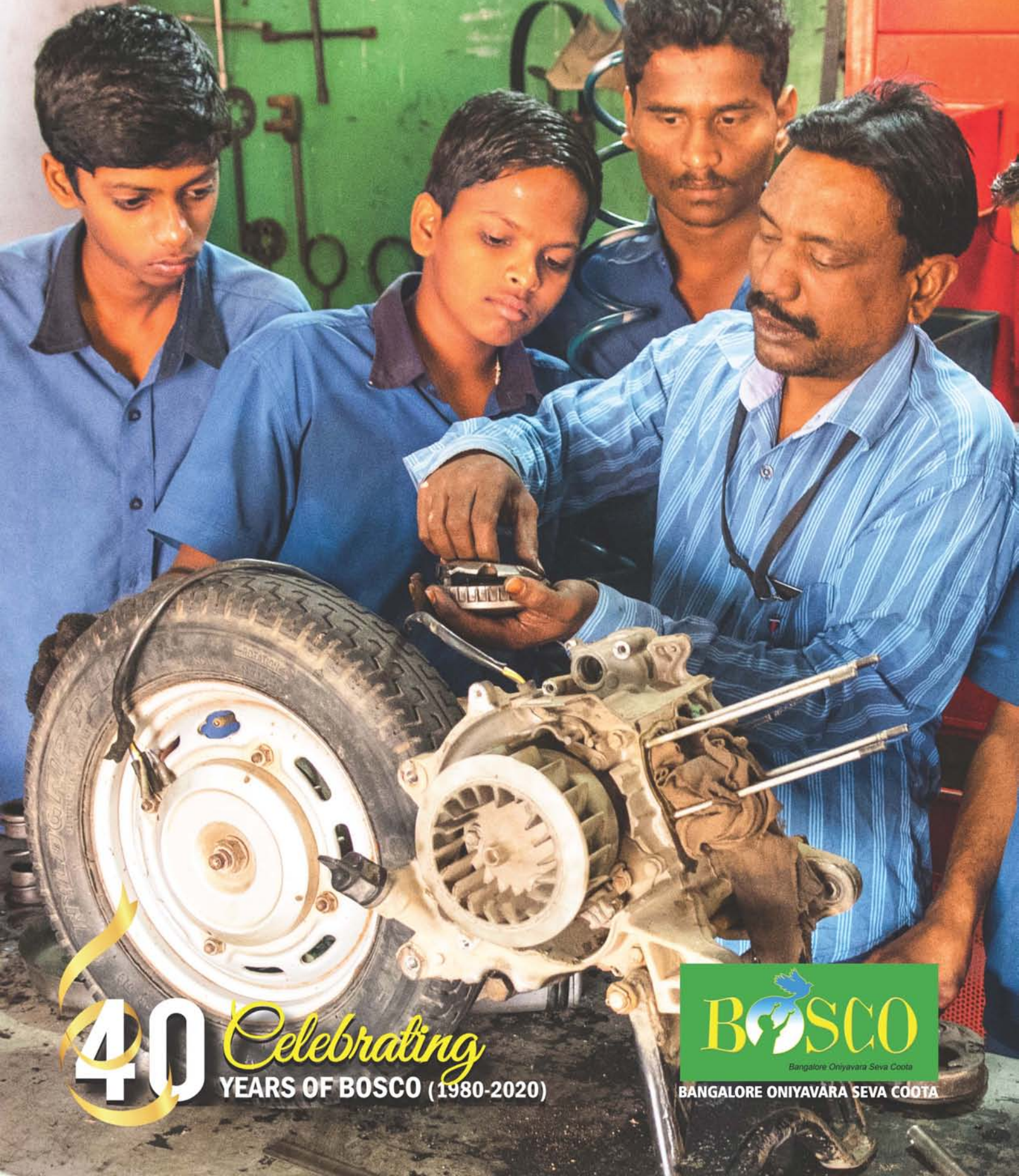


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**40** Celebrating  
YEARS OF BOSCO (1980-2020)



BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA





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# ANNUAL REPORT



# Presentation

Fr. MATHEW THOMAS SDB

Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru



“Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.” – Anonymous

Children have a tremendous ability to imbibe and emulate the world they see around them, and it has been the constant effort of BOSCO to create a world of hope and love that they can echo in their lives. We have sincerely strived over the past 40 years to leave a legacy of compassion and hope for the many children who have given us the opportunity to be a part of their lives.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I place before you our Annual Report for the year 2019-2020, which showcases the unwavering faith of BOSCO that no child is beyond help.

2019-20 has been a year of progress, achievements, and also many unprecedented challenges. True to the mandate of our founder, Don Bosco, we accompany the young at risk in their struggles and journeys. BOSCO has journeyed with the children through their difficulties, challenges, transitions, and achievements. From rescue to rehabilitation through home placement, education/vocational training, job/room placement, BOSCO handholds each child's individual journey. Our various initiatives like child rights clubs, tuition centres, caring communities, mothers' groups, health camps, advocacy and awareness programs, trainings, adolescent girls' collectives in slum communities, and youth parliament, have reached out to the communities, creating a tangible difference in their outlook on various child related issues.

We have always believed in the power of knowledge to bring change in society, and in the year that went by, BOSCO was able to successfully carry out several campaigns to create awareness among children, and the society, about child labour, children's need for freedom, rights of children, the need to empower the girl child, the need to speak up against inequality and discrimination etc. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC, which India has ratified, BOSCO took up the cause of 'All Rights to All Children' to ensure that no child is denied the freedom of life that is rightfully theirs.

The past year also presented us with many proud moments to cherish. The two-day National Consultation, which brought together foster care practitioners from across India, was a big step forward for our foster care initiative, and helped forge a roadmap for the way ahead. BOSCO also received the 'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' Award from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), on the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, in recognition of our services towards society.

2019-20 was also a year that tested the resilience of our nation. The Covid-19 pandemic, which has changed the world, brought most of our activities to a standstill. But, through the difficult times, we were able to give hope and help to those worst affected by the pandemic. Even during these uncertain times, BOSCO continues its mission to be a light in a dark world. I would like to sincerely thank the many supporters, volunteers, donors, and well-wishers of BOSCO, who have stood by us and enabled us to reach out to many children and communities in need. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of the vulnerable young around us, as we move forward in our purpose:

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





## FR. PROVINCIAL MESSAGE

FR. JOYCE THONIKUZHIYIL SDB

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

I am grateful to you all for another year of hard work in favour of the less privileged youth. In this context as you are bringing out this souvenir 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.

We continue to serve the young people following Don Bosco who created space for the other with a welcoming attitude. His practice of 'Being Present' was a very unique and healthy way of helping the young people to become responsible children of God and honest citizens of the nation. Don Bosco had a way of dealing with the boys who were found homeless and helpless in and around Turin. He had a way of welcoming them. He used to speak to them words of encouragement and assurance, so as to keep up his spirits and thus to create a good atmosphere for the boy who would have just left his familiar ambience and arrived at the oratory. This created a very strong bonding between Don Bosco and the boys and this bonding used to continue and this

created an atmosphere of trust that would prompt Don Bosco to use that famous pedagogical method, 'Word in the ear' which used to be along the lines of 'if you remain good we shall be friends, Don Bosco desires your wellness and he wants to help you to save your soul.' These interventions of a personal nature used to invite the listener to make confession to Don Bosco and this welcoming attitude created a good sense in the lives of the boys at the oratory. When Don Bosco used to tell his boys, "God has created us and he has put us in this world that we be for the other", he was inculcating in them a very important way of life that was based on interdependence and interconnectedness. Perhaps Don Bosco was aware of the relevance of it acknowledged by the generations from time immemorial, "We are not here only for ourselves." We are interconnected. Everything is connected. Today as in no other times communication has become the banner of many people. At the same time there are also persons who feel lonely as it has never happened before.

"That they may have life and life in its fullness." We are motivated and inspired moved by this motto. Let us continue to give importance to the overall growth and development of the children and youth whom we find in difficult situations and continue to be a sign of hope to them through our life commitment and the pedagogical style of Don Bosco.

With every Good Wish,  
Fraternally in Don Bosco,

Fr. Joyce Thonykuzhiyil SDB  
(Provincial)



# Message

Sri. M Gowtham Kumar  
Mayor, Bengaluru



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# Message

**Ms. D. N. Nagambika Devi IAS**  
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Many a significant event in history has begun with convinced and committed individuals and communities. Similarly, Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) also started with a few individuals - college students with an initiative of befriending children on the streets of Bengaluru. Today, BOSCO has established itself as a huge movement spread throughout the city. Through their friendliness and warmth, they have made the unwanted and unloved children/youth in our society realize their own worth, and have kindled in them the desire for a better life.

BOSCO has been closely working with the Department of Women and Child Development, becoming the voice of the children in ensuring their well being. They have been collaborating with the Government by implementing CHILDLINE, SJPU, Open Shelter, and Missing Child Bureau programmes.

I am sure that the Experiences gained will enable BOSCO to reach out to a greater number of marginalized children and youth, and bring smiles on their faces. I extend warm wishes and salutations to all those associated with the Organization. Congratulations for completing another successful year together with the children and youth at risk!!

  
(N. Nagambika Devi)



# Message

**Ms. Pallavi Akurathi IAS**


Director, Integrated Child Protection Scheme  
Karnataka State



I am happy to know that Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) has completed another successful year and is coming out with the Annual Report of 2019-20. On this happy occasion, I extend my best wishes to the children, staff and the management of BOSCO.

The efforts of BOSCO in collaboration with Integrated Child Protection Society (ICPS) and District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) of create awareness about the welfare of the children among the general public, students, police department, schools and other stakeholders in highly commendable. I wish that in the coming years BOSCO will take up many more innovative initiatives for the benefit of the poor and needy children.

I wish all success and fulfilment in the work they do!!

 31.08.2020

Pallavi Akurathi, IAS  
Director,  
Integrated Child Protection Scheme

# Message

**Ms. Mumtaz H.I**  
District Child Protection Officer  
Bangalore Urban



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BOSCO - a non-profit organization is rendering a good service through the rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of children and young at risk into mainstream society, by providing shelter, training and means of livelihood. Over the years, they have reached out to various categories of deprived children such as child labourers, abandoned and orphaned children, abused children, drug addicts, begging children, children on streets and so on.

BOSCO - has been associated with the Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Karnataka State for many years and has been implementing Government programmes like CHILDLINE, SJPU, Missing Child Bureau, Open Shelter etc. It has also been a member of some of the Government Committees for children. They have been contributing in Strengthening endeavours towards creating a better future for the children and young in vulnerable situation.

The occasion of bringing out the Annual Report is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of the organization. On behalf of the District Child Protection Unit, Bengaluru (Urban), I wish them all the success in the years ahead.

District Child Protection Officer  
District Child Protection Unit  
Bengaluru Urban



# PROFILE OF BOSCO

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



**Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota,** commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It was 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 besides standing up for their well-being.

## **MISSION**

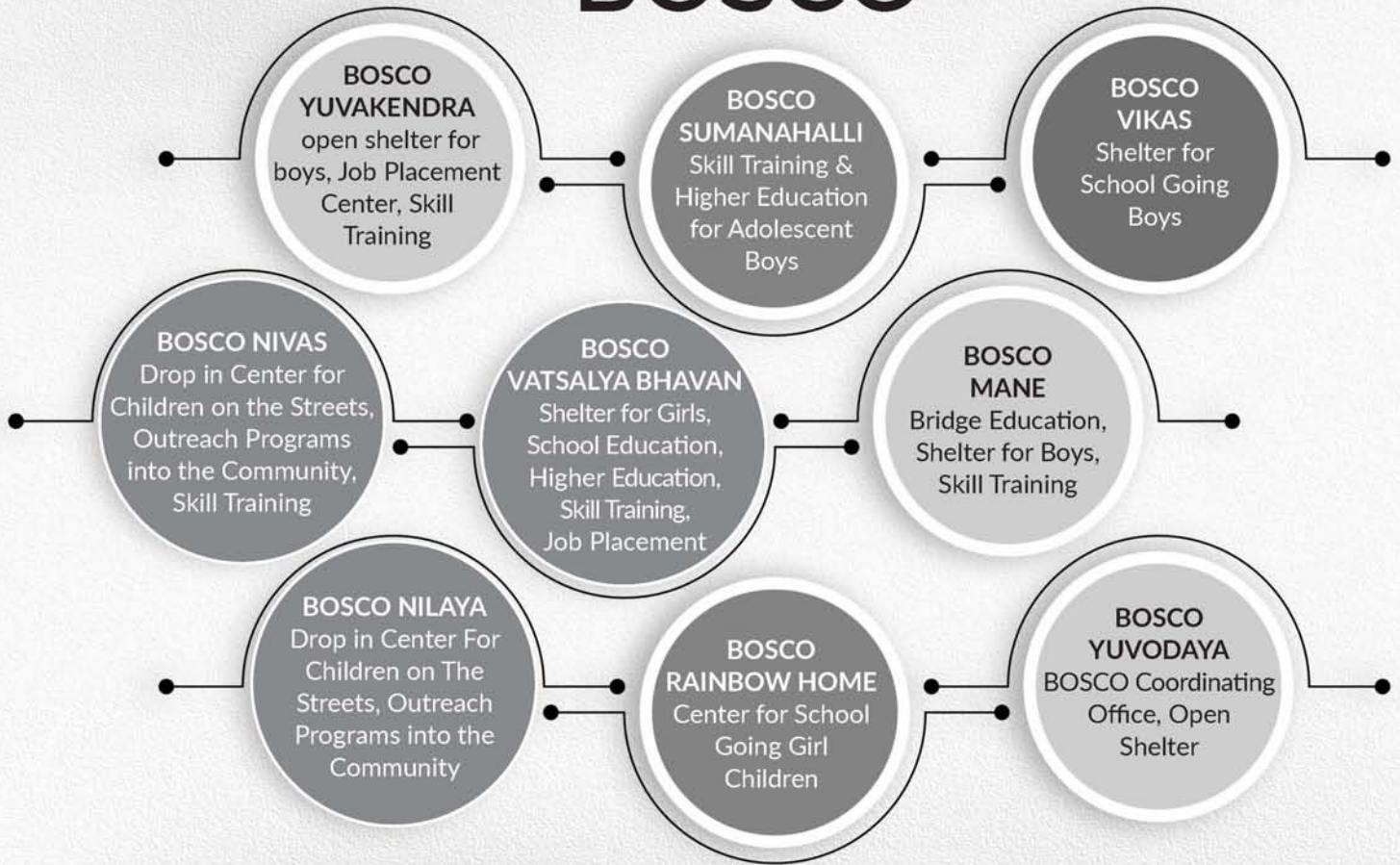
BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to integrate with mainstream society, such that they become responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth: children on the streets, child labourers, runaways, trafficked, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuse, rag pickers, child beggars, etc.

## **Our services:**

| 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, Documentation and Publication

# Centres of BOSCO



## Areas of BOSCO

### BUS STATIONS

1. Majestic Bus Station
2. KSRTC Bus Station
3. Shivajinagar Bus Station
4. KR Market Bus Station
5. Kalasipalya Bus Station
6. Satellite Bus Station

### MAGADI ROAD

1. K.P. Agrahara
2. Nagammanagar
3. Bhuvaneshwarinagar
4. Gopalpura
5. Mayuri Circle
6. Manjunathnagar
7. KeshavnagarBande

### K R. MARKET AREA

1. Ramanna Garden I
2. Ramanna Garden II
3. Vyayamshaale
4. Rajgopal Garden
5. Vinobhanagar
6. Cement Huts
7. Gurrappa Garden
8. Jolly Moholla
9. Bakshi Garden

### SUMANAHALLI

1. DevarajUrs Slum
2. Nagarbhavi Slum

### SHIVAJINAGAR AREA

1. Ambedkar Huts
2. Mackan Compound
3. Nehrupuram

### RAILWAY STATIONS

1. City Railway Station
2. Cantonment Railway Station
3. East Railway Station
4. Kengeri Railway Station
5. Krishnarajapuram Railway Station
6. Yelahanka Railway Station
7. Bidadi Railway Station

### MYSORE ROAD

1. Janata Colony
2. JJR Nagar
3. Padarayanapura
4. Azadnagar
5. Flower Garden
6. Bhangi Colony
7. Cheluvadipalya
8. Velmurugapura





## Street Presence

Most children leave their families to live on the street because of family problems such as death of a parent, alcoholism of father, strained relationships with stepparents, parent separation, abuse, and family violence. They live in survival-mode, constantly having to be aware of their surroundings and fighting for their own safety. These circumstances lead children to engage in atypical behaviours, such as creating a new identity, using aggression frequently, and valuing relationships based on

what can be gained from them. This brings an abrupt end to their childhood and innocence. Therefore, BOSCO has round the clock street presence to rescue such children through counseling, medical assistance, providing food and shelter, organizing orientation camps and awareness programmes. Nearly 20 children are rescued daily from the streets. That is many thousands of children in a year. 86% of such children are taken back to their homes.

## Rescue

Conditions on the street are never child-friendly, and far from being safe. Everyday, BOSCO conducts rescue operations for runaway children, child labourers, abandoned and orphaned children, abused and begging children, trafficked children, children addicted to substances, migrant children, out of school children,

victims of child marriage and sexual abuse, children from railway platforms, bus terminals, factories, hotels, parks, markets, public places, etc., through its teams. The rescue and rehabilitation operations in the capital city have been intensified and broadened.





