



# E-Street Voice

Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

January 31, 2023

## Editorial Note...

### Make your Heart their Home

Salesians across the world celebrate the feast of Don Bosco on January 31. It is a month-long celebration in the Don Bosco institutions, abuzz with competitions and events designed to increase awareness about the values and principles upheld by Don Bosco and to enhance the talents of the children. The E-Street Voice of January chronicles the activities conducted during the month.

Don Bosco who used to say, 'It is enough that you are young for me to love you,' spared no efforts in showing that he loved and trusted the young people in his care to a great extent. The following heart-touching incident from his life gives a glimpse of reciprocal trust between the educator and the young people who were on the brink of the society. It was customary for Don Bosco to visit a reformatory (Correction home) for juveniles in Turin. The authorities who had ob-

served changes for the better in the behavior of the inmates did not raise any objection. One day Don Bosco decided to take the inmates of the prison for a one-day outing with the permission of the prison authorities. Although they were skeptical in the beginning, they allowed him to do so. At the end of the day, all the youth who had gone for the outing, without even the assistance of the guards, came back to the prison to uphold the promise they had made to Don Bosco.

As we endeavour to make a difference in the lives of the less privileged children and youth, may we strive to make our hearts a welcoming haven where they can take refuge.



*Fr. Prasad SDB*

## Don Bosco Fest 2023



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized the Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest on January 29, 2023, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. Delivering

the presidential address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, expressed his happiness to have gathered for celebrating the feast of Don Bosco. Mr. K Naganna Gowda, Chairperson, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) said, "Children, if you work hard in the present, your future would be brighter. Always remember that as children and students, you too have the responsibility of shaping your future". Ms. Geetha Laxmi, DCPO, South, Bengaluru Urban urged the children to make use of the schemes

## Inauguration of Don Bosco's Month

Don Bosco's month was inaugurated at all the centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 5, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted the children and the youth at the centres to imbibe at least one virtue of Don Bosco during the year. Fr. Uday, Youth Director, Bangalore Province, addressing the staff and the children at BOSCO Mane, spoke about the life of Don Bosco and motivated them to follow the principles and values of Don Bosco.

The Directors of the centres gave the example of Don Bosco and his sacrifice and dedication to youth. They spoke about the importance of celebrating Don Bosco's Month, St. John Bosco's work, his mission, and his vision. They encouraged the youth to imitate



Don Bosco and consider him a role model. Children sang hymns honouring St. John Bosco. All the centre and area children and youth participated in the event.

## Foster Care Awareness



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized awareness sessions for the Gram Panchayat Members at Gram Panchayat Office, Manne, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, Mayasandra and Shanthipura, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru Rural in January 2023. Facilitating the sessions, Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed about BOSCO and its services, the concept of foster care, adoption, foster care guidelines, and the procedures involved in fostering a child. He said that the members could help BOSCO by disseminating information about foster care and also help in identifying prospective foster parents and children in need of care and protection. Forty-one Gram Panchayat Members were part of these awareness sessions.

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## Don Bosco Fest 2023

of the Government. Layendra Kokila, Actor and Music Composer, Kannada Film Industry encouraged the children to make use of the opportunities coming their way and always aim towards reaching the goal set forth. Dr. Srinivasa R., Resident Medical Officer (RMO), Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru also spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Prasanna T, who started a Kannada tabloid called Police Bete in 2012, and has been exposing several irregularities and injustices in society and advocating the government on the same through his newsletter, was bestowed the prestigious national Alumni Award. The winners of the month-long competitions and events organized for the children such as quiz competitions, children's sports day, inter-center cultural competitions, etc., were awarded during the valedictory function.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane welcomed the gathering. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Around 350 children, friends, and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered for the event.

