

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



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## EDITORIAL

### A Matter of Attitudes

“Child labour and poverty are inevitably bound together and if you continue to use the labour of children as the treatment for the social disease of poverty, you will have both poverty and child labour to the end of time,” said American social reformer and child advocate Grace Abbott. Once, a young couple working in one of the reputed companies in Bengaluru walked into the office of CHILDLINE and asked what were the rules to be kept in mind to appoint a seventeen-year-old girl as their housemaid. Disturbed by the question, I asked them why they wanted to employ a child. The person said that he did not want a manipulating adult to look after his four-year-old baby. He added that employing a child would be cost-effective and hassle-free. In another instance, the rescue team, on reaching the house of a wealthy person who had employed a twelve-year-old girl, had to face stiff resistance and aggression. The person justified his actions and claimed that he was an RTI activist who had connections with influential people and officials in the various departments. The theme for the World Day Against Child Labour, June 12, 2023, was, ‘Social Justice for All. End Child Labour.’ Policy-level interventions, concerted efforts, and an attitudinal shift are essential for the realization of this dream. Let us join hands to free their hands and give them a childhood!

Fr. Prasad SDB

## BOSCO DIARY

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## » AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS «

### Awareness Programmes

BOSCO teams working in the BMTC and KSRTC Bus stand, Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) project, CSN Project, Foster Care Programme, SJPU Project, Railway CHILDLINE, and BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, conducted awareness programmes for the public, passengers and commuters, shopkeepers, and various stakeholders in the bus stands, railway stations, communities, market areas, and other



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places, during the quarter. The teams reached out to the public, stakeholders, and people in the community by distributing pamphlets containing information on child rights and child-related laws and Acts, issues such as child labour, child marriage, child trafficking, child beggary, missing children, child runaways, vulnerable children and child helpline-1098, and about the foster care and skill training programmes of BOSCO.



## Health Awareness Sessions

BOSCO Health Department in coordination with BOSCO centres organized sessions on personal hygiene for the children at the centres during the quarter. A team of Social Workers headed by Ms. Uma Rai, St. Martha's Hospital, and Ms. Harshitha Kataria and Team, Titli Foundation, Bengaluru, conducted the sessions. Through various activities they explained about personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, and the importance of maintaining clean and hygienic surroundings, having nutritious food, practicing good habits, and leading a healthy lifestyle. Centre children benefited from the awareness session.



## Awareness Programmes for Parents



BOSCO Yuvodaya and Railway CHILDLINE organized awareness programmes for the parents who visited the open shelter during the CWC sittings from April to June 2023. Vijayamma, Team Member, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, explained to the parents about various issues related to children including child labour, child trafficking, child marriage, child beggary, missing children, etc. She also gave them awareness about child rights, and child-related Acts and laws. Vinnarasi, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the role of CWC, DCPU, DWCD, CCIs, and Government Homes, in the care and protection of children at risk. She also briefed the gathering about the various Life Skill Training courses at BOSCO. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, was present. More than a hundred parents attended the sessions.

## TRAININGS

### Training for Teachers

A training programme on the Foster Care concept was organized for the teachers at Government Higher Primary School, Manne, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, by BOSCO Foster Care Programme, on May 29, 2023. Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed everyone about BOSCO and its activities, foster care and adoption, the legal procedures involved in the Foster Care Programme, the role of the Government, NGOs and stakeholders in the programme, and the support required from the school teachers in identifying potential children and parents for foster care. Thirteen teachers were part of the training.





## Orientation Programme

Students from Smt. VHD Central Institute of Home Science (Autonomous), Bengaluru, visited BOSCO Bengaluru on June 8, 2023, as part of their course requirement. Mr. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed them about the history of BOSCO, its vision and mission, programmes, projects, activities, structure, and the systems followed in the organization. Students expressed their interest in doing an internship with BOSCO. They were also interested in taking sessions on health and hygiene, especially for adolescent girls in the communities and the areas of service of BOSCO. They appreciated the work of BOSCO and its contribution towards the welfare of children. Twelve students attended the session.



## Training for District Partners

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a training for the Project Partners, NGO Staff, and Social Mobilizers, at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru, on June 29, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed gratitude for the team's successful implementation of the project for three years. He thanked the funding agency, BREADS, for the financial support. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas shared about the Foster Care documentary, which was released by Fr. Jose Koyickal, Provincial, Bangalore Province, and thanked everyone who worked on the project.

Fr. P S George, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, stated that it is important to advocate with the government to release funds for the Foster Care Programme. He was happy that the Foster Care Programme has been expanded to ten more districts. Sony Kutty, Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF, addressing the gathering, shared details regarding the sponsorship programmes in one of the districts of Telangana.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme,

presented the three-year statistical data. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram presented an action plan and budget plan for the implementation of the Foster Care Programme in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase. There was a discussion on taking the programme forward in twenty districts of Karnataka. Mr. Benny, Project Manager, BREADS, was present at the meeting. Around thirty staff from ten districts of Karnataka participated in the meeting.



## » LIFE SKILL AND VALUE EDUCATION SESSIONS «

### Life Skill Sessions

Life skill sessions on 'Problem Solving', 'Critical Thinking', and 'Coping with Emotions,' was conducted for the trainees of the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, and BOSCO Yuvakendra, from April to June 2023. Fr. Uday, SDB, Youth Director, Don Bosco, Bro Lijo, Rajashekhar, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Geethamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, conducted the sessions. They explained to the group about identifying possible solutions to a problem, choosing the best solution, implementing the solution, and evaluating the outcome. They shared about the different emotions like happiness, sadness, anger, etc., with examples. The concepts of thinking, types of thinking, critical thinking, the difference between thinking and critical thinking, and barriers to critical thinking, were explained. How to think 'outside the box,' was explained to them through games. The sessions helped the trainees with the concept of critical thinking and educated them on how to develop problem-solving skills and achieve higher levels of success in life. The centre youths attended the sessions.



