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## EDITORIAL

### Join Hands to Free Their Hands!

As per a report published in the 'Times of India,' dated March 22, 2022, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Gujarat assembly in its report took serious note of the state labour and employment department for its lack of empathy towards child labour in the state. The report observed that surveys have to be held to identify child labourers and that the funds set apart for the cause are to be utilized optimally.

As per the report of the International Labour Organization (ILO), child labourers across the globe have increased to 160 million in 2021. In the last four years, 8.4 million children were forced to work, while around nine million children are at risk of being made child labourers because of the pandemic says the report. While reaching out to rescue children, though people cite poverty as the main reason for child labour, a host of other reasons like the lack of political will, illiteracy, corruption, gender, lack of law enforcement, religion and other factors add to the gravity and magnitude of the problem.

World Day Against Child Labour was observed on June 12, with the theme, 'Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour.' BOSCO Bengaluru rescued 180 child labourers from the city in the past year in collaboration with the labour department. The organization joined hands with the labour department in surveying to identify child labourers in the various areas of the city in April 2022. Concerted and sustainable action from Governmental and Non-Governmental organizations to eradicate child labour is the need of the hour.

Fr. Prasad SDB

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## AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

### Foster Care Awareness for Government Officials



In coordination with the BOSCO Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) Project, Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted an awareness programme for the Yelahanka Railway

Station staff, at the railway station, on April 9, 2022. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained the foster care concept, the process for fostering children, the adoption process, the role of CWC and DCPO, the and submission of the Foster Care Application. Mr. Madhusudhan, Station Manager, Yelahanka Railway Station, was present during the programme. A total of ten staff members attended the awareness programme.

### Say 'No' to Child Beggary

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Anti Child Beggary campaign in collaboration with the Department of police and organized a public announcement over the PA system engaging a vehicle, in Yeshwanthpur, Jalahalli, and Sadashivanagar



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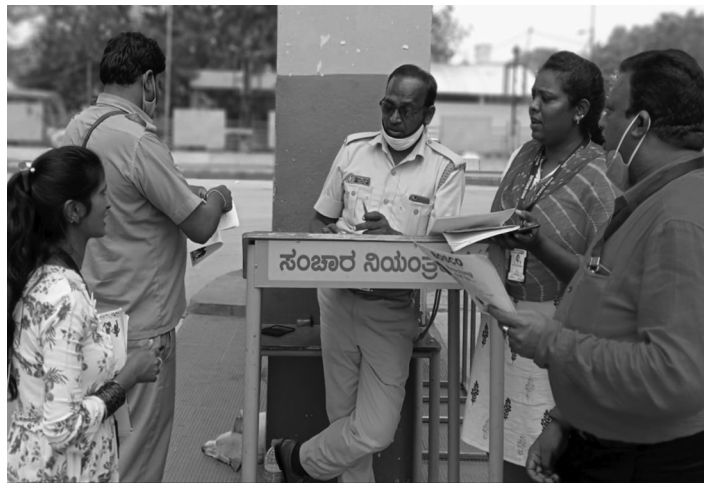
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Police Station limits, on April 13, 2022. Along with Mr. Umesh, Sub Inspector, Yeshwanthpur Police Station, Hoysala staff, and vehicles, the team visited every signal and bus station and gave awareness about children found begging. The team members distributed CHIDLINe pamphlets to the public. CHIDLINe team moved through vulnerable signals like the Police Station Junction Signal, Yeshwanthpur Market, Yeshwanthpur Railway Station Road, BMTC Bus stop, Mattikere Main Road, Vishal Mart Signal, and the Guru

Darshan Hotel Signal, that come under the Yeshwanthpur Police station limits, through Veera Madakari Nayaka Bus Station, BEL Circle Road, BEL Circle, and BEL Bus stop under the Jalahalli Police Station limits, and through Sadashivanagar Signal, Mekri Circle, Bhashyam Circle, MS Ramaiah Circle, and MS Ramaiah Hospital Road and Signal under the Sadashivanagar Police Station limits. Around six hundred members of the public benefitted from the programme.

## Session on Financial Literacy

An input session on Financial Literacy was organized by the ICICI Foundation for the trainees at BOSCO Sumanahalli, on April 26, 2022. Three staff members from ICICI Foundation enlightened the boys on the importance of savings in their life. They spoke about how to save, how much to save, where to save, the difference between current and savings accounts, the importance of budget and planning, pension schemes, etc. The boys were also cautioned to be aware of online frauds and fraudulent schemes and activities. The interactive session helped the trainees to plan for their future. Nineteen trainees and seven staff members participated in the programme.