## BOSCO Annual Quiz Contest 2023



**D**on Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 26, 2023. Fr. Deepak Joseph, Administrator, St. Joseph's High School, Bengaluru, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Johnson, Director, Yuvodaya, Fr. Jose, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Ms. Sheeba, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Child Representatives Ms. Jayasheela and Master Sabastian inaugurated the program. Giving insights on the programme, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram said, "Knowledge could be acquired through various means, and preparing for the quiz is

one such means of gaining knowledge. Children, you can show your love to Don Bosco by knowing him thoroughly and following his values and principles." Addressing the gathering, Fr. Deepak Joseph exhorted the children to inculcate the qualities of Don Bosco in their lives and become responsible citizens. The programme took off with the signing of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram.

Nine teams representing different centres and areas, BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Yuva Spandana participated in the competition. The quiz masters Br. Lijo and Br. Ashley, BOSCO, Bengaluru conducted the program. The quiz comprised ten rounds. The rounds included general rounds, individual rounds, find me round, puzzle round, flag round, buzzer round, rapid fire round, and deal or no deal round. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners and runners-up were children from BOSCO Vikas. Children from BOSCO Rainbow Home obtained third place. All the participants were appreciated for their participation. Vinod Sandeep, Team Member, BOSCO CHILDLINE project welcomed the gathering, and Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO CHILDLINE Project, proposed the vote of thanks. Forty-five children participated in the quiz contest.

## Past Pupils Day

As a customary practice, Past Pupils Day was organized at BOSCO Yuvakendra for the BOSCO Alumni on January 26, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru expressed his happiness and said that BOSCO unites past pupils so that they can take up the responsibility of addressing the societal issues pertaining to children and youth by forming their own association. Their life stories would also serve as a motivation to the youth of the centre to come up in life and carve a niche for themselves. Past pupils shared their life experiences and relationship with BOSCO. Recalling their memories with BOSCO, they thanked the Directors and Staff for their present lifestyle. They also discussed the association they are planning to start with. A core committee



was formed to take the plan forward. Fr. C. V. George, Salesian In Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra were also present on the occasion. Twenty-three Alumni of BOSCO attended the meeting.

## Children's Sports Day

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 22, 2023. Welcoming the gathering, Fr Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, said, "Only in a healthy body a healthy mind resides". Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said that the children had gathered to participate in the Sports Day as part of the Don Bosco's Month celebration. He felt that for holistic development, sports, and physical activities are necessary. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Mr. Ashiq CV, International Tennis Coach, Bengaluru, said, "Winning or losing is not important, but participation is". He assured his support to BOSCO in the coming days. The Olympic Torch was borne and lit by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with. Children and staff took oath during the programme under the leadership of Satish, the representative of children.

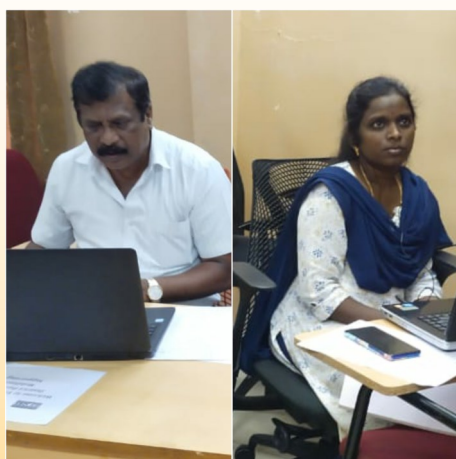
Various sports events like running races (100 mts, 200mts, 400mts, and relay), high jump, long jump, tug of war, shot-put, pick the article, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race, etc. were organized for sub



juniors, juniors, and seniors. The winners were awarded medals and certificates by the Directors and staff. Fr Jose, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Joshy, Director, Sumanahalli, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Johnson, Director, Yuvodaya, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sr. Sheeba, Director In-charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, staff and volunteers were present at the event. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru proposed the vote of thanks. Over four hundred children from the centres and areas of intervention of BOSCO participated in the sports meet.