## Value Education on Respect

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a value education session on 'Respecting Others,' for the youth of the centre, on May 10, 2023. Rajashekhar, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, conducted the session by giving various examples and organizing various activities. He explained the mantra, 'I fear no one but respect everyone.' This helped the youth realize the value of building good relationships with respect and love which comes through polite words and actions. Sixteen youths attended the session.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebrations

BOSCO Yuvakendra and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi to commemorate the birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, at their respective centres, on April 14, 2023. The celebrations began with the garlanding of the photo of Dr. Ambedkar. The Directors and the staff spoke about the great personality – a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award - enumerating his life story, his contributions to society as a

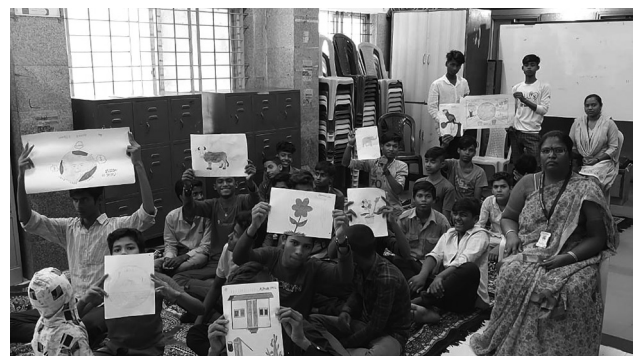
social activist, his achievements and struggles to deal with the caste system, and his persistent fight against all institutional and social odds. He framed the Constitution for the country.

The Directors and the staff exhorted the youths and the trainees to imbibe his values and principles and follow his path of truth and nobility. Eleven youths from Yuvakendra and twenty-five trainees from Sumanahalli participated in the celebration.



## World Earth Day

World Earth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Yuvodaya on April 22, 2023. The session started with a short prayer thanking Mother Earth. Vinnarasi, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained the importance of celebrating World Earth Day. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, explained about God's creations in nature which give happiness, love, and peace to others, and how the planet has to be protected. He spoke about the importance of saving water and electricity, conserving wildlife, saying no to plastic, planting more trees, saving trees, and recycling. The children were asked to draw a picture of the earth. Twenty-eight children of the open shelter were part of the celebration.



## International Day of Dance

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, celebrated International Day of Dance, at the centre, on April 27, 2023. Fr. Joshy, Centre Director, explained the significance of the celebration. The advantages of dance were explained to the trainees. Dance is a good form of exercise and also brings discipline to the body and soul of the individuals. Five solo dances and three duet dances were organized as part of the celebration. The trainees were happy to get an opportunity to showcase their dancing skills. Eighteen trainees along with the staff were part of the celebration.





## Rabindranath Tagore Jayanthi Celebration

Rabindranath Tagore Jayanthi was celebrated at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on May 9, 2023. Saleena, Centre Coordinator, explained the importance of the day. She introduced Rabindranath Tagore - a Bengali polymath who worked as a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer, and painter - his contributions to society and the awards received by him. She also read the Kannada version of the poem, 'Where the mind is without fear,' and explained to them in depth its meaning and spoke about the dream and prayer that Rabindranath Tagore had for our nation. A few trainees expressed their views about the great personality. Eighteen youths participated in the celebration.



## International Missing Child Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, BOSCO Railway CHILDLINE, and BOSCO Yuvakendra, observed International Missing Child Day at their respective centres, on May 25, 2023, to create awareness about the magnitude of the problem of missing children in India and to provide help to the children who are in need. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, spoke about the missing children in India according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and the various reasons for the children going missing. Awareness was given regarding the child helpline-1098. The trainees were involved in making a video on the importance of observing the day. Fourteen trainees along with the staff participated in the day's activities.

The staff of BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted an awareness session on Interna-

tional Missing Child Day by giving examples and organizing various activities involving the youth of the centre, on May 26, 2023. The youths were divided into two groups. They enacted a drama showcasing the magnitude of the problem. They were also asked to write an essay on 'Missing Children'. Fifteen youths took part in the event.



## Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

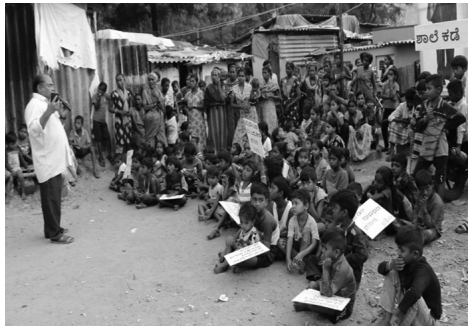
BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN), BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CREAM, CSN, Bus Stand, Gandhinagar Projects, and BOSCO Yuvakendra, organized Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Campaign in the surrounding communities of their areas of

work, during the last week of May and the first week of June 2023, to ensure that all children are enrolled in school. The two-week-long campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door awareness, and street plays by children in Nagarbhavi, Chandra Layout, Devaraj Urs



Community, K.P Agrahara, Nagamanagara, Keshawanagara, Magadi Road, B.V.K Iyengar Road, City Market, Avenue Road, Chickpet, Anandapuram, Sondekoppa, Vyayam Shaale, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Vinobha Nagara, Giripuram, Gandhinagar, and Annamma Colony of Bengaluru. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath, ASI, City Market Police Station, Ms. Manjula, Ms. Naga Latha and Ms. Mala, HMs, Mr. Vasu, High school Teacher, Manjunath, Upparpet Police Personnel, Fr. Varghese

Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Joseph Dandavati, Asst. Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Fr Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, and Fr. Anand SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, were present in the campaign. More than one thousand people who were reached out to during the campaign pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools.