Outreach and social workers scour vulnerable areas such as railway stations, bus stands, and market places, which are usually the first point of contact with any child in distress. BOSCO's important components such as CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net etc., collaborate with the Police and other Government Departments in crucial intervention for mass rescue operations and prevention of child right violations. The urgency lies in the need to prevent the child from falling into the hands of traffickers/abusers, and/or prevent the child from facing any form of abuse. In this manner, every year, BOSCO rescues over 5000 children from vulnerable situations.

### Young Saritha has played many roles, but never that of a child

When most children at 15 years of age are busy with school and studies, Saritha (name changed) is also busy; but not with school. She is busy selling Leafy Vegetables in the middle of bustling K.R. Market.

Saritha was found many times in the market by the BOSCO team, with two young girls near her. Many of her relatives are also vendors in the market. We slowly uncovered Saritha's tragic story.

Saritha has lived through her father's suicide, faced her mother's alcoholism, and accepted her mother's second marriage. However, her second marriage did not turn out to be a happy one. So her mother took to alcohol to escape the situation, leaving Saritha in charge of her younger siblings as well as the finances of the family.

Saritha had studied till the 5th standard in a school in Chamrajpet, and had also been in a hostel in Nelamangala for a year. Saritha took her responsibility seriously and became a mother to her younger siblings. She also started working in the market to earn a living for her family.

BOSCO found Saritha and her family in the market. Saritha was rescued from the market along with her mother and younger siblings. Her younger brother was sent to BOSCO Mane, and Saritha along with her mother and sisters were brought to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for shelter. Saritha's mother and younger sisters were then taken to another institution for mothers and young children, while Saritha stayed back in Vatsalya Bhavan because she was already 15.

The staff of Vatsalya Bhavan remember the frail Saritha who was brought in from the market. Life in the market had taken its toll on her, and she had a skin disease that covered her entire body and her hair was infested with lice. She was treated for her condition in Vatsalya Bhavan. With the constant support and encouragement of the staff, she gradually started adapting to the activities and atmosphere of the centre. She also started her bridge education. After a slow start, she started picking up concepts quickly and is very good in maths. She was also enrolled for the tailoring vocational course offered at the centre.

In the meanwhile, her mother had passed away. Her mother's death completely shattered her. This was the time Saritha needed her sisters the most, and to bring a little respite to the situation, Vatsalya Bhavan staff decided to contact her sisters who were in an institution in Yelahanka. Saritha was taken to see her sisters, and it became obvious that it would be wrong to keep them away from each other. The situation was presented to the CWC, and as the committee decides the next course of action, Saritha lives in the hope that she will be reunited with her sisters.

In her 15 years, Saritha has played many roles: a mother to her siblings, a caregiver to her mother, and a provider for her family. But she never got to be what she was always meant to be: a child. In BVB, her transformation from an emaciated girl to a healthy child has been slow but phenomenal. Now as she studies and plays with the other children at the centre, she is slowly reclaiming her childhood, one day at a time.



## Statistics of Children Rescued by BOSCO during June 2019-May 2020

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Others	Total
BOSCO Mane	16	00		16
BOSCO Sumanahalli	46	00		46
BOSCO Nilaya	39	25		64
BOSCO Nivas	21	11		32
BOSCO Yuvakendra	11	00		11
Railway Station	1165	158	01	1324
Bus Stand (BMTc and KSRTC)	496	40		536
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00		02
CHILDLINE	76	49		125
Special Juvenile Justice Unit (SJPU)	138	12		150
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	27		27
Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)	336	32		368
CSN – Child Safety Net (CSN)	56	12		68
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	10		10
Services Provided	1438	502		1940
Grand Total	3840	878	01	4719

## Action Taken

No. of times	Boys	Girls	Others	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centres	19	60	00	79
Home Placement	1174	85	01	1260
Produced before CWC	1124	199	00	1323
Referred to OH	45	01	00	46
Shishumandir	04	04	00	08
Dead	01	00	00	01
Referred back to Police	02	00	00	02
Replacement to School	05	01	00	06
Recommended to Hostel	18	24	00	42
Counseled & Sent/Went off	10	02	00	12
Grand total	2402	376	01	2779

### Anjali returns home after counseling

A young 13-year-old Anjali, was found from the Majestic bus stand in September 2019. She had arrived from Madanapally, Andhra Pradesh. Her parents had separated three years ago, and her mother later remarried. Anjali lived with her mother and stepfather in Madanapally. She has an elder sister who lives with their father in Bagepalli, Karnataka. Anjali did not like living with her mother and stepfather. She wanted to live with her father and sister and left home one day to go to her father. But she lost her way and reached the Majestic bus stand in Bengaluru.

It was here that BOSCO staff first saw her. During counseling, Anjali told the staff that her mother was addicted to alcohol and would beat and scold her all the time. The CWC was informed, and according to their directive, Anjali was referred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Anjali's mother was contacted and asked to come to Bengaluru with all the necessary documents. Both Anjali and her mother were produced before the CWC, but there her

mother had a different story to tell. She said that her daughter is a Class 8 student in a government school in Madanapally but she had stopped going to school around two months ago as she was not interested in studies. Since then she has been spending her time roaming around the city with her friends, and would not listen to anything her mother said. According to her mother, Anjali had left home with her friends to visit Bengaluru.

Both mother and daughter were counseled and instructed about the importance of education, and the need to go to school and study well. Anjali was then sent home with her mother, to start her life over again; this time hopefully with a new outlook and new decisions.

## Counseling

The children rescued from the streets and other dangerous situations often display behavioural patterns of anxiety, tension, excessive worrying, irritability, distractibility, internal tensions and conflicts, uncontrollable avoidance of threatening situations, depression, panic, phobias, etc. This may be due to their exposure to poverty, violence, conflict, lack of parenting, and sexual, physical and /or mental abuse. Through professional counselors, BOSCO provides both individual and group counseling to these children and youth on a regular basis. Counseling is also provided to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians of the rescued children.



## Health Care

The children in BOSCO usually come from the underprivileged sections of society, and have various untreated diseases. This is mostly because of the unhygienic living conditions on the street and lack of knowledge about treatment options and medical facilities. The Health Care team of BOSCO tries its best to give the best medical help to the children in the centres, and in the areas of service. Through first aid,

medication, and hospital visits, the team gives immediate attention and care to those who are in need. To minimise the occurrence and spreading of diseases, the team also uses awareness programmes to educate the poor communities and children in the centres about health care. With regular health check-ups, the team diagnoses sicknesses at an early stage, which ensures that children receive treatment at the right time.

The most common medical problems seen in the children are fever, various skin infections such as scabies, wounds and injuries, tuberculosis, fractures, mumps, dental problems, eye problems, heart diseases, epilepsy, psychological problems, dengue, HIV, nephritis, hernia, ENT problems, and animal bites. Besides direct

interventions, as many as 39 health and nutrition awareness programmes, 31 general health camps including dental camps and eye camps, were conducted during the year. IQ-tests have also been done for some of the children, to enable them to get disability certificates.

Statistics of Medical Care provided during June 2019-May 2020

Types of Cases	Numbers
Inpatient	19
Outpatient	598
Other Medical Care	1000
Total	1617





**Bavani**, a 12 year old girl from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan developed a sudden puffiness on her face and swelling on the legs. She was taken to St. Martha's hospital where the doctor suggested further investigation of her condition. She was in the hospital for 2 weeks and the investigation showed that she had nephritis. After 3 months of rigorous treatment, she regained her health and is now doing well.

**Siddaramesha**, a 15 year old boy from BOSCO Sumanahalli was bitten by a snake while playing outside. The health care team acted swiftly, and provided first aid before taking him to a nearby clinic. The doctor examined the boy and referred him to Vanivilas hospital. He was admitted there and given treatment. After one week of treatment, he was discharged from the hospital. He is doing well now and continuing skill training at the centre.

**Deva**, a 17 year old boy from BOSCO Yuvakendra was diagnosed with TB. He is from a poor family, and has been in the BOSCO centres for a long time. He had run away from the centre, and was later found in a very pathetic condition in the area. The team brought him to the centre and took him to Victoria hospital. After investigation, he was diagnosed with TB. He is under treatment at Dots centre in Magadi road. After 3 months of treatment his sputum test was negative.

## Non-Formal Education

Non-formal Education is the method of instruction outside the formal system of education. It is simple and flexible, and can be delivered at any place convenient to the learners. It is generally designed to meet the basic learning needs of disadvantaged groups and can be availed by children of any age group. Out of school children, working children, and children who cannot attend school for the whole day can join this programme. Since a large part of BOSCO's work is with children who have not been to schools or are dropouts, it adopts this system of education which is relevant to the child's needs, appropriate to the child's development levels, flexible, participatory, inclusive, and protective of their rights to survival and development. These classes which are organized in different BOSCO shelter homes, prepare



the children for formal 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.

### Murali finds a new family

Young Murali, at the age of 12, has already faced many difficulties. He was brought to BOSCO Mane in January 2019 by order of the CWC, and has been at the centre for one and a half years now.

Murali's family is from Andhra Pradesh. His father left the family soon after his birth, forcing his mother to come with him to Bengaluru to earn a living. They settled in K R Puram in Bengaluru, and his mother managed to take care of Murali well by running a small iron shop. But three years ago, his mother remarried, and this decision ultimately led to her abandoning Murali.

Murali's grandmother took over his responsibility and looked after him well. But she was not able to manage the expense of his education. So she took him to Madanapally and admitted him in a charitable trust there. But Murali did not like this new place and found it difficult to adjust there. So he started running away from the hostel and going back to his grandmother. He ran away many times, but each time she would send him back. Eventually he stopped going to her and started living on the street and begging.

Two years ago, his grandmother passed away, and not having anywhere else to go, Murali went to his mother's house. She took him in and took care of him well, but his stepfather started abusing him, and made him work in



a garage as a cleaner where the owner physically and mentally abused Murali. Unable to stand the ill-treatment any longer, Murali left, and started living on the street once again.

He was rescued twice from the street by the police and handed over to his mother. In the end, his stepfather called CHILDLINE, and Murali was rescued by APSA CHILDLINE. He was produced before CWC along with his parents. There, his mother told the committee that Murali was an abandoned child, who was rescued by her mother from K.R.Puram when he was a baby. She told them that her mother had taken care of him like her own son, but after her mother's death, Murali became her responsibility, and she and her husband were not interested in keeping him with them. So the CWC admitted him in a Boys Home for some time. After six months, CWC transferred him to BOSCO Mane for further follow-up.

When Murali first came to Mane, he used to struggle with multiple problems. He had adjustment issues, would pick fights with the other children, and was not interested in studies. Once, he ran away from the centre with a friend, and could not be found anywhere. An FIR was registered with the V V Puram police station. After 3 months, information was received from his stepfather that he was at the Sai Charitable Trust in Madanpally.

BOSCO staff went to Madanpally and brought him back to the centre and closed the FIR. From there, Murali's journey to recovery has been slow but significant. Murali was given special attention at the centre, and he started attending art therapy sessions by a therapist. All this effort had a positive effect on Murali, and he slowly began showing interest in studies.

Twice, BOSCO staff visited Murali's house to convince his mother to accept him back, as it was evident that he needed his mother. But she refused to take him back, and stood firm on her statement that Murali is an orphan. The neighbours informed the staff that Murali is actually her own son, but she was not willing to accept him because of her husband.

Murali was initially upset when he learned about his mother's decision, but he slowly came to terms with the reality of his situation, and from there his true transformation began. Murali began concentrating on his studies and extracurricular activities, and started making a genuine effort to adjust at the centre.

Murali is now a changed person. He is very happy in Mane. He is good in studies, and wants to study well and become a chef/ police officer when he grows up. He also loves singing, acting, dancing, and participating in sports competitions. He has participated in several programmes, where his talent was recognised and acknowledged. He has also won prizes for singing, dance and sports. Murali's life is no longer controlled by the rejection and neglect of his mother, but by the compassion and commitment of BOSCO to help children live life to the fullest.

## Education

BOSCO centres receive children through the different programmes of BOSCO, Govt. Boys and Girls Homes, or directly through their family members. Children from underprivileged backgrounds and difficult situations are enrolled in BOSCO centres for rehabilitation. Being a rights based organization, BOSCO always believes that the children's right to education can be fulfilled only

by creating a platform for imparting education through innovative strategies, deep counseling, and motivating them to get into mainstream education. BOSCO's centres such as Vikas, Rainbow Home and Vatsalya Bhavan are dedicated to developing a greater interest in children for their school education, while BOSCO Sumanahalli is dedicated to providing higher education to its resident pupils.





## Statistics of School/College Going Children during June 2019- May 2020

Standard/PUC/ Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Summanahalli	BOSCO Nilaya	BOSCO Nivas	BOSCO Yuvak- endra	Foster Care Programme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	21	--	--	--	--	17	13	04	1	56
I	03	--	04	06	--	15	06	07	--	31
II	05	--	02	01	--	34	14	11	3	67
III	03	--	06	01	--	36	09	09	1	58
IV	03	--	03	05	--	37	18	13	1	77
V	--	06	04	05	--	57	10	05	4	87
VI	--	07	05	02	--	33	19	07	2	70
VII	--	11	15	05	--	47	18	07	1	89
VIII	--	03	08	06	--	31	16	02	--	58
IX	--	12	03	02	--	19	11	--	3	50
X	--	04	04	03	--	14	10	--	2	37
PUC 1	--	--	--	03	02	04	4	--	1	14
PUC 2	--	--	01	03	02	--	--	--	--	06
Diploma 1	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	--	01
Diploma 2	--	--	01	02	--	--	--	--	--	03
D.C -1	--	--	02	01	--	--	--	--	--	03
D.C -2	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	01
D.C -3	--	--	--	03	--	--	--	--	--	03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>711</b>

### Reaching out to Ali makes a difference

A migrant from Bihar, 13-year-old Ali (name changed) had migrated to Bengaluru with his parents, elder brother and 2 elder sisters. After coming to Bengaluru, Ali was enrolled in the BBMP school in Shivajinagar, and he became a regular to the BOSCO Nivas tuition centre. Ali is a very bright child, always first in class and very active in all the extracurricular activities in school and at the centre. So it came as a surprise to the staff of Nivas when he stopped coming to the centre for almost a month. On initial enquiry, it was understood that he had not been to school either for a month. So the staff decided to visit his house and find out the reason behind his absence.

Ali's parents were very happy to see Nivas staff take the effort to visit them and find out what was troubling their son. His parents told them that Ali had stopped school and tuition because he had lost interest in studies. Ali told the staff that he was having trouble waking up in the mornings even though he got adequate rest.

Nivas staff counseled Ali, and his parents were also counseled on how to motivate him to attend school and tuition. Ali promised the staff that he would start going to school and would be regular to class and tuition. But this was not the end of the Nivas team's work. They not only counsel and guide children to take right decisions, but also handhold and walk with them till they are confident to take full responsibility of their decision.

Ali's progress is regularly being followed up, and he is now regular to school and to Nivas for tuition, and actively participates in all the activities conducted in both places. His parents are grateful to BOSCO for patiently rekindling his interest in studies, and supporting him in every step of his journey back to school.



## BOSCO AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2019-MAY 2020

**7** RAILWAY STATIONS

**6** BUS STANDS

**10** BOSCO CENTERS

**120** BBMP WARDS

**2417**

CHILDREN WERE GIVEN SHELTER IN THE HOMES OF BOSCO

**1617**

CHILDREN WERE SUPPORTED WITH HEALTH CARE

**74**

OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE SCHOOL ENROLLED

**7136**

CHILDREN WERE GIVEN COUNSELLING SUPPORT

**4806**

CHILDREN WERE HOME PLACED

**383**

MISSING CHILDREN WERE TRACED

**4719**

CHILDREN WERE RESCUED AND REHABILITATED

**711**

CHILDREN WERE GIVEN ACADEMIC EDUCATION

**330**

CHILDREN WERE PROVIDED VOCATIONAL TRAINING

**621**

CHILDREN WERE GIVEN SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION THROUGH 17 TUITION CENTRES

**2021**

CHILDREN EMPOWERED THROUGH 102 CLUBS

**180**

CHILDREN (ESPECIALLY GIRLS) WERE EMPOWERED THROUGH KARATE CLUBS

**195**

ADOLESCENT GIRLS WERE EMPOWERED THROUGH ADOLESCENT GIRLS' COLLECTIVES

# WE SERVE

Children on the street, Un-accompanied children, Children into substance abuse, Child labour, Child marriage, Out-of-school children, Trafficked children, Missing children, Physically/Sexually abused children, Children in conflict with law, Orphans, Children from dysfunctional families etc...

**25210** is the total number of services through BOSCO this year





## Bridge Education

This short duration course is conducted for all the new children who come to BOSCO centres. This period is important as it assesses the learning level and aptitude of the children. The objective of the programme is to give a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of learning.

In slum areas, there are a large number of school dropouts, and they drop out from schools for many reasons. By implementing the bridge course in these areas, many students are enrolled in the centres to learn the basics of writing, reading and arithmetic in a playful environment. The bridge schooling makes them school ready, and focuses on their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society. During the current year, 56 children were part of the bridge course.



## Vocational Training

For children who come from the streets, the daily routine of school can be monotonous. Their unbridled minds always have a tendency to go back to their unstructured life on the streets, rather than sitting in a classroom and paying attention to instruction. They may have low concentration skills and trouble following the routine of proper academics. There are also some children who are too old to be enrolled in school. BOSCO has a separate vocational training centre, located in Sumanahalli, that provides training in various trades like welding, carpentry, electrical works, bakery trade, and two wheeler mechanism, for such children who are between the ages of 15 and 18 years. Yuvakendra provides skill training in



screen printing, and Vatsalya Bhavan provides tailoring and beautician courses.

