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*That They May Have Life... Life In All Its Fullness*



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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



FR. PRASAD

## Bouncing Forward!

Albert Camus, the French Philosopher once said, "In the midst of winter, I found there was, within me, an invincible summer. And that makes me happy. For it says that no matter how hard the world pushes against me, within me, there's something stronger – something better, pushing right back." In other words, the ability to cope with struggles and difficulties and flourish lies deep within each cell of our being.

'Resilience' is the power to bounce back. Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary defines resilience as, 'the ability of people or things to feel better quickly, after something unpleasant, such as a shock, injury, etc.' And, 'the ability of a substance to return to its original shape after it has been bent, stretched, or pressed.' In short, anything that bounces back needs to primarily discover that primordial ability, within. Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant, in their book, 'Option B,' suggest yet another option, of 'growth' after a traumatic experience, the ability to bounce forward.

Don Bosco, (the founder of the Salesians of Don Bosco across the world), the man who later came to be known as the father and friend of youth was born into a poor peasant family in Italy in the 19th century. Having lost his father at a young age, Don Bosco had to overcome innumerable odds before he could become a beacon of hope for the young. Powered by the legacy of such a great educator, BOSCO Bangalore has been

accompanying the young since 1980, enabling the young to march forward in their lives with the mindset of a warrior.

'40 Diamonds- A candid portrayal of the lives of risk-takers of our times,' a collection of real-life accounts of forty past pupils of BOSCO who are carving their own respectable niches in the society was published at Kristu Jyoti College, Bengaluru on April 28, 2022. The book was released again during the meeting of the Coordinators and Directors of BOSCO at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on May 10, 2022. Addressing the gathering, Mr. Shivakumar, an alumnus of BOSCO whose story is featured in the book said, "I am immensely grateful to BOSCO for the services. Although I was confused and inconsistent as a child due to the compassionate, sustained handholding of the mentors of the organization, I was able to overcome innumerable odds in life." He said that an ardent desire to succeed is essential in life.

The days and months of the year 2021-22 (the reporting period for the current annual report), were a time of transition from the pandemic times, a time of recovery. A time of change when the entire world moved from the 'new normal,' to 'normal.' As we celebrate the stories of resilience let us continue to make a difference in the lives of the pilgrims staggering along the paths of life.



# Presentation

**Fr. Varghese Pallipuram**  
Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru

It is with great joy and satisfaction that I am presenting the annual report for 2021 – 22. At the very outset, I would like to thank and appreciate the great work done by the editorial team Fr. Prasad, Ms. Deepa, and Ms. Sheena in bringing out this annual report. I take this occasion to congratulate the whole team of BOSCO Management and the staff for their commitment to the organization and to the children/young at risk. We were able to achieve much during the past year because of the involvement of the staff in carrying out various activities of BOSCO. My sincere thanks to all of you.

We came out of the pandemic situation and carried out regular activities and achieved positive results. All the activities and achievements are captured and presented in this annual report. I would like to mention some of these achievements. During the past year, we were able to reach out to 4882 fresh children including 3128 rescued children and 1754 children who were provided with services. During the last year, we have made great efforts in digitally recording the data of the In-contact services like children attending tuition programs, details of children in child rights clubs, children who are enrolled in schools, and children who are attending skill training from the community, etc. into Child MISS documentation system. We have strengthened our presence in Bengaluru Rural by opening a new office in Nelamangala to coordinate the activities in the four Taluks of Bengaluru Rural District. We brought out the book '40 Diamonds,' depicting the lives of children who have emerged as responsible citizens with the support of BOSCO and faring well in mainstream society.

We carried out a child labor survey in the city in collaboration with the Labor department. During the past year, we were also able to rescue 180 child laborers with the support of the police and labor departments. Many other activities were carried out through various projects in BOSCO, through our presence in the vulnerable areas of the city, and through our Child Care Institutions.

In the upcoming year, while carrying out our regular activities, we intend to give greater importance to the following activities: a) We would focus on the prevention and rehabilitation of children who are addicted to drug/substance abuse; b) We would give special attention to After Care program for those children who are completing 18 years of age and moving out of our Child Care Institutions; c) Advocacy programs on behalf of the children who are trafficked would be given more emphasis; d) BOSCO would network with legal consultants to address legal issues related to children and ensure speedy delivery of justice; e) We would initiate and extend our presence to the new Railway station at Byppanahalli.

At this juncture, I thank all our collaborators, persons from different government departments, NGO personnel, sponsors, stakeholders, and all those who have contributed their might in helping out needy children through BOSCO. Let us work towards a society where children are safe and their rights are protected.



**FR. JOSE KOYICKKAL SDB**

## PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

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I believe it is right to say that the name "BOSCO Bangalore" is another synonym for Childcare. For almost four decades, BOSCO has given attention and care to the children at risk especially those in need of protection and care. BOSCO has been following the multi-dimensional approach to prevent children from being exposed to risks considering the best interest of the child.

The major activities of the organization speak volumes about the gamut of services offered by BOSCO: Street presence, Child Rescue Booths, City CHILDLINE and Railway CHILDLINE, Counselling, Special Juvenile Police Unit, HomeLink, Child Safety Net, Community Development Programmes, Child Rights Promotion, Child Rights Clubs, Foster care Programmes, Homes for Training, Skill Training, Formal Education, Health Care, Job Placement, Home Placement, Aftercare Programme, Drug de-addiction programme, Advocacy, Research and Development, Publication, BOSCO Alumni, etc.

BOSCO moves forward, relentlessly making efforts to ensure a bright future for the children suffering from various deprivations on account of no faults of their own. Certainly, the impact of BOSCO is noticeable in many areas where the exploitation and exposure of children to danger have been reduced considerably. I congratulate the Executive Director, Directors and the team of staff members and volunteers involved in making the dream of BOSCO to provide a safe environment and bright future for all children possible through their selfless and competent service. May God be gracious and bless BOSCO in its noble mission.

# COMMISSIONER Message



Government of Karnataka  
Labour Department

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) is doing a tremendous job of rescuing children who are at risk and nurturing them into a responsible individual/Citizen from the past 40 years. The vision and mission of BOSCO to serve the young at risk and protect their rights through various rescue and rehabilitation activities is really commendable.

BOSCO actively works with the State and Government agencies advocating for the rights of those vulnerable children/youth. The social workers are working for the protection of children and their rights, rescuing them from dangers like child labour, child begging, human trafficking and many other anti-social activities and crimes. BOSCO is unwaveringly supporting the Labour Department in curbing the menace of child labour which is rampant in Bengaluru. It also ensures that the rescued child labourers are rehabilitated, given compensation by the employers and are given their rightful due by enrolling them back to the school. BOSCO's close collaboration with the Government and its programmes, especially Foster Care Programme, SJPU, CHILDLINE, Child Safety Net, etc. makes it achieve a high level of success.

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

**AKRAM PASHA, I.A.S**

# HEADMASTER Message



Greetings from St. Joseph's Educational Institution!

BOSCO Bengaluru is a voluntary and social organization rendering exemplary service in rehabilitating the street and run-away children and youth and bringing them to the mainstream society. The organization has a strong base and is working for the empowerment of the poor young boys and girls without any discrimination of caste, creed or region.

BOSCO is instrumental in ensuring that the children enjoy their basic rights that of development, participation, survival, and protection. It is also actively working with the State and Government agencies advocating for the rights of those vulnerable children/youth. BOSCO, extensively, mobilizes actions for the realization of these rights and the development of the children. With its development interventions that are focused on social welfare of children, BOSCO has raised Those expectations among the hardest-to-reach children. Many of the children from BOSCO are enrolled in St. Joseph's High School in the primary, middle and high school levels. The children are regularly followed up for their performance by a team of committed staff. They ensure that these children are mainstreamed into the society as responsible and independent individuals.

I am glad that BOSCO has completed another successful year. I take this opportunity to congratulate the management, staff, volunteers and the children and youth who have contributed to this successful journey. I wish and pray that BOSCO may continue to serve the cause of the marginalized, remain a home to the homeless children, and be a beacon of hope to the children without hope!

**N. JOSEPH  
HEAD MASTER  
ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL**



RAMANAGAR DCPO

# Message



ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕ, ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಜ್ಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಡಾನ್ ಬಾಸ್ಕೊ ಯುವ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಾದ್ಯಂತ ವ್ಯಾಪಕವಾಗಿ ಅರಿವು ಮೂಡಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಇದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ೧೫ ಪೋಷಕರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರ ಪೋಷಕರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಮಾಲೋಚನೆ ನಡೆಸಿ, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಮಿತಿಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕದ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಬಾಸ್ಕೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಉತ್ತಮವಾದ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ೩ ಅನಾಥ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು (೨ ಗಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹಾಗೂ ೧ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಗು) ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಲ್ಲದ ಪೋಷಕರಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಪೋಷಕರಿಗೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ೩ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಇರುವ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಅನುಪಾಲನೆಯನ್ನು ಬಾಸ್ಕೊ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಯವರು ಉತ್ತಮ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಮಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಇರುವ ೩ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಕಾಲ-ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಘಟಕದ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿಗಳಿಂದ ಆಪ್ತಸಮಾಲೋಚನೆ ಕೂಡ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಕುಟುಂಬದ ವಾತಾವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪೋಷಕರಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತಮವಾದ ಹೊಂದಾಣಿಕೆ ಕಂಡುಬರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂಬುದು ಘಟಕದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡಾನ್ ಬಾಸ್ಕೊ ಯುವ ಮಾರ್ಗ, ಅಜ್ಜನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸಮಿತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದು, ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಲ್ಲಿ “ಮಗುಗೊಂದು ಕುಟುಂಬ, ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಮಗು”ವಿನ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾದ್ಯಂತ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅರಿವು ಮೂಡಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಹಕಾರ ಉತ್ತಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಂದನೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ,

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಘಟಕ,  
ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ರಾಮನಗರ

# 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.

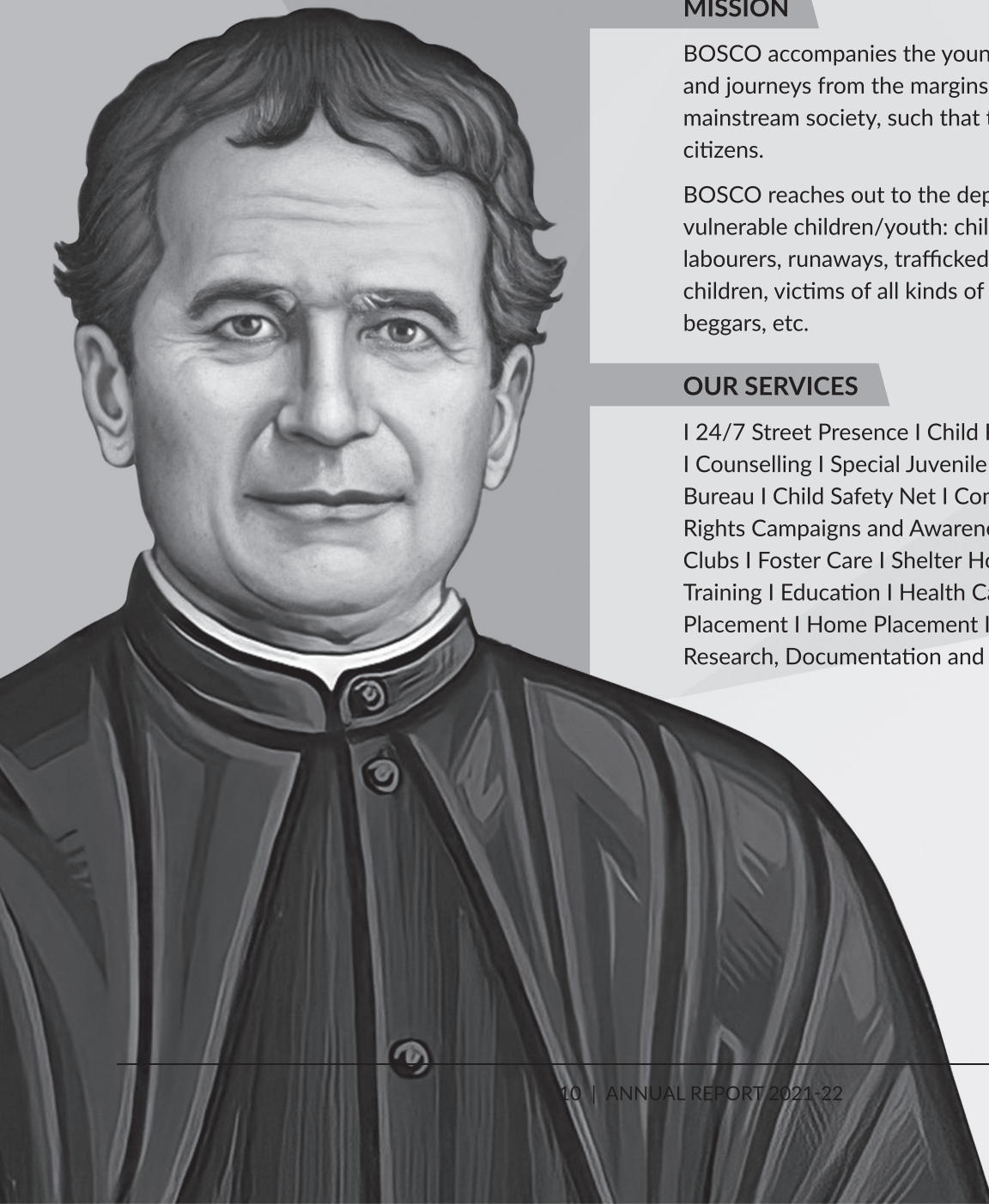
### **MISSION**

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**

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



# AREAS OF BOSCO

## **RAILWAY STATIONS:**

- Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station
- Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station
- Bangalore East Railway Station
- Kengeri Railway Station
- Krishnarajapuram Railway Station
- Yelahanka Railway Station
- Bidadi Railway Station

## **BUS STATIONS:**

- Kempegowda (Majestic) Bus Station
- KSRTC Bus Station
- Shivajinagar Bus Station
- KR Market Bus Station
- Kalasipalya Bus Station
- Satellite Bus Station

## **COMMUNITIES/CONTACT POINTS:**

- Gandhinagar
- Anjanappa Garden
- Sangam Construction Area
- Gandhinagar Park

## **Market Area**

- Ramanna Garden I
- Ramanna Garden II
- Vyayamshaale
- Rajgopal Garden
- Vinobhanagar
- Cement Huts
- Gurrappa Garden

- JC Road
- Jolly Moholla
- Bakshi Garden

## **Magadi Road**

- K.P. Agrahara
- Nagammanagar
- Bhuvaneshwarinagar
- Gopalpura
- Mayuri Circle
- Manjunathnagar
- Keshavnagar Bande

## **Shivajinagar Area**

- Ambedkar Huts
- Mackan Compound
- Nehrupuram

## **Mysore Road**

- Janata Colony
- JJR Nagar
- Padarayanapura
- Azadnagar
- Flower Garden
- Bhangi Colony
- Cheluvadipalya
- Velmurugapura

## **Sumanahalli**

- Devaraja Urs Slum
- Nagarbhavi Slum

## Street Presence

Most children leave their families to live on the street because of problems like the death of a parent, alcoholism of a parent, strained relationships with stepparents, parent separation, abuse, or family violence. They usually live in survival mode, constantly aware of their surroundings and fighting for safety. These circumstances often lead children to engage in destructive behaviours like creating new identities, using frequent aggression, and valuing relationships based on what can be gained from them.



UNICEF defines a street child as, '... any girl or boy ... for whom the street (in the widest sense of the word, including unoccupied dwellings, wasteland, etc.) has become his or her habitual abode and/or source of livelihood; and who is inadequately protected, supervised, or directed by responsible adults.' Because street children in India have unique vulnerabilities – the amount of time they spend on the street, their livelihood depending on the street, and their lack of protection and care from adults – they need to be understood as much as possible.

Thus, BOSCO is present on the streets, 24x7, to rescue such children through counselling, medical assistance, food and shelter, orientation camps, campaigns, and awareness programmes. Nearly 15 children are rescued daily from the streets. A majority of them are taken back to their homes.

## Rescue

Once on the streets, children often fall prey to child traffickers, abusers, criminals etc. BOSCO aims to contact such children before they are preyed upon, and attempts to ensure that quick and timely action is taken to rescue the children. BOSCO's rescue operations are carried out

in railway stations, bus terminals, public places, markets, parks, hotels, factories etc. BOSCO programmes like CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net etc. collaborate with Government agencies and the Police for the rescue operations and prevention of child rights violations.



### CASE STUDY 1 - Sailing through Troubled Waters

In 16 years, Parvati (Name changed) has seen her small family change, divide and disintegrate in front of her eyes. Six years ago, her father had walked out of her life, and six years later Parvati walked out of her mother's life.