## Tool Kit Distribution

Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a tool kit distribution event for the trainees who either completed their skill training or are in the final stage of training at the centre, on May 30, 2023. The purpose of the programme was to empower the youth with better opportunities to create a livelihood. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Joseph Dandavati, Asst. Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Dominic Siqueira, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. George Kannanthanam, Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present for the programme. Twelve trainees from the Bakery, Electrical, Carpentry, Welding, and Two-Wheeler Mechanic trades

received the tool kits. The trainees expressed their gratitude to BOSCO for having received the tool kits.



## World No Tobacco Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre observed World No Tobacco Day at the centre on May 31, 2023. Mr. Prakash, Welding Instructor, introduced the topic to the trainees. The trainees performed a role play under the guidance of the Instructor with the message that smoking is injurious to health. The role play also dealt with the damage that happens to others through passive smoking. A short video depicting the harmful effects of smoking/chewing tobacco on the various organs of the body helped the trainees understand the issue better. Fifteen trainees were part of this event.

BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted an awareness session on the ill effects of tobacco consumption for the youths of the centre on May 31, 2023. Ms. Yashaswi, explained through visuals and videos how the consistent use of tobacco harms one's life at various levels

and how it affects health. A strong message - 'Say No to Tobacco' - was communicated to the youths through this awareness session. Nineteen youths benefited from the programme.



## Grow Trees, Save Earth

BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Rainbow Home, and BOSCO CREAM Project, celebrated World Environment Day at their centres and areas on June 5, 2023. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at their respective centres and spoke

about the importance of the day and highlighted the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and the youth were told, "Kadu Belasi Nadu Ulisi" (Grow trees and save the Earth). They were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive to the needs of the environment.



Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the day. Drawing competitions were held. Posters and slogans were displayed and saplings were planted to help children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. Through short videos and stories, children and youth were told about the necessary steps that were taken towards preserving nature and greenery. Children pledged to take care of nature in their daily life. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr.



Manjunath, ASI, City Market Police Station, and Ms. Manjula, HM, Ganesh School, were present. Centre and school children along with the staff and volunteers participated in the programme in the different centres and areas.

## Social Justice for All: End Child Labour

BOSCO Bengaluru observed the World Day against Child Labour on the theme, 'Social Justice for All: End Child Labour,' in its areas of intervention, on June 12, 2023. Rallies were held in the Devaraja Urs area and Buddha Park by BOSCO Sumanahalli, at the KSR Railway Station and BMTC Bus Stand by the Railway Station and Bus Stand teams, and in the K. R. Market Bus Stand, Avenue Road, Fruits Market, BVK Iyengar Road, Shivaji Nagar, Gandhinagar, and schools by Yuvakendra, Nilaya, Nivas, ARSP, CSN, Gandhinagar Project, and SJPU teams, creating awareness about the problem among the public, passengers, motorists, shopkeepers, street vendors, community people and the like. The staff and trainees carried placards and raised slogans to educate the children and stop child labour.

While addressing the rally, Mr. Manjunath, Programme Director, Department of Child Labour, Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the value of education, the Child Labour Act, and the JJ Act. Yuvakendra boys performed street plays. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram,

Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about the importance of children's education and the importance of observing World Day Against Child Labour.

Awareness sessions and competitions like drawing, painting, etc. were also organized for the children at BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Yuvodaya. Directors of the centres spoke about the importance of the day. All the children were a part of the event.

Mr. Ganesh and Mr. Dhananjay, Police Constables, City Market, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Joseph, Director, Bus Stand Area, Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Ms. Geethamala, CWC Member, were in attendance. Several hundreds of children, stakeholders, community members, and the public were reached out to during the event.





## Anniversary Celebration



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, and Rainbow Home, organized programmes to commemorate the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of BOSCO, on June 15, 2023. Speaking on the occasion, the centre directors remembered the pioneers of the organization. The journey of BOSCO was explained in detail. There was a cake cutting on the occasion and chocolates were distributed to all the children, youth, and staff of the centres. Bags, books, pens, and pencils were distributed to the children in the Sumanahalli centre. All the children, youth, and staff were present during the celebrations.

## National Reading Day Observed

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, conducted 'National Reading Day,' for the trainees of the centre to create awareness about the importance of reading in their life, to encourage reading habits in the youth, and to honor the Father of India's Library Movement- Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker, on June 19, 2023. Quoting Sir Francis Bacon, Fr. Joshy Puthur, Centre Director, said, "Reading makes a full man." He welcomed the trainees to a world of books. Ms. Namita, Counsellor, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, spoke about the advantages of reading and the types of libraries that are found in our country. She said that reading is a habit that helps one gain deeper knowledge. One book is equal to three friends in our life. So, we need to make a book our friend. Antony Master shared that books are assets as well as friends in our life journey. Ms. Saleena, Coordinator, added that a room without a book is like a person without a soul. Youth were given



one hour to read a book of their choice. The trainees were encouraged to share their opinions, understanding, and advantages of reading. Seventeen trainees, two volunteers, and staff participated in the event.

## International Yoga Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Rainbow Home, Yuvodaya, and Sumanahalli, organized International Yoga Day for the children and youth at their respective centres on June 21, 2023. The coordinators explained the importance, benefits, and advantages of practicing yoga on a daily basis. The youth were told that yoga could be considered a disciplined method for attaining a goal and a method for mastering the body and the mind through meditation. It is the path to gaining mental and physical fitness. They were taught a few simple yet effective asanas. Youth learned 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.

Ms. Yamuna and Mohan, PES College, explained the concept of Yoga, its advantages, the inception of Yoga, and the different practices of Yoga asanas, with pictures, to the youths of the Life Skill Training Centre. Abel, Student Volunteer, St. Joseph's

University, explained the concept through a PowerPoint Presentation. After the awareness session, a practical session of Yoga was done for the trainees headed by Fr. Charles, St. Joseph's High School, and Mohan. The centre directors and staff were present during the event. Children and youth of the centres and open shelters attended the session.