## Awareness Programmes at BMTC Bus Stand

An awareness programme was organized by the BOSCO Bus Stand team on the BMTC Platforms to create awareness among BMTC drivers, conductors, and officials about runaway children, child labourers, and the child helpline number 1098, on May 17 and 20, 2022. Mr Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefly explained child rights and how BOSCO supports needy children. Mr. Balaraj, Coordinator, Bus Stand Area, explained about BOSCO Assistance Centre, protocols and activities. Mr. Venkatesh Murthy, ATM, motivated the officials to support BOSCO in their activities. The team distributed pamphlets. The officials included the Assistant Traffic Manager, Assistant Traffic Supervisors, Traffic Controller, and the BMTC Office Staff. About twenty-five BMTC officials, drivers, and conductors received information regarding child-related issues.

## Awareness for BBMP Workers

BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) Project organized an awareness programme for the BBMP workers of Cholarapalya, Bengaluru, on June 3, 2022. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, CSN Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressed the group about the various existing child-related issues, protecting children from child labour, trafficking, abuse, etc., and about enrolling them in schools. He requested the stakeholders to be watchful of child labour, child begging, child trafficking, etc., in and around their areas and bring it to the notice of the concerned officials through the child helpline. Mr. Srinivas, In-charge of BBMP Sweepers, was present during the awareness. Thirty-three BBMP sweepers were part of the awareness programme.





## Health Awareness Sessions

Health Awareness sessions were conducted in the Ramanna Garden Community and BOSCO Yuvodaya, respectively, by the BOSCO Health Care Department, on June 22 and 23, 2022. Ms. Uma, Social Worker, and MSW Students, St. Martha's Hospital, conducted sessions on personal health and hygiene. They spoke about the different prevalent health issues and diseases and how to prevent them, and about maintaining clean surroundings, regular hand washing, having a balanced diet, etc. to maintain good health. Thirty children and eight women from Ramanna Garden and twenty-eight boys from the Yuvodaya Open Shelter benefitted from the sessions.



## School Awareness Programmes

Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness programmes in the Government High School, Police Colony, Magadi Road, St. Mary's High School, Secretariat Layout, Vijaya Nagar, and in St. Anne's High School, Rajajinagar, during June 2022. Mr. PN Basavaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project, spoke about the issues related to children – child marriage, child labour, child abuse, child trafficking, etc. He made them aware of child rights, child laws, and the child helpline number -1098. He asked the children and the teachers to report to the child helpline number whenever they came across cases of child rights violations. Ms. Sumangala, WPSI, Magadi Road Police Station, Mr. Nanje Gowda, PSI, Magadi Road Traffic Police Station, Mr. Madhusudhan, PSI, Magadi Road, Mr. Prakash, ASI, Magadi Traffic Police, and the Head Masters of the respective schools were present during the awareness programmes. Around five hundred children attended the programmes.

## MEETINGS

### Child Help Group Meeting

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE conducted a Child Help Group (CHG) Meeting at the Station Director's Office, South Western Railways, KSR, Bengaluru, on April 18, 2022. Mr. Abhishek Sai, Coordinator, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, shared the progress report of the Child Help Desk/KIOSK (CHDK) from the period of April 2021 to March 2022. Ms. Rashmi M.T, Programme Manager, CLA, oriented everyone on the requirement and the frequency of conducting the CHG meeting as per the new SOP issued.

Ms. Geetha, DRSP, raised the concern of keeping the accused in eloping cases for more than 24 hours and suggested following the GRP instructions in the future. She also suggested following a uniform code for the staff of Railway CHILDLINE for easy identification. ASC-RPF Hindupur, recommended extending the service of CHILDLINE/SU till Hindupur, as they don't have any provision or availability of CHILDLINE services or any NGO's presence over there. Issues related to administration, fake Aadhaar Cards, and the non-availability of CWC members during specific holidays, were also discussed. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, twenty-four Railway officials, RPF officials, and Railway CHILDLINE staff were part of the meeting.



## Meeting of Caring Community Leaders

Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized meetings with Caring Community Leaders at Chamarajpet Police Station, Bengaluru, on April 23, 2022, and at Cotton Pete Police Station, Bengaluru, on May 28, 2022. Mr. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, CSN Project, gave information about child protection mechanisms, the Child Labour Act, and the consequences of employing children, to the Caring Community Leaders. He requested the members of the Factory Owners Association not to engage children in work in their factories. He appealed to the members to create a child labour-free society by serving as watchdogs and supporting BOSCO in rescuing and rehabilitating child labourers. Mr. Gere, ACP, Subdivision, Mr. B S Lokapoor, PI, Chamarajapet, Mr. Gopal, PSI, Chamarajapet, and Mr. Ramu, ASI, and Mr. Ravi SB, Police Inspector, Cotton Pete Police Station were present in the meeting. Fifty members of the Association belonging to different factories, thirty-four small-scale industry owners and ten police personnel participated in the meetings.