While BOSCO Sumanahalli provides computer education to youth in Basic, Microsoft Office, Internet and Tally, BOSCO Mane provides computer training for youth focused on training for a job. Computer education is a four month course, and during the last one year, 3 batches completed their course in Basic, Tally and Vocational training. During the last one year, 134 students were benefitted from the BOSCO Computer Training Centre. Among the students who were above 18, 11 have taken up computer related jobs in companies like- SBI Life insurance, Axa Co. Insurance, Classic Financial Co., Taj Food Products, BOSCO Mane and Part time jobs in KFC and DTDC Courier.

BOSCO also arranges many life skills camps and talks on subjects like self-respect, personality development etc. The life skill training programme has helped in guiding the children and youth to plan ahead, and think more practically in their life. Exposure programmes were also organized for the trainees in carpentry, bakery trade, and two wheeler mechanism.





### See BOSCO's Videos:

- SHE
- STREET CHILDREN IN INDIA- SURVIVING THE STREET
- A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- This is Me

### Stakeholders Speak

- Ms. Bharathi, SI, GRP, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru

"I have seen BOSCO staff 24/7 in the railway station working with relentless commitment, on the platforms, quickly reaching out to the children on the platforms and giving them the necessary services and guidance. The spirit with which BOSCO works is noteworthy. It is also a motivation for others like me to give my 100% for the care and protection of the young at risk. Their awareness programmes and capacity building programmes have helped us to be updated with the laws and policies related to children and their rights. I ensure that I accompany the staff during every procedure that they follow during the child rescue operation. I congratulate them for their dedicated service towards the young at risk, and I also ensure that I support them and contribute towards their service to the vulnerable young."

### Statistics of Youth Enrolled for Training during June 2019 -May 2020

Types of Trades	Number of Children
Welding	10
Two Wheeler Mechanism	18
Bakery	07
Carpentry	06
Electrical Work	18
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	49
Tailoring (BOSCO Nivas)	13
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	66
Screen Printing (BOSCO Yuvakendra)	09
Total	196

### Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training during June 2019 -May 2020

Sl. No.	Number of Batches	Basic (Below 18)	Tally	Basic and Tally	Basic (Above 18)	Total	Basic/ Vocational	Job Placement (Above 18)
1	BOSCO Mane	40	-	13	-	53	10	11
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	06	06	07	62	81	46	00
	Total	46	06	20	62	134	56	11

### Shiva writes a new chapter for himself

The son of coolie workers, 18-year-old Shiva had a rough start in life as he lost his parents when he was very young. After his parents' death, his younger sisters were sent to the 'Asha Deepa' Centre for Destitute and Orphans, and Shiva was admitted to another institution. He was later transferred from there to ECHO Kamanahalli. But he got into some trouble at the centre, and was sent to the ECHO Special Home for rehabilitation.

In July of 2018, when Shiva turned 16, he was sent to BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli, for vocational training. This was a turning point in his life. He successfully completed his training in Electrical Work, and was placed in a good job in Bengaluru. Shiva is very happy in his job, and is diligently saving his earnings for himself and his sisters' future. By not letting his past define his future, Shiva made the best use of the opportunity given to him by BOSCO, and showed the courage to turn his life around and rewrite his destiny.



## Job Placement

For many underprivileged youngsters, especially from the street and remote places, who come to Bengaluru in search of jobs, BOSCO helps them find jobs appropriate to the training they have undergone in BOSCO.

Job placement is one of the main rehabilitative components of BOSCO. Children between the ages of 14 and 18 are given training in various technical skills. Youth who have undergone skill training are placed in jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data entry, screen printing, bakery, tailoring, sales, as electricians, mechanics, etc. They are also exposed to various soft skills and basic computer knowledge to sustain them in their jobs. After the placement, they are keenly followed up by BOSCO, till they can manage on their own. In this annual year, 69 youths were job placed in different companies involving screen printing, carpentry, welding, bookbinding, two-



wheelers, driving, electronics, catering, hospital service, garments, and graphic design; also in colleges, small scale companies, printing presses, bakery, Coffee Day, and as office boys, salesmen, electricians etc.

### Statistics of Youth Placed in Jobs during June 2019 – May 2020

Sl. No.	Types of Jobs	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Printing Press	5
2	Two Wheeler Mechanics	2
3	Office Assistant and Hospitality	2
4	Eateries	5
5	Semi-Skilled Jobs	3
6	Tailoring	4
7	Beautician	15
8	Self Employed (Tailoring and Beautician)	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

## Room Placement

BOSCO's Room Placement helps a lot of youngsters to take up a job in the city and earn a good salary. The room placement approach of BOSCO starts when the trainee is job placed in a firm. BOSCO helps them to hire a room in the heart of the city. Youngsters around the age of 20, who are either employed outside, or doing their college studies, come together to live in a room or house. Yuvakendra started room placement as its component in 1987. A change from institutionalized care to room placement, helps the youth transition to a life of responsibility. This gradual transition into independent living is the core idea behind room placement. BOSCO staff does regular follow up visits to monitor their progress, and also help them through any issues. Past-Pupils' get-togethers are organized to keep in touch with all the youngsters who have made an independent life for themselves over the years. This year, BOSCO placed 1 new youth and followed up with 6 youth who were provided jobs with accommodation.





## From rag picker to service professional

Mahesh (name changed) used to be a rag picker. The son of an alcoholic father, he lived with his family on the street, and begged and picked through garbage for a living. Mahesh does not remember his mother too well, as she died when he was very young. From a young age, Mahesh was forced to shoulder the responsibility of his family, and he turned to rag picking and begging on the streets to feed his father and younger brother. Cut and bleeding from the broken shards of glass in the rubble, he used to pick his way through garbage to make just enough for him and his family to survive each day. Mahesh was 8 years old when he was found begging on the streets of Majestic by BOSCO.

For a year, Mahesh was in BOSCO Mane, and he was later referred to Ajjanahalli for further studies. But, after a year he ran away from there. Though he left the centre, BOSCO persistently continued to intervene in Mahesh's life, and managed to help him complete his class 8. In the meantime, BOSCO also tried to contact his family/relatives, and succeeded in tracing his maternal uncle. He was placed in kinship care with his uncle, but Mahesh found it difficult to adjust with his uncle's family, and he once again started living on the street. The many years Mahesh spent on the street, had left its mark on the young boy, and he had picked up many of the habits of the street. He was addicted to substances, and was also under the scrutiny of the police. Mahesh's relatives refused to have anything to do with him, and no one knew the whereabouts of his father and younger brother.

It was during this difficult time in his life that Mahesh was referred to BOSCO Yuvakendra for rehabilitation, since he was already 16 years old. At the centre, with extensive counselling and appropriate intervention, Mahesh started taking charge of his life, and there was a visible change in his behaviour and outlook on life. He was helped to find a job in housekeeping, where he developed the skill and the confidence to lead his life independently. Recently, he moved into the accommodation provided with his job.

From a lonely eight year old begging on the street to a young man leading an independent life, BOSCO has journeyed with Mahesh through the different phases of his life. BOSCO's intervention in his life at the right time has given him back his self-respect and his right to live with dignity.

## Home Placement

BOSCO firmly believes that children should be with their families for their stable and holistic development. The impact that a family can have in a child's overall development is unparalleled. BOSCO, identifying the real need of children, helps reintegrate them into their families. Nearly 20 children are rescued daily from the railway stations, bus stands and other contact points in different areas of Bengaluru. 86% of such children are taken back to their homes as institutionalization is always the last resort. The children brought to Yuvodaya - Transit



Home, are counseled and encouraged to return home. The process includes calling the parents or close relatives and handing the child over to them. Sometimes, BOSCO staff accompany the child back home. During the year, a total of 1260 children were home placed from BOSCO.



## BOSCO'S presence in the community

As a rights-based organization, BOSCO concentrates its efforts on the holistic development of slum communities to promote child protection. BOSCO teams work closely with slum communities, especially women and children, on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education, and women empowerment.

In 2019–20, BOSCO worked closely with various slum communities and ensured the following:

- Birth registration of 42 new born babies and immunization of 183 children.
- In total, 509 children were surveyed in which 81 children were identified as 2nd Grade SAM and 30 children were identified as 3rd Grade SAM. All SAM cases were referred to NRC.
- 644 people including children have undergone health check-ups during 5 health camps.
- Nilaya supported 80 families in getting Aadhaar cards, Ration cards, Voter ID cards, Birth certificates, Disability certificates, Bank Accounts, Caste and Income certificates, Affidavits, and Swadhina Patra.
- Nivas assisted in filing and procuring 20 Ration cards, 57 voter ID cards, and 5 widow pensions.
- Conducted Survey on Child labour at K.R.Market and Jolly Mohalla areas. 15 child labourers were identified

## School and Tuition Centre

In this reported year, 57 children were enrolled, and 17 children were re-enrolled in schools. The programme Anti Child Labour Day helped in identifying and motivating children to enroll and re-enroll in school. After parental and personal counseling for dropout children, they were re-enrolled in school. The children are studying well and regular to school. Their progress is being closely monitored and follow-up is going on.

About 621 children from the areas where BOSCO works, who proved to be eager learners, were given tuition. BOSCO worked with 25 ICDS (Anganwadi) centres and 40 schools of South and West Bengaluru. Special tuition for 9th and 10th standard children at BOSCO Nilaya, Karate class at J. C. Road, Spoken English class at BOSCO Nilaya, Digital centre at BOSCO Nilaya, Badminton Coaching class at BOSCO's New Campus, Ramanna Garden, were some of the special achievements during the year. ECCE and CREAM projects distributed 1631 shoes to 14 Tuition centre children under BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas and 25 Anganwadi centres, as Christmas and New Year gifts, in the 2nd and 3rd week of December

in K.R.Market as vendors and coolie workers. In Jolly Mohalla, 5 bag factories were visited. 8 child labourers were identified.

- 39 awareness programmes on issues related to children, were conducted in 29 areas and public places, and reached 10,600 people. Door to door awareness was carried out. Community members were empowered with information on Child Rights, Child Rights Violation, CHILDLINE, BOSCO services, and Vocational Skill Training in BOSCO centres.
- 7 special awareness programmes on World Environment Day, World Clean up Day, Deepavali with the poor, Christmas celebration with children, Christmas celebration with the poor, and Women's Day out to Talakadu, were carried out
- 109 people participated in the Civil Society Group meetings, of which 11 were the Area leaders of Ramanna Garden, Anandhpuram, Bakshi Garden, Nehrupuram, Ambedkar huts and Mackan Compound. 2 AWC teachers, 44 children, and teachers from 12 schools also participated.
- A Follow-up Exposure visit to Kanteerava Indoor Stadium was conducted for 95 youth, with the support of Book My Show and RMT Department, BOSCO, to watch the Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations
- 1 Ward Advocacy meeting was organized by the Children's Collectives on issues related to water, school, waste segregation, etc.



2019, in collaboration with Dr. Shruthi, SCHOOL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT PROGRAMME (SHARP), and BATA Happy steps.

## Statistics of Children Attending the Tuition Centres during June 2019-May 2020

Sl. No.	Place Name	Number of children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Ramanna Garden	30	18	48
2	Vyayamshala	18	16	34
3	Vinobhanagar	24	26	50
4	Cement Huts	15	17	32
5	Rajgopal Garden	07	25	32
6	Jolly Mohalla	22	30	52
7	Giripuram	12	15	27
8	Anandpuram	14	16	30
9	Nilaya 9th and 10th Std Special Tuition	24	13	37
10	J. C. Road 9th and 10th Std Special Tuition	10	06	16
11	Ambedkar Huts	12	26	38
12	Nehrupuram	22	31	53
13	Mackan Compound	27	36	63
14	Tungabhadra Colony (Cantonment Railway Station)	8	7	15
15	Satellite Bus Stop	12	18	30
16	Devaraj Urs Slum	15	24	39
17	Sangam Theatre Area	16	09	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>621</b>

### Back to school

Unlike most children his age, 15 -year-old Vignesh used to spend his time aimlessly wandering the streets of Bengaluru. Vignesh is the youngest of 4 siblings. All his siblings had dropped out of school at different stages of their education. Vignesh also followed in their footsteps and dropped out of school in the Class 8. Financial problems kept Vignesh's parents occupied, and they did not take much interest in their son's education.

It was during this period that Vignesh came into contact with BOSCO Nilaya. Vignesh was repeatedly counseled by Nilaya staff, but he was not ready to go back to school. He had initially taken the decision to leave school because he had got into some trouble with his school friends. But the year that he spent out of school had led to him losing interest in studies altogether.

The Nilaya team's persistent efforts to get him back into education finally paid off when Vignesh agreed to attend the tuition classes held at the centre. He started getting involved in the art and craft sessions and the karate classes conducted in the centre. Gradually he started enjoying the tuition classes, and recovered his interest in studies.

After 2 months at the centre, Vignesh was re-enrolled in class 8 in his old school. Vignesh has made a fresh start in life; this time with the support and guidance of BOSCO Nilaya. His parents are very happy to see their son back in school. Vignesh is now regular to school and grateful to BOSCO for changing his mind and his life.



# CREAM



Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) was initiated in 2012 with the support of BREADS, Bengaluru, to establish child participation as the key face of child development. BOSCO, as a nodal agency, works closely with children in schools and slum communities, through the CREAM project, to provide them with a platform to share ideas, and empower them to address their own protection issues. It works through Tuition centres, Child rights clubs (CRCs), Schools, government

departments, Local administrative bodies, and other stakeholders in the society. The child rights club acts as a powerful medium for bringing about transformation in society. Through their timely intervention, many child marriages were stopped, child labourers were rescued, and children were re-enrolled in schools. Club members meet monthly with their animator and discuss current child-related issues, particularly those pertaining to their respective schools.

## Shy Renuka finds the spotlight

A resident of Ambedkar Huts, 12-year-old Renuka is a class 8 student of Fathima School, Shivajinagar. Her father and mother both do coolie work on construction sites. Quiet and shy by nature, Renuka was always the silent one in class. But after attending the tuition classes and child rights club organised under the CREAM project, there has been a phenomenal change in Renuka. The once shy girl is now a vociferous advocate of child rights. During the Ward Sabha conducted at Pullikeshinagar BBMP Office, Renuka took a bold stand on the issue of the evacuation notice given to the Ambedkar Huts community, and made a strong statement against it.

Renuka's parents are surprised to see the positive changes in their daughter. They proudly say that she teaches them about child rights now.

BOSCO's personal development opportunities like tuition classes and child rights clubs can be transformational and Renuka is an example of this, as she says, "I used to be shy, but now I am able to speak up before dignitaries."

## Advocacy and Networking

BOSCO's advocacy and networking initiative focuses on promoting and protecting the rights of children in difficult situations. BOSCO has been actively involved in advocacy and networking, at the individual, regional and national levels. BOSCO works closely with government agencies like the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Integrated Child Protection Society (ICPC) State Committee, CPP Committee and Drafting Committee for foster care guidelines, Commissioners of Police, RPF, GRPF, Railway and Bus Stand officials, AHTU, Child Rights Clubs, NGOs,

School teachers, Parents, SDMC members, Local leaders of the ward, Returning officers, SIO members, Labour Departments, Education Department officials, Health Departments, Law Enforcement and Legal System, etc.. Being a part of policy making bodies, many government departments seek the suggestions and observations of BOSCO on issues related to child care, protection, and children in conflict with law. BOSCO's four decade long experience both at the grassroots and policy making levels, has benefited scores of children on the streets.





BOSCO in collaboration with the Government has four rescue booths in bus stands and railway stations, implements two CHILDLINE projects-which respond to CHILDLINE emergency helpline 1098 calls on a 24/7basis, is a Nodal Agency for Missing Child Bureau, and runs Open Shelters. BOSCO was a pioneer in setting up SJPJ in Karnataka, collaborating with the city police, to assist children in conflict with law. BOSCO was the first NGO to develop and implement a web based child tracking system in Karnataka, which has today become a model for other agencies to follow.

Working closely with the communities, BOSCO has formed civil society groups in Bengaluru's railway stations

and bus stands, and meets members of the communities like shop keepers, street vendors, coolies, sweepers, hotel owners, auto rickshaw drivers, sex workers etc., to give awareness on various child related issues and services of BOSCO. Various field visits are conducted to study communities in crisis and advocate for their essential needs. BOSCO's strategy of conducting awareness programmes for the well-being of slum communities involves spreading awareness about



child rights, health care, women empowerment etc., and implementing relevant measures at the ground level.

## Women's Empowerment

Very often it is the women who run the family with their meagre income, shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children since the men are alcoholics, have deserted the families, or are no more. Against this socio-economic background, BOSCO aims to empower women so that they can educate their children and lead fulfilling lives in society.

- BOSCO has strengthened Mother's groups across 25 ICDS centres through 40 sessions. A total of 648 mothers were capacitated on emergent literacy and maths.
- Revathi, a mother from Flower Garden, is guiding other mothers on the Sukanya Samrudhi Scheme.



- Mothers understood the importance of family bonding and promised to take care of their children, incorporating the advice and guidelines they receive in the groups. Mothers also promised to monitor the children on their monthly visit to the Anganwadi.
- 6 Mothers were enrolled for the Beautician course in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.
- Mothers are sponsoring vegetables to AWC s.

I am Ashwini HR from Chitradurga. I have been working in BOSCO for the past 6 months as receptionist and team member. It is my first experience working with children. When I joined work here, I found it very difficult, because I had to maintain all the registers and files, and enter all the children's information in the child MISS website. It was all very new to me. But I have learned a lot over the past 6 months, and am still learning every day.