Residents of Mudalapalya in Bengaluru, Parvati is a single child and is a 10th-standard student in a government school. After her father left, her mother used to do coolie work to raise her and make a living. But while the mother worked very hard to give her daughter a good life, she was often inclined to distrust the very person she was working so hard for. She would believe all the lies that the neighbours used to tell her about her daughter and would then scold and beat Parvati over it. Tired of being misunderstood and distrusted, Parvati decided to leave home, and in April 2022, she ran away from home to her uncle's house in Mysore where she stayed for a week. She then came back to Bengaluru and made a call to her mother from the Majestic bus stand asking for a transfer of ₹ 500. After her mother had transferred the amount the child had asked for and got details about her whereabouts, she rushed to the bus stand to search for Parvati. But Parvati was nowhere to be found. A shop owner directed the mother to the BOSCO kiosk at the stand, where she went and gave a missing complaint and requested the staff to find her child as soon as possible.

After a day, Parvati was traced by BOSCO staff to the KSRTC terminal with the help of the Outpost Hoysala vehicle. But Pushpa was not willing to cooperate with the staff initially. After the initial counselling, her mother was informed about the child. Her mother immediately came to meet her but Parvati was not interested in going back to the same environment she had run away from. Since the child was adamant about her refusal to go home with her mother, Parvati was taken to the Govt. Girls Home after all the information was given to CWC 2. Though her mother spoke to the CWC members and requested her daughter's release, Parvati remained immovable about her decision to not go home. So, for the time being, Parvati is staying in the Girls' Home while she is helped to process and deal with the pain and disappointments of her unsettled past.

## Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO during June 2021-May 2022

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Total
BOSCO Mane	12	00	12
BOSCO Sumanahalli	30	00	30
BOSCO Nilaya	16	10	26
BOSCO Nivas	02	00	02
BOSCO Yuvakendra	07	00	07
Railway Station	1222	134	1356
BMTC	225	44	269
KSRTC	191	42	233
BOSCO Yuvodaya	22	0	22
CHILDLINE	40	64	104
SJPU	118	79	197
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	36	36
ARSP	594	50	644
CSN	164	16	180
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	10	10
Services Provided	1227	527	1754
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3870</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>4882</b>

## Final Action Taken

Final Action	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	25	20	45
Home Placement	2136	179	2315
Produced before CWC (Admission)	269	262	531
Referred to OH	47	2	49
Shishumandir	4	2	6
Referred to Hostels	26	18	44
Recommended to Hostel	4	2	6
Referred back to Police	1	0	1
Referred to Quarantine Center	131	0	131
<b>Total</b>	<b>2643</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>3128</b>

## Counselling

Adverse childhood experiences of the children on the streets include abuse, neglect, witnessing violence, losing loved ones, being separated from biological parents, becoming victims of physical and sexual abuse, trafficking etc. As a result, they often show signs of abnormal behaviour, like anxiety, irritability, violence, depression, phobia, distractibility etc. The professional counsellors in BOSCO provide counselling at different stages of intervention which results in new insights and tools that provide meaning, positive emotions, coping skills, self-evaluation and a healthier sense of self-worth. Counsellors use a variety of empirically validated techniques to improve mood, mental health, relationships, careers, student behaviour, and education, through individual and group counselling.



The rehabilitation centres of BOSCO offer therapeutic as well as clinical counselling and refer children to specialized centres when required. Counselling is also provided to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians of the rescued children. During the past year, around 4000 rescued children were given counselling regularly.

## Health Care

The children in BOSCO primarily come from less privileged communities and often live in unhygienic conditions and suffer from a variety of untreated diseases. BOSCO's Health Care team works tirelessly to provide medical care and attention to the children in the centers and the surrounding areas. BOSCO provides immediate care to those in need by way of first aid, medication, and hospital visits. The Health Care team educates people from the community and the children in our centres about health care to reduce the occurrence and spread of diseases. The team diagnoses illnesses at an early stage with regular medical checkups, paving the way for timely treatment. Fever, various infectious skin diseases such as scabies, wounds and injuries, tuberculosis, fractures, dental problems, eye problems, epilepsy, psychological problems, dengue, ENT problems, Covid-19, and animal bites, were the most common medical problems seen in the children during the year. Some of the children also underwent IQ tests, and some children were assisted in acquiring disability certificates to enable them to attend special schools.

Besides direct interventions, as many as 52 health and nutrition awareness programmes with special emphasis on COVID-19 prevention and care, and 28 general

health camps including dental camps and eye camps, were conducted during the year. The team assisted 2378 staff and children with regular COVID testing (RTPCR) during the year, and a total of 336 staff and children were administered 2 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.



Statistics of Medical Care provided during June 2021-May 2022

Types of Cases	Numbers
Inpatient	14
Outpatient	342
Other Medical Care	1350
Total	1706

## Non-Formal Education

As non-formal education is diverse, this element in BOSCO's educational system focuses on non-formal education for children and young people outside the regular school system. The children rescued by BOSCO are

usually children who have not been to school or dropouts with little or no academic skills and learning. Non-formal education is used as a preparatory, supplementary or alternative to formal schooling for those children to

prepare them for inclusion in a mainstream school as it is the right of every child.

The Non- Formal system of education in BOSCO is relevant to the child's requirements, appropriate to the child's developmental level, flexible, participatory, inclusive, and protective of their right to survival and development. BOSCO also organizes classes for children beyond the age to attend school, to prepare them for open school exams in the 10th standard, and to take up jobs according to the skills they have acquired.



## Formal Education

BOSCO believes in educating those who have the least chance of attaining formal schooling; those who require immense love, motivation, and support from the educator. Children on the streets usually have less interest in studies and end up as school dropouts. BOSCO, with its innovative strategies, motivates children to gain interest in studies and attend regular classes. Children from less privileged backgrounds and difficult situations received through the different programmes of BOSCO, Govt. Boys and Girls Homes, or directly through their family members, are enrolled in formal schools. Once enrolled, the organization ensures that they are regular to school

through continual follow-up, regular counselling, and motivation. BOSCO Vikas nurtures school-going boys, BOSCO Rainbow Home and Vatsalya Bhavan school-going girls, and BOSCO Sumanahalli is dedicated to providing higher education to resident pupils.

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



### Statistics of School/College-going Children during June 2021- May 2022

Standard/PUC/ Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Sumanahalli	BOSCO Nilaya	BOSCO Nivas	BOSCO Yuvakendra	Foster Care Programme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	13	--	05	12	--	--	--	--	--	30
I	--	--	01	--	--	12	06	--	--	19
II	01	--	--	--	--	22	04	--	--	27
III	04	--	05	03	--	28	08	--	--	48
IV	10	--	03	04	--	30	08	--	1	56
V	10	2	05	04	--	30	09	--	01	61

VI	07	4	08	03	--	20	17	--	01	60
VII	01	5	03	03	--	30	12	--	05	59
VIII	04	15	02	02	--	30	23	--	01	77
IX	--	14	05	04	--	17	07	--	01	48
X	--	11	10	07	--	11	12	02	--	53
PUC 1	--	--	02	05	08	--	--	01	04	20
PUC 2	--	--	--	02	--	--	--	01	--	03
Diploma 1	--	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	01
Diploma 2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	00
D.C -1	--	--	02	01	--	--	--	--	01	04
D.C -2	--	--	--	02	--	--	--	--	--	02
D.C -3	--	--	--	01	--	--	--	--	--	01
PG	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	01	--	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>570</b>

### CASE STUDY 2 - On the Track of Growth

When wilful choices and choiceless decisions coincided, 10-year-old Trupti (Name changed) became yet another victim of the tangled web of poverty. Trupti belongs to a very poor family consisting of her father, mother, and two younger brothers. Poverty was a condition Trupti was born into, a condition that she had no choice about, but, for her father, it was a condition that he wilfully chose. He chose to give alcohol the priority that his family deserved, and he chose to leave his wife unsupported and alone while she tried to provide for their three children. Trupti's mother works as domestic help, but the little she earned was never enough to meet the growing needs of her growing children.

Trupti's family lived in a rented house with very limited space, and she was a student of the Sharada Stree Samaja Government School till the time of the pandemic when she had to drop out. With limited space at home and hardly anyone to take care of her, Trupti often found herself uncared for and alone. Her grandfather (mother's father) was the only person who helped out with the children while their mother busily tried to make ends meet. Trupti and her grandfather used to regularly pass by BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB) on their way to her school, and when the pandemic and the ensuing challenges made Trupti's difficult life even more difficult, her family decided to approach the institution that had unknowingly been a constant presence in her daily journey.

Trupti joined BVB in February 2020. With the permission of the CWC, she was given admission to the centre for care, protection and education, and soon after, she was re-enrolled in her former school and is now in the 5th standard. Even though the decision to come to the centre was taken out of a lack of options, it has now become her doorway into a new world where decisions are made out of deliberation and not desperation. One year into her stay in BVB, the centre staff say that there is no trace of the shy, diffident child who had cautiously stepped into the new environment of the centre. In its place, there is now an active, friendly child who participates in every activity at the centre with unbounded enthusiasm. Back in school, there is a visible improvement in her interest and performance in her academics. She is turning out to be a good student but struggles a bit when it comes to the subject of English for which she receives extra help at the centre. And academics is not the only area that she has shown improvement. Her behaviour and her ability to handle difficult situations and different people have also changed considerably. All the negative behaviours and influences that she had seen around her while growing up are gradually being replaced with the discipline and thoughtfulness taught at the centre, and Trupti is slowly being empowered to break free from her family's pattern of poverty and reach a point where the decisions in her life are made from a place of strength and not helplessness.



## Bridge Education

Children rescued from the streets and vulnerable pockets of Bengaluru, either orphaned or unable to return to their homes, are admitted to the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) of BOSCO. As they are admitted to the centres, they are assessed for an understanding of their level of learning and aptitude. Based on their level of learning, the bridge course is in place, to prepare the children for formal education. Here, skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, a homely atmosphere, therapeutic counselling, mentoring, craft, play, art, etc. are provided to eliminate the deep-rooted negative impact of street life or the problems faced by them at home due to various unavoidable circumstances. The bridge course programme not only aims to enrol children in schools but also focuses on their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society



### CASE STUDY 3 - Back to Childhood

Destined to grow up as a silent witness to the fights, addictions, and poverty of his parents, 12-year-old Mahesh's (Name changed) childhood was often torn between the battle for survival and the struggle for peace. Born a son of street dwellers, Mahesh had spent a considerable part of his childhood afraid of the family he was born into. When his mother lost her first husband to alcoholism and jaundice, she married again, and Mahesh's father had come into her life. Alcoholism and everyday squabbles among parents were a common sight in their house, and even after being warned several times by the police against this behaviour, his parents continued their reckless lives. Both his parents were BBMP workers but their earnings were never quite enough to make it through the days. So, his mother used to beg occasionally to make ends meet. Mahesh lived with his parents in the Gandhinagar area till the 1st standard.

His mother has three daughters from her first marriage. When the situation at home became uncontrollable, Mahesh's mother took him to his grandmother's house in Goripalya where his second stepsister was staying. His stepsister used to scold him often and when even after six months of the arrangement, the ill-treatment continued, Mahesh decided to leave the house and go to his eldest stepsister in Kengeri for a little respite, but one problem remained. He did not know the exact location of his sister's house, and while he wandered around the area trying to find the house, he was spotted by the police who rescued him and brought him to the Upparpet police station. But a few days later he was found on the streets again by the Upparpet police, wandering around the premises of the bus stand in Gandhinagar. He was rescued again and this time he was taken to BOSCO Yuvodaya.

It was in the March of 2018 that Mahesh was admitted to Yuvodaya. While the child stayed at the open shelter, BOSCO staff tried to trace his family but could not locate them. So, on April 9, 2018, Manjunath was produced before CWC 1, and his father happened to come to BOSCO that day searching for his son, but taking the incidents of the past and the child's best interest into consideration, CWC instructed that the child be admitted in BOSCO Mane for shelter and education.

In Mane, Mahesh set out on a journey to rediscover his lost childhood. He first did the bridge course offered at the centre and also went through counselling sessions, and with adequate attention soon started showing rapid improvement not just in academics but also in extracurricular activities. Mahesh was then enrolled in the 5th standard at St. Joseph's Higher Primary School, and in June 2022 he was transferred to BOSCO Vikas by the order of CWC 3. From the street to the classroom, the road has been long and hard, but with helping hands along the way to hold and guide, Mahesh is bravely walking the distance from his past to his future.

# Vocational Training

BOSCO runs its Vocational training centre for boys between the ages of 15 and 18 years at BOSCO Sumanahalli, on the outskirts of Bengaluru. It is equipped with the latest machinery, and qualified and experienced staff to promote work culture in the youth, thereby bringing them into mainstream society. Besides training them in various trades such as carpentry, electrical, two-wheeler mechanics, bakery, and welding, BOSCO Sumanahalli provides computer education to the youth in Basics, Microsoft Office, Internet, and Tally. BOSCO Mane provides a three-month computer training course for youth who are focused on training for a job.



Apart from the above-mentioned trades, Yuvakendra provides skill training in screen printing, Vatsalya Bhavan offers tailoring and beautician courses, and Nivas provides training in tailoring.

BOSCO also arranges many life skills camps and holds talks on subjects like self-respect, personality development etc. The life skill sessions conducted regularly help in guiding the children and youth to plan, and think more practically in life.



## Statistics of Youth enrolled for Training during June 2021- May 2022

Types of Trades	Number of Children
Welding	05
Two-Wheeler Mechanism	10
Bakery	0
Carpentry	07
Electrical Work	05
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	78
Tailoring (BOSCO Nivas)	15
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	64
Screen Printing (BOSCO Yuvakendra)	06
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>

## Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training during June 2021–May 2022

Sl. No.	Number of Batches	Basic (Below 18)	Basic	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total
1	BOSCO Mane	39	63	15	38	155
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	56	1	03	56	61
	<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>216</b>

## CASE STUDY 4 - Success Under Construction

Sixteen-year-old Arun (Name changed) had once known what it was like to belong to a happy family. Natives of Tamil Nadu, Arun had grown up with his parents and 3 younger siblings till the menace of alcoholism cast its dark shadows over their family, their lives, and their happiness. Over time, Arun's father had become completely addicted to alcohol, and that was the beginning of the end of their life together, and when Arun's father started doubting his mother, she decided that this was where she wanted to end it all and walked away from problems once and for all.

Left alone with a father who could barely take care of himself, the children had to depend on their grandparents (paternal grandparents) to survive. So, the children were brought to their grandparents' house in Kaval Byrasandra in Bengaluru to stay with them. Arun tried his best to ease his grandparents' burden by working at a construction site for a couple of months, but not old enough to bear the weight of the heavy work, he could not do it for long. It was in this condition that the Social Mobilizer found the children on the street during her visit to the Kaval Byrasandra area. A visit to the grandparents' house revealed further troubling issues. The house was in a deplorable condition and did not have enough space to accommodate the children, forcing them to go to a friend's house two kilometres away to sleep every night. Getting through each day had become a challenge for the children, and even essentials like food and shelter were becoming a luxury that they could not afford at times. The Social Mobilizer then explained about BOSCO and all the educational and vocational training options available at the various centres, but Arun's grandparents could not imagine separating the children even though their constant struggle to survive their present would affect their future. It took two whole weeks of convincing to make the grandparents finally understand the necessity of giving the children a chance to live differently.

Arun joined the carpentry training at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre in Sumanahalli, and his younger brother was admitted to BOSCO Mane for informal education. Away from the indecisiveness of the street, Arun soon settled in with the pace of the centre and enthusiastically made use of all the facilities and opportunities available there. Regular counselling and constructive feedback from the staff and the trade instructor have helped in bringing about many visible improvements in Arun's behaviour as well as learning. With each passing day, Arun is learning to shake off the helplessness of his childhood and work towards a better future for himself and his family.

## Job Placement

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 and soft skills. Most of the youth who come to the city in search of jobs are rescued, brought to Yuvodaya and counselled, and then sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra, where they are assisted and guided in finding suitable employment. Youth who have undergone skill-based training at the various vocational skill training centers of BOSCO are placed for skilled jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data entry, screen printing, bakery, tailoring,

sales, or as electricians, mechanics, etc. BOSCO is in contact with several employers who understand the situation and background of these youth and are ready to extend cooperation and offer them jobs.

This year, 43 youths were job placed in different companies involving screen printing, two-wheeler mechanics, small-scale companies, eateries, beauty parlours, tailoring units, computer-related jobs, office clerks, as well as other semi-skilled jobs. Sixty-one youths were self-employed. After the placement, they are keenly followed up by BOSCO till they can manage on their own.

