



Editorial Note...

Caution: They are Watching!

“Children are great imitators. So, give them something great to imitate,” goes an anonymous quote. Psychological studies and research in the past have pointed to the fact that children learn about the social and physical world by imitating the acts of other people. Hero-worship and imitation of various shades and degrees have been a prevalent phenomenon in our country for ages even among adults. The issue deserves greater attention, especially in this digital era where the number of younger users is increasing by the day.

According to data released by AdEx India, a division of TAM (Television Audience Measurement) Media Research, in March 2022, celebrity endorsements saw a 44% rise in 2021 over 2020. In a recent statement, Hollywood actor Pierce Brosnan, known for his role as the M16 agent, James Bond, said, “Having endured, in my own personal life, the loss of my first wife and daughter as well as numerous friends to can-

cer, I am fully committed to supporting women’s healthcare and research programs that improve human health and alleviate suffering.” The actor was criticized and trolled on various social media platforms for promoting products that are injurious to health.

Akshay Kumar, the Bollywood actor too among other celebrities had similar predicaments for promoting products that contain tobacco and for appearing in misleading advertisements. In the case of the latter, the criticism was more severe because he had formerly made statements that he would not promote tobacco products.

So, with all the hue and cry, are we to leave the entire onus of edifying the younger ones solely to celebrities and public figures? Are we not fellow passengers on the journey called life?



Fr. Prasad SDB

World Day against Trafficking in Persons Observed



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE and BOSCO City

CHILDLINE observed World Day against Trafficking in Persons in collaboration with the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHT) of Christ College, Bengaluru at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru on July 30, 2022. The theme of the day was, ‘Use and Abuse of Technology,’ in the context of trafficking in persons. There was a formal inauguration of the programme involving CHILDLINE, GRP, RPF, Station Managers, KSR and YPR, Faculty Coordinator, Christ University, and Directors, CHILDLINE. The undergraduate students of the AHT Unit of Christ colleges performed a street play highlighting the importance of

Foster Care Awareness

Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness programmes for the stakeholders – Anganwadi mothers at Anganwadi Center, Bhimapura, Hosakote Bengaluru Rural, and Hegadihalli, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, Religious leaders at Ganesh Temple, Sulthanpet, Bengaluru, Primary School Teachers at B.S.A High School, D Cross, Doddaballapura, Bengaluru Rural, and Government High School, A.S Char Road, Sulthanpet, Bengaluru during July 2022. Facilitating the sessions, Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed about BOSCO and its services, the concept of foster care, adoption, foster care guidelines, and the procedures involved in fostering a child.

He said that the stakeholders could help BOSCO by disseminating the information about foster care and also help in identifying prospective foster parents and

children in need of care and protection. Sixty-seven Stakeholders were part of these awareness sessions.



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the day. They also displayed placards with information on trafficking in various dialects including Kannada, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, and English. The group organized a rally on the railway platforms shouting slogans, and distributing pamphlets to the public, commuters and passengers.

BOSCO Sumanahalli conducted a session highlighting the importance of World Day against Trafficking in Persons. Sr. Saleena, Coordinator, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, introduced the issue of human trafficking in India to the trainees. She also spoke about the precautionary measures to be taken to prevent human trafficking. Twenty-seven trainees attended the session.

Exposure Visit



An exposure visit was organized for the trainees of the Two-wheeler Unit of BOSCO Sumanahalli to Silicon Honda Showroom, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru on July 4, 2022. It was a hands-on experience for the youths who were able to work with the tools at the garage. They were also exposed to advanced machines. The staff of the showroom was in all praise for Prasanna, a trainee of BOSCO Sumanahalli who has been working in the showroom. During the visit, the showroom personnel selected two of the trainees to join their outlet for work. Seven trainees along with Mr. Narendranath, Instructor, Two-wheeler trade, BOSCO Sumanahalli visited the showroom.