### Staff Speaks

My team members have guided and supported me through this whole period. My director also helps me in the areas that I find difficult. She teaches me and gives me suggestions, guidance and support, and also appreciates my efforts. Working in BOSCO has helped me build and develop my knowledge.

BOSCO is giving children a bright future, and the opportunity to showcase their talents. I would like to thank BOSCO for giving me this good opportunity.



# PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

## CHILDLINE

In 1996, CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) launched CHILDLINE, the country's first toll free National emergency helpline for children in need of care and protection. CHILDLINE is a platform bringing together the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Street and Community youth, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic Institutions, the Corporate Sector, and concerned individuals. On May 16, 2002, BOSCO Bengaluru began to function as the collaborative organization of CHILDLINE.

BOSCO CHILDLINE works for the protection of the rights of all children in general, with special focus on street children and youth living alone on the streets, child labourers working in the unorganized and organized sectors, domestic help, especially girl domestics, children affected by physical / sexual / emotional abuse in families, schools or institutions, children who need emotional support and guidance, children of commercial sex workers, child victims of the flesh trade, victims of child trafficking, children abandoned by parents or guardians, missing children, runaway children, children who are victims of substance abuse, differently abled children, children in conflict with law, children in institutions, HIV/ AIDS infected children, children affected by conflict and disaster, child political refugees, and children whose families are in crises.



### Statistics of Calls and Intervention Cases (2019-20)

Types of Calls	No. of Calls
Medical	66
Shelter	92
Parents asking help (Missing)	65
Found child	53
Emotional Guidance Support (ESG)	68
Protection From Abuse	1099
Other intervention	105
Info. About CHILDLINE	126
Info. Referral Services	121
Follow up	2166
<b>Total</b>	<b>3961</b>

## Cases Handled in the Year 2019-20

Types of Cases	Outreach	CCC	Total
Medical		66	66
Shelter	4	92	96
Restoration		4	4
Nutrition			
School dropout		116	116
Emotional Guidance Support (ESG)	2	66	68
Missing child			
a. Parent asking help		65	65
b. Child lost and found	4	49	53
c. Runaways	2	15	17
Child labour	2	219	221
Child bonded labour			
Child trafficking/kidnapping		9	9
Child sexual abuse		16	16
Physical abuse/ Physical and emotional abuse		118	118
Emotional abuse		83	83
Child marriage	1	45	46
Corporal punishment		81	81
Abandoned children		1	1
Children involved in Poly-Substance abuse/ Drug addiction		21	21
Child found begging	6	142	148
Online related issues: Misuse of social media (Facebook, WhatsApp, Mobile & Others)		1	1
Children in Conflict with Law		7	7
PFA/Mental physical abuse/abortion		14	14
Malnutrition			
Education related (School/ RTE related/enrolment)		134	134
Others (TC related, Special class related, note book issues and others)		2	2
Custody/ Family issues		36	36
Linkages to Service (DCPO/ Medical/ Birth certificate/ Others / AWC registration of entitlements /Mother card)		20	20
Any other interventions (street, neglected child, ragging, rag picking, death related, financial abuse, illegal adoption, sponsorship/ cybercrime, Aadhaar card related)	1	104	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1548</b>

### Manju regains her childhood

A visit by the BOSCO CHILDLINE team to Nayandanahalli for a child labour case intervention took a different turn when the team noticed a young married girl there. On talking to her, the team discovered that the girl was only 15 years old, and that she had married an 18 year old boy four months ago. Manju (name changed) had just completed her class 7 when her grandmother forced her to marry her maternal aunt's son. Being an orphan, Manju could not refuse the proposal. Her only consolation was her in-laws' promise that she could continue her



education even after marriage. But their assurance turned out to be false, and after the marriage, Manju was not allowed to go to school.

Manju shared her desire to continue her education, with the team, and they told her about the procedures of the Child Welfare Committee. They also spoke to her husband who had arrived on the spot. He told them that he is 18 years old, and that he works as a coolie. Manju's husband was also counseled, and they were advised to go to the CWC. The team also went to the nearby anganwadi, and informed the teacher there about the child marriage. Even though she and an ASHA worker used to visit the community regularly, she was unaware of such an incident. So, the team called the CDPO and informed her about Manju. The CDPO asked the team to rescue the child with the help of the anganawadi teacher and the Police.

Accordingly, the team went to the police station along with the anganwadi teacher, seeking help to rescue the child. At the station, they were joined by the ASHA worker, who was informed by the teacher, about Manju. Following the information, the ASHA worker had visited the place where the team had met Manju, but she was not there. So accompanied by the police, they all went to find Manju, but she was nowhere to be found, and her husband's mobile was switched off. The people gathered at the spot also could not help them with any information about her. So the team handed over all the information they had about Manju to the police, who assured them that would try to find the child, and inform CHILDLINE. The Chairperson of CWC 2 was also given information about the progress of the case, and she directed the team to transfer the case to the Yadagiri CHILDLINE.

The Yadagiri CHILDLINE team found Manju's house and rescued her. She was produced before the committee, and the CWC directed that the child should stay in her father's house and continue her education. Now, Manju is back home, and going to school. The intervention of CHILDLINE restored to Manju, her right to education, her right to freedom, and her right to be a child.

## Railway CHILDLINE

Right from the time of the inception of BOSCO, railway stations have been at the core of the rescue operations of the organization. Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway station is a large space with 10 platforms, where every day around 164 trains arrive and depart carrying passengers from all over India, and the child inflow at the station is equally large. It sees children from different states of India, and also neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, alighting at the station to come to the city of Bengaluru. Since the April of 2018, Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE has been working in collaboration with the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI).



### Statistics of Children Rescued by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE during June 2019-May 2020

Age group	Fresh		Repeat		Total	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Transgender	Girls
Below 18	1149	152	04	02	01	1308
Service done	163	32	-	-	-	195
Total	1312	184	04	02	01	1503



## Saved in the nick of time

On 21st January, 2020, four girls around the age of 15, were rescued by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE staff from the City Railway Station. The staff had initially approached the girls on noticing their unnatural and suspicious behaviour. On speaking to them, they understood that the girls had come from Chennai. The girls were taken to CHDK for further enquiry. They initially told the staff that they are all school friends, and that they had come to Bengaluru to meet another friend of theirs. The staff patiently continued talking to them to find out the real reason behind their journey to the city. They explained the purpose of CHILDLINE and their work with children. Slowly the girls started sharing their stories one by one. One child had a story of neglect to tell while another had a tale of a controlling mother to share.

One girl had a mobile phone with her, which kept ringing, but she refused to pick it up. Finally one of the staff members answered the call. It turned out to be a call from the Chennai police. The girls had run away from Chennai, and their parents had filed an FIR in their local police station. Tracing the children's mobile signal, the police and their parents had already left for Bengaluru. The CWC Chairperson was informed about the situation, and the BOSCO staff was directed to release the children to their parents after all the necessary documents had been verified and collected.

Children sometimes make decisions that are far beyond their capacity to handle alone, and they often don't know who to turn to when their decisions go wrong. One such decision could have changed these children's lives forever. BOSCO's presence in and around the most vulnerable areas of the city, ensures that the children who come to the city always have someone to turn to, someone to help them correct their decisions and start over again.

## Foster Care

BOSCO has been working with children/youth from 'at risk' backgrounds for the past 40 years. Over these years, BOSCO has journeyed with these children/youth through their losses, supported their struggles, and celebrated their victories. BOSCO has always served children keeping their best interests at heart, and has constantly endeavoured to give them the best possible direction in life.



The Foster Care project launched in 2012 was such an effort. It was born out of the belief that family is the best place for a child to grow up in, and its vision was to give children without families a chance to experience and grow up in a family. These children are placed in a home, individually or in a group, of foster parents certified by the State. The activities of BOSCO Foster Care include identifying potential foster parents, counseling them, identifying and preparing children for going into foster care, visiting the homes of the potential foster parents, visiting children at school to ensure their well-being and growth, organizing training and advocacy at the NGO and Government level, as well as maintaining systematic documentation. During the project period, the Foster Care team had gone across various districts of Karnataka,

giving awareness on foster care to the Panchayat Raj institutions, Anganwadi motherhood groups, ICDS teachers, ASHA workers, Community based task force groups, Child Rights Clubs, SHGs, Religious communities, Corporate groups, NGOs, WCD officials, and CWC members.

### Placement of Children for Individual and Group Foster Care from June 2019 to May 2020

Group Foster Care	2
Individual Foster care	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>



## Fostering a new family

Kavya and Adithya are from the Kengetti Shikaripura taluk of Shivamogga district. Their parents had migrated to Doddaballapura in search of work. After a few days of moving to Doddaballapura, their mother passed away and their father contracted TB. Having no one to take care of them, the children were admitted in the Sneha Bharathi open shelter by their father's friends. A few days later, their father also passed away, but the children were not informed about his death. Even though they had relatives, none of them ever visited or tried to contact the children. After a few months of this isolation, the children became emotionally disturbed and started withdrawing from the other children in the institution. Through counselling, it became clear that they were missing their parents. So, with the support of the rural committee, the BOSCO Foster Care team consulted with the NGO and decided to place the siblings in group foster care.

Mr. Balraj and Mrs. Lurdamma came forward to foster Kavya and Adithya. The children were counseled and introduced to the concept of group foster care. With the children's agreement, they were placed in group foster care in Silvipura, through CWC order. The children were enrolled in school there, and Kavya is presently studying in the 4th standard and Adithya is in the 2nd standard.

Through the Foster Care programme, Kavya and Adithya, who were deprived of a home and family at a very young age, now have the chance to lead a normal childhood, with parental love, emotional support, and the stability that only a family can provide.

## After care for children leaving Institutional Care

BOSCO is closely working with the Government for coming up with the After Care Programme. It aims at the social integration of youth through higher education, skill training, job placement, room placement, and through the establishment of a past pupils association. Children receive life skills, livelihood skills, and independent living skills.

This programme encourages them to pursue education in high schools, ITI, polytechnic institutes, and colleges, helps them to secure jobs, and brings them to the mainstream of society by ensuring financial stability and a sustainable way of life.

## Open Shelter

BOSCO Yuvodaya and Yuvakendra serve as day and night open shelters. BOSCO Yuvodaya also acts as a transit home to around 30 children on a daily basis – those rescued and brought from the railway stations, bus stands, the different contact points around the city, through the police, public etc. The children, who are brought to the shelters from all over the city, are counseled, and taken care of, while their problems are addressed and resolved. Families are traced through the police or with the help of MCB, anganwadis, the Panchayat etc., and the children are encouraged to return to their homes. Four

rounds of follow-up are done over the phone after home placement.

In the past 1 year, 1886 children were rescued from railway stations, bus stations, and various other parts of Bengaluru, and brought to BOSCO Yuvodaya for rehabilitation.



## No place like home

Ever since his father committed suicide and his mother had to start working to support the family, 9-year-old Johnson has spent a big part of his young life in hostels. He used to miss his mother terribly, and longed to live with her. But because of her work commitments she could not keep the child with her.

Johnson being too young to understand his mother's difficulties, kept running away from hostel to be with her, only to be enrolled in a new hostel every time by his mother.

On one such occasion, when he ran away from his hostel, he was found by BOSCO staff, rescued and taken to BOSCO Yuvodaya. Once at the centre, Johnson became very restless and took to shouting loudly and rolling on the floor. After a lot of effort, the staff managed to calm him down. During counseling, Johnson slowly started



opening up about his issues. He shared that he missed his mother a lot, and wanted to stay with her. He was even ready to give up studies if it meant he could stay with his mother. He adamantly told the counsellor that if his mother did not keep him with her, he would not continue his studies.

Johnson's mother was traced, and produced before the CWC. The CWC directed the child to be placed with his mother. Both mother and child were counselled extensively, and finally Johnson was sent home with his mother.

## Early Childhood Care and Education

The Early Childhood Care and Education programme aims at ensuring improved learning levels for marginalized children in government pre-school and primary schools, and a smooth transition from pre-school to primary i.e. the children going to ICDS centres (Anganwadi) and primary schools.

From June 2019 to May 2020, BOSCO has followed up with 25 anganwadis twice a year, and 40 schools regularly and has conducted SDMC Meetings regularly. 509 children - 271 boys and 238 girls are enrolled in 25 AWCs. BOSCO distributed Teaching Learning Materials to all the 25 AWC centres. The programme helped in building school - community relationships, improving teaching - learning processes, and creating conducive classroom environment. 648 mothers were sensitized through the strengthening of Mothers' groups.



## Discovering potential in each child

A very quiet child, 4-year-old Hariharan who was studying in Giripuram AWC had trouble communicating and expressing himself. This translated into his studies as well, as he became slow in picking up concepts in school. His parents were very concerned about these issues.

But little Hariharan had a hidden talent: he liked to play the tabla. During anganwadi visits by the ECCE team, they identified his love for music and the tabla. Hariharan was encouraged to play the tabla, and also express himself through music and dance. The team also started doing activity based sessions with the child. Every child is a unique learner, and understanding that can unlock the true potential of the child. The efforts of the ECCE team to address this little child's issues through creative teaching techniques have helped Hariharan discover the joy of learning. Hariharan's parents say that he has become active in class now. He is beginning to communicate and mingle with the other children in class. They are grateful to the ECCE team for the change they have brought about in their son's life.

## Child Safety Net (CSN)

BOSCO's Child Safety Net for vulnerable children in the streets of Bengaluru, aims to give round the clock (24 x7) care and protection to children from any kind of danger, through the physical presence of staff in the vulnerable areas of the city, and through vehicle patrolling. The patrolling vehicles cover Satellite bus station, metro stations, markets, slums adjacent to the city, main streets, crowded areas, cinemas, parking lots, prominent signals, and different assigned areas, for reaching out to children in need of care and support. The geographical areas mainly focused on are the south and west divisions of Bengaluru. South and west divisions cover 18 police stations each. The CSN team also works in collaboration with the city police and attends to children who come into conflict with the law and are under the custody of the police. The team also creates awareness, does advocacy with the various government departments, and is involved in the formation of caring communities.



During the last year, the team rescued 68 children who were child labourers, children found begging, rag pickers, street children, runaway children, etc. 230 employers were warned during the daily visits of the CSN team with the help of the patrolling vehicle to the identified areas.

The CSN team conducted 58 public awareness, 59 door to door awareness, 12 community awareness, 58 apartment awareness, 58 shop to shop awareness, and 42 school awareness programmes during the year.



## No more bunking school

Guru Basava, 10, is from Ballatgi in Raichur, Karnataka. The eldest of 3 siblings, his parents moved to Bengaluru in search of work, and they now live in a small hut in Byatrayanpura, Bengaluru. Both his parents do coolie work for a living. Every day, they leave for work before the children go to school.

All three children are students of the Government Model Primary School in Byatrayanpura. Guru's parents used to go for work every day, believing their children to be in school. But Guru and his sisters were found rag picking on the streets in their school uniform, by the CSN team. On questioning their absence from school, Guru told the team that they had a school holiday, and so had come for rag picking. The story not being believable, the CSN team took Guru and his sisters to their school, and met the principal. Information about the children was given to CWC 1 and 2. The CWC directed the team to contact their parents and hand the children over to them after parental counseling.

The CSN team contacted Guru's parents, and then took the children home. The children and the parents were counseled about the importance of education. The children were advised to study well and go to school regularly. The parents were advised to visit the school once in a while to understand the children's progress.

Guru's parents had no idea that their children were out of school, unknowingly exposing themselves to the dangers of the street. His mother thanked BOSCO and the CSN team for their constant vigilance, and commitment to children in need of protection.

## Missing Child Bureau

Missing Child Bureau Karnataka (MCB) has been established as per the Juvenile Justice Act 2000 (JJ Act-care and protection of the children). 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 the latest technologies and strategies. BOSCO monitors the entire project for the better implementation and convergence of data of the missing and unaccompanied children under a single window system. It also acts as a link between the DWCD, the police, and the partner NGOs in their operations. 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 work.

### Missing Complaints and Traced Children in Karnataka (2019-20)

Missing Child Complaints	Number of Complaints
Total Missing Complaints	234
Missing Complaints Solved/Traced Children	153
Yet to be solved Missing Complaints	081

### Unaccompanied Children Contacted and Home Placed in Karnataka (2019-20)

Unaccompanied Children Details	Number of Children
Total Unaccompanied Children	856
Still Unaccompanied	136
Made Accompanied	712
Runaways	04
Referred	04



## Rescued in time

A rash decision taken in a moment of anger led 9-year-old Vishal away from the safety of his home and onto the dangers of the street. Angry with his mother for scolding him, Vishal took the drastic step of running away from home, taking his 8-year-old neighbor with him. The children reached the Majestic bus stand and spent the night on the platform.

Meanwhile, Vishal's mother was frantically searching for him, and gave a missing complaint to MCB at BOSCO Yuvodaya. Vishal's details were entered in the Missing Citizens website. By this time, the children had reached the railway station to take a train. There, they were spotted by BOSCO staff. On approaching the children, Vishal's neighbour ran away before the staff could talk to her. But Vishal was rescued and taken to Yuvodaya. At the centre, Vishal's details were entered in the Missing Citizens website, and found to match the missing complaint that was received earlier in the day. MCB staff immediately informed Vishal's parents, and his mother came to Yuvodaya with all the necessary documents, to pick her child up.