## Statistics of Youth placed in Jobs during June 2021 – May 2022



Sl. No.	Types of Jobs	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Printing Press	0
2	Two-Wheeler Mechanics	1
3	Office Assistant and Hospitality	2
4	Eateries	3
5	Semi-Skilled Jobs	14
6	Tailoring and Beautician	17
7	Self Employed (Tailoring and Beautician)	61
8	Computer related	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

### CASE STUDY 5 - Becoming a Pillar of Support

Eighteen-year-old Prasanna had a dream when he came to BOSCO looking to learn a skill, namely, to help his father take care of their family. Prasanna's world was his father, mother, and elder brother. His father is an auto driver, and, the dreams of the entire family were hinged on his limited income. Prasanna's elder brother was an alcoholic which added to the financial burden on the family. Prasanna came to Sumanahalli in the August of 2021 to enquire about the skill training courses offered there. After going through all the different training options available, Prasanna chose to do the Two - Wheeler Mechanics course. After joining the course, Prasanna soon proved himself to be a keen and fast learner. He used to show an active interest in all the theory and practical lessons of the course, and would also utilize every opportunity he got to practice and experiment with his learnings. The sound technical education along with the training in various life skills and the personal attention and counselling of the centre staff helped in bringing about holistic growth in Prasanna's life.

In February 2022, an ordinary exposure visit to the Silicon Honda Showroom at Rajarajeswari Nagar in Bengaluru turned out to be the start of many extraordinary events in his life. After that visit, Prasanna was selected by the showroom personnel to work in that particular branch. Prasanna is now an employee of the showroom, is provided with food and accommodation, and will begin to draw a salary of ₹ 10,000 after a 3-month apprenticeship period. During a routine follow-up done by BOSCO after the placement, both the management and Prasanna were found to be very happy and mutually benefitting from the association. What began as an abstract dream less than a year ago has now become the reality that is defining Prasanna's present and rewriting his future.

## Room Placement

Mainstreaming youths, in the age group of 18-25, by leading them back to mainstream society as economically independent young adults and responsible citizens is the ultimate goal of BOSCO. The organization helps youngsters to hire rooms or rent a place along with other youth, and they are equipped to pay for the accommodation. The core idea behind room placement is to prepare the young for the transition from a protected life of institutionalized care where they are provided

with everything, to independent rooms where they have to manage life on their own. BOSCO staff do regular follow-ups by visiting them and arranging periodic past pupils' get-togethers. During the past year, four youths who were room-placed were followed up. They were supported with groceries during the 2nd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and were also provided with regular medical assistance during the year.

## Home Placement

Home placement is one of the major activities of the organization. BOSCO Yuvodaya acts as a transit home for around 20 children who are rescued from the railway stations, bus stands and the various contact points on the streets of Bengaluru daily. The children who are brought to the centre are counselled and encouraged to return to their homes. BOSCO's main aim is to reunite the children with their parents since it believes that family is the best place for a child to grow up in. A lot of motivation and awareness is given to the children as well as the parents before BOSCO decides to home-place a child. This home placement in most cases includes calling the parents or close relatives and handing over the child to them, and sometimes a BOSCO staff accompanies the child back home. In the previous year, a total of 2315 children were home-placed from BOSCO.



### CASE STUDY 6 - A Connection Beyond the Senses!

Rescued from the platforms of the Bengaluru City Railway Station, Kuldeep was brought to BOSCO Yuvodaya in October 2018. With dishevelled hair, tattered clothes, and the fury of the street weighing down on him, he seemed to be around 15-16 years of age. He appeared withdrawn and tired and had wounds all over his body. After initial counselling and intervention, it was found that Kuldeep was deaf and dumb. After catering to his basic needs, Kuldeep was taken to St. Martha's Hospital for treatment. He was given medical care at St. Martha's and was produced before the Child Welfare Committee after his discharge, and as per the order of the CWC, he was transferred to BOSCO Yuvakendra for further care and protection.

At Yuvakendra, Kuldeep was provided with care and timely medication and was also supported with hearing aids which helped him communicate better. He gradually started adjusting to the new environment and became one with the group of youths at the centre. Kuldeep, a well-behaved and disciplined boy started showing interest in academic matters too. During one of the counselling sessions, he expressed in sign language that he had come from Mumbai, his parents were no more, and he had no one to take care of him. Hence, he had come to Bengaluru in search of a job. He wanted to learn some trade and earn a livelihood. As the boy had no documents to validate his identity, the Yuvakendra staff tried to make an Aadhaar Card for him, during the process of which more details about his past were found.

Kuldeep is a native of the Gonda District in Uttar Pradesh. After seeing the pictures of his hometown, he was able to recognize the bus stand, railway station, and the school where he had studied till SSLC. He shared memories about his place and home and also shared information regarding his siblings. With the given information, the Gonda District Police were contacted, and with the help of the District Superintendent of Police and the Chapia Police Station, Kuldeep's parents were traced in July 2021. Kuldeep spoke to his father and brothers over a video call, and they were overjoyed that Kuldeep had finally been found after six long years. Kuldeep too was excited to see his family after a long time and exclaimed, "Baba... Mere Baba!"

The counsellor spoke to the father and learned a completely different story from what Kuldeep had earlier communicated. Kuldeep was the youngest child in the family and had three older siblings. One of his elder brothers also was deaf and dumb. Unhappy with his father for having scolded him, Kuldeep had left for Mumbai along with his elder brother in search of a job. It was during this time that he contracted a skin infection and having failed to receive treatment on time, it had begun to spread further. Moreover, he was not treated well at the workplace. Owing to all this, he had run away from Mumbai and ended up in Bengaluru looking for another chance to make a living. After coming to know about his son's whereabouts, Kuldeep's father along with Chapia police personnel came to BOSCO Yuvakendra. On seeing his father, Kuldeep cried in happiness, and his father beamed with joy. Kuldeep was handed over to his father through the CWC and it was indeed a beautiful journey back home for Kuldeep!

# BOSCO'S presence in the community

BOSCO being a rights-based organization concentrates on the holistic development of slum communities to promote child care and protection. To this end, BOSCO teams work closely with slum communities – especially women and children – on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education, child rights, and women empowerment. Vocational training opportunities are offered to the vulnerable young in the communities through training programmes conducted in the BOSCO centres. Child Rights Clubs established in the communities empower children to take up education and prevent child labour, child marriage, and various other forms of child abuse.

In 2021–22, BOSCO worked closely with various slum communities and ensured the following:

- Birth registration of 123 newborn babies and immunization follow-up of 152 children were done.
- SAM survey was carried out for 110 children in the communities.
- 253 children and 103 adults have undergone health check-ups through regular health camps.
- BOSCO Nilaya conducted a survey to identify less privileged children and families and children on the streets. 145 children in need of care and protection were identified.
- 17 girls were enrolled in vocational skill training in Nivas.
- Child labour survey was conducted in collaboration with the Labour Department in the South, East, East Taluk, and RR Nagar areas of Bengaluru from April 4 to 28, 2022. The survey was undertaken in various establishments of 78 wards and 11 Gram Panchayats to identify child labourers. Through the survey, the teams identified 12 child labourers and 31 adolescent labourers. All the child labourers found were from non-hazardous situations.
- Food kits were distributed to children and their families during the COVID pandemic.
- 40 awareness programmes on issues related to children were given in the Shivajinagar, KR Market, Gandhinagar, Pillanna Nagar, and RR Nagar communities and public places, reaching out to more than 5000 people. Door-to-door awareness was carried out. Community members were empowered with information on Child Rights, Child Rights Violations, CHILDLINE, BOSCO Services, and Vocational Skill Training in BOSCO centres.

- Special awareness programmes on the occasions of World Environment Day, Child Rights Week, Deepavali with the poor, Christmas celebrations with children, Christmas celebrations with the poor, International Women's Day, Human Rights Day, Shaale Kade Nanna Nade, were carried out in the communities of Shivajinagar, KR Market, Gandhinagar, RR Nagar, Nelamanagala, Devanahalli, and Doddaballapur.
- Summer camps and Dasara camps were conducted for the community children.
- Regular digital classes were held for teaching.
- Dry ration was distributed to families in the communities who were in financial distress.
- Clothes were mobilized and distributed to needy children.

## School and Tuition Centre

During the academic year, there were 75 new enrolments and re-enrolments from slum communities. 611 children from the areas where BOSCO works were given tuition through 22 tuition centres and they proved to be eager learners. Youth meetings, health awareness programmes, and CRC follow-up for tuition children were conducted through digital classes.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign was taken up in collaboration with the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Sarva Shikshana Abhiyan, Department of Women and Child Development, 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 in schools in the upcoming academic year and thus ensure that the number of school dropouts is brought down to zero. More than one thousand people were reached out to who pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities in schools. The campaign helped in enrolling thirty-three children in Government schools.



## Statistics of Children attending the Tuition Centres during June 2021-May 2022

Sl. No.	Place Name	Number of children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1.	Ramanna Garden Primary	17	13	30
2.	Ramanna Garden High School	04	08	12
3.	Y.M Shala	06	17	23
4.	Vinobha Nagar	17	13	30
5.	Cement Huts	08	16	24
6.	Nilaya Primary	12	18	30
7.	Nilaya High School	11	10	21
8.	Rajgopal Garden	09	06	15
9.	Anandapuram	06	10	16
10.	Giripuram	13	17	30
11.	Devaraj Urs Community	18	17	35
12.	Magadi Road	22	29	51
13.	Cantonment Railway Station	07	08	15
14.	MRBS (Satellite Bus Stand)	10	14	24
15.	BOSCO Nivas	21	14	35
16.	Mackan Compound	06	10	16
17.	Nehru Puram	14	10	24
18.	Ambedkar Huts	09	22	31
19.	Veerabhadra Gudda	29	45	74
20.	Chikka Basti	16	22	38
21.	Annamma Colony	12	10	22
22.	Migrants Colony	10	05	15
	Total	276	333	611

## 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.

Now the project is in phase III of its implementation and focuses on advocacy to sustain the actions, structures and networks developed under CREAM – I and II. This

## Advocacy and Networking

BOSCO becomes the voice of the marginalized children/youth at the Government level, and also in relevant departments and institutions for better policies, laws and schemes for their protection, care, and welfare. BOSCO works with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Integrated Child Protection Society (ICPS) State Committee, CPP Committee, and the Drafting Committee for foster care guidelines. BOSCO in collaboration with the Government has four rescue booths in bus stands and railway stations, implements two CHILDLINE projects-which respond to the CHILDLINE emergency helpline number 1098 for children in need of care and protection on a 24/7 basis, implements Open Shelter, assists the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) in the South and West Divisions of Bengaluru in the care and protection of children to help children in conflict with the law undergo legal processes, and to reintegrate them into society.

BOSCO has been instrumental in exploring newer shores of the government machinery, conducting convergence meetings with various departments, interacting, seeking permission and establishing rapport, meeting 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, WCD, ICPS, Labour Departments, Education Department officials,

## Women's Empowerment

Women who run the family with their meagre income, shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children because the men are alcoholics, have deserted the families or are no more, is a common sight in the communities that come under BOSCO's area of work. Against this socio-economic background, BOSCO aims to empower women to educate their children and enable them to lead respectful lives in society.

includes advocacy to be done at the various concerned Government departments to take up the task of promotion and protection of Child Rights by way of adopting some of the best practices/ strategies/ experiments/ models of CREAM like the formation and training of CRC in schools, child rights/human rights education in schools, formation of Child Protection Committees in villages/panchayats, and the effective conduct of Makkala Grama Sabhas.



Health Departments, Law Enforcement and Legal Systems, etc.

BOSCO is directly involved with the less privileged communities to ensure that their basic rights are protected. It conducts various field visits to study communities in crisis and advocates 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., as well as grassroots-level interventions.

BOSCO conducted programmes for women on International Women's Day. They were given information on child rights, child rights violations, and the importance of education. They were motivated to lead the community by strengthening SHG Groups and bringing about positive change in society for children. 56 women from the communities were referred for the tailoring course to make them self-reliant.





### CASE STUDY 7 - Starting Afresh

“My life is over. Now I am living only for my children”, and that became 23-year-old Priya’s predicament after five years of a marriage that had robbed her of her identity and dignity. Over the course of her life, Priya had to see the people closest to her abandoning her forever. She lost her mother at the age of two and her father at the age of 18, and just when she thought that her life would always be a tale of many losses, she met the man who later became her husband. He came into her life at a time when she was at her loneliest, and she believed that he would be the answer to all her problems. “But from the time I married him everything has been just the opposite of what I expected,” says Priya.

Living life alone is a frightening proposition for an 18-year-old, but as Priya found out too late, marrying the wrong person is an even greater anguish. “He beats and hurts me very often, even for the smallest of reasons,” says Priya. “Even for something as small as less salt in the food he beats me. He also verbally accuses and abuses me. Sometimes I can’t bear the pain, but he knows that I have no one to stand up for me, no one to question him, and so he does as he pleases.” The only people from her past whom Priya can consider her own are her grandmother and aunt. However, she says that both of them are powerless before her husband. Trapped in her own home, within her own life, Priya’s existence has become a fight to hold onto the scraps of self-respect left by her tormentor. “The most precious gift that my father gave me was an education. I have completed my B.A. I wanted to study more, but my husband wouldn’t allow me,” says Priya, and it was at this dead end that she came to know about the Beautician course in BVB. She joined the course in January 2022, but her husband did not approve of her joining the course. With the last ounce of strength and resolve, she had left, Priya decided to not allow her husband to sabotage this opportunity as well. But her decision was more for her children than for herself. “I have two sons,” says Priya. “They are four years old and one year old respectively. My husband is teaching my older son to be like him. He is teaching him that he should hurt anyone who fights him. If his father teaches him such things, what should I do,” asks Priya in despair.

Priya is now living on time that she has loaned herself to break free from her cycle of abuse. What started as an attempt to save her children from the clutches of a negative environment has become a desperate determination to free herself from years of pain. With the motivation of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan staff, Priya is learning more than just a skill at the centre, she is developing the courage to value herself and her life as much as she values her children’s. Priya says that she leaves her children with her neighbour when she comes to class because there is no one else to take care of them. But she has made up her mind that whatever the price, she is not going to give up now, not this time. She wants to finish the course and find a job or a way to stand on her own feet and stand up for her children, and as she fights for her children’s future, she is slowly starting to realize and believe that her own life is worth fighting for too, and from the scattered pieces of her broken life she is beginning to find herself again.

# PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

## CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE first started as a field action project of the Department of Family and Child Welfare, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai, in June 1996. It was founded by Ms. Jeroo Billimoria, then a professor at TISS. With strong motivations and dedication to making a child-friendly nation that guarantees the rights and protection of all children, CHILDLINE India Foundation was formed in 1999.

Subsequently, CHILDLINE India Foundation became established as an umbrella organization to identify, provide support services and monitor efficient service delivery of the centres at various locations. It serves as a link between the Ministry and the NGOs in the field.

CHILDLINE 1098 is a phone number that spells hope for millions of children across India. It is a 24-hour a-day, 365 days a year, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. The team not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to relevant services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. CHILDLINE to date has connected to three million children across the nation offering them care and protection. The CHILDLINE 1098 service has received a special mention in the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

As of 15th November 2021, CHILDLINE services are now available to children across 602 cities and districts, covering over 81% of the Indian landscape. This is made possible through a well-integrated network of 1080 partner organisations and 144 Child Help Desks operating at railway stations and 9 at Bus Terminals. CHILDLINE operates centralised call centres from 6 regional locations. CHILDLINE service not only plays the role of listening to the child but also aids in strengthening and moulding the current National Child Protection Mechanisms.

BOSCO works for the protection of the rights of all children in general. But the organization's specific focus is on all children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections, which include: Children and youth on the streets, Child labourers working in the unorganized and organized sectors, Domestic help - especially girl domestic helps, Children affected by physical/sexual/emotional abuse in the family, schools or institutions, Children who need emotional support and

guidance, Children of commercial sex workers, 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 the law, Children in institutions, Mentally challenged children, HIV/ AIDS infected children, Children affected by conflict and disaster, Child political refugees, Children whose families are in crises etc.

On May 16th, 2002, BOSCO Bengaluru began to function as the collaborative organization of CHILDLINE. The team of twelve includes a Project Coordinator, a Part-time counsellor, seven team members, and three volunteers. The team engages in rescue, awareness, and follow-up of cases.



### Statistics of Calls and Intervention Cases (2021-22)

TYPES OF CALLS	No. of Calls
Shelter	128
Protection from abuse	727
Medical	90
Parents asking for help (Missing)	65
Emotional support and guidance	79
Linkages with scheme	77
Education related	256
COVID related	85
Sponsorship	8
Other intervention	298
Follow-up	298
ILS	8
IRS	25
Total	2144

## Cases handled in the Year 2021-22

Intervention Categories	Outreach	CCC	Total
Medical	4	86	90
Shelter	7	121	128
Child Marriage	3	63	66
Child Labour		119	119
Child Trafficking		6	6
Child Sexual Abuse		22	22
Physical Abuse		165	165
Emotional Abuse	1	74	75
Child Found Begging	22	115	137
Abandoned Child		1	1
Neglected child		5	5
Found child	3	50	53
Illegal Adoption		8	8
Child with Drug Dependency		6	6
Missing		65	65
Runaway Child		9	9
Corporal Punishment		25	25
Restoration		4	4
ES&G		71	71
Education related		256	256
Sponsorship		8	8
Support provided during COVID- 19		85	85
Linkages to Services DCPO/ Medical/ Others		77	77
Custody related		70	70
Any Other intervention - Illegal adoption, Information regarding adoption, Love and attraction	187	111	298
<b>Total</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1622</b>	<b>1849</b>

### CASE STUDY 8 - When Friends Became Foes

Technology is often termed a necessary evil, but for a family in Bengaluru this necessity turned out to be the beginning of a lot of unnecessary trouble. A mother calling CHILDLINE for help and counselling for her twin girls slowly unravelled a hidden tale of misuse, abuse, and fear.