## State Level Foster Care Parents and Children's Meeting



State Level Foster Care Parents and Children's Meetings were organized by the BOSCO Foster Care Programme at Chitra Don Bosco, Chitradurga, on May 23, 2022, and at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on May 27, 2022.

During the meeting in Chitradurga, Mr. Prabhakar, CWC Chairperson, Chitradurga, appreciated Don Bosco for placing three children in Chitradurga. Mr. Somashekar, Chitradurga, said that in the future, support would be taken from Don Bosco for conducting the procedures for placement. Fr. Saji George, Rector, Chitradurga, said that a family is an ideal atmosphere for children to grow up in. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, Chitradurga, said that COVID has resulted in several children losing their parents and that such children must be placed in foster families.

In the meeting at Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane,

## Annual Evaluation at BOSCO

The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on June 17 and 18, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Anupama, Senior Labour Inspector, Bengaluru, dates back to the time when she was an intern at the organization as part of her MSW

facilitated a session with parents and children on parenting skills. Ms Bharathi, Member, CWC, Bengaluru Rural, thanked the parents for coming forward to foster children. Ms. Savitha, Counsellor, DCPU Staff, Ramanagara, said that we need to create a family environment for children who need foster families. She briefed everyone about the foster care procedures, the role of DCPO, Unit staff, CWC, and the documents to be submitted by prospective parents.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained briefly the purpose of the meeting, the foster care concept, eligible criteria of parents and children, placement of children, follow-up of children and parents with the CWC, types of foster care, and termination. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the roles and responsibilities of parents. Seventy-six parents and children from Bellary, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Ramanagara, and Bengaluru, participated in the meetings.

Course. She felt that BOSCO plays an important role in eliminating child labour by way of awareness generation among the public and conducting rescue operations.





In his introductory words, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, was happy to share that BOSCO had completed 42 years of its service for the children and young at

risk. He thanked the staff for the success of BOSCO. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the programmes and activities of BOSCO during the last year and accordingly plan for the present year. So, he said that it would be a participatory meeting and requested everyone to contribute actively. He enumerated the achievements of BOSCO from June 2021-May 2022 and the major plans that had emerged as a result of the evaluation during the previous year.

The new Directors – Fr. Jude Anand and Fr. Jose Joseph, Brothers-Bro. Jaison Jerome, Br. Sebi Varghese, Bro. Ashley, Sr. Archana, and other staff were welcomed to the BOSCO family. The activities of twenty-seven departments were evaluated based on the reports presented. Major events, campaigns, and activities to be organized during the year were planned. There was a discussion regarding the way forward. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. All the managing directors of BOSCO, coordinators, and staff were present for the programme.

## TRAINING

### Training for Primary School Teachers

BOSCO Foster Care Project organized training for the primary school teachers of Arya Vidya Shaale, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, on June 2, 2022. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the group, spoke about BOSCO and its services, the foster care concept, and the procedures involved in fostering children. He requested the teachers to support BOSCO in identifying potential parents and children so that such children can find a family and grow up in a healthy environment. Ten primary school teachers participated in the training. Two of them showed interest in fostering children in need of care and protection.



### Foster Care Training for Project Partners



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training for Project Partners, Social Mobilizers, and NGO Support Staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on June 25, 2022. The programme started with a prayer dance by the children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries.

In his address, Mr. Ramu, Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru Rural, shared his work experience as a social worker in Don Bosco Tumkur and expressed his belief that institutionalization should be the last resort for children. Hemanth, Member, Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru Urban, commended BOSCO for pioneering the Foster Care Programme in Karnataka and said that family plays a key role in every child's life. Deepu, Assistant Director,

BREADS, Bengaluru, stated that every child should grow up in a family.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the foster care journey of BOSCO from 2012, including the current status of the children, major activities, challenges, and plans. Mr. John Joshua Nirmal, Hub Coordinator, HLK Programme, presented the Home Link Child Miss documentation. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, presented the statistical data and placement of children over the past year.

Post lunch, Ms. Jincy Thomas, Project Coordinator, Children Development and Family Impact Network (CDFIN), led the session through activity on how childhood trauma can affect a child. Ms. Karen Grace Paul, Founder, Director of Child Development and Family Impact Network (CDFIN), conducted the session on Trauma and Child Development. Social Mobilizers presented the challenges and achievements of the Foster Care programme being implemented in the ten districts of Karnataka. The booklet, 'The Journey of Foster Care – A Bird's Eye View,' was released on the occasion.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator welcomed the participants, and Mr. Ramaswamy, Outreach Officer, BOSCO Bengaluru, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty-five members from the ten districts of Karnataka participated in the training.