Vishal is his parents' only child, and one bad decision could have changed life forever, for both him and his parents. If not for the constant presence of BOSCO on the streets and prompt action by MCB staff, Vishal's story would have ended quite differently. But he is now safely back home with his parents, where he belongs.

## 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 Home link, and the team focuses on documenting the information of vulnerable children, of its networking partners. The Child MISS programme supports its partners in collecting the data in systematic formats based on the JJ Act. The use of Child MISS reduces the re-typing of reports, and helps download them in formats such as CVS, Excel, Word, PDF, etc. The option of online editing and modification enables regular updating of information and makes it accessible and secure for online use and viewing, maintaining the data bank in the cloud without the use of system space.



## Special Juvenile Police Unit

BOSCO through the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) has been assisting the police in handling child related cases. BOSCO handles two divisions in Bengaluru – the South and West divisions, covering 36 police stations. The primary objective of SJPU is to create a child friendly approach to dealing with children involved in criminal offences. The BOSCO SJPU wing conducts various public awareness programmes to sensitize officials and people about 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 referred to OH for further intervention by the Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU also networks with various government departments and other NGOs.

During the past year BOSCO SJPU made 864 visits to police stations, 432 night visits to police stations, conducted 8 police training programmes for South and West division CWPOs, 24 school awareness programmes, 8 community awareness programmes, 2 serious case consultations, 2 non serious case consultations, individual training for new CWPOs, interaction with the children in conflict with law in the Observation Home, children's follow-up through phone calls, campaigns, quarterly review meetings with various NGOs, networking with various government departments and media for rescue and advocacy, staff capacity building training, special programmes, and 6 police review meetings.





## Statistics of Cases Attended in 2019-20

Types of Cases	South Division	West Division	Total
Serious Cases	07	44	51
Non- Serious Cases	26	40	66
Care and Protection	11	16	27
POCSO	01	05	06
Total	45	105	150
Male/Female			
Male	43	95	138
Female	02	10	12

## Action Taken

Types of Action	South Division	West Division	Total
Observation Home	07	44	51
Referred CHG	01	02	03
Direct Home Placement	11	19	30
DHP & PD	25	40	65
Death	01	00	01
Total	45	105	150

### Helping Anitha find her feet

Now 16 years old, Anitha's (name changed) parents separated when she was just a baby. Her mother left the family, leaving Anitha in the care of her father. Anitha grew up in a joint family, with her grandmother, and her uncle and family, but she was never happy there. Even though it was her own house, it never felt like home to her. She used to be beaten and scolded by her family all the time and she longed to escape from the confines of her house.

When she was in class 11, Anitha met a boy, Suraj (name changed), who was interested in her. Even though she initially desisted, she also eventually became interested in him. Her father came to know about this relationship, and he warned her against it. Anitha decided to listen to her father, and stopped meeting and talking to her friend. But six months later when she joined for 2nd PUC in a college, Suraj came to know about it, and started pursuing her once again. Her father found out about the relationship again, and this time took a sterner action, and made her stop college.

Understanding that her father would never approve of their relationship, Anitha and Suraj ran away from home. Finding that his daughter had left home, Anitha's father lodged a complaint with the police, and both of them were rescued.

BOSCO SJPU was contacted for further intervention and counseling. The BOSCO social worker explained the details of the case, and the law, to both Anitha and her father, and later the child was counseled. During counseling, it became obvious that Anitha was unhappy at home and did not want to go back with her father. Anitha was produced before the CWC, and the committee directed the child to be placed in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for care and protection. Anitha stayed in Vatsalya Bhavan for a year, and attended the beautician and tailoring vocational courses offered there.

During this time, Anitha's father also had a change of heart, and he wanted his daughter back home, and was ready to let her continue her education. So during the CWC follow-up, the committee directed Anitha to return home and continue her education.

Anitha went back to college, and completed her 2nd PUC with 96% marks. She now holds a small job in a shop, and is very happy. For 2 years, BOSCO followed up with Anitha to ensure that she was safe and happy at home. Anitha is grateful to BOSCO for giving her protection and guidance when she most needed it. It opened up new possibilities for her, and gave her the courage to face her future without fear.

## Youth Parliament and Child Rights Clubs

Youth parliament is a meeting of all the residents of the centres, where leadership is taken by the youth themselves. In the meeting, the office bearers are elected. The meeting usually takes place once a month and all the members attempt to address the matters concerning their

respective centres and their life there. It also inculcates in them a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging. The meetings help in creating awareness about child related issues, teach them about social responsibilities and working in a group, gives useful information about



maintaining child care, administrative and programme documents. During the year, 12 meetings were conducted in Yuvakendra, Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow Home centres each.

BOSCO has formed 102 Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in the schools and communities that it is working in. 2021 children are active members of these clubs. The CRCs were busy throughout the year exercising their rights, advocating the cause of school dropouts, re-enrolling them into schools, strongly voicing against safety issues and injudicious homework, planning strategies to enhance learning, motivating dropouts to enter the mainstream of education, and participating in all the activities of the centre. Children learnt that being good human beings, cultivating good habits, adhering to values, avoiding procrastination, befriending education, valuing time, and persevering, are the keys to success.

- 1st round of training for 599 boys and 971 girls was organized this year. Children were educated on their rights, UNCRC, child rights and child rights violations in Karnataka. One child who was irregular to school was followed up and he is now regular to school.
- 2nd round of training for 603 boys and 673 girls was organized this year. Children were educated on human rights, various child protection laws, how to make a complaint, social responsibilities, who to approach for various child rights violations, and the importance of education and participation. Advocacy initiatives were encouraged at the school level.
- 3rd round of training for 556 boys and 661 girls was organized this year. Children were educated on advocacy actions.
- National Inclusive Children's Parliament was organised at Navinta, Okhla, New Delhi, from January



28 to February 4, 2020. Ms. Tanisha was elected as Secretary for Goals 1-No Poverty, 5-Gender Equality and 17-Partnerships to achieve the Goal.

- 528 children were trained on the Environment, and 5 Eco Clubs were formed comprising of 258 members.
- Advocacy campaigns on 'Save Water, Save Environment' were conducted by the CRCs
- 28 dropouts were re-enrolled with the assistance of CRC members, leaders, and social activist.
- 1 eve teasing case was reported at Padarayanapura, and it was informed to the H.M.
- Sixty-six cases were registered through 1098.
- During follow-up, CRC members and teachers complained about the misuse of the playground adjacent to the school. 4 CRC members organized a visit to the Police station. The CRC discussed the issue of the misuse of the playground with Mr. Sasikumar, Inspector of Police, K.P.Agrahara. The inspector promised to resolve the problem by regular beat policing.
- 2200 signatures from 30 schools were collected to submit the memorandum to the Education Department to include Child rights and Human Rights in textbooks.
- 4 child labourers were identified who worked as salesboys, coolies, and vendors, and 1 out of school child was identified. Shopkeepers were warned.

## Adolescent Girls' Collectives

7 Adolescent Girls' Collectives comprising of 195 girls were established in Shivajinagar and KR Market areas during the year. Through various strategies, the girls were empowered, and educated on various topics such as types of burns like chemical burns etc., prevention of suicide, importance of life, changes in adolescence, being alert, decision making, education, child abuse, child rights violations, managing emotions, safety measures, personal hygiene, responsibilities of being a girl, POCSO Act, right to education, women achievers etc.

Through their regular meetings, children were seen advocating for various issues in their communities like insufficient water supply, presence of out of school children in their respective areas, eve teasing, absence of teachers in the schools, garbage clearance and so on.





## Karate Clubs



Started in December 2017, Karate classes are held in BOSCO Nilaya, Shivajinagar and Ramanna Garden, every Saturday afternoon. 180 children from these areas are regularly getting the benefits of karate coaching. The course is divided into 4 stages such as basic exercises, punches, footwork and kata, and basic kata. Each stage involves a minimum duration of 3 months depending on the child's strength. Presently all the children are in the 3rd stage of coaching.

Two Karate Belt Grading exams were organized during the year. Self-defense sessions were also conducted during the Dasara camps at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya. Karate class has helped children learn self-discipline and teamwork, and has also acted as a stress buster. It has also improved flexibility and mental concentration. In total, 150 children have benefited through the sessions.

## Bus Stand Rescue Booths

For the past 40 years, BOSCO has been tirelessly reaching out to the many children who come to the Majestic Bus stand area from different parts of the state and country. This area is a favorite spot for anti-social elements and criminals who entice the runaway and street children into various anti-social activities like drug trafficking, beggary, prostitution, theft etc.

There are two child rescue booths for attending to children in need of care and protection, one in the KSRTC bus stand, and the other in the BMTC bus stand. This has helped the team work 24/7 in the bus stands, tracking children, providing counseling services and non - formal education, doing advocacy and awareness campaigns, creating recreational activities, etc. During the year June 2019 to May 2020, a total of 845 children who were wandering around the platforms of the bus stand were identified and counseled. A total of 503 children were referred to BOSCO Yuvodaya, and 39 children were

## Staff Speak

Kavitha, working as SJPU social worker in BOSCO since 4 years, says, "Working closely with the police, lawyers, and judges has enhanced my knowledge and experience in the field of law and legal procedures, child rights, and child related laws and Acts. It has also strengthened my advocacy skills. I have been able to establish a good rapport with government agencies like the Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, Health Department, Police Department, and Legal agencies dealing with children and law. I salute BOSCO for being there 24/7 for the Young at Risk.

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Harsha, with a MSW from Mangalore University, joined BOSCO in 2019 as a Warden in BOSCO Mane. He joined the CAF computer training classes as he wanted to enhance his computer skills. He underwent training in Basic and Tally. Now he is well-versed with both Basic and Tally, and is maintaining all the children's records. He is grateful to BOSCO for having provided him with this opportunity.





referred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for further action and follow-up.

Through conducting awareness programmes for civil society groups and the public, building rapport with various officials, and regular visits to the 'presence' area, BOSCO was able to spread its child rights based activities.

During the COVID-19 lockdown period, face masks for more than 600 members of the public and our CCG groups, cooked food and snacks for 600 people including KSRTC and BMTC workers and the public, were distributed with the support of BREADS Bengaluru.

## Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)

The pilot project of extended street presence in adjacent railway platforms of Bangarpet route, covering Cantonment, East and K. R. Puram, commenced on 1st October 2015.

The purpose of the project is to rescue and rehabilitate marginalized children from vulnerable conditions, propagate awareness among children as well as the public about child rights, child protection and the helpline number 1098, network with various government officials and stakeholders in neighbouring platforms to facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation process, and to do advocacy with railway officials concerning children's issues.

The BOSCO team is now present in Cantonment, East, Kengeri, Bidadi, and Yelahanka railway stations, and Satellite bus stand of Bengaluru, identifying children at risk and in need of care and protection. The team carries out awareness programmes in the adjacent areas of the railway stations and the Satellite bus stand, in the railway and bus station platforms, nearby schools, and moving trains, and educates the stakeholders, public, and

children about child rights, child protection mechanisms, Child Helpline -1098 and CHILDLINE.

During the year, the ARSP team rescued and rehabilitated 768 children (694 boys and 74 girls). Two tuition centres were opened in the Cantonment and Satellite bus stand areas, to provide supplementary education to the area children.



### Fear Breeds More Fear

Jagadish from Mandya is 16 years old and lives with his father, mother and elder brother. His father is ill and so his mother is the sole earning member of the family. She works in a hotel and supports the family with her income. Jagadish is a class 10 student of a government high school in Mandya.

One day when he had gone to a canal for a swim with his friends, he lost his mobile phone in the water. His mother had bought him the phone with her hard earned money and fearing his parents' anger, he decided to go to Bengaluru. He boarded a train and ended up at the Kengeri railway station.

In Kengeri, Jagadish was promised a job by a person he had just met and barely knew. But Jagadish later came to realise that his intentions were not good. So he returned to the railway station, where he was found by BOSCO staff. Initially Jagadish did not reveal anything but with deeper counseling he shared his story.

Jagadish was taken to a BOSCO centre where he was counseled and given awareness about the dangers on the street. Initially he was very disturbed, and confused about his next step, but counseling gave him clarity about his situation and helped him overcome his fear of contacting his parents. BOSCO staff contacted his parents and his mother rushed to the centre to meet her son.

Jagadish was counseled about the dangers of excessive mobile usage, and the negative impact that an addiction to phones can have. After all the procedures were completed, Jagadish was handed over to his mother. His mother was very happy, and grateful to BOSCO for giving her back her son safe and sound.



# MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES 2019 -2020

## Campaigns

### World Day against Child Labour

BOSCO observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bengaluru, on June 12, 2019, on the theme 'ABOLISH CHILD LABOUR AND SAVE CHILDHOOD'. In his key note address, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Eradicating child labour is the mission of BOSCO, and it would continuously strive towards achieving the same. In this endeavour, we also require the support of the society at large, the government agencies, and the stakeholders whom we closely work with."

Two teams reached out to KR Market, Wilson Garden Police Station, Pantharapalya, Shanthinagar, Sumanahalli Circle, Garuda Mall, Orion Mall, Bangalore Central Mall, Mantri Mall, Brigade Junction, MG Road, Cubbon Park, City Railway Station, Shivajinagar, and BMTC Bus Stand areas, educating the public about the importance of childhood and child rights, creating awareness about

child labour, and inviting the civil society to join hands to combat child labour. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow Home performed Flash Mobs at the malls and other areas, creating awareness. The teams distributed pamphlets, stickers, shouted slogans and exhibited placards in an attempt to disseminate the message on Child Labour to as many people as possible.

The campaign concluded at the BMTC Bus Stand Skywalk, Majestic, Bengaluru, by forming a Human Chain consisting of about 200 people including the BOSCO Management, staff, children from various BOSCO centres, dignitaries and the public. Shivashankar K, Inspector, VV Puram Police Station, Bengaluru, Santosh Hipparagi, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Division 2, Bengaluru, Basavaraj, Asst. Sub Inspector, Kalasipalya Police Station, J.M. Veerasangaiah, President, Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Harsiru Sene, Bengaluru, Mir Ghous, Inspector, Wilson Garden Police Station, Umesh, Traffic Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station, Mahadev, SI, Brigade Road, Narayan Swamy, Dy. SMR, Brahma Reddy, PA to Station Director, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, Deepak, Manager, Orion Mall, Jeny, Mall Marketing Manager, Mantri Mall, Jaipal, DTO, Bengaluru, Pravin Shivashankar, General Manager, and Bharath, Assistant General Manager, Child Rights and You (CRY), were present during the campaign. Around 5000 members of the public were reached out to through the campaign.





## International Yoga Day

BOSCO Nivas celebrated International Yoga Day at the Government Kannada and Telugu Higher Primary Schools on June 21, 2019. Children were given an introduction to the term 'Yoga'. They were told that yoga could be considered as a disciplined method of attaining a goal, and a method of controlling the body and the mind. Children were also given a demonstration of asanas namely, Shavasana, Surya Namaskara, Padmasana, Vakrasana, Veerabhadrasana, etc. Children along with the H.M of the school, Ms. Usha Rani, performed the asanas. Thirty children from the school along with the teachers and H.M participated in the yoga session.



## Independence Day Campaign

BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness campaign on account of Indian Independence Day on August 14, 2019, at the gates of Lalbagh Botanical Garden, Bengaluru, on the theme 'Freedom to be children'.

Chandan Kale, PSI, Jayanagar Police Station, Bengaluru, strongly felt that it is the responsibility of the society to make sure that children grow up in freedom to be good citizens. Nanjegowda, Tilaknagar Police Station, Bengaluru, exhorted the public to report cases of child labour, child marriage, child abuse, child trafficking, etc. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed that this campaign has the important objective of motivating the society to care for children and to protect them. "In an independent India our children must live their childhood in freedom", he added. Nadaf, PSI, Siddhapur Police Station, Bengaluru, spoke about child

rights, child related laws and policies, and the need for well implemented child protection mechanisms.

Girls from BOSCO centres performed a dance on the theme at the four gates of Lalbagh garden. The purpose of the awareness campaign was to make people understand that children need freedom to study, to play, and to live their childhood. Children need freedom from child labour, child marriage, and various other forms of abuse. The awareness programme concluded with a signature campaign in which people pledged to ensure freedom for children to study, play, and enjoy their childhood. Handbills were distributed to around thousand members of the gathered public.





## Awareness Programme at Lalbagh

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted an awareness programme on CHILDLINE 1098, at Lalbagh, on August 15, 2019. The CHILDLINE team put up a stall and distributed CHILDLINE pamphlets to the public. People appreciated the CHILDLINE services. Some of the public got their doubts about CHILDLINE and Child Rights clarified. The team exhorted the public to call CHILDLINE 1098 in order to help children in need of care and protection.

Some of the public informed the team about a few vulnerable areas where children are found begging or selling various articles like, pens, hairbands, flowers etc. They said that several children are not going to school and are always roaming around on the streets. The team exhorted them to report such cases in a timely manner to CHILDLINE 1098. The CHILDLINE team found a four-year-old boy who had lost his way in the crowd



and reunited him with his parents with the support of the Police. Around seven hundred people were given awareness about CHILDLINE services.

## All Rights to All Children

On the occasion of YaR (Young at Risk) day – an initiative of Don Bosco YaR Network, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Nilaya, and BOSCO Vikas, organized sessions on 'All Rights to All Children', for the staff and children of the respective centres and working areas, on August 31, 2019. Children and youth were made aware of child rights and asked to share the various issues they faced in their schools, homes, and other institutions. They were given orientation about the child helpline 1098.