Lakshmi is a single mother who takes care of her two teenage girls with limited assistance and scant resources. Her husband had left the family nine years ago, leaving her to raise their family on her own. Though the financial implications of meeting the needs of two growing-up children were massive, Lakshmi did her best to provide them with everything they needed. Both the children went to a private school. Lakshmi gave her children the best care possible and shielded them from the consequences of the struggle though she had to take multiple loans to manage the financial crunch.

But Lakshmi's struggle to keep her family together was often overlooked by her children. As the girls grew, their interest and intrigue towards the new world they had begun to discover through their smartphones

became almost compulsive. They started trusting and heeding their friends on social media platforms more than their mother. Skipping classes and staying away from school started becoming common occurrences. One of the children was also in a relationship with a 21-year-old man she had met through a game and the two were even contemplating marriage. When it reached a point where their whole life could be in danger, the mother called CHILDLINE for help.

Lakshmi and the children visited the CHILDLINE Collab APSA, where the staff spoke to the children in an attempt to understand the issues from the children's point of view. It was found the children needed help and could no longer continue down the same path they were heading. The family was then referred to CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO, as their home came under the jurisdiction of the latter.

On December 13, 2021, Lakshmi and the children went to the office of CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO. After understanding all the major problems, the CHILDLINE team counselled the children about the dangers of technology when misused and also spoke to the mother about the children's addiction to social media and gaming. All this information was then given to Child Welfare Committee-2, Bengaluru Urban and as per the order given by the committee, the children were sent to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for temporary shelter. The next day, the children and their mother were produced before CWC 2, from where they were sent to the Govt. Girls Home for shelter. Both children are at the shelter, undergoing counselling and rehabilitation as they come to terms with the fierce challenges ahead of them as they journey the distance between the world of fantasy and the world of reality.

## Railway CHILDLINE

Covering 123,542 km of tracks and 7,321 stations, India's Railway network is one of the largest in the world running 9,143 trains every day and Railways carry over 23 million passengers daily.

The huge network, an important lifeline of the country, is often misused for human trafficking. This is the reason CHILDLINE and other organisations have advocated the need for focused programmes and special attention at important railway stations. Such transit points become key outreach areas for identifying and assisting children when they are most vulnerable.

In 2015-16, a unique initiative took shape and CHILDLINE Help Desks were set up at railway stations as an institutional mechanism. A partnership between two key ministries was formulated and other social partners came up with a common agenda to address the vulnerability of children and prevent abuse. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was formulated and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Women and

Child Development. To implement the SOP agreed upon, one of the instructions was to set up Child Help Desks/kiosks/booths at railway stations. These kiosks were set up to provide immediate attention to children who are found unaccompanied by adults, and hence address the issue of runaways, children in difficult circumstances and missing or abandoned children, systematically. As of October 2021, 144 Child Help Desks are operating at railway stations across India.

Since April 2018, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE has been working in collaboration with CHILDLINE India Foundation and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) to implement the project. KSR Bengaluru is a railway station with 10 platforms, where almost 225 trains arrive and depart carrying passengers from all over India. The child inflow is equally huge, with children coming from different parts of Karnataka and other states of India like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand etc., and even neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, to the city of Bengaluru which provides ample opportunities to make a living.



## Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE during June 2021-May 2022

Age group	Fresh		Repeat		Total
	B	G	B	G	
Below 18	1222	134	5	0	1361
Service done	46	10	0	0	56
Total	1268	144	5	0	1417

### CASE STUDY 9 - In Safe Transit to a Safe Future!

For Eight-year-old Uma (name changed), age was not anything more than a number. More often than not, she was treated like a piece of luggage that her mother conveniently forgot during her visits to different places, and it was during one such lapse of memory and act of negligence that Uma was found and rescued by the RPF.

Uma's family lived in a remote village in the Raichur district of Karnataka. But with parents who were addicted to alcohol, the children stayed with their grandfather. Hence, Uma's family was more like a group of people flung together by fate. Uma was a second-standard student she could hardly attend school because her mother would usually take her along with her on her journeys to Bengaluru and other cities where she would wander the streets asking people for money to buy alcohol with whatever little she could earn. And alcohol often made her mother forget about Uma and leave her behind in unfamiliar cities. The evening of 5th September 2021, was one of those days, and this time Uma found herself alone in the KSR railway station of Bengaluru.

Sitting alone near the ticket counter, Uma was noticed by the RPF who after speaking to the child understood that she was in trouble. Child Help Desk (CHDK) staff were informed about the situation, and on further enquiry the child told them that her mother had forcefully brought her to Bengaluru and that a similar incident had happened two years earlier as well when her mother had taken her to Raichur and had left her there, forcing the child to get back home with the help of a lorry driver. In obvious need of protection, all the information was passed on to Child Welfare Committee-2, Bengaluru Urban and based on their order, Uma was admitted to the Government Girls Home. In the meanwhile, the CLA had passed the child's information and photo to the Raichur CHILDLINE who in turn traced the child's address through their network. The next day the Raichur CHILDLINE staff visited Uma's house, did the Social Investigation Report, and shared it with the CLA. During the home visit, Uma's grandfather and uncle requested the staff to rehabilitate both Uma and her elder brother in some residential institutions as their parents had proved time and again that they were incapable of taking care of the children.

Two days after she had left the child at the railway station, Uma's mother, referred by the RPF, approached the CHDK and demanded her child back. She was informed about the procedures of the CWC and asked to produce some proof of residence, after which she did not come back again asking for the child. The SIR was shared with the CWC 2 chairperson, and the CHDK staff are following up with the Govt. Girls home about the child. CWC 2 has presently planned to transfer the child to the Raichur CWC after which Uma and her brother will be rehabilitated, and will finally be able to step out of the shadow of their known past and the fear of an unknown future.

## Foster Care

The Foster Care project launched in 2012 was born out of the conviction 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. In Karnataka, BOSCO has been at the forefront of the advocacy actions for legalising the Foster Care program. In the second phase of the project, the focus

was shifted to grass root level advocacy actions through strengthening and supporting the existing government and non-government infrastructure in favour of children.

Further, for the effective implementation of the Foster Care project, BOSCO has identified suitable partners across 10 districts of the State, creating awareness,



identifying prospective foster parents and potential children, and placing them in foster families. The team was able to reach out to 97647 stakeholders through awareness programmes. 53 potential children who could be placed in foster care were identified from NGOs, Government homes, and the community. 121 potential

parents were identified, and among them, 51 parents have given applications to the DCPO/U. The team placed 16 children in foster families in 7 districts. Four children were under after-care education during the year.

### Identified Potential Parents (June 2021 to May 2022)

Sl.	Identified By	Parents Identified
01	Public Awareness/SHG Groups/Mothers/PRI	53
02	Anganwadi/School/Asha workers	39
03	Voluntarily/Others	29
	<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

### CASE STUDY 10 - Care that Nourished

Losing both his parents at a young age, Pradeep, a resident of Kolagi Village, Shikaripura Taluk, Shivamogga District, found himself at the mercy of heartless relatives and overwhelming circumstances early in life. Pradeep had lost his father in an accident and his mother to health problems, leaving him in the care and control of his grandmother and maternal uncle. Though surrounded by family members, Pradeep never felt like he belonged there, and though a 7th-standard student, he was never fully allowed to live the life of a child. His family would send him to work in the fields, and on most days, he would come home to the scolding and beatings of his aunt. One day, after a fight with his aunt, Pradeep decided to leave the family for good and ran away from home to Bengaluru. Pradeep was rescued by BOSCO staff from the Bengaluru Railway Station, and on further inquiry, understood that he had come to the city in search of work as he had no one to take care of him at home. He was counselled by the staff, and then taken to Shivamogga where they did the Home Study Report (HSR). After the Yuvodaya staff spoke to his relatives, the child was handed over to his maternal uncle. But Pradeep was just not ready to go back to the constricting environment he had left behind, and he left home once again and came back to BOSCO Yuvodaya; this time with the request that he wanted to continue his education. Respecting his desire and his decision, Pradeep was placed in BOSCO Vikas as per the order of the Child Welfare Committee. Pradeep was enrolled in the 8th standard in St. Joseph's School and was then later placed with a foster family after being counselled and prepared for the change. He was transferred to the Sri Rama Mandira School in the 9th standard and finished his SSLC with a score of 55.20%. He went on to complete his PUC in the Government PU College in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, and successfully passed with a second class. He is presently doing his BA 1st year at the Government College in Yedyuru, Bengaluru while working part-time with Swiggy. Pradeep and his foster parents were presented to the Child Welfare Committee every six months. Pradeep is 20 years old now, and with every passing day, he is slowly moving towards the life that was only a dream when he left home, and one step at a time, he is creating the future that he had once seen in his past.

## After-Care for Children leaving Institutional Care

The Government of Karnataka has an After-Care Programme for children who have to leave childcare institutions upon attaining 18 years of age. If the Child Welfare Committee is convinced that the child requires some more time for social integration into the community or for any other reason, at the time of discharge from the children's homes after completion of 18 years, he/she will be sent to After-Care Organizations.

BOSCO is closely working with the Government in envisaging the After-Care Scheme. 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. This programme encourages them to pursue education in high schools, ITI, polytechnic, and colleges, and also helps them to secure a job and brings them to the mainstream of society ensuring financial sustainability and life settlement.

## Open Shelter

The Open Shelter caters to children in need of care and protection like children found begging, street and working children, rag pickers, orphaned, deserted and trafficked children, and pavement dwellers, particularly those without a home and family ties since they are more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. The project provides shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education and recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation, enrolment in schools, vocational training and placement, health services, and reduction of drug, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS among street children. BOSCO Yuvodaya serves as a day and night open shelter for children on the street and the young at risk. In addition, BOSCO Yuvodaya functions as a transit home for around 20 boys rescued daily at the railway station, bus stand and various



other contact points on the streets of Bengaluru. The children are counselled and have their problems addressed. Their families are traced and the children are encouraged to return to their homes.

In the past year, 2036 children rescued from Railway stations, Bus stations, and various other parts of Bengaluru, by the CSN team, CHILDLINE team, Nilaya, Police, other NGOs, and stakeholders, were brought to Yuvodaya for rehabilitation.

### CASE STUDY 11 - A Tedious Journey Back Home

Attending a festival in the year 2019 unknowingly turned into a nightmare of events for 14-year-old Mohan from Pallapatti of Salem district in Tamil Nadu. The son of a daily wager and a homemaker, Mohan boarded a Bengaluru-bound bus by mistake after taking part in a festival. In Bengaluru, Mohan was rescued by the Hulimavu police and handed over to the BOSCO open shelter. But the staff of the shelter soon realized that finding details surrounding the child was not going to be an easy task as Mohan spoke only Tamil and also had difficulty articulating his words with clarity. BOSCO staff produced him before CWC-1, Bengaluru Urban after counselling and collecting the basic information about the child. Mohan stayed in the Govt. Boys Home for a year before he was transferred back to the open shelter by CWC during the first COVID-19 lockdown.

After further enquiry and professional counselling, there was a little breakthrough in understanding his past when the child mentioned that he is from Ammapettai in Salem. But he was still unable to give any clear information about his home or other contact details. So, Mohan was referred to the CWC in Ammapettai, but they refused to take the child in. Thus, Mohan continued to stay at the open shelter till 2021. While in the shelter, Mohan was taken care of well by the staff and all his needs and medical requirements were always understood and immediately taken care of. Mohan who has epilepsy had to be taken to the hospital when required and also given medicines regularly, all of which were taken care of by the open shelter staff.

While Mohan stayed peacefully at the shelter, BOSCO staff relentlessly tried to trace his family. Mohan was taken to different bus stands in an attempt to help him remember at least a place or bus name that could aid their search, but nothing seemed to work. It was at this point that CWC-1 permitted BOSCO to do an Accompanied Home Placement and accordingly Mohan was taken by a staff of BOSCO to the Salem CWC. But as the CWC was not in session that day, they went first to the Ammapettai police station and then to the Pallipatti police station. After searching through a lot of files and registers, finally, a missing complaint that Mohan's parents had filed in the month of March 2019, was found, and from there, his parents' contact details were collected and they were contacted. Mohan's parents came to the station as soon as they could, and finally face to face with the child they thought they would never see again, their joy knew no bounds, and Mohan and his parents went home knowing that they would always remember the day when perseverance overrode impossibility.

## Child Safety Net (CSN)



The main objective of the project is to give round-the-clock (24x7) care and protection for children from any kind of risk. The presence of street educators/field animators at different locations through patrolling on a rescue vehicle in the most vulnerable pockets of Bengaluru West and South has played a major role in protecting children and their rights. The team also creates awareness, does advocacy with various Government Departments and is involved in the formation of caring communities.

During the last year, the team has rescued 180 children through 22 mass rescues conducted in the city. Out of the 180 children, 30 child labour cases were booked against the employers. Labour officers are following up on the cases. The remaining 150 children come under

the purview of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 (Section 79-Exploitation of a child employee). All the children were produced before the CWC.

Through its area-focused patrolling, the team was able to bring down the number of child labourers. The total number of employers who were warned during the daily visits of the CSN team with the help of the patrolling vehicle to the identified areas was 69. The CSN team conducted 65 public awareness programmes, 65 door-to-door awareness programmes, 2 community awareness programmes, 65 apartment awareness programmes, 64 shop-to-shop awareness programmes, and 7 school awareness programmes.

### CASE STUDY 12 - Freed from the Burden

From the busy corridors of a school to the dingy interiors of a garage, 15-year-old Shankar had found himself slipping through the cracks of COVID-induced poverty. A 9th-standard student, Shankar was forced to drop out during the lockdown. What his father who worked as a tempo driver and his mother who worked as a cleaner in a hospital made, was not enough to take care of Shankar, his younger sister who is a 2nd standard student, and their aunt who was living with them. So, Shankar had to step in and help shoulder the responsibilities of the family and that is how he started working in a two-wheeler garage for ₹ 100 per day.

Shankar knew about the tuition classes held in BOSCO Nilaya but never had the option of missing work to attend classes. Shankar was spotted working in the garage by the CSN team and after observing the situation for close to 15 days, the team along with the police rescued Shankar from the garage. The Cottonpet police as well as the CWC were informed about the rescue and he was produced before the CWC. The Committee recommended that Shankar be re-enrolled in school and that the CSN team should follow up on his progress. Shankar's parents were also counselled about the importance of education and he was then sent home with his parents to return to the life of a child that he was forced to surrender to work.

## Child MISS

Child MISS is a 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 the Home link, and the team focuses on documenting the information of the vulnerable children of its networking partners. The Child MISS programme supports its partners in collecting 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 on a cloud platform 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 cases in Bengaluru's South and West Divisions, covering 35 police stations. The primary objective of the SJPU is to create a child-friendly environment while dealing with children involved in criminal offences, thereby ensuring that their rights are not breached at any stage of the legal procedure. BOSCO SJPU conducts public awareness programmes to prevent children from getting involved in crimes. These programmes include special training for police officials and counselling sessions for children charged with criminal offences and their parents. All serious cases are referred to the Observation Home

for further intervention by the Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU networks with various Government Departments and other NGOs.

During the year, police training, and school and college training could not be taken up due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Three Special Awareness programmes, one Police Sensitization programme, Training on JJ Act for NGOs, and Stakeholders Awareness, were conducted. BOSCO SJPU was also a part of the Child Beggary Rescue Campaign.



### Statistics of Cases attended in 2021-22

Types of Cases	South Division	West Division	Total
POCSO Cases	28	25	53
Care and Protection	27	29	56
Total	55	54	109
Male/Female			
Male	21	17	38
Female	33	38	71

### Action Taken

Types of Action	South Division	West Division	Total
Observation Home	00	02	02
Referred CHG/CHB	27	14	41
Direct Home Placement	22	36	58
DHP & PD	06	02	08
Total	55	54	109

## Youth Parliament and Child Rights Clubs

The youth parliament is a meeting of all the residents of the respective 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 sense of belonging. The meetings help in creating awareness about child-related issues, teaches them about social responsibilities and working in a group, and give useful information about maintaining child care, and administrative and programme documents. During the year, 12 meetings were conducted in Yuvakendra, Vatsalya Bhavan, Mane, Vikas, Sumanahalli, and Rainbow Home centres.

In Bengaluru Urban and Rural, BOSCO formed 61 Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in the schools and communities where it works. Over 1220 children are active members

of these clubs. The CRC members were trained on their rights, UNCRC, child rights and child rights violations in Karnataka, human rights, various child protection laws, how to make a complaint, social responsibilities, whom the child should approach for various child rights violations, and the importance of education and participation. Advocacy initiatives were encouraged at the school level. Follow-up orientation classes for old CRCs were organized.

The CRCs were busy throughout the year exercising their rights, advocating the cause of school dropouts, re-enrolling them in 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.