## International Day Against Drug Abuse

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) organized a programme on 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking,' to create awareness about drug abuse, illegal trafficking, child rights, child protection, and prevention of child labour, for the children of Rasana English High School, Manjunath Nagar, Bengaluru, on June 26, 2023. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project, explained the harmful effects of drug abuse, signs of drug abuse, the role of parents and teachers, and how they have to be vigilant towards the behaviour of children. He said, "One cannot rewind life. So, say no to drugs." He also briefed the gathering about BOSCO and the SJPU Project. Ms. Pallavi, Police Sub Inspector, Rajajinagar, and Ms. Bhama KS, School HM, were present on the occasion. Around a hundred and sixty children attended the awareness programme.



## CREAM Sadhana Samagama

BOSCO CREAM Project organized the concluding programme – 'Sadhana Samagama,' in BOSCO Yuvodaya on June 30, 2023, to highlight the major achievements and milestones of the project from the time of its inception in 2012 to its completion in 2023. The meeting was inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. The journey of CREAM over the years was shown through a video.

Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that the programme might have come to an end but the activities of BOSCO will continue to ensure that children do not drop out of school, child rights are not violated, and that children are protected and safe, by liaising with KSCPCR, DCPU, CWC, Education Department, Labour Department, Police Department, etc. He thanked BREADS for the financial assistance, and all the stakeholders for their cooperation and support in making the project a success.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Ms. Manju S, Member, KSCPCR, compared BOSCO to a banyan tree. She suggested that BOSCO should take up a programme addressing the health, mobile addiction, and education of children since these parameters were greatly affected due to the COVID pandemic. Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS, addressing the gathering, said that the CREAM project was successful in empowering children to become whistle-blowers and watchdogs of their communities, areas, or



villages. He wholeheartedly thanked the BOSCO CREAM team for its exemplary work.

The Handbook/Manual of CREAM – 'Kannada Mannalli Belagide CREAM Deepa,' was released on the occasion by all the dignitaries. All the dignitaries on the stage were felicitated and given a memento as a token of gratitude and remembrance.

Mr. Anna Rao, PO (IC), Bengaluru South, Mr. Hemanth, Member, CWC, and Ms. Nalini, Senior Labour Inspector, Labour Department, Bengaluru, spoke on the occasion. Some of the School HMs, Lawyers, and other stakeholders gave their feedback about the CREAM Project and its activities. Participants included officials of various Departments, School HMs and teachers, CRC Presidents, Secretaries, and members, various other stakeholders, and BOSCO Directors and staff. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO CREAM Project, welcomed the gathering, and Devaraju, Coordinator, BOSCO CREAM Project, proposed the vote of thanks.

## HEALTH CAMPS

### Cancer Awareness and Detection Camp

BOSCO Health Care Project in coordination with BOSCO Nilaya organized a Cancer Awareness and Detection Camp for the people in the community residing near the centre, on April 15, 2023. Dr. Ranga Nayaki, Gynaecologic Oncologist, Dr. Javeria, Breast Surgeon, Dr. Guru Suhas, Otolaryngologist, Vijayakumar, Coordinator, three nurses, and two MSW Social Workers from the Indian Cancer Society, Bengaluru, conducted the camp. The doctors checked the weight, BP, and sugar levels of the attendees of the camp and conducted tests for screening cervical, oral, and breast cancer. The team also gave awareness about cancer, various types of cancer, their detection, and treatment. A few were prescribed medicines based on their illnesses. Around ninety people from the surrounding communities of BOSCO Nilaya availed the services of the camp.



A cancer awareness and screening camp was organized by the BOSCO Health Care Department and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, at Sumanahalli Society, for the people of the Devaraja Urs community, trainees of the centre, inmates of Sumanahalli Society, and staff, on June 25, 2023. The camp was conducted by doctors from the Indian Cancer Institute. Dr. Guru Suhas, Chief Operations Manager, Indian Cancer Institute, spoke about smoking, tobacco and its variants, and how it can affect the health of a person. After the awareness session, there was a screening for oral, breast, and cervical cancer. Sixty-six community people, trainees, and inmates of the Sumanahalli Society availed the services of the camp.



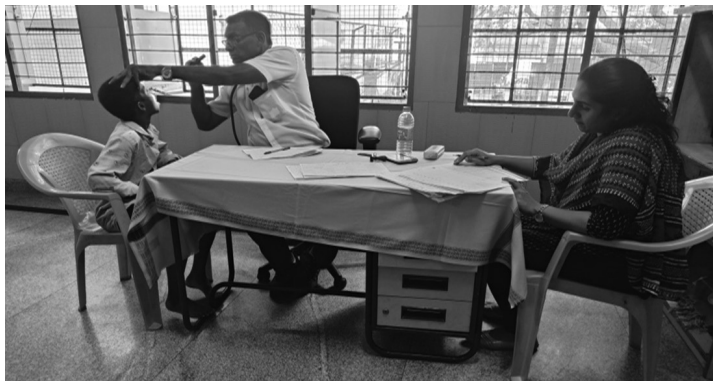
## Health Check-up Camps

BOSCO Yuvodaya organized a health check-up for the children at the Open Shelter in coordination with the Health Care Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, on April 24, 2023, and June 17, 2023. Dr. Abraham from St. Martha's Hospital conducted the camp. He suggested giving them nutritious food and supplements. He opined that the oral hygiene of the children has to improve. Thirty-three boys availed the benefits of the camp. All the boys were administered deworming tablets.

Health Care Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a health camp at BOSCO Mane for the boys of the centre, on April 29, 2023. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, did a general check-up for the children of Mane and Vikas. He observed that the children's diets should include foods rich in protein. Overall, the general health condition of the boys was found to be good. Seventy-two boys from BOSCO Mane and Vikas benefited from the health camp.