Child Rights videos were screened. Children gathered knowledge on child rights through various activities such as discussions, interactions, skits, quiz, etc. On the day,



everyone took a pledge that 'all children will be ensured all rights'. Youth, children and staff of BOSCO participated in the programme.

## Sustainable Development Goals Global Week

CREAM, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Global week awareness programme, on various themes like Climate, Voice, and Equality, at Cubbon Park, BBMP Telugu and Kannada Medium School, Timmaiah Road, Shivajinagar, GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli, Anganwadi Centres, Jolly Mohalla, KP Agrahara and Mackan Compound areas of Bengaluru, from September 23 to 26, 2019.

BOSCO Nivas organized an awareness campaign at Cubbon Park, educating the general public on the climate

crisis and the need to plant more trees. A group of BBMP sweepers were given awareness about the campaign with the permission of Mr. Ramesh, Manager, BBMP sweepers.

Under the theme 'Voice', team Nivas addressed children about raising their voice for their rights, and against inequality and discrimination, at BBMP Telugu and Kannada School. Team Nilaya organized tree hugging and awareness rally at GHS and GHPS, Sunkenahalli. Mr. Ramaswamy gave an orientation on the need for 'saving



trees' and the Chipko Movement. Children hugged trees around the streets of the school in Sunkenahalli.

The BOSCO CREAM team organized People's Assembly on Equality. Mothers were guided to establish gender equality at homes by teaching their children about it. Dr. Tejashwini, Government Hospital, Sirsi Circle, Dr. Mani, President, Dr. Thyagarajan, Assistant Surgeon, UFWEC – Maternity Home, Mr. Harsha, Social worker, Mr. Surendra, Club In-charge Teacher, Sri Siddalingeshwara School, also participated in the People's Assembly.

As part of the sustainable development goals, a Candle Light March was organized on September 26, 2019, with children from Mackan Compound and Nehrupuram,



raising slogans on protection of the environment, adverse climatic changes, children's rights, and other issues of children. Around 600 people were given awareness.

## World Clean-Up Day Rally

BOSCO Nilaya organized World Clean-Up Day rally, with the assistance of BBMP, on September 14, 2019. The rally commenced from BOSCO Nilaya and passed through the streets of Police Road, Jolly Mohalla, Victoria Hospital, and culminated in Kalasipalya bus stand.

Quoting 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness', Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, invited children to keep their homes, surrounding areas, and the country clean. He stressed on the need for a 'Clean Mind and Clean City'. The rally weaved its way through the streets shouting slogans on cleanliness, with banners, placards and other cleaning equipment, drawing the attention of the public to the cause. Children, staff, and BBMP workers cleaned the place from BMTC Office to Kalasipalya bus stand. Water cans were sponsored by Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP.

Mr. Puttaramaiya, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Kalasipalya, Mr. Veeraiya, Health Inspector, BBMP, Mr. Ravindrakumar, Assistant Traffic Manager, BMTC, Mr. Narayan Rao, Traffic

Inspector, BMTC, Mr. Devaraj, Head constable, Cottonpet Police station, Mr. Nagaraj, Traffic Police, Kalasipalya, were present in the rally. Eleven BBMP pourakarmikas



and one BBMP pest controller assisted in the cleaning task. Twenty-five BOSCO Nilaya tuition and Child Rights Club children and staff participated in the rally. Around 1000 members of the public were given awareness.

## International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Bengaluru

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

The awareness rally that began from Idgah Ground, Chamarajpet, accompanied by the children's band troop

concluded at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chamarajpet. The children of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan and Nivas created awareness on the theme, 'Empower Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow'.

The concluding programme was held at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Asha H.C, WPSI, Kempegowada Nagara, said, "The issues of poverty, gender discrimination, lack of education of the girl child, and child marriage, are the evils in our society that need to be addressed." She said that through education,



sensitization and awareness creation, every girl child can dream of a better tomorrow. Addressing the gathering Dr. Harisha MBBS, MD, Leelavathi Hospital, Chamaraipet, said that occasions of the sort are to be used to spread awareness among people. Making proper choices and utilizing every opportunity to the maximum, everyone can reach greater heights in life.

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



## Children's Day Celebration at BOSCO Bengaluru

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

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his keynote address, said "Let us celebrate childhood and ensure that all children are given their rights. Let them live with joy and happiness." Shri. V Manohar, Kannada Cine Actor and Music Director, speaking on the occasion, exhorted the children to 'learn through play'. He felt that he could see some actors, singers, musicians, sports persons, etc. in the making. He appreciated BOSCO for bringing out the hidden talents of children. Shri. G Mohan Kumar, Corporator, BBMP, Kottegepalya, lauded BOSCO's work and assured his support for the cause of children. Rev. Fr. Valentin Anthony, Director, Sumanahalli Society, Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the various rights of the children

necessary for their holistic development. Ms. Rakshita, Child Representative, and Ms. Bharathi D, Sub Inspector, GRP, KSR Railway Station and Makkala Mitra Awardee, spoke on the occasion.

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





## Child Rights Week

BOSCO Bengaluru, observed 'Child Rights Week' on the theme 'All Rights to all Children', To spread awareness and promote child rights, from November 14 to 20, 2019.

Against the backdrop of the increasing violations and neglect of child rights, BOSCO CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, CSN, Nilaya, Nivas, ECCE, CREAM, ARSP, SJPU, and Yuvakendra teams organized rallies, pledges, surveys, signature campaigns, silent jatha, shop to shop and door to door awareness, public awareness, community awareness, stakeholders' awareness, awareness in moving trains, awareness on 'child found begging', child labour, and child marriage, Rail Yatra, day with Special Children, debates, essay competitions, video presentations, street play, wall painting, anti-child trafficking campaign, launch of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, public speeches, tying suraksha bands, open house programme, and drawing competitions, during the week-long programme.

The week-long programme culminated with a 'Silent Candle Light March', at Upparpet Police Station, starting



from Pothys, KG Road, Bengaluru, on November 20, 2019, in the presence of Smt. Nagaratna R, Chairperson, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban, and Shri. Mahant Reddy, ACP, Chickpet Sub-Division, Bengaluru. Tulasi, Child Representative, read out the memorandum asking the authorities to protect all their rights. The signatures of the children and public, and the memorandum, were presented to Shri. Mahant Reddy.

## BOSCO Bengaluru Organized Silent Candle Light Procession

BOSCO Bengaluru, observed 'Child Rights Week' on the theme 'All rights to all children', to spread awareness and promote child rights, from November 14 to 20, 2019.

The week-long programme culminated with a 'Silent Candle Light March', at Upparpet Police Station, starting from Pothys, KG Road, Bengaluru, on November 20, 2019. The purpose of the silent rally was to protest against the violation of child rights, and to create awareness about the surmounting number of cases of child abuse, child labour, child marriage, begging children, trafficked children, and children subjected to other forms of violence. Addressing the gathering, Smt. Nagaratna R, Chairperson, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban, assured the support of CWC to BOSCO in all their endeavours towards the rescue and rehabilitation of needy children. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC, which India has ratified, BOSCO is taking up this issue of children's rights so that they would have food, education, medical care, family care, a decent place to live, protection from abuse and violence, and they will be listened to." He flagged off the rally.

Tulasi, Child Representative, read out the memorandum asking the authorities to protect all their rights.

The signatures of the children and public, and the memorandum, were presented to Shri. Mahant Reddy, ACP, Chickpet Sub-Division, Bengaluru. Shri. Mahant Reddy assured the children that the police would strive to uphold and protect their rights. Everyone took an oath to give 'All Rights to All Children', and sang the theme song together.

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





## International Human Rights Day

On the occasion of the International Human Rights Day, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized various activities in its centres. A human rights awareness programme was organized at the Government High School, Vajarahalli, Talaghatapura, Bengaluru, on December 10, 2019. In his keynote address Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), and said that everyone should join hands to prevent violation of human rights. Special Juvenile Police Unit, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized community awareness in Hosa Guddadahalli, Bengaluru, on December 6, 2019. BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and BOSCO Rainbow Home, organized drawing, painting, quiz, essay competitions, and awareness and interactive sessions on the theme, for the children at their respective centres.



Mr. Gopal Krishna, ASI, Talaghatapura Police Station, Mr. Premaraj, Head Constable, JJR Police Station, Geethamala, Member, CWC 3, Bengaluru Urban, and students from St. Joseph's College were present on the occasion. Over four hundred and seventy-five children from the areas, two hundred and thirty seven children and youth from the BOSCO centres, and forty-five tuition centre children and staff participated in this programme.

## Camps

### Dasara Camp at BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya

BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya organized Dasara Camp for children attending evening tuitions, from October 6 to 7 and October 9 to 11, 2019, at their respective centres. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, HDFC, ECCE, and CREAM projects, in his keynote address, spoke about Don Bosco and his life, and motivated children to make productive use of the camp through active participation. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, comparing traffic signals to

life, motivated children to learn values of life and have goals.

The children were divided into groups. Fr. Regi conducted an activity oriented session on rights and responsibilities. Mr. Melvyn motivated the children to never give up in life. Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE and BOSCO Sumanahalli, briefed the children on goal setting and aiming high. Children were made to draw the 'Tree of life'





in which they were asked to reflect on their life, and their hopes and dreams. Children enjoyed doing the exercises. Mr. Arul Das, Art and Cultural instructor, took a session on theatre activity and script writing. Action songs were taught.

Life skills and their effect on life were shared. Master Vinod Kumar, and Master Santhosh and team did a Karate demonstration. Fr. Joshy SDB, Principal, Don Bosco B. Ed College, Yadgiri, conducted a craft session on wall hangings and paper designs. Dr. Meghana, Dentist, explained about self-awareness. Ms. Geethamala, CWC Member, explained about CWC and its procedures. Mr. P.N. Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU, explained about the JJ Act, JJ Board, children in conflict with law, and various other forms of abuse.



During the valedictory function, children staged cultural programmes. Ms. Uma, Social worker, St. Martha's Hospital, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Ms. Shabeena, Assistant Coordinator, BOSCO Health department, and Bro. Pawan were present. Two hundred and seven children participated in the camp.

## Summer Camp at BOSCO Rainbow Home



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a summer camp at the centre, from April 1 to April 30, 2020. Children were divided into four groups with different names. Different types of activities were conducted. Basics of Kannada, English, and Hindi were taught by introducing the children to the letters of the alphabet through reading and writing. Multiplication, addition, subtraction, and division were taught for 1st to 5th std children. Spoken English class was conducted for 6th to 10th std children. Every day online classes were organized for 5th to 7th std children by Agastya International Foundation. Extracurricular activities and party games added lots of fun and also learning to the camp. To enhance team spirit, competitions in skit, group dance, singing, rangoli, drama about covid-19, couple dance, story composing, fancy dress, clay modeling, mehendi, art & craft, cooking, hair styling, clay modeling, drawing, action song, fancy dress, story writing etc. were conducted.

Art and craft classes included quilling, drawing, painting, clay modeling, basic stitching, and knitting, making masks, greeting cards, artificial flowers, paper bags, pen stands, flower bouquets, earrings, necklaces, anklets, bangles, paper craft, door mats, and woolen wall hangings. Awareness programme on COVID - 19 and preventive measures, was held every Monday.

Party games and outdoor games kept the children active and happy. Life skill sessions on team work, leadership, punctuality, and personal hygiene were conducted. Value education was taught through motivational videos, stories and documentary films. Sr. Leena, Home Management Coordinator, Sr. Suganya, Home Manager, Ms. Shruthi, Documentation In-charge, and Ms. Suma, House Mother, were the resource persons. Fifty-two children were a part of these activities.



# Training & Workshops



Training on First Aid



Training for GRP Officials



Training on Child Protection Policy



Training on Reporting and Documentation



Training Programme on Juvenile Justice Act for Police Officials



Induction Training for Staff



Training on Counseling



Capacity building for ICDS Staff and School Teachers



Training for Child Rights Club Members



Training for New CRC Leaders



Foster Care Training Programme



Training on Ecology



Training Programme for RPF



Fire Safety Training



Environmental Education in schools



## Awards and Recognition

### BOSCO receives Shivakumar Swamiji Award



On the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), organized an Award Ceremony to felicitate individuals and organizations for their relentless efforts and services in various fields, by

honoring them on September 4, 2019, at Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Office, Bengaluru.

On this occasion, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) bestowed the 'Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Award' to a hundred individuals, the 'Mahatyagi Laxmi Devi Award' to ten women, and the 'Dr. Sri Sri Shivakumar Swamiji Award' to five organizations for their services towards society.

Shri. BS Yediyurappa, Chief Minister, Karnataka, Shri. Ashwath Narayan, Deputy Chief Minister, Karnataka, and Smt. Gangambika Mallikarjun, BBMP Mayor, along with other dignitaries gave away the awards. BOSCO Bengaluru was awarded with the 'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' award. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, received the award on behalf of BOSCO along with staff representatives.

### Vismaya 2020: Inter-orphanage Fest

Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan participated in the Inter-orphanage Fest, 'Vismaya 2020', organized by St. Joseph's College NSS Unit-2, Bengaluru, at their premises, on February 16, 2020. The purpose of the fest was to provide a platform for young minds to exhibit their skills and talents. The fest included cultural, sport and literary events. Children took part in Elocution, Essay writing, Drawing, Painting, Storytelling, Pick and Speak, Sports, Singing (solo & group), Dance (solo & group), Fancy Dress competition, and won the overall Vismaya Championship Award. Thirty girls participated in the event.



### Stree Suraksha Chakra Award

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Bengaluru City Police East Division, organized "The Ring of Women Safety", at Lido mall, MG Road, Bengaluru, on March 8, 2020. Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, was given the 'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation. She was felicitated for safeguarding the rights of children. Other awardees included a Zomato Delivery girl, a Police Constable, a Kabaddi Player in the Asian Games, the C.E.O of Goodwork Labs, a BMTc Bus Driver, the first Transgender RJ, the first International Yoga Champion, a Cancer Survivor and Paper Napkin Business Entrepreneur, a Traffic warden,

a Body Builder, a girl who graduated with 91.87% from BBMP Degree College, a Safai Karmachari, and a Martial Arts and Self-defence Champion. These are the women who have brought about a change in various people's lives by beating all odds. Shruthi, RJ, FM 92.7, anchored the programme.





## Focus Group Discussions/ Consultations/ Review Meetings/ Networking Meetings

### State Level Consultation Programmes

Railway CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized two State Level Consultation Programmes, with the stakeholders and government departments, at the Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway station, on September 19, 2019, and at the Second Entry Gate VIP Waiting Lounge, KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru, on February 28, 2020, respectively. The purpose of the consultation was to share information about the revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Station Level Fund, functions of Railway CHILDLINE, and Programmes for Children in Contact with Railways (PCCRS). Mr. Arun Mozhi, Senior Programme Coordinator, CIF/PCCRS, briefed the participants about Railway CHILDLINE and its functions. He appreciated the support of the stakeholders, RPF, and GRP, in rescuing and rehabilitating the vulnerable children and youth. He also requested the stakeholders and the government agencies to work in tandem to achieve better results.

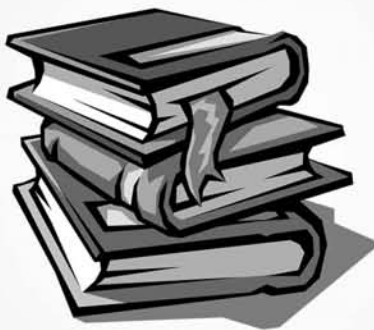
Mr. Johnson Joseph, Coordinator, Railway CHILDLINE, presented the one year data of Railway CHILDLINE and the challenges of the programme. Mr. Pushendar Kumar, Inspector, RPF, shared about the issues they faced during the rescue of children. Mr. Chandrashekar, Member, CWC 2, explained the process and procedures of CWC. Mrs. Indira, CWC Member, CWC 1, spoke about the challenges. Mr. Raghuraman, Consultant, IRSDC, shared



about BOSCO and its work, and appreciated BOSCO for its yeoman services.

The stakeholders assured their further support to Railway CHILDLINE. However they felt that better visibility could be created with more posters, hoardings, stickers, etc., with information about CHILDLINE services, being displayed at various places in the railway platforms.

Mr. Ananthnarayan, Deputy SMR, KSR Railway Station, Mr. Mahesh Jakathi, CLA/CIF, Mr. Srikanth, CMI, SBC, Mr. H Hanumanthayya, ASI, GRP, Mr. Ravi Kumar, SSE, SBC, Mr. Aslam Pasha, CTI, SBC, Mr. Shravan, SSE, RSDC, SBC, Mr. Sourab Jain, DCM, IRSDC, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO ECCE and CREAM programmes, were present during the consultation. Twenty-eight Government and Railway Officials, and sixty-four other stakeholders participated in the programme.



### PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO

- » Glow in the Horizon
- » Madilu 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
- » Quest for Change – A glance at the Reality of Runaway Children



## Consultation with Parents



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with law of the South Division, at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on September 27, 2019. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POCSO Act, child marriage, and child trafficking, by citing various examples and screening documentaries. He briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities, with a special mention of the BOSCO skill training courses. He explained about

the importance of children's follow-up, and the present situation of the non-serious offenders. Some of the cases were at the point of closure while some of them were still continuing. He exhorted the children to tread the path of righteousness and goodness, and asked them to make use of the services of counseling and vocational training offered by BOSCO. Fifteen parents and four children participated in the discussion. Kavitha, Social Worker, SJPU project, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks.