Leaders felt that they were allowed to express their leadership qualities and hence pledged to make use of

their position to bring about change from the advocacy actions. Twenty-one sessions of 1st & 2nd round training were conducted.

- During the three levels of training for children, 9964 children and 230 teachers were covered.
- One Teachers'-Students workshop was conducted in which 47 students and 18 teachers participated.
- Twenty-nine CPCs were formed. 475 CPC members were given awareness about the CREAM Project, Child rights and Child protection mechanisms, Vocational skill training courses, and the Child helpline.
- Four stakeholders' workshops were organized and 99 stakeholders benefitted.
- During the District advocacy training/meeting, 20 school children, and eight officials from various departments like CRT, KSCPCR and NGOs, were present. Scholarships for the students were sanctioned on the spot.
- Advocacy and networking with various departments and networks like the Department of Public Instruction, Department of Minorities, Department of Education, Department of Women and Child Development etc., to address child rights issues effectively and to bring justice to the victims of child rights violations, were taken up



## Adolescent Girls' Collectives

Over one hundred girls were empowered during the year through the Adolescent Girls' Collectives established in the Shivajinagar and KR Market areas. Through various strategies, the girls were empowered and educated on various topics such as types of burns like chemical burns etc., prevention of suicide, the 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.



## Karate Clubs

Karate classes have been held every Saturday afternoon in BOSCO Nilaya, Shivajinagar, and Ramanna Garden, since 2017. 170 children from these areas are regularly getting the benefits of karate coaching. Two Karate Belt Grading exams were organized during the year. Self-defence sessions were also conducted during the Dasara camps at the centres. 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.



## BOSCO Alumni Association

The people who have been a part of BOSCO's interventions and training programmes and have had a fresh start in life, as a result, come back as volunteers, by choice, and help out in various areas like accompanying the fresh children for home visits, taking care of the centre at night, organizing Life Skill sessions, and motivating the youths to continue education by presenting their examples. Every year, BOSCO celebrates Republic Day as Past Pupils' Day on January 26. All the youth associated with BOSCO get together on that day, some along with their families, and share their present lives and thank their mentors for what they are today. During the Past Pupils' Day this year, they expressed that they would form an association and take up social activities through the association. A core committee had been formed that would take up the task of registering the association.



## Bus Stand Rescue Booths

BOSCO has been reaching out to the many children who come to the Majestic Bus stand area from different parts of the state and country. There are two child rescue booths for attending to children in need of care and protection, one at the KSRTC bus stand, and the other at the BMTC bus stand. This has helped the team work 24/7 in the bus stands, tracking children, providing counselling services and non-formal education, doing advocacy and awareness campaigns, creating recreational activities, etc. During the year of June 2021 to May 2022, a total

of 539 children were rescued and counselled. Through 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 year, 85 Public Awareness programmes were organized in and around the Bus Stand area in collaboration with CHILDLINE, and the team also conducted a need-based survey in the Bus Stand area during different parts of the day with the support of CSGs.

### CASE STUDY 13 - Beginning Again

Vimal left home to leave behind for good the admonitions of his father, but little did he realize that he was also leaving the safety of his father's house behind. Thirteen-year-old Vimal was born into a poor family in Kosagi village, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh. His father is a construction worker and his mother is a daily wageer. The parents worked hard to take care of their three children. Vimal, a 5th-standard student, has two younger sisters studying in the 3rd and 4th standards. But Vimal was not happy at home. He was not happy with his father, and neither was he happy with the scolding he often received from his father. Young and unhappy, Vinod took the impulsive decision of leaving home and going to his uncle's house in Bengaluru. He did not have his uncle's address or phone number but as he made his decision in haste, all that did not matter to him. It was only when he reached the teeming city that he realized the impossibility of finding one person among the sea of humanity in Bengaluru, but by then it was too late.

Vimal walked around the city for three days, searching for his uncle's house. But even after three days, he still felt lost. On the 3rd day, his search took him to the Majestic bus stand where he did not find his uncle but found help and hope instead. Vimal was noticed by the BOSCO staff present at the bus stand. The staff took him to the BMTC booth for initial counselling, after which all the details collected from the child were given to CWC-1. In the meanwhile, Vimal's father was contacted using the contact details provided by the child. According to the instruction given by the committee, Vimal was sent to the BOSCO open shelter for further counselling and follow-up. Two weeks after he had left home, he was reunited with his father, who came to Bengaluru to take his son back home. After producing the child before CWC and completing the parental counselling, Vimal was sent home with his father, with past resentments resolved and a new understanding of some old beliefs.

## Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)

BOSCO is present in the Cantonment, East, Kengeri, Bidadi, and Yelahanka railway stations, and the 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, and CHIDLINe.

During the year, the ARSP team rescued and rehabilitated 360 children. Two tuition centres were opened in the Cantonment and Satellite bus stand areas, providing supplementary education to 38 children from the area.



### CASE STUDY 14 - Hard Lessons of Life

When a young girl accompanied by an older man on a platform of the Cantonment Railway Station caught the attention of BOSCO staff present in the area, it brought to light, a two-year-old love story, a secret decision, and a future uncertain.

Fifteen-year-old Saina hails from a middle-class family in Kerala. Her father works as a logistics employer and her mother is a housewife. Saina completed her 10th standard in 2021-22, and having crossed a crucial stage in her life, decided to take yet another life decision, but this time without the consent or guidance of her parents. Saina had been in love with a 25-year-old man who happened to be her brother-in-law's relative, for the past two years, and after her exams, they decided to get married. Hence, they ran away from home to Bengaluru to start a new life. They arrived at the East Railway Station in Bengaluru on the 5th of May, 2022, but with no definite plan or dependable support in the city, they spent two days at the railway station before going to the Cantonment station from where Saina was rescued.

Finding something suspicious in the couple's behaviour, BOSCO staff present at the Cantonment station approached them for further enquiry, and though Saina initially claimed that they were married and was not ready to disclose any family details. But she could not hold onto her story when she was asked for proof to validate her claim. Slowly, the truth was revealed, and Saina walked the staff through all the events that had eventually ended on a platform in a railway station in Bengaluru. After getting her parents' contact details, BOSCO staff contacted them and informed them about their daughter's whereabouts. Saina's parents had already lodged a missing complaint with the police, and BOSCO staff informed CWC-2 Bengaluru Urban and the RPF and GRPF as well about the child. Saina was produced before the CWC, and her parents were also sent to the committee for parental counselling, after which the child was sent home with her parents, with some new lessons gained through pain and a chance to revisit some old choices and make some new ones.

# MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES 2021-2022

## PUBLICATIONS

### 40 DIAMONDS – A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of Risk-takers of Our Times

The release of '40 Diamonds – A Candid Portrayal of the lives of the Risk Takers of our times,' during the Provincial Chapter at Kristu Jyothi College on April 28, 2022, is yet another major accomplishment of BOSCO Bengaluru. The first copy of the book was presented to Fr. Antony James, YaR Coordinator, Salesian Province of Bangalore. The second release of the book was at the National level in the presence of Fr. James and Ms. Amanda, the Resource Person from Spain.

For forty years, the journey of BOSCO has been to realize the dreams of homeless, abandoned, and children in all types of difficult situations, for a safe and secure childhood, good education, and a shining future. BOSCO has been able to make the children realize that each one of them is a diamond, and each one of them has the potential to be brilliant.

At the completion of forty years of partnering with the young living on the brink of society, we have shared the inspirational narratives of forty persons who had the determination to surge ahead, tiding over innumerable odds, with the timely intervention of BOSCO. Forty Diamonds is a glimpse into the lives of risk-takers of our times who have been touched and transformed through the multifarious interventions of BOSCO over a span of forty years. Battling with countless hardships, the brave, unsung heroes featured in this book never lost their hope but plucked up courage and showed the sheen to improvise, adapt and overcome. These inspirational lives are indeed living examples of resilience and an indomitable rise of the human spirit.



## World Environment Day Celebration

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Vikas and BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated World Environment Day with the theme, “Reimagine, recreate, restore.” at their centres on June 5, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. George CV, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sr. Sheeba, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan inaugurated the programme at the respective centers 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 planet, on which depend.

Cultural programmes and party games were organized. Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the theme- to prevent, halt and reverse the damage and to go from exploiting nature to healing it. Posters and slogans were created and saplings were planted to help children realize the areas the individual needs to look into to be part of the restoration process.

Sixty girls from Vatsalya Bhavan, thirty-eight children from Vikas and Mane and twenty youth from Yuvakendra along with the staff participated in the programme.



## BOSCO Anniversary Celebration

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, organized a programme to commemorate the 41st anniversary of BOSCO, on June 15, 2021. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, remembered the pioneers of the organization. There was a cake cutting on the occasion and chocolates were distributed to all the youth and staff of the centre. Twenty youth and staff members were present on the occasion.



BOSCO Mane and Vikas celebrated the occasion by cutting the cake in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Br. Manuel, and Br. Lijo. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed everyone about the history of BOSCO. Around fifty children and staff were present.

spoke about the founders, the journey of BOSCO, and the scores of children and youth who have been rescued and rehabilitated during these 41 years. To mark the celebrations, food kits were distributed to underprivileged families from the surrounding communities. Twenty-two youths participated in the celebrations.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated the day by garlanding the statue of Don Bosco. Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director,

BOSCO Rainbow Home screened a short film, sang songs, and performed dances on the occasion. Around twenty girls and staff were present during the programme.

## International Yoga Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized International Yoga Day for the youth at the centre, on June 21, 2021. Bro. Naveen, BOSCO Yuvakendra, explained the importance, benefits, and advantages of practising yoga on a daily basis during the COVID pandemic. The youth were told that yoga could be considered as a disciplined method for attaining a goal, and a method for mastering the body and mind. They were taught a few simple yet effective asanas. The youth learnt about the physical and mental benefits of yoga such as increased flexibility, strength, stamina, improved body alignment, stress reduction, body awareness, better sleep balance, relaxation, and improved self-confidence



## Independence Day Celebrations at BOSCO

Independence Day was celebrated at the centres of BOSCO on August 15, 2021, in the presence of Mr. George Kutty, Y's Men International, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, Headmistress, Hombegowda Kannada Primary School, Dr. Harish MD, Leelavathi Multi Speciality Hospital, Revanna Marlinga, Programme Manager, Dream A Dream, Basavaraj, Asst. Professor, MN Degree College, Bengaluru, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Mane, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas. The dignitaries hoisted the flag and gave a message on the theme, 'Let Children Express Themselves.' Later in the day, cultural programmes and party games were conducted and prizes were distributed to the winners. Sweets were distributed to the children and youth. Two hundred and thirty-five children and youth, five past pupils, and staff members participated in the celebrations.



## Don Bosco's Birthday Celebrated



The birthday of Don Bosco was celebrated at the respective centres, on August 16, 2021. The children in Vatsalya Bhavan staged a cultural programme honouring the great saint. They sang hymns and performed a skit on the life of Don Bosco. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram shared about the life of Don Bosco, his humility, and his love for the youth. Sixty children were present at the celebration.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, exhorted the children to follow his principles. He said one can be happy by making others happy. Sweets were distributed to the children. Around thirty-five children, staff, and Directors were present

BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated the 206th birthday of St. Don Bosco by cutting the cake. Cultural programmes

like dances, drama, speeches, and songs were organized. Sr. Jeny, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, exhorted the children to imbibe the values of Don Bosco, his love for children and youth and respect and dignity for all. Around twenty-five children were present for the programme.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated Don Bosco's birthday on August 16, 2021. Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge,

graced the occasion and spoke about the principles and values of Don Bosco. He briefed everyone about the establishment of BOSCO in Bengaluru and how the descendants of the Saint are continuously striving towards achieving his dreams. The movie on Don Bosco involving his childhood was screened. Twenty-three youths participated in the programme.

## Anniversary Celebrations at BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru, celebrated the 36th anniversary of the centre on September 8, 2021. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, shared about the achievements of Yuvakendra and the milestones reached. Rev. Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian province of Bangalore, noticed that the past pupils were doing well in life. He felt that it was because of BOSCO's intervention that they are in mainstream society and have carved a niche for themselves. He asked the staff and the Directors to continue the good work and provide the children with what they did not get from society. Centre youth staged a cultural programme to mark the anniversary. Shoes were distributed to the tuition children during the occasion. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. CV



George, Salesian In-Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present on the occasion. Mr. KM Veeresh, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, welcomed the gathering and proposed a vote of thanks. Centre youth participated in the anniversary celebrations along with the staff.

## Anniversary Celebration of BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated its fifth anniversary on September 21, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, in his keynote address highlighted the achievements of Nilaya and thanked the staff, management, partners, stakeholders, well-wishers, and above all, the children, for the success of the centre. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, enumerated the various activities of BOSCO Nilaya,



like providing education, conducting extra-curricular activities, tuition classes, karate classes, moral/value education classes, computer classes etc., and exhorted the children to utilize the facilities to the maximum. Area children staged cultural programmes. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, screened a video of BOSCO Nilaya, taking the gathering down memory lane. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director,

BOSCO Sumanahalli, Mr. Amal, Project Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Mr. Prashanth Moorthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present on the occasion. Food and snacks were distributed to the children. Hundred and forty-five children from the tuition centres and areas along with the staff of BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, student volunteers, tuition teachers, and neighbours participated in the celebrations.

## Teachers' Day Celebrations

Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Gandhinagar area celebrated

Teachers' Day on September 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2021, at their respective centres. Children performed dances and songs





and did drawings and paintings. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teachers' Day and Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the children at BOSCO Vatsalya

Bhavan, appreciated the teachers at the centre. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, said that teachers are God's messengers. He asked the children to be grateful to all the teachers and staff of BOSCO as they not only teach but also guide and shape the character and future of the students. He enlightened the children about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and the importance of the day. Fr. Joshy Puttur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the role of teachers and their valuable contribution to society in creating lawyers, teachers, judges, and other achievers. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, guided the children to respect all their teachers. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teachers' Day celebrations.

## Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Sumanahalli

The 16th anniversary of BOSCO Sumanahalli was celebrated on October 9, 2021. Fr. Irudaya, Asst. Director, Sumanahalli Society, exhorted the youth to follow in the footsteps of Don Bosco and become good citizens. Youths of the centre staged cultural programmes. Fr. Pradeep, Parish Priest, Moodalapalya, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, and sisters from Sumanahalli Society, were present on the occasion. Fr. Dr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, shared about the achievements of the centre during the previous year. Hundred and five youths and children from the Devaraj Urs community attended the programme.



## BOSCO celebrates International Day of the Girl Child

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan celebrated International Day of the Girl Child, at the centre, on October 11, 2021, on the theme, 'Digital Generation Our Generation.' Welcoming the gathering, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, highlighted the importance of the day and the theme. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that there is gender inequality still prevails in society there is gender inequality in the digital world also. Ms. Bharathi Devi BS., DCPO, Bengaluru Urban, said that this day is mainly celebrated to create awareness about gender discrimination. She exhorted the children to make use of the opportunities provided in the centre and become empowered to fight for their rights.

Bharathi, Sub Inspector, GRP, Cantonment, Bengaluru, said that even now, in Indian society many consider girls as a burden to the family. She cautioned the adolescent girls not to deviate from their goals, but to concentrate on their education, become independent, and contribute constructively to society. Children of the centre performed songs and dances on the occasion. Around



hundred children, trainees, Directors, and staff were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Ms. Shakila, Head constable, Wilson Garden police station, said, "Mobile phones and other online platforms are to be used responsibly. Everyone should promptly and boldly report abuses so that the police can take appropriate action." Dr. Shobha, Roshni Nursing Home, Wilson Garden, exhorted the children to take care of their health and pay attention to personal hygiene. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, reminded everyone about the crucial role of girl children and women in society. Fr. Regi, Director,

BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, and Fr. John MA, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, were present. Around forty children and staff participated in the programme.

As part of the International Day of the Girl Child, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Nilaya, Nivas, Mane, Yuvakendra, BOSCO

## World Food Day Celebrations



Food Festival was celebrated in the BOSCO centres as part of World Food Day, on October 16, 2021, on the theme - 'Our actions are our future- better production, better

## Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated at the respective centres of BOSCO with several activities, on November 1, 2021. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, Mane and Vikas, said, "This is the 66th Kannada Rajyotsava. This is a month-long celebration. Let us contribute to the State by learning its culture and language." Mr. Shivakumar, ASI, VV Puram Police Station, was present on the occasion. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the importance of the day to the children in BOSCO Yuvodaya. He motivated the children to spread the culture of Karnataka. A Singing competition was conducted at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre,

Railway CHILDLINE, and Gandhi Nagar Projects, also organized drawing, essay and dance competitions, and games to create awareness about protecting girls. All the centre children and youth, tuition children, and area children took part in the programmes conducted.

nutrition, a better environment and a better life'. Children at the centres prepared various dishes like vegetable salad, fruit salad, bhelpuri, bread cake, milkshake, vegetable sandwich, vegetable pulav, gobi, custard, etc. Stalls were arranged and a variety of dishes were served. It allowed them to learn cooking and understand the importance of food. They learnt to become Food Heroes for a better and more sustainable world. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Directors of the centres, and staff appreciated the children for preparing delicious food. All the children and youths, and staff of the centres participated in the food festival.