## Orientation Programmes

Students from St. Claret College, Department of Humanities, Bengaluru, and Smt. VHD, Central Institute of Home Science (Autonomous), Bengaluru, visited BOSCO Yuvodaya on June 4 and 23, 2022, to understand the working of the organization. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the history of BOSCO, its vision and mission, programmes, projects, activities, challenges, structure, system, etc. It was good exposure for the students as they could relate theory to the actual functioning of the NGO. Students clarified their doubts regarding the projects, JJ Act, CWC procedures, etc. Students also had an opportunity to interact with the children and staff of the centre. Forty-four students attended the orientation programme



## HEALTH CAMPS

### Towards Healthier Smiles



BOSCO Health Care Department in collaboration with Rainbow Home and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a dental check-up for the inmates of the centres on April 3 and 9, 2022 respectively. Dr. Neha Thomas, BDS, checked the dental condition of every child and advised the correct way of brushing teeth, maintaining oral hygiene and dental hygiene, and the importance of maintaining healthy teeth and gums. She suggested gargling with salt and warm water regularly to keep the mouth free from germs and bacteria. She recommended teeth X-rays for a few children. Some children were prescribed medicines as per their requirements. Thirty children from BOSCO Rainbow Home and thirty-three girls from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan benefitted from the dental check-up.

### Health Camp at BOSCO Yuvaspandana and Nagarbhavi Community



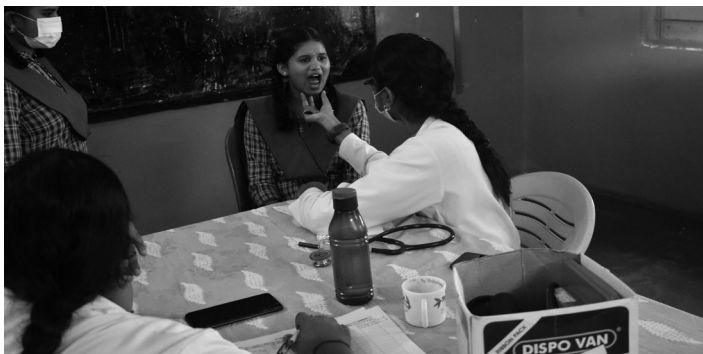
Health Camps were organized at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, JC Road, Bengaluru, and Nagarbhavi Community, on April 21 and May 1, 2022, by the BOSCO Nilaya and CSN teams in coordination with the BOSCO Health Care team for the children attending tuition classes. A team of doctors from St. Martha's Hospital including Ms. Uma, a Social Worker, conducted the camp. Eye, weight, height, BP, and physical health checks were done for all the children and community people. Children were advised to consume homemade food and were encouraged to have fruits, green vegetables, milk and egg every day. Dr. Abraham expressed that many children and



adults were anaemic and needed to consume protein-rich food. All the attendees of the camp were treated with Vitamin A and de-worming tablets. Sri Shanthappa, PSI, Vidhanasabha Police Station, Sri Shravan, PSI, Sri Nagarajan, ASI, Annapoorneshwari Nagara Police Station, and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present at the camp in Nagarbhavi. Hundred and thirty-nine children of Yuvaspandana and fifty-seven children and forty-three parents of the Nagarbhavi community availed the services of the health camp.



## Medical Camps at BOSCO Centres



Medical camps were organized at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Rainbow Home, and Vatsalya Bhavan by the Health Care Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, during the quarter. Dr. Akshaya, Ms. Uma, Social Worker, and two volunteers from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, conducted the



camp. They did eye, teeth, pulse, and temperature checks for the children. As per the doctor's suggestions vitamin supplements and medicines were prescribed for the children. Hundred and forty-five children got their check-ups done in the camp.

## OUTINGS AND PICNICS

### Outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park

BOSCO Mane organized a one-day outing to the Biological Park, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru, for the children at the centre, on April 1, 2022.



### Outing to Wonder La

The youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra were taken for an outing to Wonder La, Ramanagara District, on April 18, 2022.



### Children at Fun World Amusement Park

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan arranged a one-day outing to Fun World Amusement Park for the children of the centre as part of the summer holidays, on May 5, 2022.



### One Day Picnic to Bannerghatta National Park

BOSCO Nivas organized a one-day picnic at the Bannerghatta National Park for the children of the areas attending tuition classes, on May 6, 2022.



### Outing for Community Children

BOSCO team working in the Gandhinagar area organized a one-day outing to Cubbon Park, Vidhana Soudha, and High Court, for the children of migrant communities attending the tuition classes at Annamma Colony, on May 7, 2022.





## Outing to Cubbon Park

BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) Project organized a one-day outing to Cubbon Park for the children of the Nagarbhavi and SRS Communities, on May 13, 2022.