## Foster Care Training for the District Partners

The Foster Care Online Training via Google Duo Meet was held at BOSCO Mane on January 18, 2022. Ms. Bharathi Devi, District Child Protection Officer,



Bengaluru shared the current scenario of the Foster Care Programme in Karnataka. She said that family was the ideal place for a child to live in. Many children have been identified as orphans or semi-orphans due to the COVID Pandemic and such children could be placed in foster care with the help of

DCPO and CWC. She shared about the Sponsorship Program in Mission Vatsalya and said that more awareness about the programme had to be created at the grassroots level.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Program, presented the statistical data and placement of children over the past 6 months. The Coordinator of Raichur District shared about DCPO's involvement in conducting HSR, SIR. He appreciated the programmes conducted in Bellary District and their rapport with the Government Officials.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared about the continuity of the Foster Care Project and discussed the proposal for the next phase to be given to BREADS. Mr. Shivamallu welcomed and proposed the vote of thanks. Twenty-seven members from ten districts attended the training.

## Inter-Centre Cultural Competitions



The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for children was held at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on January 29, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by the light-

ing of the lamp by the dignitaries. Fr. Varghese Palipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the contestants, said that he was happy to see them reaching the final round of the competition. He felt that all were winners and that such competitions paved the way for talent enhancement.

The competitions included solo and group songs, group dances, mimes, and fancy dress for the juniors and seniors. The Judges were Mrs. Ashwini Bharathi, CISCO, Preetam, Choreographer, Mr. Kumar, Dance Artist, and Ms. Abhinaya, Professor, Oxford Dental College. The judges were honoured with mementos. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Prasad, SDB Director, BOSCO Mane, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Sr. Sheeba, Director In-Charge, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were present for the event. Over a hundred children participated in the competition.

## Public Awareness at Shivajinagar



BOSCO Nivas organized public awareness programmes on January 6 and 18, 2023 at Shivajinagar, to raise awareness about child-related issues and also other services such as tuition, and skill training at the centre. The team discussed various child-related issues such as child labour, children begging, etc. They explained the services provided by the centre. The team also spoke about school enrolment and hostel facilities. They requested the public to convey information about tuition and skill training to their friends, family members, and others in their contact. The children working at grocery shops were motivated to attend school and tuition. One hundred and sixty-three public were given awareness.

## Awareness to Stakeholders



Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, and Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programmes for the KSRP Battalion -09, Traffic Police, and BBMP staff – Sweepers and Supervisors in their locations of intervention, during January 2023. The coordinators- PN Basavaraju, and Ramaswamy spoke about the steps to be taken to make Bengaluru a child-friendly city. They requested the support of the stakeholders in identifying children employed, children in difficult situations, and children in conflict with the law so that every child may have a safe and happy childhood. Over a hundred police officials and fifty-five BBMP workers attended the session.

## Staff Induction Training

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted an induction training for the new employees of the organization. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, welcomed the group, and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director gave introductory words. He facilitated a session on Programs and Services at BOSCO. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme took a session on child laws, related acts, and the foster care concept. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas engaged the staff in the session on Don Bosco's Preventive System of Education. Staff was involved through activity-based learning. Mr. Basavaraju P.N briefed about Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures and JJ Act. Ms. Maria Swetha, Accountant, BOSCO Bengaluru interacted and shared



information about the administration and accounting systems. Mr. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager explained the HR Policy of BOSCO. The training session came to an end with concluding remarks by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. The interactive sessions with relevant examples were interesting and informative. Twenty-two staff and one brother attended the induction program.

## Awareness on Mudra Scheme



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli organized an awareness programme on the MUDRA Scheme of the Government for the trainees of the centre on January 23, 2023. It was conducted to provide an opportunity for trainees to understand the MUDRA Scheme which would help them plan a better and safe future. Saleena, Centre Coordinator introduced the topic. The resource person - Mr. Prasad, Program Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru explained the scheme, its process, eligibility, and benefits. He said that Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) is a scheme launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on April 8, 2015, for providing loans up to 10 lakhs to non-corporate, non-farm small/micro enterprises. Trainees were given sufficient time to clarify their doubts. Seventeen trainees attended the session.