BOSCO Rainbow Home, in collaboration with the Health Care Department, BOSCO, organized a general health check-up for the

children of the centre on May 25, 2023. Dr. Abraham, a Health Counsellor, and Medico Social Workers from St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, observed that most of the children were healthy. He recommended that all the children be given healthy and nutritious food. Fifty-two children attended the health check-up camp.



## MEETINGS

### Parents' Meetings

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Nivas, Nilaya, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, and Foster Care Programme, organized a meeting for the parents of the children at the centre and those attending tuition classes during the reported quarter. The coordinator, BOSCO Vikas, briefed the parents about the importance of education, tuition timings, sending the children regularly to the tuition classes, hostel placements, substance abuse and its ill effects, new Government schemes, BOSCO activities, and re-enrolment of school dropouts. They spoke about spending quality time with the children, listening

to them, communicating with them, and being role models for their children. They also spoke about documents to be submitted, like parents' Aadhaar cards, child's Aadhaar cards pan cards, ration cards, caste certificates, religious documents, and other necessary documents, for availing the benefits of the Government schemes. The Directors of the centres exhorted the parents to help their wards learn self-discipline, and to take care of their food and nutrition. Parents of all the children attended the meetings.







## Stakeholders Meeting at Kalasipalya Police Station

BOSCO Nilaya in coordination with the BOSCO SJPU project team met the police officials at Kalasipalya Police Station, Bengaluru, on April 13, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the Nilaya team to the police personnel and develop a rapport with them so that they support the team in its rescue and rehabilitation activities. Fr. Jude Anand SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU project, introduced the BOSCO Nilaya team to the police officials. They briefed the officials about BOSCO and its activities and sought the help of the police in the activities of BOSCO Nilaya and in creating a child-friendly police station. Ms. Preeti, Police Officer, Kalasipalya Police Station, was happy to meet the team and know about the activities



of BOSCO. She assured support to the team whenever required. Fourteen Police Officials, BOSCO Nilaya staff, and the SJPU team were present at the meeting.

## Meeting of Prospective Foster Care Parents

Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a meeting with prospective parents, at BOSCO Mane, on April 25, 2023. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, introduced the purpose of the meeting. Sharing about BOSCO and its services Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that the Foster Care project was born out of the belief that family is the best place for a child to grow up in. The vision was to give children without families a chance to experience and grow up in a family. He said that BOSCO has become a model for the state of Karnataka.

Ganesh Murthy, PO(NIC), DCPU Bengaluru South, explained the procedures to be followed in applying for fostering a child and also the follow-up thereby. Soumya, PO(NIC), DCPU Bengaluru North, briefed the parents about the five District

Child Protection Units in Bengaluru and the units that the parents need to visit to give their applications.

Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, explained the concept of foster care, the procedures involved in becoming foster parents, the required documents, the legal framework, and the roles of authorities such as CWC members. Twenty-three prospective parents participated in the meeting.





## Planning and Monitoring Meeting

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a Planning and Monitoring meeting for Social Mobilizers and NGO Supporting Staff, at Don Bosco, Hospet, on April 27, 2023. Mr. Raghavendra, Former Member, KSCPCR, explained in detail about the role of CWC, DCPO, and NGOs, the foster care concept, criteria for selection, legal procedures, etc. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said that BOSCO had placed a total of twenty-six children in foster care in the ten districts of Karnataka. He also thanked the officials of the DWCD, DCPU, CWC, and the project partners for the support extended in implementing the programme.

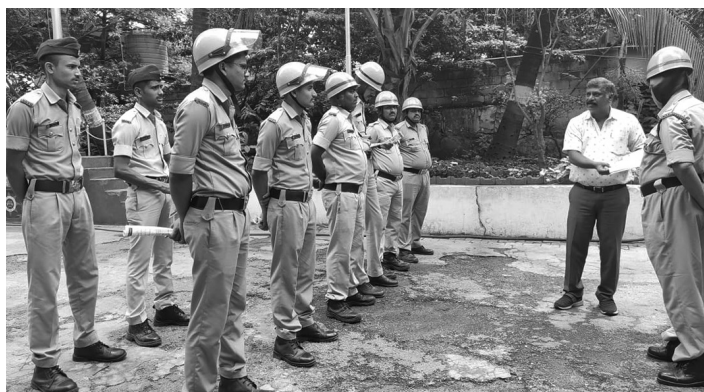


Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Chairperson, CWC, Bellary and Vijayanagar, considered Don Bosco, Hospet as the backbone of the successful implementation of the Foster Care Programme. Ms. Subhadra Devi, CDPO, Vijayanagar, assured her full support to BOSCO by permitting the ASHA workers and Anganwadi teachers to create awareness about the foster care programme in the communities. Mr. Channabasappa Patil, PO (NIC), felt that a collective effort was required in placing children in foster care. He proposed that BOSCO be considered as a Foster Care Facilitating Agency (FCFA) as per the JJ Act as well as a member of the Foster Care Sponsorship Committee (FCSC). He requested that his name be included in the Foster Care WhatsApp group. Fr. Roshan, Executive Director, Don Bosco, Hospet, spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, presented the statistical data and placement of children during the period. Social Mobilizers presented the challenges and achievements of the Foster Care Programme implemented in the ten districts of Karnataka. Mr. Raghavendra assured the group that he would look into the matter. There was a discussion on taking the programme forward in the ten districts of Karnataka. Mr. Manjunath and Ms. Kalavathi, Members, CWC, were also present in the meeting. Around thirty members from ten districts participated in the meeting.