## SUMMER CAMPS

### Summer Camp at Nelamangala

BOSCO CREAM Project organized a two-day Summer Camp for school children, at the Shree Bhairaveshwara High School, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, on April 13 and 14, 2022. Mr. Parappa, H.M, Shree Bhairaveshwara High School, Mr. Suresh, ASI, Nelamangala Police Station, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, Life Skill Training Centre, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, Nilaya and Nivas, were present. Party games, action songs, art and craft, life skill sessions, value education sessions, and meditation were taken up during the two days of the camp. Children also put up cultural programmes displaying their talent. Sixty-seven boys and forty-four girls from Shree Bhairaveshwara High School, Govt. High school, V.V Pura, and GJC Nelamangala School participated in the camp.



### Spoken English Classes and Discovery of Talents



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a month-long Spoken English Class and Discovery of talents for the youth of the centre and the children from Magadi Road attending tuition classes, at the centre, from April 20, 2022, to May 20, 2022. Mr Lokesh Kumar, Comedian and Cine Actor, Bengaluru, gave a few inputs about the value of learning languages for a better future. He also entertained the children by narrating the Cock and Bull Story. The guests were invited to open the model of 'Ancient Stock illustrations of Spoken English Class and Discovery of Talents'. Forty-seven children attending tuition classes from the neighbouring communities, and twenty-two youths from the centre participated in the programme.

### Summer Thrill at BOSCO Yuvaspandana

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas organized a five-day Summer Thrill Camp at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, J.C Road, for the children of the surrounding areas like Vyayaam Shaala, Vinobha Nagar, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, BOSCO Nilaya, Rajgopal Garden, Giripuram, Anandapuram, BOSCO Nivas, Neharupuram, and Mackan Compound, from April 19 to 23, 2022.

The sessions in the camp included meditation, yoga, action songs, life skills, party games, goal setting, team building, songs, dance, value education, art and craft, Karate, quiz, advantages and disadvantages of social media, child rights, child protection mechanisms, CHILDLINE, CWC and its functions, and the role of CWOs, KSCPCR, UNCRC and UNICEF. A health camp was conducted by the St. Martha's hospital team. Sixty-two boys and seventy-seven girls from eleven communities participated in the camp.





## Summer Camp at Keremegala Doddi

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a five-day summer camp for the inmates of the centre at Keremegala Doddi, Ramanagara, from April 25 to 29, 2022. Mr. Lokesh, Actor, and Mr. Kishan, Artist and Film Co-Producer conducted the camp. Activities during the five-day camp included activities on awareness about self, learning through games, gratitude circle, blind walk in the forest, trekking, morning walks, creating stories, paper art (making dragon), drawing and painting, public speaking, clay modelling, creative dance forms like Kamsale and Salsa, and a campfire. The children were also able to experience sleeping in camping tents at night. Thirty-three girls participated in the summer camp.



## Summer Camp in the Communities



BOSCO Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) organised a one-day summer camp for the children attending tuition classes at Satellite Bus Stand Quarters, Mysore Road, and Tungabhadra Colony near Cantonment Railway Station, on April 29 and 30, 2022 respectively. The sessions included meditation, art and craft, song, dance, memory games, and team-building exercises. Fifty-six children participated in the summer camp.

## Summer Camp at BOSCO Vikas

BOSCO Vikas organized a summer camp for the inmates from April 27 to May 10, 2022, at Don Bosco Vidyakshetra, Prakashpalya. Classes in Mathematics, Science, English, Kannada, and Hindi were conducted on a routine basis by the teachers from Don Bosco School, Prakashpalya. Children played indoor and outdoor games like football, thousand football, drum cricket, drum basketball, cricket, and volleyball in the afternoons. The camp included sessions on life skills, moral education, environment, etc. Children were involved in activities such as making charts, singing, dancing, craft, and skits. Children also enjoyed a game of treasure hunt. On Sunday, the children were taken to Talakadu for an outing and Silve Betta for trekking. Competitions were held for loud reading, dance, singing, football, cricket, and volleyball. Group counselling was done. There were birthday celebrations during the camp. Fifty children participated in the camp.



## Summer Camp at BOSCO Mane



BOSCO Mane organized a ten-day summer camp for the children of the centre from May 2 to 12, 2022. There were regular orientations on education, CHILDLINE, communication skills, POCSO Act, health, and goal setting. In the afternoons, children were involved in outdoor and indoor games like lagori, kho-kho, throw-ball, group games, etc. The other sessions included art and craft classes, drawing, painting, debates, pick and act, cleaning the centre, etc. The children were taken to Lal Bagh park for an outing. A sports day was organized for the children of the centre. Twenty-four boys from the centre attended the camp.