Staff Induction Training



Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru organized Induction Training for the newly recruited at BOSCO Yuvodaya on July 20, 2022. Fr. Johnson Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, ARSP, BS, and CSN welcomed the participants and spoke words of introduction. There was an ice-breaking session by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. He also facilitated a session on the Programs and Services of BOSCO. This session gave staff a clear understanding of the overall services rendered and the programs carried out at BOSCO.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, and Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Project conducted an interactive session on child rights and child-related laws. This session made the staff aware of child rights and their importance in the development of children. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas engaged the staff with the session on the Preventive System of Don Bosco. The staff was involved in group discussions and other learning activities. Mr. Basavaraju P.N, Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project, took a session on Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures. HR Policy session was taken by Mr. Prashantha Murthy, HR Manager. The newly appointed staff were made aware of the policy, leave, the systems and mechanisms for the prevention of sexual harassment of women at the workplace, grievances, punctuality and regularity, attendance, and dress code. The training session came to an end with the concluding remarks by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. Twenty-five staff participated in the induction program.

Tuition Teachers' Training



BOSCO Nilaya organized a half-day capacity-building programme for the teachers of the tuition centres at the centre on July 16, 2022. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas enlightened the teachers on the general rules and regulations followed in the tuition centres, increasing the attendance of children in the centres and making the learning process interesting and attractive. He also gave tips on improving their teaching skills. Fifteen teachers attended the training session.

Exposure Visit from BOSCO Nivas



The tailoring students of BOSCO Nivas were taken to Ramachandrapuram, Bengaluru, for an exposure visit on July 13, 2022. The exposure visit was organized to create awareness and knowledge about learning to purchase materials necessary for stitching. Guidance about length and measurement of fabrics, materials needed like threads, needles, scissors, buttons, zips, etc. was given to the students. They obtained greater knowledge about the things related to stitching and craftwork. Fourteen trainees along with Ms. Daisy, Tailoring Instructor, Ms. Priya Malini, Coordinator, and Mr. Xavier, Team Member, BOSCO Nivas were part of the exposure visit.

Quiz Competition

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli organized a quiz competition for the trainees of the centre on July 28, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru exhorted the boys to acquire more knowledge on various topics to understand life and society. He appreciated the efforts made by the team to organize the program creatively. The quiz master conducted the programme involving several rounds of questions about history, current affairs, general knowledge, etc. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli appreciated the active participation of the trainees and staff. Mr.



Prasad, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, five members from Need Base India, and Aishwarya, Intern, Acharya College were present on the occasion. Twenty-seven trainees took part in the competition.

Alumni Meet at Vatsalya Bhavan



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a meeting of the alumni at the centre on July 7, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained that the purpose of the gathering was to foster social relationships and bonds with BOSCO as well as to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Addressing the gathering, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra expressed her joy at the pupils' progress in life and assured support to everyone in need of skill development training.

The chief guest, Ms. Rekha Hande, Former Miss India, Miss Karnataka, and Miss Bengaluru, spoke on boosting one's self-esteem and urged parents to serve as role models. She also thanked the BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan team for their excellent services to needy children and youth. Course completion certificates were given to twenty-six beautician course students and eighteen tailoring students on the occasion. A total of thirty-five alumni attended the meeting.

Health Awareness at BOSCO Nivas



BOSCO Nivas in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department organized a health awareness session for the children and adults of the community at the centre, to create an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle, on July 16, 2022. Mrs. Uma Rai, St Martha's Hospital briefed out about the daily routine regarding the food and water consumption, based on the age group. Parents were guided to avoid junk food both for children and elders.

All the participants were told about the importance of exercise and walking. She also spoke about cleanliness and personal hygiene, healthy food habits, hair, and skincare. She also taught some basic exercises to be done daily to maintain a healthy body. Eighteen children, fourteen mothers, and two fathers were present in the awareness session.