Sumanahalli. Fourteen youths took part in the competition and prizes were given to the winners. Students delivered a speech in Kannada about the celebration. Children staged cultural programmes. Around 200 children from the centres participated in the celebrations.

## Children's Day Celebrations at BOSCO Bengaluru

Children's Day was celebrated at the BOSCO centres on November 14, 2021, on the theme, 'Every Child Safe Online', to ensure the online safety of children.

The boys from BOSCO Yuvakendra performed a dance on 'CHILD IS MEANT TO LEARN NOT TO EARN', on the occasion of the Children's Day celebration at GKMP School, Magadi Road. Fr. Sivy Koroth, Professor, Kristu Jyothi College, Bengaluru, Dr. Fr. Johny Jose SDB, Registrar, Don Bosco University, Guwahati, Assam, Dr. Prakash, Brindavvan Areion Hospital, Ms. Kavya, Inspector, Cottonpet Police Station, Bengaluru, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO



Yuvakendra, Mr. Franklin, and all the Directors were present on the occasion.

Various recreational and cultural programmes, drawing, sports, party games and chance games, songs, dances,



mime shows, and skits were organized for the youth and children from the centres and areas. Children and youth were happy to participate in the programmes and games. Prizes were distributed to the winners. Ms. Neela, Ms. Sonia, and Ms. Kavya, Past Pupils, shared their experiences and expressed gratitude to the organization for the education and training that they received. Children and youth from the centres, remedial classes, and surrounding areas participated in the celebrations.

## Christmas Celebration at BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, and Sumanahalli, organized Christmas celebrations with the children and youth, tuition children, past pupils, and children from the neighbouring communities, from December 21 to 24, 2021, at their respective centres and areas.

The celebrations began with the inauguration of the crib by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. He gave a message on selfless love and helping the needy. The children danced and sang songs. Games and cultural programmes were organized. Children, parents, and guardians were a part of the celebrations. More than five hundred children received sweets and cakes.



## Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff, at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on December 18, 2021. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, shared about the importance of Christmas. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram thanked the staff for carrying out the task of rescuing and rehabilitating children at risk

even in the most challenging situations. He exhorted everyone to continue with the same zeal and attitude towards the children in need of care and protection because BOSCO's priority is the care and protection of children in difficult situations. The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. All the staff and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.



## Feast of Don Bosco at BOSCO

Feast of Don Bosco was celebrated at the various centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children/ youth, on January 31 and February 1, 2022.

BOSCO Mane and Vikas organized the Feast of Don Bosco on January 31, 2022, in the presence of Mr. Lokesh BOSCO and Mr. Surya, Cine and TV artists of Comedy Kiladigalu fame. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present. BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan conducted the Feast of Don Bosco on January 31, 2022, in the presence of Fr. George PS, Fr. Paul, Principal, Don Bosco Mithra, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.

BOSCO Yuvodaya, Yuvakendra, and Nivas celebrated the feast of St. John Bosco in the centres on January 31, 2022. Fr. CV George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Mrs. Merry and Family, Sponsors, Mr. Satya, Choreographer, and Ms. Menaka, Dancer, graced the occasion. BOSCO Rainbow Home and Sumanahalli celebrated the Feast of Don Bosco on February 1, 2022. Mr. Lokesh, TV and Cine artist, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Manjula Telagade, Programme Manager, Rainbow Home State Office, Manjula Ulla, State Education Coordinator, Rainbow Home, Mr. Jaikar, State Advocacy Officer, Rainbow Home, Manjula, Attender, Rainbow Home, Primary and High School Teachers, Rev. Fr. George Kannanthanam, Director, Sumanahalli Society, Bro. Isaac, Bro. Lijo, and Mr. Peter, Volunteer, were present on the occasion. Children performed dances and sang songs on Don Bosco.



## Republic Day at BOSCO

Republic Day was celebrated at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, BOSCO Mane, and BOSCO Yuvodaya, on January 26, 2022. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Regi SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, briefed everyone about the importance of our Constitution. He exhorted the children to contribute towards the growth of the country as responsible citizens of India. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, said, "We should be proud of our country and its constitution." Fr. John MA, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present on the occasion. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, hoisted the flag in BOSCO Yuvodaya and spoke about the importance of the day. Around 125 children and youth participated in the Republic Day celebrations.



## Women's Day Celebration

BOSCO Nivas celebrated Women's Day with the women from the community and the mothers of the children attending tuition classes, on the theme, 'Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow,' at JC Road, on March 8, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the challenges faced by women in their day-to-day life. He gave examples of women achievers who stood against all odds. Mary Triza, former staff, at BOSCO, explained how gender discrimination begins at home itself. Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nivas, narrated a story signifying the role of the mother in one's life. Vinnarasi, Team Member, Outreach Team working in Bus Stands, spoke about the special rights of women under human rights, domestic violence, exploitation and sexual harassment, the POCSO Act, and the Equal Remuneration Act. Party games were organized for all the mothers, and prizes were distributed. Fr. Joshy Puttur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, was present on the occasion. Eighty-five women participated in the Women's Day Celebration.



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a Women's Day programme for the mothers of the children attending tuition classes, tuition children, and other women of the Devaraj Urs area, on March 27, 2022. Fr. Irudayaraj, Director, Support, Sumanahalli,

appreciated the women for their valuable contributions to society and family. He said that every woman is like a lamp in the house. Fr. Joshy SDB, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, highlighted the role of a woman as a mother in the life of a person. Fr. Regi, Director, BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya, said that a mother is like salt in the food. She adds taste to life in the family. During the occasion, a short video with the message that mothers have a vital role in our lives was screened before the gathering. After watching the video, the participants were asked to share what they understood. Children performed cultural programmes. Hundred and thirty women and children participated in the programme.

## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

### Training on Documentation Tools

BOSCO Home Link (HLK) in coordination with BOSCO Nilaya organized half-day training on Documentation Tools for the staff of the centre on August 9, 2021.



## Induction Training Programmes

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru organized Induction Training Programs for the newly appointed staff, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on August 26, 2021, and February 15, 2022.



## Orientation to MSW Students

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, oriented the MSW Students from the Department of Social Work, Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Kannur, Kerala on the history of BOSCO, its vision, and mission, programs, projects, activities, etc. on December 6, 2021.



## Training on Counseling

BOSCO Human Resource Department organized a one-day training program for the counsellors and coordinators at BOSCO Yuvodaya on November 4, 2021.



## Workshop for Child Safety Enhancement

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a Workshop for Child Safety Enhancement for the members of the Child Protection Committees of the organization at BOSCO Yuvodaya on October 21, 2021.



## Training for Police Officials

BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) project conducted a training program on Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and CWC/ JJB procedures to the Police Officials, West Division, Bengaluru at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 28, 2022.



## Training on Reporting and Documentation

BOSCO National Research and Documentation (BNRD) organized half-day training on 'Reporting and Documentation' in collaboration with HLK Department, BOSCO Bengaluru for the staff involved in documentation, in various capacities, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 23, 2022.



## In-house Training on POCSO Act

An in-house training on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, was organized for the staff of BOSCO Mane on March 15, 2022.



## Training Programme on Healthcare

A training programme on First Aid and Emergency Medical Care was organized by BOSCO Health Care Department for the staff of the organization at St. Martha's College of Nursing, Bengaluru, on March 23, 2022.



# CAMPAIGNS

## World Day Against Child Labour

World Day Against Child Labour with the theme, 'Act Now: end child labour', was observed at BOSCO Mane, on June 12, 2021. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, said, "Everyone should join hands to eradicate child labour." A signature campaign was organized on the occasion. BOSCO centres organized drawing and painting competitions, skits, drama, songs, and dances for the children and youths of the centres.

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, in collaboration with Bembla-Outreach Programme, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, conducted an online session on CHILDLINE 1098 and child labour. Speaking on the theme, 'Act Now: end child labour', Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and CHILDLINE, said, "The pandemic has aggravated the existing woes of the economically poor and the marginalized. Everyone should join hands to eradicate child labour." Over a hundred and ninety students and staff of the college participated in the programme.



BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE observed the day by conducting outreach activities. The team gave one-to-one awareness on the theme to the public and the stakeholders in the Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station, Bengaluru. Hundred and twenty people benefitted from the programme.

## World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2021

BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized a week-long campaign on World Day against Trafficking in Persons at KSR Railway Station from July 26 to 30, 2021. The UN member states have designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons to "raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion



and protection of their rights." Based on the theme for the year 2021 - 'Victims' Voices Lead the Way,' BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE organized several awareness programmes at KSR Railway station highlighting the importance of listening to and learning from the survivors of human trafficking.

The campaign started with the inauguration at the entrance of the railway station by placing a moveable kiosk and giving awareness to the coolie porters on July 26, 2021. CHILDLINE face masks were distributed to the participants. Thirty-one porters got benefited. On July 28, 2021 awareness program was conducted to RPF officials on platform 5. Fourteen officials got benefited. Awareness was given to the passengers in moving trains from KSR station to Mandya and from Bangarpet to

KSR Station on July 29, 2021. Seven hundred and fifty passengers benefited.

During the concluding programme, an awareness rally was organized from the entrance of the KSR Railway station till the exit gate of the station on July 30, 2021. Staff distributed pamphlets to the passengers and commuters on the platforms. Ms. Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, CRT spoke about the importance of the day and functions of CHILDLINE and sought the support of the public in rescuing children in need of care and protection. Ms. Kusuma Hariprasad, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (ADRM), South Western Railways, spoke about the importance of the day and thanked CHILDLINE teams and BOSCO for the work. Ms. Rashmi, Program Manager, CIF welcomed the gathering. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram,

Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. Sourab Jain, Joint General Manager IRSDC, Mr. Srikanth, CMI/ SBC, Mr. Kumara Swamy, Station Master, SBC, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, CHILDLINE

BOSCO, staff members from BOSCO CHILDLINE and Railway CHILDLINE, APSA and SATHI were present during the programme.

## National YaR Day Campaign

The online launch of the National YaR Campaign 2021 – 2022 and the celebration of YaR Day was held on the theme- 'Every Child Safe Online', on August 31, 2021. Fr. Tony Pellissery, Executive Director, DB YaR Rev Fr. Biju Michael, Regional, South Asia, and Rev. Fr. Thathireddy, Provincial, Hyderabad, spoke on the occasion. Ms. Shruthi Roy Chowdhury briefed everyone about the highlights of the campaign. Children from DB Anbu Illam, Chennai, Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Jyothi Snehalaya, Guwahati, performed dances. The Campaign Poster was released on the occasion.

On the occasion of YaR Day, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane, and BOSCO Vikas, organised sessions with children and staff on online safety which included online abuse, effects of pornography, social media addiction, fake digital profiles, the risk of sharing personal information online, and managing screen time. Fr. Prasad SDB, Director BOSCO Mane and Vikas, conducted



a session on 'online safety and cyber crimes', for the staff of the centre. Ms. Cliona D'Costa and Mr. Ravindra, Staff, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained to the children of the Open Shelter about cybercrime, cyberbullying, and the helpline number to reach out to when in trouble. The staff and children of the centres took part in the online launch of the YaR Day Campaign.

## Child Rights Week at BOSCO Bengaluru

CHILDLINE Se Dosti Week was inaugurated in the presence of Mr. Shyam Singh, Divisional Railway Manager, Kusuma Hariprasad, ADRM, Saurab Jain, Joint General Manager, IRSDC, Krishna Reddy, Sr. DCM, Devasmitha Chatterjee, Sr. DSC, Siri Gowri, Superintendent of Police, Srikanth, CMI/SBC, Krishnamurthy, Station Manager, Prabhakaran, SMR, Ravi Shankar, PSMR, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, KSR, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, City CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sheela Devaraj, City CHILDLINE, APSA, Bengaluru, and Nagamani, Nodal Coordinator, City CHILDLINE, CRT, Bengaluru, on November 15, 2021. The directors and coordinators briefed everyone about roles and responsibilities as well as the statistics regarding the rescue and reintegration of children.

The various programmes organized during the week included Multi Stakeholders Consultation meeting on the prevention of child trafficking, taking pledges through photo frame awareness, Child Help Group meeting, public awareness programmes, a screening of the movie 'Komal', a live talk show on Akashvani FM Rainbow 101.3, the campaign against child beggary, essay writing competition, speech competition, singing competition, quiz, advocacy campaign, collage making, games, cultural programmes, tying CHILDLINE Se Dosti bands to the stakeholders, and skits.



The 3rd episode of The Unspoken was held by the YaR forum through a Zoom meeting to understand the theme, on November 19, 2021. Children from the centres attended the programme.



## Human Rights Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra and the team working in the Gandhinagar area organized Human Rights Day on the theme, 'Equality- Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights,' for the youth and tuition children in their centre and areas respectively, on December 10, 2021. The children and youth were given awareness about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly which ensures rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being, regardless of their race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or another opinion, nationality, origin, and birth. Possible interventions in promoting Child Rights/Human Rights were discussed. A drawing competition was organized for the participants based on the theme. Thirty-eight tuition children from Annamma Colony and Sangam area, and twenty-six youths and eighteen tuition children from Yuvakendra participated in the event.



## International Migrants Day

BOSCO Team working in Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, celebrated International Migrants Day in collaboration with KISMAT, Bengaluru, in two migrant communities, on December 19, 2021. These communities have migrants from Bihar, West Bengal, Yadgir, and Gulbarga districts of Karnataka, who work in construction sites. Awareness was given on health and hygiene and also on the KISMAT Helpline numbers and services. The team conducted activities for the children and distributed sweets.



## Say 'No' to Child Beggary

CHILDLINE Collab, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Anti-Child Beggary campaign in collaboration with the Department of police and organized public announcements over the PA system engaging a vehicle, in Yeshwanthpur, Jalahalli, and Sadashivanagar 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. Team members distributed CHILDLINE pamphlets to the public. The CHILDLINE team moved through vulnerable signals like the Police Station Junction signal, Yeshawanthpura Market, Yeshawanthpura Railway Station road, BMTc bus stop, Mattikere main road, Vishal Mart signal, and Guru Darshan Hotel signal, that come under Yeshawanthpura Police station, Veera Madakari



Nayaka bus station, BEL Circle road, BEL Circle, and BEL bus stop under Jalahalli Police Station limits, and Sadashivanagar signal, Mekhri 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.

## Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the 'Shaale Kade Nanna Nade' campaign in collaboration with 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 to schools across Bengaluru in the upcoming academic year and thus ensure that the number of school dropouts is brought down to zero.

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



## International Missing Children's Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli observed International Missing Children's Day at the centre on May 25, 2022. An awareness regarding missing children was given to the trainees. They were told about the Child Helpline 1098 in case of finding a child in distress. Boys were divided into four groups. They designed helpline number 1098 using the green leaves. They also pledged to help out children in distress at all times and do their bit in reducing the number of missing children. Nineteen trainees and the staff of the centre were part of this activity.



## 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 on themselves and others. Mr. Shyam Raj, Instructor, BOSCO Sumanahalli, with the help of videos explained to the trainees the abuse of tobacco and its products. The various types of cancer which are caused due to tobacco use were narrated to the trainees. Trainees unanimously pledged to keep away from tobacco. Twenty-one trainees attended the awareness session.



## Ragazzi Rilalssatevi Camp

Three-day camp – Ragazzi Rilalssatevi was organized for the youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra, at the centre and at St. Philomena’s High School, Railway Colony, Bengaluru, from October 30, 2021, to November 1, 2021.

Fr. C V George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, inaugurated the camp. Mr. Nagraj and Mr. Mahesh, Past Pupils, BOSCO, conducted the camp by involving the group in various activities, exercises and games. Outdoor sessions were conducted at St. Philomena’s High School. The participants were asked to share their dreams and a discussion on how education helps to fulfil one’s dream followed. Through a tableau, the youths showed how they could stay connected to each other. In the concluding programme, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, exhorted the youths to convert their thoughts into



actions and fulfil their dreams. The participants shared their experiences and learnings from the camp. Sixteen youths participated in the camp.

## Dasara Camps at BOSCO

Dasara camp was organized for the children of the BOSCO centres from October 11 to October 22, 2021. The purpose of the camp was to engage the children in meaningful activities during the Dasara holidays and to help them understand themselves better.

Sessions on health, leadership, family and society (social responsibility), environment, etc. were conducted. Craftwork, drawing, singing, story-telling, role plays, skits, stage performances, cooking, sports – volleyball, cricket – indoor games, motivational games, dumb charades, tie and dye colouring on cloth, folk dance, fashion show, karate, aerobics, etc. were organized. Sessions on ‘Importance of Discipline in our life’ and Moral values by Ms. Thara T, Assistant Professor and Outreach Coordinator, Bembala, St. Joseph’s College, Bengaluru, Value of education



by Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Time management by Sr. Leena, Holy Cross, and Anger management by Hope Work Foundation, and Music classes by Fr. Regi Jacob, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, were part of the camp.