## State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care

A one-day State Level Federation Workshop on Foster Care was organised by BOSCO Foster Care, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on December 10, 2019. In the inaugural address Ms. Usha Kiran, Member of Foster Care Guidelines, Karnataka said, "There are several challenges in Foster care, especially the process of identifying and selecting the parents and children. Every child has a right to live in the family." Speaking on the occasion Ms. Geethamala, Member, Child Welfare Committee 3, Bengaluru Urban, said, "Every child needs love, care and family environment. Most of the parents come forward to adopt a child below five years. Children above seven years of age can be placed in Foster Care." Ms. Nagaratna, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee 3, Bengaluru Urban, said that the parents who really care and love children can be considered as 'Fit Foster Parents'. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Let us join hands for promoting foster care concept so that every child can be placed in a family environment." Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed the participants about the purpose of the workshop.

Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, presented the concept of Foster Care, why Foster Care,



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

Over eighty-five participants, including Self Help Group members, SDMC members, Anganawadi teachers, ASHA workers, NGO staff, Community members, Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, Foster parents, Social activists, Youth members, Police officers, DCPU staff, etc. from fifteen districts of Karnataka were part of the Federation.



## National Consultation on Foster Care

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

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

Mr. Sonykutty George, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, said "It is ten years since the Guidelines on Alternative Care of Children was adopted by the UN, ten years since the implementation of the ICPS programme of the Government of India, and thirty years have passed since the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Hence, this is the appropriate and opportune time to hold a National Consultation on Foster Care." Mr. Rakesh Singh IAS, Principal Secretary, DWCD



Karnataka, said that proactive efforts would be taken to formulate the Guidelines on Foster Care in a timely and efficient manner.

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

## Pro-Child Network Meet

BOSCO Foster Care Programme in collaboration with Auxilium Navajeevana, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, organized a half-day Pro-Child Network Meeting at Auxilium Navajeevana, on July 12, 2019. The Pro-Child Network was formed in 2018, with the aim of bringing NGOs together to discuss various concerns related to children, and to bring about policy level changes by advocating with the Government.

An input session on 'Helping children who are into substance/drug abuse', was facilitated by Mr. Remy Lobo, Psychiatric Social Worker, NIMHANS, Bengaluru. Ms. Joyce, NIMHANS, speaking about Strategies and Skills

to motivate parents of Vulnerable Children, said parents should be physically and emotionally fit to take care of the children in all situations, appreciate their children, and pay attention to them. She also spoke about teenage pregnancy, and biological, sociological and psychological factors that affect children's self-esteem.

Sr. Anna Thayil, Director, Navajeevana Auxilium, welcomed the gathering, and Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-three participants from twenty-two NGOs were present for the meeting.





## Magistrate visits BOSCO Bengaluru

The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), Bengaluru, V Prakash, visited BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan, to know about the functioning of the organization, on August 10, 2019. Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. Prasad, Director, CHILDLINE, and Fr. CV George, Director, SPJU and ARSP Projects, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained about BOSCO, its Vision and Mission, the various centres, programmes, and activities. He interacted with the inmates of BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan.



He asked the children about the difficulties they faced at home or on the streets before coming to the organization. Papaiah, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, shared some of the unique stories of the children. Mr. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, the organizer of the event,

welcomed the guest and proposed the vote of thanks. During his visit he met sixty-five boys from Mane and Vikas, and seventy-one girls from Vatsalya Bhavan.

## Ward Sabha at Frazer Town

BOSCO Nivas organized a Ward Sabha in the BBMP office in Frazer town area, on August 3, 2019. An introduction to BOSCO was given by Ms. Pushpa Lakshmikanth, Coordinator, BOSCO CRY Project. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nivas, in the key note address spoke about the purpose of the Sabha.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, CREAM and ECCE programmes, invited the children to put forth their issues before the representatives of various departments present on the stage. During the discussion, one of the students expressed that there is an immense need for creating awareness among the public about waste segregation. Ms. Savitri, AE BBMP, educated the children on sources of garbage, waste management, importance of segregation, types of segregation and its uses. She

also added that it's the responsibility of the children to segregate the waste and also to educate their parents on the same. She mentioned the importance of the three Rs – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

Mr. A.R. Zakhir, Corporator, Ward 78, Ragavendra, ASI, Pulakeshi Nagar, East Division, Mr. Narayan, BRC North III, Mulla, Head Constable, Mr. Venkatesh, Representative, Arty Culture, Mr. Muninanjappa, Senior Health Inspector, Mr. Sandeep, Assistant Engineer, BBMP, Mr. Gurumurthy, AEE, BESCO, Ms. Nalini, Representative, Welfare Association Member, Mr. Mohammad Ali, Revenue Department, Mr. Sandeep Shetty, LO, Bharathi Nagar, thirty-five children from five Schools, and sixty adults under Ward 78 took part in the Sabha.





# CELEBRATIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Anniversary Celebration of BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated its third Anniversary on September 21, 2019. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address explained about Don Bosco, BOSCO Bengaluru, and about the activities of BOSCO Nilaya. He enlightened the group on the importance of cultivating good values, skills and attitudes in children. Ms. Surekha, AWC Supervisor, appreciated BOSCO for being a change maker in the community. Mr. Surendra, Teacher, appreciated BOSCO for empowering children through formation of child rights clubs in schools. Children from ten tuition centres and BOSCO Nilaya performed cultural programmes.

Mr. Prem Kumar, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Mr. Vinod Kumar, Head Constable, Cottonpet Police Station, Mr. Vimal Jain, Mahalakshmi Jewellers, Mr. Mohammad Afsar, President, The Iron and Steel Merchants Association, Kalasipalya, Mr. Ashis Tiwari and family, Ms. Chorandevi



and family, Mr. Karthik, School Teacher, and Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE, were present on the occasion. Around three hundred people including children from nine communities, Government officials, stakeholders, sponsors, neighbours, and staff members participated in the celebrations.

## Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, celebrated the 34th anniversary of the centre, on September 8, 2019. Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO SJPU and ARSP programmes, in the keynote address, said that Yuvakendra was following the path of Don Bosco. He said that many youth from Yuvakendra have completed their training and are now well settled with jobs as teachers, sportsmen, etc., and are leading good family lives. He exhorted the youth to follow in their footsteps, become responsible citizens, and achieve something good in life. Interacting with the centre youth, Ramesh Kumar, Past Pupil said, "As a boy I suffered a lot. I had made Majestic area my home. It was BOSCO who rescued me, gave me skill training, instilled confidence in me, and made me what I am today." Sr. Silvy, Director,

BOSCO Yuvakendra, urged the youth to utilize the opportunities provided by BOSCO to the fullest.

The boys performed dances and drama on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.





## Teachers' Day Celebrations

Children of BOSCO Nivas, Nilaya, and Rainbow Home, celebrated Teacher's Day on September 5, 2019, at the centres. Children performed dances and songs, did drawings and paintings. They wrote thank you letters to their teachers as a mark of gratitude. Two girls of Rainbow Home spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day, and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Speaking on the occasion, Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, expressed that the teachers not only teach but also guide and shape the character and future of the students. Staff enlightened children about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, and the importance of the Day. The role of teachers and their valuable contribution to the society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers, was shared. Children were guided to respect all their teachers. Eighty children from Nivas, thirty children from Vyayamashala and cement huts,



twenty children from Vinobhanagar, twenty-six children from Ramanna Garden, sixty children from Nilaya, thirty children from Rajgopal garden, fifteen children from Anandhpuram and Giripuram, and fifty-five girls from Rainbow Home, participated in the Teachers' Day celebrations. Celebrations drew to a close with cake cutting.

## Baby Shower Programme

A Baby Shower Programme for women was held under the auspices of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), at Choudrupalya Anganwadi Centre, on September 18, 2019. Ms. Pushpa, Anganwadi Supervisor, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, addressing the gathering spoke about BOSCO, ECCE, BOSCO Life skill training, Child protection mechanisms, and the role of ICDS workers in child protection. Mothers were enlightened about their role in child development. Ms. Meenakshi Kabade, CDPO, appreciated BOSCO and said that the functioning of Anganwadis has changed for the better with BOSCO's intervention. She felt that the class strength, regularity, and punctuality of children have improved.

Sarees and bangles were given to pregnant women. A nutrition camp was organized. Anganwadi workers



prepared various types of nutritious food and displayed them. Dr. Sumithra, PHC, Hosahalli, was present during the programme. Ms. Faridha proposed the vote of thanks. Sixty anganwadi workers and twenty mothers with children participated.

## Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration

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

Kannada about the celebration. Children put up cultural programmes. Chocolates and sweets were distributed to all gathered. Around hundred and fifty children participated in the celebrations.





## Christmas celebrations at BOSCO centres



### Stakeholders Speak

Ms. Nagaratna, District Child Protection Officer, Bengaluru, says, "Don Bosco is like a lighthouse, beacon of life. If not for BOSCO, we would have seen Bengaluru streets flooded with children. We should thank BOSCO for their yeoman services."

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, and Sumanahalli organised Christmas Celebrations with the children and youth, from December 22 to 24, 2019, at their respective centres.

## Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on December 21, 2019. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, SJPU Project, welcomed the gathering. John Joshua, Coordinator, HLK, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared about the importance of Christmas and preparation of the crib. Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Binny K, Director, BOSCO Vikas, and Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Mane, inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. He said that we must love each other and work towards the care and protection of children. The programme included carols,



dances, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Bharathi, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane, proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff, volunteers, and management, participated in the Christmas celebrations.

## International Women's Day Celebration

Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, and BOSCO Nivas, organized International Women's Day celebrations for the mothers of Anganwadi children, AWC workers, community members, SHG members, mothers of tuition children, and community members, at Ambedkar Bhavan, JJR Nagar, Bengaluru, and Navbaharsha School, Mackan Compound, Shivajinagar, on March 7, 2020. The celebration was organized to enlighten the mothers on Early Childhood Care and Education, the role of women in child care and protection, and women empowerment.

Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, ECCE Programme, in his introductory address said, "Society begins at Home. Women lay the foundation by educating children who are our future generations. Let all of us build a better society for the children through our presence, care and kindness." The guests shared relevant incidents emphasizing the importance of teaching safety measures to girl children. Mothers were guided to inculcate values in children.

The guest of honour, Dr. Noor Fatima, DDPI, Education Coordinator, North III Range, emphasized on the need for gender equality for a healthy society. She strongly felt that a girl child's education will result in the overall development of the community and the nation as a whole. Fr. Stephen Lawrence SDB, Member, CWC, Bidar, said that it was time to uphold women's achievements, recognize challenges, and focus greater attention on women's rights and gender equality.





A mime show was presented by the children from Mackan Compound, depicting the atrocities faced by women, and the evil of female foeticide. Party games were organized for the participants by Fr. Regi, Ms. Varalakshmi, Ms. Shalini, and Mr. Waseem. Ms. Meenakshi Kabadi, CDPO, Bengaluru Central Division, Ms. Sulochana, PSI, JJR Nagar, Ms. Surekha, AWC Supervisor, ICDS, Ms. Geetha, Project Coordinator, Sadhana Mahila Sangha, Mr. Keshav, Social Worker, Ward 137, Rayapuram, Ms. Shashikala, Ms. Seema and Ms. Pushpa, AWC Supervisors, ICDS, Dr. Tessa Thomas, DS and DG (AERO), DRDO, Dr.Jija

M.Harisingh IPS, Director General of Police (Rtd), Mr. Jagadish Hiremani, Member, National Safai Karmachari Commission, Mr. Jaggesh, Kannada Film Actor, Mr. Bhaskar Rao IPS, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City, Mr. S. Murugan IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, East Zone, Bengaluru, and Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present on the occasion. Around two hundred mothers participated in the celebration.

## Other Activities

### Open House Programmes

In the past year, 9 open house programmes were conducted at GHPS Veerabhadranagar, Govt. Urdu Primary School, Yarab Nagar, Govt. Higher Primary School, Arundhatinagar, Bengaluru, Urdu Primary and Higher Primary School Kengeri, Chandra Nagar, Govt. Model Tamil Primary School, Bhavani Nagar, Binny School Binnipet, Sanyasikunte Community, and Govt. Higher Primary School Kurubarahalli. The topics covered by CHILDLINE were POCSO, CHILDLINE and Child rights, JJ Act, Online safety, Foster care, and CMPA. The authorities replied to the queries of the students and assured their continued assistance. The goals and objectives of the helpline and the purpose of the open house programme were explained. The authorities spoke regarding online safety and mentioned that in recent days children are being increasingly victimized because of the proliferation of New Media. During the interactive session, children mentioned about certain issues they faced, and the authorities present assured them that amicable solutions would be sought in a timely manner.



The CHILDLINE team, together with the officials from the Department of Education, held a separate discussion with all the teachers of the schools regarding the matters mentioned by the children. Police patrolling would be done near Government Schools at Veerabhadranagar, Urdu School, Yarab Nagar, and Govt. School, Chandra Nagar. Regarding children who are addicted to substances, Ms. Vani, Programme Coordinator, Yuvaspandana, NIMHANS, assured that they would provide counseling to those children.

### Accenture Employees Plant Trees at BOSCO Sumanahalli

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a sapling plantation programme in collaboration with

Accenture, at the centre, on July 27, 2019. Introducing BOSCO and its activities, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO





CHILDLINE and Sumanahalli, exhorted the gathering to make efforts to keep the planet green so that our future generations could live in a safer environment. Mr. Krish, Manager, Mr. Srinivas, Asst. Manager, Accenture, Bengaluru, and Mr. Paresh Paul, Vidyaniketan NGO, spoke on the occasion. Mr. Shekhar from Accenture performed

a dance. Two hundred saplings were planted on the occasion. Over fifty youth from BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli, over fifty staff from Accenture, volunteers from Vidyaniketan NGO, and the organizers of the event, participated in the programme.

## Outing to Talakadu



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

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

## Tuition Centre Inauguration

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

Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of education for children. Children performed a dance during the



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



## BOSCO National Essay Competition 2020

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a national level essay competition for college students, spanning from October to December 2019. Around 150 colleges/universities from across India were given information regarding the competition. Students from the Under-graduate, Graduate, and Postgraduate levels of different disciplines like Management, Social Work, Sociology, Mass Media, Economics, Engineering, Law, Commerce, Psychology, and Life Sciences, participated in the competition. The competition was a platform to express one's opinions about issues of social relevance pertaining to children and youth. Three such relevant topics were chosen for the competition: 'Scope of alternative family care for children without families', 'India's youth and my response to the call of Mahatma Gandhi to Be the Change I want to see in the World' and 'What I would do to promote the cause of children and their rights, if I was Prime Minister for a day'.



The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges on the basis of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style. This year's competition reflected fresh ideas and thoughts, and the opinions and convictions of today's youth. The first prize was awarded to Diksha Garg of St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru. The second prize went to Sujan Ganesh of Crescent School of Law, Chennai, and the third place was secured by Nicole Mary Swer of School of Life Sciences, Manipal.

## In Conversation With a Winner!!

Diksha Garg emerged as the first prize winner of the essay competition. She is a 3rd year student of LLB at St. Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru. Diksha shares her thoughts and perspectives in an exclusive interview with Sheena John.

Q: What was the topic of your essay?

A: The topic chosen was, 'Scope of alternative care for children without families.' Actually, the initial thought for the essay came from the time I spent in BOSCO as an intern. While being in the organization, I had the opportunity to interact with children and students who were abandoned or neglected by their parents.

Q: How would you articulate the situation of vulnerable children in the current scenario?

A: We see a lot of child slavery, beggary and exploitation of children on the streets, but there are only few hands working towards solutions.

Q: About catering to the children in need of care and protection?

A: Well, there are shelter homes run by governmental and non-governmental organizations. However, foster care is a preferable, alternative form of care where children can receive love, attention and family-based care.

Q: About your penning the prize-winning essay?

A: The primary data and inspiration came from my experience in BOSCO as an intern. In addition to that I have referred literature reviews and studies on the subject from India and abroad.

Q: The role of law?

A: As a student of law, I firmly believe that vulnerable children need the protection of law more than anyone else. They are subjected to various forms exploitation and suffering.

Q: So, what's the takeaway?

A: Now I have a better understanding of the plight of vulnerable children. Most importantly, I have a different paradigm.





## BOSCO Children's Sports Day 2020

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Meet, at BOSCO Sumanahalli, on January 19, 2020. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Dr. AV Ravi, former Mr. India and International Body Builder, Bengaluru, said, "You can also become one like me. You have to make use of the facilities that BOSCO provides you, respect your elders, teachers and your fellow beings to achieve what you dream of. You can make a career in sports." He also shared his life experiences and his struggles in becoming a body builder. He said that he was always open to train and coach the children and youth of BOSCO. He was felicitated by Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Sr. Sheeba, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Children and staff took oath during the programme. The Olympic Torch was borne by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with.

Various sports events like running race, relay, high jump, long jump, shot put, musical chair, sack race, frog race,



lemon and spoon race, and tug of war were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The winners were awarded with medals and certificates. Fr. John MA, Administrator and Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. C. V. George, Director, SJPU and ARSP Projects, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, and staff and volunteers were present at the event. Fr. Prasad SDB welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks. Around 500 children participated in the sports meet.

## BOSCO Past Pupils Day 2020

BOSCO Past Pupils Day was organized by BOSCO Yuvakendra, at the centre, on January 26, 2020. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "There is unity in diversity. We should respect the law of the country." He exhorted the past pupils to lead a respectable life, guide other youth, and help them become responsible citizens in society. Mr. Revanna, Past Pupil, thanked BOSCO for what he is today. He said that BOSCO has given him and

his fellow-men the guidance, support, good values, and morals for becoming responsible and independent citizens in society. Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO Alumni, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Veeresh KM, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present in the meeting. Twenty-nine past pupils participated in the meeting.