## Meeting with Government Officials

BOSCO Foster Care Programme conducted meetings with the Fire Brigade of the North Fire Station, Chamarajpet and Gandhinagar, Bengaluru, and the TTE Office, City Railway Station, Majestic, Bengaluru, during May 2023. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed everyone about BOSCO activities, adoption and foster Care, the procedures involved, the documents required, age criteria, and the role of the CWC and DCPO. He also requested the group to share the information with their families, friends and other contacts and help BOSCO in identifying potential parents and children for the Foster Care Programme. The District Fire Officer and Chief Travelling Ticket Inspector supported the team in organizing the meetings. Nineteen Fire Officers and twelve TTEs attended the meeting.



## State-Level Stakeholders' Meeting



Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized State Level Stakeholders' Meetings at Don Bosco Centre, Yadagiri, on May 17, 2023, Chitradurga on May 20, 2023, and Bengaluru on May 31, 2023. Addressing the group, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed them about the services of BOSCO, milestones of the Foster Care Programme, implementation of foster care in ten districts of Karnataka, and the placement of around twenty-five children in foster families.



Ravindra Ratnakar, Deputy Director, DWCD, appreciated Don Bosco for implementing the Foster Care Programme in Yadagiri. Fr. K J Joseph, Director, Don Bosco Yadagiri, highlighted the purpose of the programme to ensure that every child grows up in a family. Dr Hanumanthaiah Karadi, Chairperson, CWC, Yadagiri, shared the details of eligible children for placement in foster families.

Savitha, DCPO, Chitradurga, explained the foster care concept, and the types of children in Govt. Homes, and stakeholder awareness, and appreciated BOSCO for taking the initiative and implementing foster care. Fr. John Paul, Director, Chitradurga, appreciated the stakeholders for supporting BOSCO Staff.

Mrs. S Manju, Member, KSCPCR, said that the stakeholders can identify prospective children and parents and can refer them to BOSCO/DCPO/CWC Members so that the child can get a family

environment. Ms. Asha, DCPO West (Anekal), asked the Social Mobilizers to share the placement details of their districts.

Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Vikas, said that needy children should be placed in foster care or institutional care. Mrs. Nagaveni, DCPO South (Kengeri), Mr. Ganesh, PO NIC South, and Mr. Ajay Kumar, PO NIC West, were present in the meeting.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram explained the responsibilities of stakeholders. He also exhorted the stakeholders to disseminate information regarding foster care to all their friends, relatives, contacts, and community members, and help in identifying prospective parents and children. The participants were shown a radio advertisement and promo video. Hundred and thirty-nine stakeholders from Yadagiri, Raichur, Gulbarga, Bidar, Chitradurga, Davangere, Hospet, Mysuru, Ramanagar, and Bengaluru participated in the meeting.

## Annual Evaluation at BOSCO

The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on June 13 and 14, 2023. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS, Bengaluru, quoted, "Childhood offered to a child is not a charity, but it is his/her right." He highlighted the role of social workers in the care and protection of children and the young at risk. He exhorted the staff to be passionate about their profession and continue working for the young at risk with the spirit of Don Bosco.

In his introductory words, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, thanked the staff for the success of BOSCO. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the programmes and activities of BOSCO during the past year and to plan accordingly for the upcoming year, and thus requested everyone to participate and contribute actively. He enumerated the achievements of BOSCO for the period of June 2022-May 2023.



The new Directors – Fr. Dominique Sequeira, Fr. John Peter, and Fr. Joseph Dandavathi were welcomed to the BOSCO family. The activities of the twenty-seven departments were evaluated based on the reports presented. Major events, campaigns, and activities to be organized during the year were planned. There was a discussion regarding the way forward. The Second Edition of the book- '40 Diamonds', the Poster - BOSCO at a Glance of June 2022 to May 2023, a video on the BOSCO Foster Care Programme, and the monthly newsletter – E Street Voice of May 2023 edition, were released during the meeting. The birthdays of some of the staff were celebrated on the occasion. All the managing directors of BOSCO, coordinators, and staff were present for the evaluation.

## Consultation Meeting with Parents

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a consultation with parents of children in conflict with the law of the South Division, at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on June 25, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the roles and responsibilities of the social workers in the project. He said that police stations should be made child friendly. Mrs. Nagarathna, Member, JJ Board, Bengaluru, exhorted the parents to support their children by taking corrective measures instead of complaining about the children's mistakes.



Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POCSO Act, child marriage, and child trafficking. He briefed the parents about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention of the BOSCO Skill Training courses. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, briefed the gathering

about the roles and responsibilities of the parents and asked them to be observant of their children's behaviour and activities. Fr. S John Peter, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project, was present during the meeting. Fourteen parents with their children attended the meeting.

## » SUMMER CAMPS «

### Summer Camp Organized

Summer camps were organized for the children and youths of the BOSCO centres and the children attending tuition classes in the areas, from the last week of April to the third week of May 2023, at the centres, Don Bosco, Srirampura, Mananthavadi, Chiguru Kalakuteera, Yelahanka, MCT Quarters, Sumanahalli Society, Don Bosco Farm, Kandahalli, Hasan, and BOSCO Yuvaspandana.

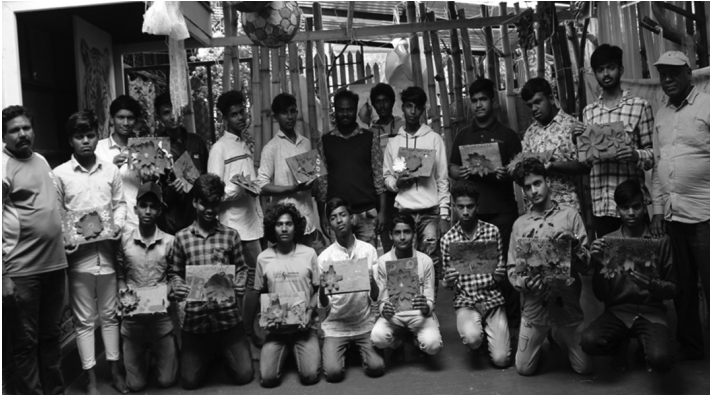
The camps included sessions on goal setting, agreements, time management, understanding life, life skills, food, nutrition, and hygiene, helping the children and youths discover their talents, and activities like a treasure hunt, indoor and outdoor sports, skits, handicrafts, story-telling, campfire, different styles of painting, painting a wall, dream catcher creation, tattoo, and face painting,

pencil sketches, writing poems and songs, child-friendly games, dance, drawing, action songs, fashion shows, quizzes, speech competitions, night Olympics, training on NCB, screening of documentaries, one-day picnic, and trekking.