The children of Vatsalya Bhavan went to various centres- BOSCO Nilaya, Yuvakendra, and Mane- to give awareness on environmental conservation and personal hygiene. The children had an opportunity to visit and spend time with the differently abled children at Cottolengo Special School, Varthur, Whitefield. The girls also tried raising funds for needy children by keeping a charity box. Volleyball and basketball coaching was given to the youth at BOSCO Sumanahalli. All the children and youths of the centres and areas availed the benefits of the camps.

# Summer Camps

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. 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. BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas organized a five-day Summer Thrill Camp at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, J.C Road, for the children of the surrounding areas of KR Market and Shivajinagar from April 19 to 23, 2022. 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. BOSCO Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) organised a one-day summer camp for the children attending tuition classes at Satellite Bus Stand



Ajjanahalli from May 3 to 13, 2022. 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 and a three-day camp for the trainees of the centre at Don Bosco Ajjanahalli, from May 16 to 18, 2022.

Mr. Parappa, H.M, Shree Bhairaveshwara High School, Mr. Suresh, ASI, Nelamangala Police Station, Mr Lokesh Kumar,

Quarters, Mysore Road, and Tungabhadra Colony near Cantonment Railway Station, on April 29 and 30, 2022 respectively. BOSCO Vikas organized a summer camp for the inmates from April 27 to May 10, 2022, at Don Bosco Vidyakshetra, Prakashpalya. BOSCO Mane organized a ten-day summer camp for the children of the centre from May 2 to 12, 2022. Summer Bang was organized for the inmates of BOSCO Rainbow Home at Don Bosco





Comedian and Cine Actor, Bengaluru, Mr. Kishan, Artist and Film Co-Producer, Bro. Lijo, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, 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, meditation, 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, Mathematics, Science, English,



## CHILDREN SPEAK

### GAGANA

I come from Hosakote. My father is a farmer and my mother is a housewife. I have three younger sisters. I did my PUC at St. Joseph's College in Bengaluru. I had taken the HEPS combination for my PU course and passed with a score of 348 marks (58 %). I am grateful to BOSCO Rainbow Home for all the help and support I received for my studies. I would like to study further, take up a good job, and support my family.

### KAUSHIK

I lost my mother when I was very young and my father used to take care of me. But he used to struggle to make ends meet. My father used to do odd jobs to make a living, and then one day he left me too. I was rescued from the street and taken to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli. I did my schooling from the 3rd standard till SSLC over there. But I could not pass my SSLC exam, so I was sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra in 2017. With the constant guidance and motivation of the BOSCO staff, I appeared for the SSLC exam again, and this time I passed. I chose the Arts stream for my PUC in the BBMP Government College in Magadi Road and came first in the college. I scored 60.3% with 362 marks. Now I want to take up a job but I will also join an evening college and continue my studies.

Kannada, Hindi classes, public speaking, clay modelling, creative dance forms like Kamsale and Salsa, and campfire were taken up during the camps. Children played indoor and outdoor games like football, thousand football, drum cricket, drum basketball, cricket, and volleyball. They

were taken for outings to nearby places. Children also put up cultural programmes displaying their talent. All centre children, area children, children attending tuition classes and school-going children from Nelamangala participated in the camp.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Kidovation Session by Accenture

Kidovation, a globally established educational programme to help children by providing Design thinking, Marketing and Coding lessons, bridging the creativity skills gap, and teaching them critical thinking skills, was organized by Accenture London, for the students of BOSCO Mane and Vikas, on July 10, 2021. The online training session via Google Meet named, 'The purpose of life is nothing but teaching and learning,' was facilitated by Nishi, Shravanthi, and Bhawana. The interactive session consisted of activities, sharing, and discussions. Twenty children from BOSCO Vikas attended the programme.



### Panel discussion on Foster Care Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

Panel discussion on Foster Care SOP was organized by ICPS Director via Google Meet for the District DCPOs and CWC members, on July 28, 2021. Ms. Pallavi, Director, ICPS, initiated the meeting. Ms. Sindhu Naik, Adoption Scrutiny, Karnataka State Council for Child Welfare, Bengaluru, presented the Foster Care concept in detail. Ms. Usha Kiran KT, Psychiatric Social Worker, Member of Foster Care State Guidelines, NIMHANS, explained the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders involved in the programme. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, enumerated the documents to be maintained by DCPU/ NGO for the programme. A hundred members attended the meeting.

### Launch of Mulmina: A Nutritious Health Supplement

Mulmina, a clinically proven immune booster, was launched by Jagadale Pharma and Rotary Bengaluru Aagneya, in partnership with Tetra Pak India Pvt Ltd., to mark the Birth Centenary Celebration of Shri Radhakrishna Jagadale, Founder, Jagadale Industries Pvt. Ltd., at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on September 20, 2021. Mr. Simon, Director, Jagadale Pharma, speaking on the occasion, said that Mulmina is a nutritious health supplement packed with natural strong immune boosters, powerful antioxidants and stress relievers that strengthen the immune system. It helps fight against viral and bacterial infections, relieves stress, and calms the body. It contains immune-boosting vitamins such as Vitamin A, B-complex Vitamins, Vitamin C, and Vitamin E, and minerals such as Zinc, Iron, and Selenium. He said that



there was a plan to reach out to more than thirty thousand children across India. The company has chosen BOSCO Bengaluru to distribute Mulmina.

Several Rotarians, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Fr. Rubin Mathew, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. The Immune Boosters were given to Fr. Varghese Pallipuram to be distributed to the children of BOSCO. Gifts were distributed to the children. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan performed a prayer dance. Thirty children from BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan were present for the programme.

## Advocacy Meeting

An advocacy meeting was organized in BOSCO Yuvodaya on November 27, 2021. In the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the agenda for the meeting which included experience sharing by the staff, types of issues encountered by the staff, present strategies used, legal support options, and action plan for the future.

Mr. Basavaraj PN, Rescue Coordinator, BOSCO Child Safety Net Project (CSN), highlighted five major child rights issues dealt with by BOSCO on a day-to-day basis. Ms Usha Nayak, Coordinator, City CHILDLINE, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared about the issues faced by staff members while registering FIRs at police stations. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Gandhinagar area, explained the difficulties in rescuing and rehabilitating mothers begging on the streets along with infants. Mr. Balraj, Team Member, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, expressed his concern regarding the rescue and rehabilitation of elopement cases.

Biju Varghese, Advocate, spoke about the macro approach and the micro approach in addressing the various issues related to making changes at the policy level, bringing about amendments in legislation on children, and resolving issues at the local level by getting the support



of the Government Departments, Police, and other like-minded organizations.

An action plan was formulated. It was decided to prepare the memorandum with the list of demands, schedule a meeting with the higher officials, establish a legal panel at BOSCO with staff having sound knowledge and experience in child welfare, and network with like-minded NGOs/ organizations.

The other lawyers who attended the meeting included Padmanabhan, Vivek, and Vaishnavi. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram welcomed the participants and proposed the vote of thanks. The meeting was attended by fourteen BOSCO staff members.

## Past Pupils' Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized Past Pupils' Day at the centre to have a get-together of the past pupils of BOSCO, on January 26, 2022. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed his happiness to meet a large number of past pupils who had gathered to

show their gratitude to BOSCO. He exhorted them to register the past pupils' group as an association so that they could take up social responsibilities and continue to contribute to society more efficiently.

## CHILDREN SPEAK

### USHA

I joined the BOSCO computer training program in February 2020, when I was in the 1st year of my degree at BMS College in Bengaluru. But the training had to be stopped because of the pandemic. But I did not lose hope. I had to wait one whole year but the training finally resumed, and I re-joined the program and completed the Computer Basics course. The training has been very helpful in my academic development.

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### PRIYANKA K

I am a B.COM graduate and I stay in Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru. I was searching for a job when I got to know about the computer training program at BOSCO. In January 2022, I joined the program offered by BOSCO Mane and did the Computer Basics and Tally course. After completing the course, I was placed as a Data Entry Operator at BOSCO Yuvodaya. I am very thankful to BOSCO for the training and the job.

Fr. George Kollashany, one of the pioneers of BOSCO Bengaluru, appreciated the unity of the group and gave examples of other states where past pupils' groups are functioning. He was happy to have the presence of the very first youngster who was rescued by BOSCO in the initial years.

Past pupils shared their experiences and relationship with BOSCO. They also recalled their sweet memories and thanked the Directors and staff for their support and guidance. A core committee of eight past pupils was formed to take responsibility for the formation of the association. Other Directors and staff too shared their experiences with past pupils and cherished the moments.

Fr. C.V. George, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. John M.A, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Sheeba, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Mrs. Mary Triza, Former BOSCO staff, and forty-two past pupils attended the meeting.



## BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2022

BOSCO Bengaluru organized an essay writing competition for college students spanning from October to January 2021-22. Around 140 colleges/universities from across India were contacted, and the competition saw participation from students of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels of different disciplines like management, social work, sociology, media, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences. The competition was intended to be an open platform for students to express their ideas and communicate their thoughts about issues of current social and cultural relevance, and 3 such issues formed the core of the competition. The Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on children, Online education and cyber safety, and Climate change and what it could mean for our future generations were the topics chosen for the competition. The essays were judged by a panel of 3 external judges on the criteria of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style, and the first prize was awarded to Moumi Das of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The second place was secured

by Sharbari Ghosh of the Banaras Hindu University, and the third prize went to Arushi Srivastava of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2022 offered a detailed look and new insights into 3 areas of urgent concern, and was a refreshing reflection of the perceptions and perspectives of today's youth.





## Picnic to Fun World Amusement Park

BOSCO Management organized a picnic for its staff at the Fun World Amusement Park, Bengaluru, on March 26, 2022. It was a good time for the staff to relax and enjoy the theme park, especially after the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the morning the staff enjoyed playing water games. Post lunch, they moved on to the dry games area. Irrespective of age, professional hierarchy, and experience, the mood of recreation were contagious. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Fr. Johnson, Fr. John, Fr. Regi, and Fr. Joshy, Directors, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the picnic. Hundred and twenty-one staff members were a part of the one-day outing.



## BOSCO Bags YaR National Awards Again

It was a proud moment for BOSCO Bengaluru as three awards were conferred by the National YaR Forum for the year 2021 under different categories, in March 2022, at the National YaR Office, New Delhi.

John Joshua Nirmal, Homelink Child MISS Program, Bangalore HUB, INK Province, was adjudged the Best HUB coordinator for 2021. There are eight HUB Coordinators among the eleven Don Bosco provinces across India. Bangalore HUB covers the states of Karnataka and Kerala. The Homelink Child MISS program consists of a network of nineteen organizations, both Don Bosco YaR centres, and other NGOs working with children in Bengaluru. Presently fourteen of these organizations are active. Homelink Child MISS program helps to have easy access to child-related organizational documents and follow a common documentation system.

BOSCO Bengaluru received a memento as the Best Organization in the Bangalore Province, in recognition of its over forty years of untiring service towards children on the streets, child labourers, abandoned/orphaned children, victims of drug abuse, victims of child abuse, begging children, rag pickers, runaways, trafficked children, out of school children, etc.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Bengaluru City Police East Division, awarded Ms. Vinnarasi, Staff, BOSCO Bengaluru, with the 'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation, on March 8, 2020. She was felicitated for safeguarding the rights of children and bringing about a change in the lives of numerous children. In recognition of her work in the social field, National YaR Forum presented Ms. Vinnarasi with an award of appreciation.



## 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 on 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 published '40 Diamonds – A Candid Portrayal of the lives of the Risk Takers of Our Times,' an account of the lives of forty people who are living testimonies of the organization's stint with the less privileged children and youth to commemorate the completion of forty years of partnering with the young at risk.

## 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. BOSCO Bengaluru, appointed as the Nodal Agency by the Don Bosco YaR network, is implementing the Child MISS programme in Karnataka and Kerala. The data is systematically documented and maintained in BOSCO, Bengaluru.

## STAKEHOLDERS SPEAK

### MS. ASAVARI (SHELTER HEAD -MAKE A DIFFERENCE)

BOSCO is one who chooses to keep children at the heart of safety, love and support, every single day. We cherish and celebrate each moment we spend with our children. We are overwhelmed with love when they call us Akka and Anna. To see them grow little by little each day, to be kind in the face of adversity, is as admirable as it is inspiring, and we can't wait to see what our children go on to accomplish one day. For us to have hope, and to dream for our children would not be possible without your efforts day in and day out. In many ways, we wouldn't be able to celebrate our small wins if it was not for you working tirelessly to help the children. When the pandemic grew and kept us from seeing our children, you made sure we continued to give them the means to learn and grow even if it was through a small screen, even if it meant trusting us from a distance. There is a great responsibility of not faltering for our loved ones and doing that becomes that much easier when we have a safety net like the one you have provided us with here at Vatsalya Bhavan. While the road to empowering a community to raise our children is long, we have taken a small step to bring about the change we believe in, with you as our biggest enabler. A big thank you for letting us make a difference in the lives of so many children and people over these years. We could not have done this without you.

### MR. SHANMUGAM SUNDARAM, CWC CHAIRMAN

Ramanagara District Karnataka says, "Under the aegis of BOSCO Bangalore, the Foster Care program in the district of Ramanagara is being propagated. The team along with the support of the Don Bosco Salesian house in the district has reached out to thousands of people. Over the past year, BOSCO has conducted several activities like Convergence meetings, NGO-level meetings, Teachers training programs, and Community level awareness programs to promote the concept of Foster Care so that people from all strata of society can refer potential children to the program. As an impact of these activities, more families are coming forward to foster children these days; also the team was able to place 3 children in Foster Care with the support of the Integrated Child Protection Departments of the district. As a recognition of their contributions to the district, I will be recommending BOSCO as a Foster Care Facility Organization (FCFO) shortly to act as a nodal office in the Ramanagara district for Foster Care services."

## 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 2021-22, a total of 77 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 fulfilment. 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 – 16**

**Student Volunteers – 60**

## Adieu

extends a warm welcome to Fr. Jose SDB who is the newly appointed Administrator of BOSCO. A hearty welcome to Bro. Jaison Jerome to

It is time to thank Fr. John MA, Fr. Regi Jacob, and Bro. Isaac rendered 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!



## Hearty Welcome

Fr. Muthu Jude Arul Anand, SDB, having served in various Don Bosco centres in the Salesian Province of Bengaluru, will be the Director of BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, and CREAM Project at BOSCO Bengaluru. BOSCO Bengaluru also extends a warm welcome to Fr. Jose SDB who is the newly appointed Administrator of BOSCO. A hearty welcome to Bro. Jaison Jerome to BOSCO Mane and Bro. Ashley to BOSCO Yuvakendra.



## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sl. No.	Award/Recognition	Year
1	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
2	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 regarding children on the street, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
3	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kolassany was honored with the Bheedhi Bhagya Award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
4	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka	1994
5	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
6	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
7	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
8	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
9	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 a begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with the Police Department and networking with 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 WORLDWIDE (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. Sri. 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
23	YaR Awards for Best HUB coordinator to John Joshua; Best Organization in the Bangalore Province and an Award of appreciation to Ms. Vinnarasi in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation	2021

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-21

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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 31.03.2022

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contributions	5,91,459.00	
Local Contributions	78,51,295.00	
Projects Grants	6,00,29,314.47	
Goverments Grants	28,48,231.00	
Bank Interest	16,57,001.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		1,12,63,271.50
CHILDLINE (1098) Services		31,38,715.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		37,74,332.00
Supplementary Education and Community Involvement		15,38,963.00
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/Colleges/ Public Places, etc		8,80,483.15
Higher Education of the Rescued Children		7,90,850.00
Maintenance of Land, Building, Vehicles, etc		43,80,387.37
Health Care		10,89,300.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		2,18,34,670.22
Piloting Alternative Form of Child Care in India		37,07,348.00
Early Childhood Care & Education		9,60,550.00
Picnic, Camps, Sports, Entertainment and Functions, etc		15,98,385.00
Food for Children		90,20,318.56
Travel and Conveyance		7,94,673.00
Clothes for Children		7,78,486.00
Family Reunification and Follow up		19,87,470.15
Distribution of Ration Kits, Cloths, etc during Covid-19 Lock-down		2,15,756.00
Opening/Closing Balance	1,21,74,584.34	1,73,97,925.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,51,51,884.81</b>	<b>8,51,51,884.81</b>

## WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO

SI No	Name
1	Aamir Shabbir Hakim
2	Accenture
3	Albert Galea
4	Alison Tanya Pinto
5	APCO Concrete Blocks & Allied Products
6	Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives
7	Bangalore Rural Educational And Development Society (BREADS)
8	Big Tree Entarment Pvt LTD
9	Book A Smile
10	Childline India Foundation (CIF)
11	Claude Sofia Marion Foundation
12	Deepa Joy
13	Deutsche Provinzder Salesianer Don Bosco
14	Don Bosco Mondo, Bonn
15	Germinate Investor Service LLP
16	Gina Engineering Company PVT LTD
17	Guru Prasad
18	Hudson Bay Services Pvt. Ltd
19	IBS Software Pvt. Ltd.
20	Joseph Rego
21	Karl Cardoza

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22	Mersen India PVT LTD
23	Microsoft India R and pvt ltd
24	Music Broadcast Ltd (Radio City)
25	NASSCOM Foundation
26	NDL Foundation
27	Rainbow Foundation of India
28	Rajoy Jose
29	Sabu Joseph
30	Securonix India
31	Shreena Jose
32	Sohini Sinha
33	Stichting BVA
34	Stichting Raja Foundation
35	The CLAUDE Sofia Marion Foundation
36	The NDL Foundation
37	Tivo Tech Park Limited
38	Trigent Soft Ware Pvt ltd
39	UK Online Giving Foundation
40	Wilde Ganzen Foundation
41	XL India Business Services pvt ltd
42	Y S Bharathi Reddy

### 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
- Young at Risk - Experiences of BOSCO in the City of Bengaluru
- Foster Care - An Alternative Family Care for Children without Families (A National Consultation and Research by BOSCO Bengaluru)
- 40 Diamonds -A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of Risk-Takers of Our Times



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- STREET CHILDREN IN INDIA- SURVIVING THE STREET
- A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- THIS IS ME



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# BOSCO NEWS

## Bangalore Mirror

### The Great Escape

127 kids rescued from bonded labour in Bengaluru between July 2021 and January 2022



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A 12-year-old boy was the reason behind setting up the Child Safety Network (CSN), a project of Bosco NGO in Bengaluru, involved in rescuing trafficked minors.