## BOSCO Annual Quiz Contest 2020

The Don Bosco Annual Quiz Competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane, on January 25, 2020. Inaugurating the programme, Fr. William SDB, Regional Youth Director, Karnataka, said, "Celebration of Don Bosco Month has become a habit. This year, let's see what relationship we have established with him. He loves us and we love him. He is everywhere. Our love should lead us to the road of happiness." Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke on the occasion.

Eight teams representing the different centres and areas: BOSCO Nivas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Sumanahalli, Vikas, Yuvakendra, Rainbow Home, Mane, and Nilaya, participated in the competition. The quiz masters, Br. Devaraj, Br. Prajwal, and Br. Chandramohan, Kristu Jyothi College, Bengaluru, conducted the competition. Br. Devaraj explained the rules of the competition, and the discipline to be maintained during the rounds. The format of the quiz involved twelve rounds. The rounds included MCQs, filling up the gaps, individual round, general round, pick and speak, deal or no deal, general knowledge round,



match the following round, rapid fire round, buzzer round, and audio round. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners, BOSCO Sumanahalli bagged the second prize, and BOSCO Vikas secured third prize.

Mr. Wali Basha, ACP, VV Puram Police Station, Bengaluru, Fr. Binny, Director, BOSCO Vikas, Fr. John MA, Director and Administrator, BOSCO Mane, and Fr. CV George, Director, BOSCO ARSP and SJPU programmes, were present on the occasion. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care project, welcomed the gathering, and Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-two children participated in the quiz contest.

## Staff Day at BOSCO

The Sports and Talents Day for BOSCO staff was conducted at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on February 15, 2020. Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and CHILDLINE, said, "Let us strive to become God loving persons and honest citizens." Addressing the group, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "If you love children and would like to work with them, you need to love what they like, play and have fun. Don Bosco used to say, run, jump, have fun, but do not hurt

anybody, and respect everybody." Mr. Melyvn, Volunteer, Australia, expressed his happiness of being a part of the BOSCO family. The morning session included cultural programmes by staff from all the centres, areas, and projects of BOSCO. Cricket, party games, volleyball and throwball were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. Fr. Prasad proposed the vote of thanks. The directors and over seventy staff of BOSCO participated in the event.





## Grand Finale of the Children's Cultural Fest

BOSCO organized the Grand Finale of the Children's Cultural Fest on the theme, 'God Loving Persons and Honest Citizens', at BOSCO Mane, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on February 2nd, 2020.

Inaugurating the programme, Ms. Sushma Godbole IAS, Director, Mass Education, Karnataka, exhorted children to be in the company of good friends, and give back what the society has given to them. She said, "Don Bosco is like a light house, beacon of life. You can show your love to him by being loving persons and honest citizens." Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Nagaratna, District Child Protection Officer, Bengaluru, said, "If not for BOSCO we would have seen Bengaluru streets flooded with children. We should thank BOSCO for their yeoman services." Rev. Fr. John Bhaskaran, Rector, PIME Major Seminary, Pune, said, "You are not here by accident but by the choice of God. Become one like Him."

In the Valedictory Function, Ms. Anu Prabhakar, Film Actress, South India, said that education is an asset that nobody can take away. She appealed to the children to study well, respect elders, and make optimum use of the services provided by BOSCO. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Mathew Thomas, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "You can show your love to Don Bosco by believing in God and becoming honest and upright



citizens." Danny, Film Actor, South India, asked the children to make education and prayers to God their main goals in life. He enthralled the gathering with his dance moves. Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil, Provincial, Bengaluru Province, in the presidential address, said, "Place of Don Bosco means a home where we feel secure, a school where we can learn, a playground where we can play and enjoy, and a place of prayer where we find peace and happiness."

The winners of the month-long celebration that included quiz competition, children's sports day, past pupils day, annual national level college essay competition, inter-centre cultural competitions etc., were awarded during the function. Around five hundred children, friends, and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered at BOSCO Mane, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on the occasion.

## Reach Outs During Lockdown

In order to support the needy, BOSCO Bengaluru with the support of Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI), BREADS, organized distribution of around seven thousand food kits, clothes, shoes and indoor and outdoor games articles in the communities of Magadi Road, KR Market, Sumanahalli, Nagarbhavi, Chamrajpet, Gandhinagar and Shivajinagar areas where BOSCO is working.



## Activities at CCIs During Lockdown

BOSCO CCIs organized summer camp, online classes, skit, group dance, singing, rangoli, drama about covid-19, couple dance, story composing, fancy dress, clay modeling, mehendi, art and craft, cooking, hair style, clay modeling, drawing, action song, fancy dress, story writing, indoor and outdoor games, life skill sessions, value education, knowledge about world, nation and environment, health awareness about Covid 19, health camps, spoken English classes for the children and youth residing in the centres.





# Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (NRD) programme plays an indispensable role in the dissemination of intellectual and critical data to the programmes and activities of BOSCO. NRD engages in systematic data collection, scientific documentation, and research on all activities of BOSCO.

All the communication channels like the BOSCO website, quarterly newsletter 'Street Voice', E- Street Voice, and the Annual Report, which brings visibility to the organization, and highlights BOSCO's expertise in Young at Risk activities, are operated through the NRD. The activities undertaken include systematic documentation of the Child Care Process which is done on daily basis, training programmes for Child MISS, and compiling the activity reports, monthly and other periodic reports of

the different areas and centres of BOSCO. Child Rescue Report Tracking is circulated daily to in-house and Government email IDs, along with the daily rescue reports which are updated in the website, giving information to the stakeholders about the rescued children and missing children complaints.

NRD maintains an authentic library which contains documents from various departments, case studies, books, journals of child related work, and media documents. During the year, BOSCO appeared in mainstream media for its tremendous work with children. News related to BOSCO was covered in different print media such as Kannada, English, Hindi and Malayalam language newspapers.

# BOSCO and YaR

Headquartered in Delhi, Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, commonly known as 'YaR', is a national network of Don Bosco organizations in India committed to the care and protection of 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) to implement the concept of child care and protection system. BOSCO Bengaluru has been appointed as the Nodal Agency by the Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS programme 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.

# Volunteering

Volunteering has always been an important part of BOSCO's work culture, and is mutually beneficial for the organization and the volunteers themselves. The volunteers' willingness to work for the betterment of the organization and themselves is appreciable. Volunteers bring with them fresh perspectives, skill sets, and knowledge, that can further the cause of children in need of care and protection. During the year 2019-20, a total of 166 volunteers from various colleges and acclaimed institutions came to BOSCO for volunteering. The various components of BOSCO's work gave the volunteers ample opportunities to serve the neediest and oppressed section of society – street children. The volunteers were involved in early intervention surveys,

street presence and public awareness programmes, fund-raising, research, and other support programmes. The volunteering experience in BOSCO gave them a more comprehensive understanding of the issues faced by children, contributed to their personal development, and gave them a sense of fulfillment. BOSCO would like to thank all of them for teaming up with the organization to bring about a lasting change in the lives of children, and the society at large.

- Religious Volunteers** - 60
- Student Volunteers** - 98
- Foreign Volunteers** - 07
- Professional Volunteers** - 01



# BOSCO

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota

## Reaching out to...



Children on the street,  
un-accompanied children,  
children into substance abuse,  
child labourers, victims of child  
marriage, out-of-school children,  
trafficked children, missing  
children, physically and sexually abused  
children, children in  
conflict with law, orphans, children from  
dysfunctional families...

## ...for their care and protection.

If you find a child  
in distress  
call 1098, CHILDLINE



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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

SI No.	Award/Recognition	Year
01	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, was honored in August 1990 by Rotary Bengaluru, for his noble work	1990
02	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's Badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO, appointment of an A.C.P. at the 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	BheedhiBhagya Award: Fr. George Kolassany was honored with the BheedhiBhagya Award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
04	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka	1994
05	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, was honored in August 1998, for his noble work, by Rotary Bengaluru, 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 Bengaluru Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child labourers in Bengaluru Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the organization	2007
10	Rotary Award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from the Department of Women and Child Development, for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with the Police Department and networking NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services, and contributions of the organization	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organization Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015
16	Mother Teresa Memorial National Award 2017	2017
17	Bengaluru NGOs Leadership Award	2017
18	Outstanding Homelink Node Award	2017
19	'Inspire Awards 2018-19' for Social Significance by The BRITT WORLD WIDE (BWW) in collaboration with Parivartan Global Success Foundation, Mumbai	2019
20	Certificate of Appreciation for the services BOSCO has rendered for the betterment of schools in South-2, Bengaluru, by Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru Urban and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka	2019
21	'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji Award' by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for BOSCO's services towards society on the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda	2019
22	'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award given to Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation, on the occasion of International Women's Day	2020



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-20

## BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA (BOSCO)

BOSCO Yuvakendra, D 12, 1st Street, Magadi Road, Bangalore- 560 023

Consolidated Society Account

### Receipt and Payment account for the year 31.03.2020

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contributions	19,68,114.23	
Local Contributions	1,08,11,681.60	
Projects Grants	4,84,93,304.50	
Goverments Grants	31,32,839.00	
Bank interest	4,81,547.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		68,75,131.00
CHILDLINE (1098) Services		51,77,343.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		13,00,596.00
Supplementary Education and Community Involvement		30,45,899.38
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/Colleges/Public Places, Etc		5,59,799.00
Higher Education of the Rescued children		16,54,005.00
Maintenance of Land, building, vehicles etc		41,22,736.11
Health Care		17,33,624.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		1,48,91,006.00
Piloting Alternative Form of Child Care in India		25,17,387.00
Early Childhood Care & Education		13,72,470.00
Picnic, Camps, Sports, Entertainment and Functions etc		23,35,771.48
Food for children		68,39,151.00
Travel and Conveyance		7,33,182.20
Clothes for children		1,54,771.00
Family Reunification and Fallow up		18,24,827.00
Opening/Closing Balance	89,61,733.90	1,87,11,521.06
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7,38,49,220.23</b>	<b>7,38,49,220.23</b>

For Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO)

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Secretary  
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## BOSCO STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Child Care Institutions (including BOSCO Centers)		Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BOSCO	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-2005	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	6705	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-06	871	3392	4263	1928	98	109	770	342	239	30	1127
2006-07	761	4277	5038	2312	22	134	2289	540	222	331	1127
2007-08	663	3892	4555	2200	43	90	2184	834	131	367	1607
2008-09	691	5922	6613	3527	30	141	2368	843	128	167	1281
2009-10	521	6445	6966	4083	27	85	2677	939	137	352	1068
2010-11	208	7186	7394	5070	18	115	3208	153	174	359	1699
2011-12	374	6932	7306	5176	26	140	3041	1228	182	393	3574
2012-13	218	5310	5528	4027	36	42	1433	1024	171	412	1886
2013-14	317	6167	6484	4862	18	17	1426	1290	187	585	5449
2014-15	295	7318	7613	5603	16	108	765	1016	121	713	2741
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	316	1953	119	795	1662
2016-17	298	6856	7154	5495	03	154	69	1192	375	741	1456
2017-18	074	6622	6696	4356	01	195	237	0866	252	652	1435
2018-19	041	4788	4829	1321	04	167	132	1698	479	556	1043
2019-20	030	4689	4719	1260	01	80	079	098	330	617	1000
Total	24504	121221	145695	75866	760	3791	27699	14685	5637	12234	60746



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# Want 1st rank, your kid may just disappear!

Many children leave homes due to academic pressure exerted by parents, teachers

# MISSING: THE STORY OF B'LURU'S RUNAWAYS

REASONS FOR LEAVING HOME

Reasons for Leaving Home	BOYS	GIRLS
Academic pressure	108	78
Parental pressure	87	52
Peer influence	65	45
Sexual abuse	35	25
Other	12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>208</b>

## More runaway kids coming to Bengaluru

The number of migrant and runaway children coming to Bengaluru is on the rise. In 2018, police rescued at least 270 vulnerable children from bus stands and railway stations.



## बच्चों ने किया बाल श्रम का विरोध



## 'अनाथ मुकूँ बचिबुं

## ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ-ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಎರಡು ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ ಮೂವರು ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಪರಿಹಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 1,307 ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ, ವಾಲಕರ ತಿಕ್ಕಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮನೆಬಿಟ್ಟವರೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚು

## ಬಾಸ್ಕೋ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಬಾಲ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಿರೋಧಿ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ ಬಾಲಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನೆಗೆ ಕೈಜೋಡಿಸಿ

## Kids trafficked from the north

Hundreds are brought to Bengaluru every day from the northern and north-western states, and put to work in homes and restaurants

## Freedom for child, BOSCO celebrates I-Day with a message



## ಬಾಲ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಳಿಮುಖವಿಲ್ಲ

ವಿಶ್ವ ಬಾಲ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ವಿರೋಧಿ ದಿನ. ಜನ ಜಾಗೃತಿಯಿಂದ ಇಳಿದ ಬಾಲ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಪ್ರಕರಣ: ಹಿಪ್ಪರಗಿ

## 'MOST CHILDREN FLEE THEIR HOMES DUE TO POVERTY'

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## विद्यालयों में नामांकन बढ़ाने के अनूठे प्रयास



## ಹೊಸ ದಿಗಂತ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಜಾಥಾ

ನಾಮಫಲಕ ಓಡಿಸುವುದು ಇದು ನನ್ನ ನಗರ. ಇದರ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಕಾಪಾಡುವುದು ನನ್ನ ಧರ್ಮ. ಮನೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಹಾಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಮಾಡುವುದೇ ದೇಶದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ ಎಂಬ ಕಲಾಕೃತಿ ನಿಲಯದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಸೇವನ್. ಇದೇ ವೇಳೆ ಬಾಸ್ಕೋ ನಿಲಯದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಫಾರೂಖ್ ಜಾಹೀರಾನ್, ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು ಸಹಾಯಕ ಸಂಚಾರ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕರಾದ ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಸಂಚಾರ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕತೆಯಾದ, ವೇದ ದೇವನಾಥ್, ನಾಗರದಾಳೆ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ನಗರದ 25 ಬಾಸ್ಕೋ ವತಿಯ ನಿಲಯದ 1000ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ವೇಳೆ ಜಾಹೀರಾನ್, ಮನೋಹರ್, ಎಂ.ಎಸ್.ಶಾರದಾ, ಪ್ರಿಯಾ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

## MISSING: THE STORY OF B'LURU'S RUNAWAYS

REASONS FOR LEAVING HOME	BOYS	GIRLS
Academic pressure	108	78
Parental pressure	87	52
Peer influence	65	45
Sexual abuse	35	25
Other	12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>208</b>

## महिला दिवस मनाया



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ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು, ಬಾಸ್ಕೋ ಕಿ ಆರ ಸೆ ಮಾಹಿಲಾ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ಕೆ ಆವಸರ ಪರ ಜೆಜಿಆರ್ ನಗರ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಸಹಾಯಕರ ಭವನ ಮೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಾ ಆಯೋಜನ ಕಿಯಾ ಗಯಾ |

ಸೆಡಿಪಿಆಐ ಮೆನಾಪಿ ಕಾಬೆಡಿ ವ ಕೂಲಮಿರೈ ಬತೊರ್ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿ ಇಪ್ಪಸಿಥಿತ ಯೆ | ಬಾಸ್ಕೋ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕ ಫಾದರ್ ಮೆಶ್ಯು ಸೊಮಸ್, ಜೆಜಿಆರ್ ನಗರ ಪುಲಿಸ್ ಥಾನೆ ಹಿ ಉಪನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕ ಸುಲೊರ್

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# BOSCO in news

## More runaway kids coming to Bengaluru

The number of migrant and runaway children coming to Bengaluru is on the rise. In 2018, police rescued at least 270 vulnerable children from bus stands and railway stations.



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# Celebrating

# 40

## YEARS OF (1980-2020)



**B**ig changes often begin as small thoughts. BOSCO began as a small thought in the hearts of a group of Theology students from Kristu Jyothi College when they decided to care for the homeless children and youth on the streets of Bengaluru. Four decades later, the flame that was lit 40 years ago is still being taken forward today by hundreds of others, with the same energy and commitment. Over 150 committed staff and volunteers work together in BOSCO with single minded purpose and dedication for the dignity and happiness of the deprived and underprivileged children and youth on the streets of Bengaluru. BOSCO's unwavering belief in the life-changing power of accompanying the young at risk in their journeys and struggles and bringing them into mainstream society has transformed the lives of countless children over the years.

BOSCO's work with children through the years has earned it goodwill and widespread acceptance in Bengaluru and the nation as well. Among the various awards and recognitions received, the National Award for Child Welfare conferred by the Honorable President of India in 2015 is an accolade that will forever hold a special place in BOSCO's history. In its journey spanning decades, BOSCO has achieved many milestones, and each new step forward has been an impetus to reach more children and touch more lives.

Hard work and diligence have always been at the core of BOSCO's work over the years. The 40th Anniversary is a celebration of that hard work and diligence; of the commitment and dedication of the many people who have shared in the vision of BOSCO, and been a part of the family through the good and the hard times. Above all, it is a celebration of the childhood that has been the inspiration and reason behind every endeavor and every effort.





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### We Serve:

Children on the street, Un-accompanied children, Children into substance abuse, Child labourers, Child marriage, Out-of-school children, Trafficked children, Missing children, Physically/Sexually abused children, Children in conflict with law, Orphans, Children from dysfunctional families, etc.



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