## Training on Counselling



Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted a training program for the staff on counselling at BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 11, 2022. It was an interactive and informative session facilitated by Ms. Karen Paul, Founder and Director, Child Development and Family Impact Network. Activity and games-based learning made the sessions more interesting. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme took a session on Foster Care. Staff was made aware of the importance of the Foster Care project. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru took a session on counselling in the context of BOSCO. Topics included the meaning of counselling, types of counselling, and contents of counselling specific to BOSCO. Twenty-eight staff involved in counselling attended the training.

## Value Education Sessions



**BOSCO Nilaya** conducted a value education session on 'honesty and happiness' along with the importance of education for the children attending the tuition

classes at Anandpuram and Giripuram tuition centres on January 19, 2023. Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Activist, BOSCO CREAM Project spoke about the values of leading a noble life. Motivational videos were screened. Fifty children participated in the session.

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a session on 'Care and Compassion' for the inmates of the centre on January 21, 2023. The purpose of the session was to motivate them to practice the virtue of care and compassion, to recognize the problems and pain of others, and move in action to help them. Mary Shamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Rainbow Home narrated a moral story and screened a short inspirational movie. She taught children to value people, animals, trees, and things and to be self-responsible and preserve things. Children performed a skit on caring for others. Thirty-one girls attended the session.

## National Youth Day Celebrated



National Youth Day was celebrated at BOSCO Yuvakendra as part of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on January 12, 2022. Rajashekhar, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, addressing the youth, mentioned the famous quote of Swami Vivekananda, "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached," He exhorted the youths to utilize their energies and potential to the fullest and rise up to their goals. Making informed decisions and choosing the right track was important to attain success in life. He asked the youths to follow the principles and values of Swami Vivekananda and in order to follow him they need to read and learn more about his life. Eighteen youths participated in the celebrations.

## Self-Discipline



**BOSCO Sumanahalli** conducted a motivation session, 'Self-Discipline' for the youths of the centre on January 25, 2023, with the purpose of encouraging the trainees to become better human beings, helping them to face challenges in life and improving group dynamics. Ms. Namita, Counselor, BOSCO Sumanahalli, explained the value of self-discipline through various examples. The importance and ways to develop self-discipline were explained. An activity named "Bibidi Bibidi Bum" was conducted to develop the value. Another interesting activity to balance oneself in difficult situations was given to the trainees using "pen and index fingers". Fifteen trainees were part of the session.

## Session on Career Guidance



A Career Guidance Session was organized for the youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra at the centre on January 25, 2023. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Senior Admin Facility, Wells Fargo narrated real-life experiences and showed motivational videos during the session. He explained that a job is primarily for one's survival, to earn money, and to look after parents and family. One needs to be trustworthy for the job. So, he asked them to have an interest in learning the work, believe in themselves, and have confidence in deciding one's future. He exhorted the youths to make use of the opportunities they get, and put in the effort to achieve their goal. The session helped in igniting the talents of the youths to take up better jobs through confidence and commitment. Eighteen boys participated in the session.

## Reaching out to Stakeholders



The outreach team working in the Bus Stands organized awareness programmes on the BMTC and KSRTC platforms to create awareness among drivers, conductors, officials, other stakeholders, and the public about runaway children, child labourers, and the child helpline number 1098, during January 2023. The team briefly explained child rights and how BOSCO supports needy children. It also explained about BOSCO Assistance Centre, protocols, and activities. The team distributed pamphlets. Around four hundred people were reached out to through these programmes.

## Session on Team Work



A session on 'Team Work' was organized for the inmates of BOSCO Rainbow Home at the center on January 23, 2023. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted team building exercises for children like, 'Not dropping the balls on the floor,' 'Safeguarding neighbour's goods,' and 'Nurturing teamwork skills' which help in developing higher levels of self-confidence, self-esteem, empathy and compassion, co-operation and ability to work together towards a common goal and also support and safeguard others. Eighteen girls participated in the session.