School Awareness Programmes



Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programmes for children and teachers of Government Higher Primary Schools in Sultanpet, Mamulpet, and Gavipuram areas of Bengaluru during July 2022. Information on child rights,

child-related laws, JJ Act, child rights violations, and child-related issues like child labour, child beggary, child abuse, child marriage, child trafficking, etc. was given to the children and teachers. The CSN team urged the participants to make use of the child helpline-1098 to report cases of child rights violations. Hundred and fifty-eight children and seventeen teachers participated in the awareness sessions.

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness programme for the students of Shri Lakshmi Devi Ramanna High School, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru on July 21, 2022. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project introduced BOSCO to the children. He also shed light on child rights, child protection mechanisms, child-related laws, children in conflict with the law (CCL), children in need of care and protection (CNCP), and the child helpline. K. Nanjgowda, Head Master, Shri Lakshmi Devi Ramanna High School was present on the occasion. Fifty-five children benefitted from the awareness.

Awareness to Stakeholders



Child Safety Net (CSN) project, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted an awareness to the BBMP Sweepers and Supervisors of RR Nagar, Bengaluru on July 26, 2022. Mr. Basavaraju P N, Coordinator, CSN Project, spoke about child labour and how children are forced into labour instead of attending schools. He also spoke about other child issues like child marriage, child abuse, child trafficking, etc. He exhorted the BBMP workers to support BOSCO in its efforts in curbing child labour and inform the concerned authorities when they come across children in distress. Twenty-one Sweepers and their Supervisor attended the awareness programme.

Sandesh Organization Visits BOSCO



Special children from Sandesh-an NGO working for special children visited BOSCO Sumanahalli as part of their Community Day celebration on July 29, 2022. The purpose of the visit was to provide an opportunity for the special children to have a day of fun and play. Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli welcomed the group and introduced the staff and activities of the centre to the guests. Two of the centre boys performed 'beatboxing'. Several games like cricket, badminton, and indoor games were organized. The visitors enjoyed the time spent at the centre. Sixty-one special children, staff, and volunteers from Sandesh visited the centre.

Parents' Meeting at BOSCO Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a parents' meeting at the centre on July 24, 2022. Speaking on the occasion Sr. Jenny, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, said, "Parents, teachers and caretakers should join hands to make children responsible citizens in the society. We need to inculcate in them self discipline and teach them to use mobiles and other gadgets with proper discretion. Managing money and time are essential for success."

Ms. Sara, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Rainbow Home, exhorted the parents to visit their children in a timely manner. The parents were made aware of the importance of education, about their visits to the centre to meet their wards, CWC rules and procedures, up-



dating the documents like the caste certificate, Aadhaar Cards, etc. They were also informed about the performance and behavior of their children. Fifteen parents attended the meeting.

Health Camp at Chennasandra



Child Safety Net (CSN) project along with Health Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized a health camp at Chennasandra, Bengaluru, on July 24, 2022. A team of three doctors and two assistants from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru conducted the camp. The doctors checked the height, weight, eyes, physical health, and BP of the community people and children.

The team advised the community members to consume fruits, vegetables, green leafy vegetables, eggs, and milk daily to increase immunity and maintain health. They also advised them to have homemade food and avoid junk food. A total of a hundred and twenty-six children and adults availed the benefits of the camp.

Awareness to Metro Staff



The outreach team working in BMTC and KSRTC Bus Stands, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an awareness programme for the security staff working in Metro station at Majestic, Bengaluru on July 6, 2022. Mr. PN Basuvaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project spoke about the current issues faced by the children and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children on the street. He explained about child rights, the role of BOSCO in the protection of child rights, and shared about BOSCO Assistance Center in the Bus stand and its services, CHILDLINE, etc.

Mr. Jayakumar, Metro Security Officer urged the Metro Security and Home Guards to be attentive toward needy children in bus stands. He asked them to refer them to BOSCO for further care and rehabilitation. Fifty Metro staff attended the awareness session.



Awareness at Schools

In the Month of July CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted twelve School Awareness Programmes. The team was given awareness about Child rights and CHILDLINE 1098, POCSO, Safe touch, and unsafe touch. The team distributed pamphlets and explained the project. KOMAL Movie was screened. Around 1100 students and over 30 teachers benefited from the programs.