The activities helped the children to work in a team, learn discipline, develop confidence, and identify their hidden talents. The camps also helped the children learn leadership skills, team spirit, cooperation, and mental and physical strength. The camps helped in enhancing the talents of the children and aided them in making constructive use of their time during the summer vacation. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending tuition classes participated in the summer camps.







## » EXPOSURE VISITS AND OUTINGS «

### Exposure Visit to Lakme Salon

The trainees of the Beautician course at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken to the Lakme Salon, Frazer Town, Bengaluru, on April 13, 2023. Twenty trainees were part of this exposure visit.



### Visit to Seva Sadan

Trainees of the Carpentry Trade Unit, Welding Unit, and the Electrical Trade Unit of BOSCO Sumanahalli visited Seva Sadan, Koramanagala, on April 5, 2023. One trainee from the Carpentry Unit, three trainees from the Welding Unit, four trainees from the Electrical Unit, Bheemappa, Electrical Instructor, and Shyam Raj, Carpentry Instructor, were part of the exposure visit.



### Exposure Visit to St. Theresa's Multi Specialty Hospital

The children of BOSCO Rainbow Home were taken to St. Theresa's Multi Specialty Hospital, Rajajinagar, as part of their exposure visit, on April 3, 2023. Twenty girls of the centre along with two staff members visited the hospital.



### Outing to Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technical Museum

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized an outing to Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technical Museum for the inmates of the centre, on April 11, 2023. Nine girls visited the museum along with the staff.





## Outing to Wonder La

The Staff and Management of BOSCO Bengaluru went on a one-day outing to Wonder La, Ramanagara District, on April 30, 2023. The staff played water games and dry games. They enjoyed the adventurous games. It was a pleasant change and a time of relaxation for everyone. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, and Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, were present for the picnic. Hundred and two staff members were a part of the one-day outing.



## Visit to Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium

BOSCO Nivas organized a visit to the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium for the community children on May 3, 2023. Twenty-five children from the surrounding communities of Shivajinagar were a part of the exposure visit.

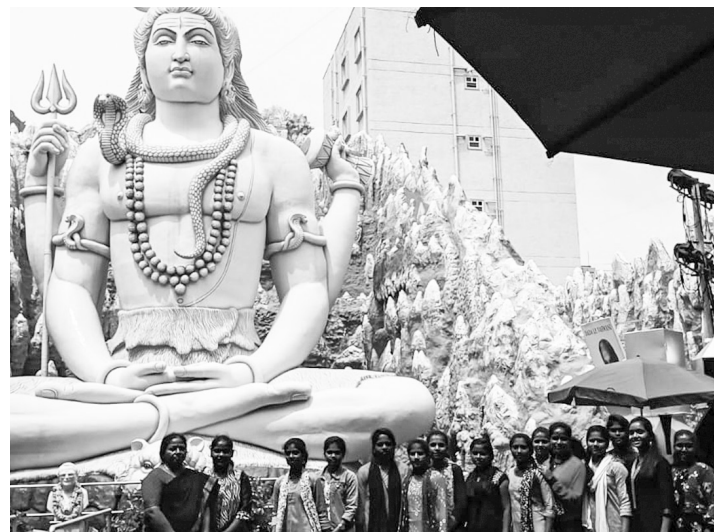
## One-day outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park

The Outreach Team working in the Gandhinagar area organized a one-day outing to Bannerghatta Biological Park, Bengaluru, for the children attending tuition classes, on May 27, 2023. Thirty-six tuition children were part of the outing.



## Outing to Murgesh Pallya

The college students of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken for an outing to the Shiva Temple in Murgesh Pallya and the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, on June 23, 2023. Fourteen college-going girls along with two staff members were part of the outing.



## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Karate Belt Grading Exam

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized the karate belt grading exam for the trainees of the centre, to assess their learning levels and to award the Yellow Belt for the trainees

to be promoted to the next stage of training, on April 2, 2023. Mr. Ningappa and the team trained the boys for about two and a half hours. Mr. Maralinga, Karate Instructor, addressed the trainees and



said that there is a long way for the trainees to go in learning karate. He said that karate is a self-defense technique. It helps in developing self-discipline. Fr. Joshy, Director, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, said that self-discipline and punctuality are very essential for the trainees to master the skills. Four trainees were awarded gold medals and a certificate for their good performance. Seventeen trainees underwent the training.



## Certificates Awarded

BOSCO Computer Training Project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, organized a Certificate Distribution programme for the students who completed the three-month Basic and Tally computer training course from the centre, on April 26, 2023. Addressing the trainees, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, emphasized the significance of educational qualifications in life.

Forty-eight trainees completed the computer course. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Fr. Jose Joseph, Administrator, were present on the occasion.



## Magic Show Organized



A half-day recreation programme was organized for the children of BOSCO by Nirmala, Resource Mobilizer, BOSCO Bengaluru, in association with AXA XL, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Mane, on June 7, 2023. The AXA XL team arranged a magic show along with conducting several other activities like art and craft, games, sports, etc. for the children. As part of its CSR activities, the company also supported the children with educational materials and sponsored lunches.

Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Vikas, briefed the AXA XL team about BOSCO, and its activities and services for the young at risk. Mr. Bashir, CSR Head, AXA XL, and a team of thirty members and volunteers were present in the programme. Around seventy-five children and youths of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Vatsalya Bhavan were part of the recreation programme.