## Summer Bang at BOSCO Rainbow Home

Summer Bang was organized for the inmates of BOSCO Rainbow Home at Don Bosco Ajjanahalli from May 3 to 13, 2022. The ten-day camp included sessions on English, Mathematics, English Grammar, Hindi Grammar, life skills, mehendi, drawing, knitting, clay modelling, singing, skits, speech competition, art and craft, music, hairstyle competition, flower work, fancy dress, bridal makeup, etc. A one-day village camp was organized where the girls visited a village along with Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and interacted with the people and got to know about village life. The children were involved in mapping the village and town in charts, distinguishing between a village and town setting. Forty-one girls were part of the programme.



## Summer Camp at BOSCO Sumanahalli



BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a three-day summer camp for the children attending tuitions from the Devaraj Urs community, from May 13 to 15, 2022, at the Sumanahalli Society. The camp helped in enhancing the talents of the children and making proper use of time during their summer vacation. The camp included child-friendly games, dance, and action songs. Sixty-three children of the community attended the camp.



The Life Skill Training Centre organized a three-day camp for the trainees of the centre at Don Bosco Ajjanahalli, from May 16 to 18, 2022. Youths staged cultural programmes. A campfire was organized innovatively. Tribal dance and food added to the vibrancy of the programme. The trainees enjoyed cooking and the campfire. Twenty-two trainees participated in the camp.

# CAMPAIGNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## Shaale Kade Nanna Nade



BOSCO Bengaluru organized the 'Shaale Kade Nanna Nade' campaign in collaboration with the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan, Women and Child Development Department, and ICPS, in various areas of Bengaluru South and West, and Bengaluru Rural, from May 25 to 31, 2022. The campaign aimed at enrolling and re-enrolling



children across Bengaluru into schools in the upcoming academic year and thus ensure that the number of school dropouts is brought down to zero.

The campaign was inaugurated at BOSCO Mane in the presence of Smt. Geetha B Patil, Member Secretary, Karnataka State Commission





for Protection of Child Rights, Bengaluru, Ms. Geethalaxmi, HN, In-charge, District Child Protection Officer, Bengaluru Urban, Mr. Srinivas, ACP, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, Ms. Meenakshi, Education Coordinator, Bengaluru South-2, and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. The pamphlets on Shaale Kade Nanna Nade were released during the inauguration.



The week-long campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door awareness, and street plays by children. Government school teachers, children, community leaders, and BOSCO teams were involved in the campaign. More than one thousand people were reached out to who pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools. The campaign helped in enrolling thirty-three children into Government schools.

## World No Tobacco Day

World No Tobacco Day was observed at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on May 31, 2022. The youths of the centre were made aware of the ill effects of the use of tobacco and its products for themselves and others. Mr. Shyam Raj, Instructor, BOSCO Sumanahalli, with the help of videos explained to the trainees the use of tobacco and its products. The various types of cancers caused due to the use of tobacco were narrated to the trainees. Trainees unanimously pledged to keep away from tobacco. Twenty-one trainees attended the awareness session.



## World Environment Day

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Nivas, and BOSCO CREAM Project, celebrated World Environment Day at their centres and areas on the theme, 'Only One Earth', on June 4 and 5, 2022. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at the respective centres and spoke about the importance of the Day. It was told that the Day is celebrated to create awareness about environmental protection and to highlight the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and youth were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive.

Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the Day. Posters and slogans were displayed and saplings were planted to help children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. Through short videos and stories, children were told that small steps taken towards preserving nature and greenery would make a big difference in the years to come. Children promised to take care of nature in their daily life. Centre children along with the staff participated in the programme in the different centres.





## BOSCO Observed World Day against Child Labour



BOSCO Bengaluru observed 'World Day against Child Labour', in Bengaluru, on the theme 'Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour', on June 12, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Mr A H Umesh, Dy. Labour Commissioner, Bengaluru, said, "Eradication of child labour is the responsibility of every citizen. Awareness campaigns and rescue operations are essential components in combating child labour." Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, opined that the majority of the children who come to Bengaluru city from other states are coming in search of jobs. Mr Santhosh Hipparagi and Devaraj, Asst. Labour Commissioners, and Smt. Kokila Chandrashekar, Corporator, Chamarajpet Ward, Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion.

There are thousands of child labourers in various parts of Bengaluru. This year BOSCO has rescued and placed back home a hundred and twenty-seven child labourers of whom twenty-two were under the age of 14. Thus, there was a call for increased investment in social



protection systems and schemes to protect children from child labour. All the participants took an oath to stop child labour and inform the concerned officials through the child helpline about seeing children being employed.