Project coordinator Shafi recalled receiving a phone call from Jagalur Ramnagar police station regarding 12-year-old Sudhama. The child had approached the police after escaping from a bag stitching factory.

Children trafficked from various parts of the country to Bengaluru are made to work for meagre wages, according to Mohammed Sheik Shafi, project coordinator, CSN, Bosco, Bengaluru. Smart and young Sudhama, a native of Bihar, was scared, but put up a brave face, said Shafi who rushed to see him. The employer of the bag stitching company in Shamana Garden had approached Sudhama's parents in Bihar, who were in utter penny, and offered them money in exchange for taking Sudhama to Bengaluru, where he was promised a good future.

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### Salvaging a lost childhood

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Upon arrival, Sudhama was confined to a congested space in the factory — stitching bags, eating and sleeping at the same place. He was not allowed to call his parents and was threatened with dire consequences, request upon request. He was paid around Rs 4,000, at times, a little more, depending on how many bags he would stitch. There were several other boys there like Sudhama. One day, somehow he managed to escape the factory and walked into Jagalur Ramnagar police station.

The cops informed Child Welfare officials and he was handed over to them. "Sudhama guided the cops to the factory as there were other boys, trapped and tormented there," Shafi told Bangalore Mirror. From the factory in Shamana Garden, five other boys were rescued and the owner slapped with a case of child labour.

Child welfare department contacted Sudhama's parents in Bihar and he was reunited with them, after counselling sessions. Sudhama was among the 127 kids that the Child Safety Network of Bosco rescued from bonded labour in Bengaluru between July 2021 and January 2022 from 12 locations. "They were all minors, aged 11-18 years, rescued during a seven-month period," said Basavaraj P.N., rescue coordinator and ex-Child Welfare Committee member, Bengaluru Urban. Children were engaged in bag stitching, garment coloring, glass cutting, printing, cap stitching, paper making, steel chair making, kullfi/ice candy making, scrap and construction work. Rescue was in line with covid protocol," Basavaraj pointed out.

According to the CSN team, Bihar accounted for the lion's share of rescued children. Around 77 minor boys among the 127 children were from Bihar; 41 came from Karnataka. "There were three children each from Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan, whereas Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and West Bengal accounted for one child each," said Shafi.

The rescue operations took place in KP Agrahara, Cottonpet, JRR Nagar, Chandra Layout, Chamrajpet, Magadi Road, Upparpet, Kengeri, RR Nagar, DJ Halli, Vijay Nagar and V.P. Nagar. Inquiries revealed most children were brought to Bengaluru by work agents, who made advance payments to their poor parents. The children were forced to work from 8:00 am till late night in suffocating conditions, with little or no medical care. They were not provided face masks, exposing them to covid-19. They were not permitted to talk to their parents back home. On an average, they were paid wages between Rs 4,000-8,000 a month.

"The circumstances rendered the children susceptible to economic and sexual exploitation, slavery and trafficking as well," Basavaraj noted.

Post rescue, all the 127 children were tested for covid-19, provided necessary medical care and produced before the Child Welfare Committee. Twenty-two children were below the age of 14 and the remaining 105 were between 14 and 18 years of age. As children below 14 were made to work constitute child labour, cases were registered against the employers concerned of 22 children. All the children were placed in child care institutions, soon after. They were subsequently sent back home, escorted by parents, the Bosco team said.

### Did not want father to remarry: Runaway girl

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A welfare operation conducted by volunteers of a non-government organisation (NGO) saved a minor girl from falling into the wrong hands.

Bosco Mane NGO works closely with the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), volunteers at the NGO, supervised by coordinator Anjaneya, search for unattended children at bus stations and find out if they had run away from their homes.

Around 10.30 am on July 13, the team found the 12-year-old girl wandering at Majestic bus stand. When a volunteer struck a conversation with her, she revealed that she is a resident of Adugodi. She told the volunteer that she left her house because her father was planning his second marriage.

According to Navya (name changed), her parents were married for 13 years and her mother deserted the family around six years ago. Since would occasionally visit her grandparents who resided in the vicinity. Navya's peers in the neighbourhood would tease her about her mother. Recently, her father was planning to get remarried and wanted to leave Navya with her grandparents. This was bothering her and she decided to leave the house. She left the house without any money and

NGO members found the 12-year-old at Majestic bus stand; she has been handed over to government shelter

was wandering near a bus stop at Nanjappa Layout in Adugodi. She asked a stranger to help her with some money and took an auto-rickshaw to Majestic. She had plans to go to an ashram and was going around asking people for help. Members, Anjaneya told Bangalore Mirror. Senior officials from CWC spoke to the girl on video call and based on their advice, the volunteers took her to a state-run girls' home in Siddapura on Hosur Road.

The girl is still at the shelter and the CWC members, after counselling the father-daughter duo, will decide on their reunion," Anjaneya said. "There are many pimps and other bad people roaming around these bus stands and railway stations looking for such runaway kids. They sell these kids to traffickers who force them into begging and prostitution. In the nick of time, Navya was spotted, rescued and handed over to the CWC," she added.

### ಕರಿವರ್ತನ ಪ್ರಭು

ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್, 21, 2021 ಮಂಗಳವಾರ

### ಅಪೌಷ್ಟಿಕತೆಯಿಂದ ಬಳಲುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ನೆರವು

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು (ಪರಿವರ್ತನ ಪ್ರಭು): ಅಪೌಷ್ಟಿಕತೆಯಿಂದ ಬಳಲುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ರೋಗಿ ಪ್ರತಿ ರೋಗದ ಘೋಷಾಂಶ ನೀಡಲು ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕಾರ್ಡ್, ರೋಟರಿ ಇಂಟರ್ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸಿಟಿ ವೆಲ್ಫೇರ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಭಾರತದಾದ್ಯಂತ 30,000 ಅನಾರ್ಥಕರವಾದ ತಲಪುರವನ್ನು ಇಮ್ಮುನ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೆಂಥ್ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಮೇಲೆ ವಿತರಿಸುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.



ಮುಂದಿನ ಬಾರ್ ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ತಮಿಳು ನಾಡು, ರಾಜಾಸ್ಥಾನ, ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ದಿಲ್ಲಹ, ಒರಿಸ್ಸಾ, ತೆಲಂಗಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಬಂಗಾಳದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಇಮ್ಮುನ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೆಂಥ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಿಯನ್ನು ಟೆಟಾ ವ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿನ್ 30,000 ಟ್ರೇಸಿನ್ (8.1 ಲೈಟ್ ವ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿನ್ ಗಳು) ವಿತರಿಸಲಿದೆ. ಈ ತಂತ್ರ ಇಮ್ಮುನ್ ಸ್ಟ್ರೆಂಥ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಿಯನ್ನು ಟೆಟಾ ವ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿನ್ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ 27-ದಿನಗಳ ಕೋರ್ಸ್ ಅನ್ನು 30,000 ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತವಾದ ಮೂಲಕ ನೀಡುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. 300 ಕಿಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಜಾಮೀನ್‌ಗಾರಿಕೆಯು ಬೋರ್ಡ್‌ನ ಮನವರಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುವುದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಯಿತು. ಮುಂದಿನ ಬಾರ್ ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತ ಕೆಲಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಟೆಟಾ ವ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿನ್ ಸಂಯುಕ್ತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

### 127 child labourers brought into city over six months rescued

They were made to work in garages or in factories; 22 of them were under 14 years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT BENGALURU

A total of 127 children were rescued by the Child Safety Net team of the non-profit organisation Bosco between July 2021 and January 2022. The children — boys in the 11-18 age group — hailed from poor families and had been trafficked into the city over the last six months, said Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, executive director, who supervised the rescue and rehabilitation programme. As 22 children were under

the age of 14, child labour cases were registered against the employers. Many of the rescued children tested for COVID-19.

They were made to work in garages or in factories forced to stitch bags and caps, dye saris, cut glass, and prepare ice cream and candy. Others were forced into scrap and construction work.

Of the 127 children rescued, 77 were from Bihar, while around 41 were from different parts of Karnataka.

The children had been brought to Bengaluru by agents who allegedly made advance payments to their parents. "They were forced to work from 8 a.m. till late night in small, gloomy and suffocating conditions, with little or no medical care. They were not even provided face masks, exposing them to the deadly COVID-19 virus," said the NGO. City police were also involved in the rescue efforts.

The children were brought to the Child Welfare Committee which has booked the employers under the J.J. Act and also under the Child Labour Act. The parents of some of the rescued boys were summoned and asked to submit an undertaking that they would not force their children to work. "But we have little hope as poverty-stricken families are lured by the assurance that their children will have three meals a day and a decent income," said P.N. Basavaraj, rescue coordinator.

### Julio Iglesias: Jawort nach 20 Jahren

Spät, aber doch: Der spanische Schlagersänger Julio Iglesias hat seine Partnerin Miranda Rijnsburger geheiratet. Die beiden leben inzwischen seit 20 Jahren zusammen und haben gemeinsam fünf Kinder. Die 66-jährige Sängerin ist auch anwesend, als das 44-jährige Ehemann niederländische Topmodel am Dienstag im spanischen Marbella an der Strandpromenade ein Foto von sich und seiner Frau veröffentlichte. "Ich bin glücklich und glücklich, dass ich endlich wieder mit Julio zusammen sein kann", sagte er. "Wir haben fünf tolle Kinder und wir sind eine glückliche Familie."

Casinos Austria expandieren nach Großbritannien. Sie eröffnen im schottischen Glasgow das Casino „Corinthian Club“.

Toyota ruft Autos zurück. Der japanische Autohersteller Toyota muss wieder Autos zurückrufen. In den USA müssen Autos der Modelle Corolla und Prius zurückgerufen werden.

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# BOSCO AT A GLANCE

## JUNE 2021- MAY 2022

### We serve:

Children on the street, Unaccompanied 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 the law,  
Orphans, Children from dysfunctional families etc.

1220 empowered through 61 clubs  
288 provided skill training  
216 provided computer training

1706 supported with health care  
4000 given counselling service  
2315 home placed  
1754 Service provided (counselling, travel, etc.)

16 placed in foster care  
156 empowered through Adolescent Girls' Collectives  
170 empowered through Karate Clubs

11 missing children traced  
3128 rescued and rehabilitated  
3 given after-care education  
570 given academic education

75 Out-of-school children school enrolled  
611 given supplementary education  
2512 were given shelter in the homes of BOSCO

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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 Centres)		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
2020-21	017	1059	1076	752	02	43	075	037	291	608	806
2021-22	020	3108	3128	2315	00	104	045	055	288	356	1350
<b>Total</b>	<b>24541</b>	<b>125388</b>	<b>149929</b>	<b>78933</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>3938</b>	<b>27819</b>	<b>14777</b>	<b>6216</b>	<b>13198</b>	<b>62902</b>

# CENTRES & AREAS OF BOSCO

01

## BOSCO YUVODAYA

- Coordinating Office
- Open Shelter

02

## BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

- Shelter for Children (14 to 18 years)
- Job Placement Centre

03

## BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

- Life Skill Training
- Higher Education

04

## BOSCO MANE

- Bridge Education
- Shelter for Children (Below 14 years)

05

## BOSCO VIKAS

- Shelter for School Children

06

## BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

- Shelter for Girls
- Centre for School and College Girls
- Life Skill Training

07

## BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

- Centre for School Girls

08

## BOSCO NILAYA

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment

09

## BOSCO NIVAS

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment
- Life Skill Training

10

## BOSCO YUVA SPANDANA

- Centre for Youth
- Life Skills and Technical Training
- Career Guidance and Job Placement
- Dormitory for Migrant Youth
- Drop-in Centre
- Indoor Sports and Games

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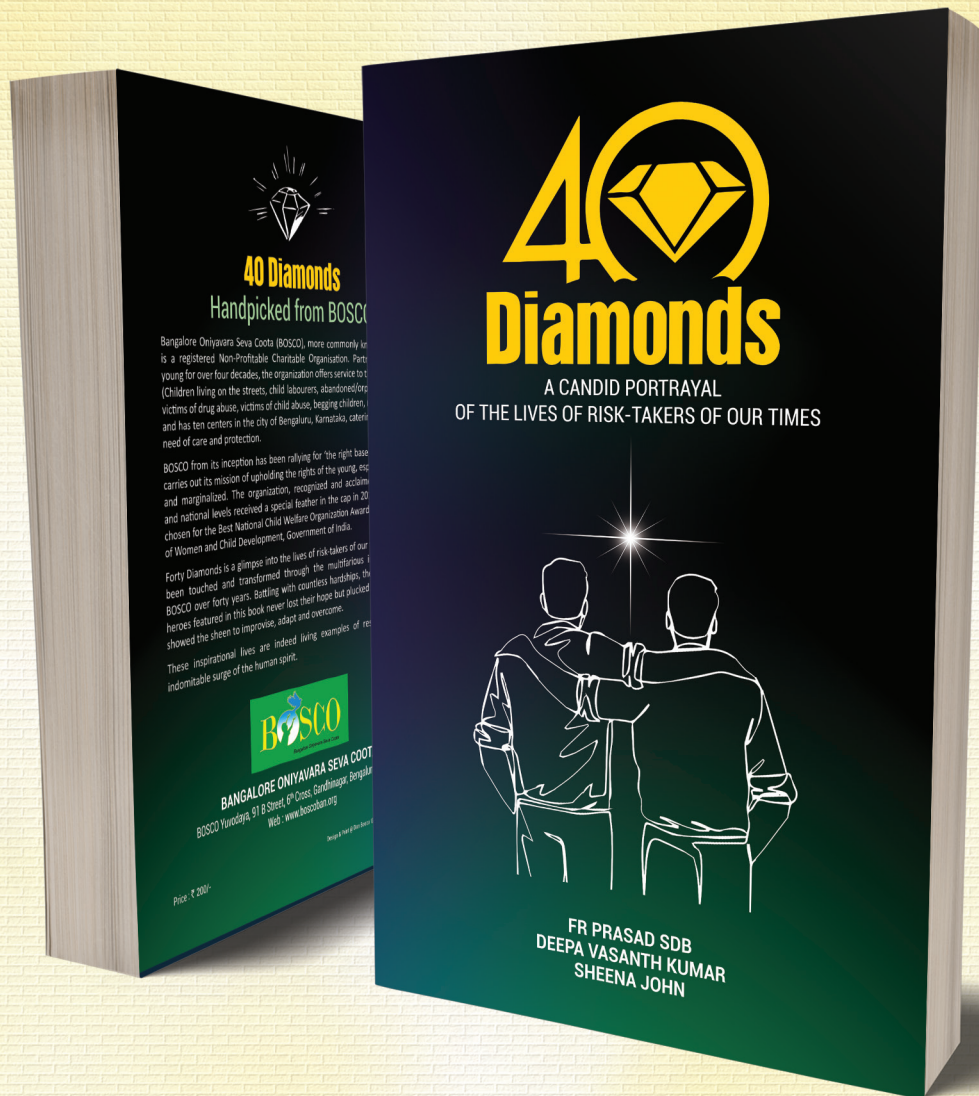
## AREAS

- Railway Stations
- Bus Stations
- KR Market
- Shivajinagar
- Magadi Road

# 40 DIAMONDS

A CANDID PORTRAYAL OF THE LIVES OF THE RISK TAKERS OF OUR TIMES

was released at Kristu Jyothi College,  
Bengaluru, on April 28, 2022



Forty Diamonds is a glimpse into the lives of risk-takers of our times who have been touched and transformed through the multifarious interventions of BOSCO over forty years.

These inspirational lives are indeed living examples of resilience and an indomitable surge of the human spirit.



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