## Driving Training Programme



BOSCO Yuvakendra, Bengaluru started the driving training programme from January 31, 2023, till March 2023 for the youths of the underprivileged communities. As part of the training, the first class included the basics of driving which was facilitated by Mr. Narse Gowda, Nandi Driving School, Bengaluru. He taught them about the road symbols, their importance and the safety measures to be taken. The documents of the trainees were verified. Their details with the photos were updated online. Thirteen youths including boys and girls were part of the training.

## Talent Enhancement Programme



The outreach team working in the Gandhi Nagar area organized a talent enhancement programme for the children attending the tuition classes at BOSCO Yuvodaya as part of Don Bosco's Month on January 21, 2022. Fr. Johnson, Director, Gandhinagar Area Project spoke about Don Bosco. The team members conducted several activities like Bombing the City, Frog Race, Stealing the Coins, Pick the Articles, Singing, Dancing, Balloon Blast, etc involving the children. Prizes were given to the winners. Twenty-five children attending tuition classes participated in the talent enhancement programme.

## Health Awareness



The Health Care Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized an awareness on Cancer for the girls residing in the center on January 21, 2022. Dr. Spandana MD, Oncologist spoke about cancer, the causes of cancer, various types of cancer, its spread, and its prevention. She advised the girls to consume a lot of green leafy vegetables and avoid junk foods to maintain good health. Thirty-five girls attended the awareness session.

## Health Camp



The Health Care Department of BOSCO organized a health camp for the youths at BOSCO Yuvakendra at the request of the Yuvakendra team on January 16, 2022. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru checked the height, weight, temperature, pulse, and BP of the youths. Depending on the health issues of the youths, he recommended medicines and made referrals. Many of the inmates were suffering from viral infection. Twenty-four youths attended the health camp.

## Awareness Programmes



Awareness programs were conducted by the BOSCO Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) team at the Railway Stations, Bus Stands, moving trains, shops, and adjacent communities during January 2023, to sensitize the public about runaway children and missing children. Information was given on BOSCO and its activities, CHILDLINE, missing children, 1098, runaway children, child rights, child protection mechanisms, and the child welfare committee. Around five hundred public, shopkeepers, and passengers were given pamphlets

## BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition

Every year BOSCO Bengaluru organizes an essay writing competition for college and university students, from October to January. The year 2022-23 marks the fifth year of the competition. Around 140 colleges/universities from across India were contacted, and students of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels who belonged to disciplines like management, social work, sociology, journalism, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences participated in the event. The effort through this competition has been to introduce students to social issues that resonate with the present times and give them an opportunity to reflect, reason, and communicate their perspectives, thoughts, and ideas over an open platform. Three such issues of social significance were at the center of this year's competition – Drug Abuse among Youngsters in India – Causes and Effects; Education in the Post-pandemic Scenario: Bridging the Gap; and Leading Causes for Global Climate Change and Possible Remedies.



The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges on the criteria of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style. The first prize was awarded to Mohd Yasir Jamal Kidwai, from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The second place was secured by Alka Maria Varkey from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, and the third prize was won by Souhard Sharma of Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. The BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2022-23 has helped open up the much-needed conversation around three issues of grave societal consequence and give voice to the social consciousness of today's youth.



**Mohd Yasir Jamal Kidwai**  
**First Prize**

**“I** am really grateful to have been given this opportunity to participate in the BOSCO Essay Competition. I preferred to write on ‘leading causes of global climate change and possible remedies’, as it is an area which really interests me. I have a penchant for issues related to climate change, sustainability, and climate justice. Moreover, my ongoing degree in Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability Studies

### Winning Views



equipped me with the scientific and social relevance of this burning issue which was the major motivation behind choosing this topic.