Rallies were organized in the Veerabhadranagar, Buddha Park, Nagarbhavi, Devaraj Urs community, Sunday Market, KR Market, and Shivajinagar areas of Bengaluru. The public was made aware of their responsibility to send children to school instead of pushing them into child labour. Distribution of pamphlets, shouting slogans, and exhibiting placards were taken up to disseminate the message. Children and staff from BOSCO performed street plays at the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, BMTc Bus Stand, Majestic, Satellite Bus Stand, KR Market, and Gandhinagar areas, to create awareness among the public about child labour. More than two thousand members of the public were reached out to through the campaign.

## International Yoga Day at BOSCO



BOSCO Sumanahalli and BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated International Yoga Day at their respective centres and Tuition Centres, with the youths and children, on June 21, 2022. Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, introduced 'Yoga' and the theme for the year 'Yoga for Humanity' to the trainees. He said that yoga unblocks our infinite possibilities and power. We can find physical and mental relaxation through yoga. It helps in developing strength and resilience. To create awareness about yoga and its benefits, various yoga asanas were introduced to the trainees. Trainees were encouraged to perform various asanas familiar to



them. Twenty-one trainees, fifteen tuition children, and staff of the centre participated in the celebration.

Geethamala, Counselor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, briefed the youth about the importance of the Day and the health benefits of practising yoga regularly. Bhujangasana, Sirsasana, Natarajasana, Halasana, Vajrasana, Virabhadrasana, Chakrasana, Tadasana, Paschimottasana and Setu Bandha Sarvangasana were taught to the youths. Twenty-one youths took part in the Yoga Day celebrations.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## Quiz Competition

A quiz competition was organized for the trainees of the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on May 7, 2022. The quiz consisted of several rounds with questions about Literature and History. The trainees were divided into four groups and were given reading materials in advance to prepare for the quiz. The youth actively participated in the competition. It provided an opportunity for them to acquire more knowledge about the subjects and also helped them in improving group dynamics. Twenty trainees from different trades participated in the quiz competition



## Formation of Child Protection Committees



CREAM Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized meetings and formed Child Protection Committees (CPC) at Bettakote, Channarayapatna, Nallur Panchayat, and Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural, on May 13, 16 and 19, 2022, to strengthen the child rights supporters in the community. Addressing the gatherings, Mr. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOCSO CREAM Project, gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services. He explained CPC, child rights violations, and the role of stakeholders in society. He motivated them to provide information regarding children in difficult situations to CHILDLINE. He spoke about the four fundamental rights of children. He also gave information about the skill training programmes and tuition classes available at BOSCO. Sixty-two ASHA Workers, Anganwadi Workers, School Teachers, Parents, SHG Group Members, and PDO, were inducted as members of the CPC.

## Exposure Visits for the Trainees



The trainees of the Bakery trade at the BOSCO Life skill training Centre, Sumanahalli, were taken to Amma Pastries, Kachakaranahalli, Bengaluru, on June 14, 2022. Mr. Frederik John, the Chef, introduced the bread, snacks, packing, and chocolate production units. He also introduced the machines that are used and explained the daily routine of the bakery. He also answered the queries of the trainees. Eight trainees along with Mr. Antony Das, Bakery Instructor, visited the bakery unit.



The trainees from the Carpentry Unit, BOSCO Sumanahalli, were taken to Om Shakthi Wood Works, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on June 14, 2022. It was a hands-on experience for the trainees to work with the tools and other equipment used to cut wood. They were also exposed to advanced machines. The trainees came to know about the various types of woods used in carpentry work and gained knowledge about advanced designs, woodcraft, beading, types of mica sheets, etc. The workshop personnel expressed interest in placing the trainees in the workshop. Five trainees and Mr. Shyam Raj, Carpentry Instructor, visited the workshop.

## Certificates Awarded

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized the distribution of Certificates of Completion to the trainees of various trades, at the centre, on June 20, 2022. Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, appreciated the trainees for completing the course successfully and wished them a good future. He congratulated Master Rohit for being job placed in Amma Pastries. Mr. Dominic, one of the well-wishers, reminded the boys about the importance of saving money for a better future. Seven of the trainees who received the certificates expressed their gratitude to BOSCO and the trainers for guiding them during the training period.



## Magic Show at BOSCO Mane



A magic show was organized for the children and youth of the BOSCO centres- Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, and Vatsalya Bhavan, by One AXA- Hearts in Action, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Mane, on June 24 and 25, 2022. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, explained the purpose of the gathering and introduced the group to the children. Children were happy to see the magician and enjoyed the tricks shown to them. A drawing competition was held for the children by the One AXA group and prizes were distributed to the winners. Around seventy-five children from the centres, around 30 employees of One AXA, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and the staff of BOSCO participated in the magic show.

# RESULTS

## SSLC Results



**Chandrika** was referred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and came to the centre in December 2019. She completed her SSLC (76%) and was then placed back home. She wants to continue her education. Her dream is to become an IPS officer.