Awareness at Health Centres



CHILDLINE collab BOSCO Bengaluru conducted Health center awareness at Primary health center Yarab Nagar, Primary health center Gottigere. They were given awareness about CHILDLINE and child rights. Around 24 hospital staff and 40 General public benefited from the program.

Public awareness

In the month of July 2022 CHILDLINE collab BOSCO Bengaluru conducted public awareness programs by putting up CHILDLINE stalls at Jamboo savari Dinne, Banashankari Bus stop, Gottigere Bus stop, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road Banashankari, Glass factory bus stand Anjanapura, Yarabnagar Bus stand Hari Nagar Cross Anjanapura. And they were given awareness about CHILDLINE 1098 and Child rights. Around 650 public benefitted from the program. Around 1000 pamphlets were distributed to the public.

Shop to Shop Awareness



In the month of July CHILDLINE collab BOSCO Bengaluru conducted Shop to shop awareness at Banashankari bus stop road, Kadirahalli Bendre Nagar, Gottiger Main Road, Kadirenahalli Cross, Soudamini Nagar Anjanapura, Yarab Nagar Banshankari, Jambu savari Dinne, Harinagar Cross Anjanapur, Bengaluru and gave awareness about CHILDLINE and Child rights.

They were made aware of issues concerning children like, child marriage, children on the street, child labor, children found begging, runaway children, and children addicted to substance abuse. Around 515 shopkeepers 80 public were benefitted from the program. 50 public responded to the phone testing calls.

Life Skills Sessions



Life Skill Training by Creating Futures



BOSCO Mane Computer Training Program organized a Life Skill Training session for the students attending the computer training programme at the centre on July 23, 2022. This programme was facilitated by 'Creating Futures.' Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Computer

Training Programme briefed on the importance of life skills training and the activities of the 'Creating Futures' team. Ms. Jyothi, Trainer introduced the functions of the 'Creating Futures' and the effectiveness of training in shaping one's career.

She expressed that life skills training builds self-confidence and self-awareness, and helps in understanding the importance of hard work through different activities. Four volunteers of Creating Futures were also present during the programme. Twenty-six students were the beneficiaries of this training.

Session on Personality Development



A life skill session on Personality Development was conducted for the youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra on July 9, 2022. The session was conducted by Colonel Ankur Sabarwal, Personality Profiler, Government of India. The session started with the resource person asking the participants to talk about themselves and their future goals.

The resource person further presented some raw vegetables and explained to the boys the efforts involved in baking or cooking the food to make it tasty and edible. He asked them to retrospect their actions and life regularly to reach their goals successfully. Twenty-five boys benefitted from the life skill session.

Session on Self-reliance



The children of BOSCO Rainbow Home underwent a session on 'Self-reliance' at the centre on July 27, 2022. Mary Shamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, conducted games to develop self-confidence and an ability to take control over their lives and make informed decisions. The games also helped them in understanding the difference between positive and negative values and how to imbibe positivity in life. Twenty-one girls participated in the session.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



July- 2022



--	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	352	40	392
Service provided	55	21	76
Grand Total	407	61	468

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway CHILDLINE	154	10	04	00	168
Bus stand BMTC	40	05	02	00	47
Bus stand KSRTC	25	07	00	00	32
BOSCO Yuvodaya	07	00	00	00	07
BOSCO Sumanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	02	00	00	02
CHILDLINE	06	03	00	00	09
CSN	10	01	00	00	11
SJPU	16	02	00	00	18
ARSP	83	10	00	00	93
TOTAL	346	40	06	00	392

Final Action based Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	51	02	53
Home Placement	260	18	278
Produced before CWC (Admission)	31	20	51
Referred to OH	10	00	10
TOTAL	352	40	392

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	45	11	56
Unaccompanied	307	29	336
TOTAL	352	40	392