The preparation for the essay made me cognizant of the severity of this issue. The literature which I used to develop an understanding of the topic helped me see it through umpteen lenses, and its impact on different regions of the world (West, Africa, and Global South) with different socio-economic conditions.”

An M.Sc. student of Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainability Studies, from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, Yasir aspires to excel in the fields of climate change, climate justice, and sustainability. He wishes to work in the social realm of the climate crisis in the long term and work for climate action in India with the aim to ameliorate the condition of the vulnerable sections of society.

## Winning Views



**Alka Maria Varkey**  
**Second Prize**

"I personally gained so many insights from the whole experience of writing this essay. The process of collecting adequate research materials to thinking about my views on the topic made me realize a lot about the mind of the youth population and helped me venture into some deep realizations. It helped open my eyes to a lot of different perspectives on the same topic and made me realize how important the issue is, on various levels. I chose the topic of the increased drug abuse menace in India because I was really passionate about the topic as I saw the influence of drug abuse seeping into my own life in various ways when I entered my late teens. I began to notice how subtly the media as well as peer pressure slowly started rubbing off on me on the same matter. This gave me the idea of closely observing and maybe finding out how society plays a role in this grave social evil. I enjoyed the research part of the essay the most. In preparation for the essay, over a month ago, I started to collect articles and data which gave me a solid base from

which I could elaborate my own views. The essay gave me an opportunity to discover many wonderful authors like Dennis Donovan, who wrote a Bible on addictions. The book helped me gain more knowledge on the physical and mental trauma that goes behind the treacherous habit of addictions and how wrong it is to tread lightly over a topic of such strength and power."

A student of B.Sc. Psychology from the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Alka wishes to continue in the same stream and venture more into the area of Addictions and Rehabilitation. She is passionate about addressing the issue of Recovery from addiction-related trauma, and aspires to be a therapist in the field of addiction and do research in the future.



**Souhard Sharma**  
**Third Prize**



"Participating in the essay writing competition was a truly enlightening experience. It allowed me to delve deep into a topic that I am passionate about and to express my thoughts and ideas clearly

and concisely. Researching, outlining, and writing the essay was challenging but ultimately rewarding, as it helped me refine my writing skills and better understand the issue. Choosing the topic of drug addiction in youth was rooted in my desire to raise awareness about this pressing issue. As a public policy student, I am particularly interested in understanding the underlying causes of drug addiction and how we can address this problem. I believe that by shedding light on this issue, we can work together to create practical solutions and help to reduce the number of young people affected by drug addiction. The process of

preparing the essay was incredibly informative. I spent hours researching the topic, reading articles and studies, and speaking with experts in the field. Through this process, I gained a better understanding of the various factors contributing to drug addiction in youth and learned about the multiple strategies currently used to address this problem."

A student of Master's in Policy and Governance, from the Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, Souhard aspires to continue working on the issue and to continue to raise awareness about the importance of addressing drug addiction in youth. He is particularly interested in exploring the potential of alternative therapies and interventions, such as mindfulness and art therapy, and examining the impact of social determinants of health on drug addiction, and hopes to one day contribute to developing effective policies and programs that can help reduce the number of young people affected by drug addiction and improve their overall well-being.

# BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT



**January- 2023**



	Male	Female	Total
Children Rescued	322	65	387
Service Provided	47	25	72
Grand Total	369	90	459

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

	Fresh		Repeated		
Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Railway CHILDLINE	134	27	01	00	162
Bus stand BMTC	30	05	01	00	36
Bus stand KSRTC	28	02	00	00	30
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Mane	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	02	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	06	00	00	06
CHILDLINE	02	07	00	00	09
CSN	09	00	00	00	09
SJPU	26	13	00	00	39
ARSP	83	03	00	00	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>387</b>

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	24	31	55
Home Placement	245	23	268
Produced before CWC (Admission)	24	09	33
Referred to OH	27	00	27
Referred to Hostels	02	02	04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>387</b>

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	30	20	50
Unaccompanied	292	45	337
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>387</b>