**Jeevitha** comes from an economically poor family in Kengeri, Bengaluru. She studied in the Nethaji Subhashchandra Bose School in Wilson garden, Bengaluru. She passed SSLC in flying colours (83 %). Her dream is to become a Bank manager.



**Sujatha** was admitted to BVB in 2021. Her mother was unable to support her education, so the child sought the support of CHILDLINE, and she was sent to BVB. She secured 67% in the SSLC exam. She will be continuing her PUC in BVB. She wants to become a Teacher.



**Sathya V** comes from Kengeri. She has one brother and two sisters. She says that her teachers and the Rainbow Home staff have always been her source of inspiration. She secured 68% in the SSLC exam Her dream is to become an Engineer.



**Bhavani** is a native of Mandya. Her only relative is an aunt who works as a housekeeping staff in Victoria Hospital. She secured 66% in the SSLC exam She has now been transferred to Mandya CWC for further follow-up. She aims to become a professor in Social Studies.



**Madhu** hails from Audugodi. She has a brother. She was able to complete her SSLC (66%) successfully. Her dream is to become a sportsperson.



**Hemalatha** is from Bengaluru. She did her schooling till the 7th standard in the Akash English Medium School in Ramachandrapuram. But she was later sent home because she needed a bridge education. She was referred to BVB. She has been enrolled in college education through BVB. She secured 61% in the SSLC exam.



**Tanuja** comes from Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru. She is very interested in her studies. She takes the initiative to ask questions and clear her doubts. She secured 56% in the SSLC exam She wants to join the army.





**Nandini** was referred to BVB in 2020. When she came to the centre, there was no information regarding her whereabouts. Once in BVB, her family was traced to Tamil Nadu. Now that she has completed her SSLC (47%), she will be placed back home.



**Jennifer** belongs to an economically poor family from LR Nagar, Bengaluru. She secured 49% in the SSLC exam Her dream is to be a social worker.



**Amrutha** was referred to BVB in 2015. At present, she has been sent to Vidyaranya Special school in Mandoor. She secured 46% in the SSLC exam She is doing her skill training.



**Ganesh**, a native of Bengaluru, only had a grandmother after whose death he was admitted to BOSCO Mane in 2011. Gifted with a flair for words, Ganesh writes poems and composes Kannada rap songs. He secured 60% in the SSLC exam. He dreams of becoming a lawyer.

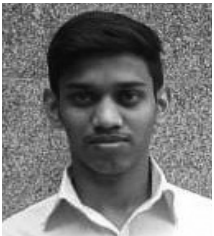


**Sai Krishna** comes from Thirupathi, Andhra Pradesh. He belongs to an economically poor family. He was admitted to BOSCO Mane in 2015. He is talented in acting. He wants to become a software engineer. He secured 78% in the SSLC exam



**Rahul** is a native of Bengaluru. His aunty admitted him to BOSCO Mane in 2011. He comes from an economically poor family. He is talented in athletics. He wants to become a software engineer. He secured 85% in the SSLC exam.

## PUC RESULTS



**Kaushik**

Kaushik lost his mother when he was very young and had to be under the care of his father who was struggling through odd jobs to make ends meet. He was rescued and brought to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli. He studied in Don Bosco Ajjanahalli from the 3rd standard till SSLC. He completed PUC (60.3%) in the Arts stream and came first in the BBMP Government College, Magadi Road. He wants to do a part-time job and continue his studies.

**Sushmita**

Sushmita comes from Kollegal in Chamarajnagar District. She was placed in BOSCO Rainbow Home by her mother because her limited income was not enough to sustain the family. Sushmita had lost her father as a child. She took up the HEPS combination for her PU course and scored 45% securing 270 marks. She aspires to continue her studies. She attributes her success to BOSCO and the staff of Rainbow Home.



**Gagana**

Gagana, a native of Hosakote, belongs to an economically poor family. She completed her PUC at St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru. She had chosen the HEPS combination for PUC and scored 58 %. She is talented in the fine arts. She is grateful to BOSCO Rainbow Home for the care she has received. She expressed her desire to continue her education, secure a good job, and support her family.

## Adieu

It is time to thank Fr. John MA, Fr. Regi Jacob, and Bro. Isaac rendered their valuable service to the organization. Fr. John MA had been working in various capacities before becoming the Administrator of the organization. Henceforth, he will be rendering his services at Don Bosco, Hospet, as the Administrator. Fr. Regi Jacob worked as the Administrator and as the Director of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, and other projects, for seven years. Fr. Regi has been appointed as the Director of Don Bosco, Child Labour Mission, Davangere. Bro. Isaac has been transferred to Don Bosco Bhavan, Mannuthy. We wish them all the best!