## Screening of Educational Movie

BOSCO Sumanahalli organized the screening of an educational movie - 'Park Road, 100 Rupees' - for the trainees, the tuition centre children, and girls from Anugraha Hostel, at the centre, on June 16, 2023. The film revolves around the lives of four orphan children who need education and their struggle to arrange money for school admission. The film depicted the importance of education and the role played by teachers in the lives of children. After the film was screened, Mr. Sunil, Director, and Producer, interacted with the children and the youth and took their feedback. Fr. Joshy, Centre Director, thanked Mr. Sunil for the inspirational movie and wished him all success in his journey ahead. Twenty-one youths, thirty-four children attending tuition classes, and thirty-eight girls from Anugraha Hostel attended the screening of the movie.



# RESULTS

## SSLC Results



**SUSHMA**

16-year-old girl Sushma completed her SSLC at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. The unsafe environment at home and poverty had brought her to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for care and protection in 2016. She completed her SSLC with 80% marks and has been enrolled in St. Teresa's PU College, Chamarajpet, for further studies in Commerce.



**ANU V**

Anu came to BOSCO Rainbow Home in the year 2011. The staff of the centre motivated and counseled her regarding the importance of education. She successfully passed SSLC scoring 53% marks. Her aim is to become a teacher.



**ANUSHKA S**

Anushka moved to BOSCO Rainbow Home in the year 2011. She scored 61% in SSLC. She desires to become a professor in the future.



**PRUTHVI N**

Pruthvi was 9 years old when she first moved into BOSCO Rainbow Home in 2017. Pruthvi is a topper in the school. She secured 83% in the SSLC examination. She wants to become a researcher in the medical field when she grows up.



**RAHEEMA**

Raheema came to BOSCO Rainbow Home in the year 2015. Her hard work resulted in her scoring 64% marks in the SSLC exams. She wants to enroll for the PCMC course and do her best to study well. Her ambition is to become a software engineer.



**SATHYA A**

Sathya came to BOSCO Rainbow Home on January 14, 2015. With the attention and guidance she received at the centre she scored 70% in the SSLC exams. Her goal is to become a software engineer and an athlete.



**SANDHYA M**

Sandhya joined BOSCO Rainbow Home in the year 2012. She is a dedicated student who works very hard to do well in studies, and her hard work and dedication helped her score 46% in her SSLC exam. She wants to become a social worker.



**APPU (JOSEPH RAJ)**

Appu was brought to BOSCO Nivas and then to BOSCO Mane in June 2012. He was first enrolled in the bridge education in BOSCO Mane and later shifted to Vikas in 2013. He scored 69% in SSLC and has joined the PU Course in Don Bosco, Prakashpalya.





**BALAJI**

Balaji is from Chennai. CWC referred him to BOSCO for further education in 2017. He passed his SSLC exam scoring 68% marks. He wants to become a cricket player/soldier in the future.



**DEEPAK. B.R**

Deepak was brought to BOSCO Mane in 2015. He did his bridge course in Mane for a year and was later admitted to Vikas for mainstream schooling. He completed his SSLC from St. Joseph's High school with a score of 55.6%. He aspires to be in the police force when he grows up.



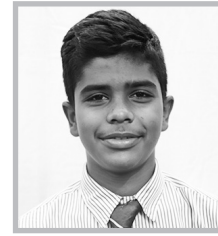
**RAJU GOWDA**

Raju is Chandan Gowda's twin brother and was brought to BOSCO along with his brother in 2018 for schooling. He joined St. Joseph's High School and completed SSLC with 87% marks. He wants to join the police force and serve the country.



**SACHIN POOJARI**

Sachin's father, and the Director of Karuna Charitable Trust, brought him to BOSCO for vocational training in 2016. He underwent the bridge course and later decided to continue his schooling. He joined Vikas and wrote the 10th standard exam in 2023 and passed with 49% marks. He wants to become a football player in the future.



**CHANDAN GOWDA**

Chandan Gowda was rescued by BOSCO Nilaya staff who referred him to BOSCO Vikas in 2018. He completed his 10<sup>th</sup> standard from St. Joseph's High School in 2023 with a score of 64%. He aims to become a cricketer.



**GOWTHAM REDDY**

Gowtham was initially staying in Saheli Foundation, but because of its closure he was placed in BOSCO in 2019 as per CWC instruction. He wrote his SSLC exam in 2023 and scored 56.4% marks. He has ambitions of becoming a soldier and serving the nation when he grows up and is also interested in pursuing Kho-kho as a hobby.



**SACHIN KUMAR**

Sachin was brought by his aunt to BOSCO in 2013 according to CWC instruction. After completing his bridge course in Mane, he was transferred to Vikas for further studies. He completed his 10<sup>th</sup> standard from Model School, Chamarajpet, and scored 48% marks in his exam. His dream is to become a police officer when he grows up.



**SHANKAR R**

CHILDLINE rescued Shankar along with his elder brother and produced them to CWC. The CWC initially admitted him in the Govt. Boys Home for three months and then transferred him to BOSCO Mane for further follow-up. He completed his SSLC with 56% marks. His aim is to join the police force when he grows up.

## PUC RESULTS



### RAMALINGA

Ramalinga came to BOSCO Yuvakendra in 2021. The centre staff enrolled him in the BBMP First Grade College in Magadi Road, Bengaluru, for 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC. He appeared for his 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC exam in 2022-2023 and passed with the 57.83% marks. His future goal is to join a degree college and continue his studies. His ambition is to study further and get a government job.



### MANJULA

Manjula was brought to Bengaluru for treatment at the Indira Gandhi Hospital. A year and a successful operation later, she was supported to continue her education and completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC from the New Fort College in Chamarajpet with a score of 71%. She aspires to be a teacher and intends to pursue a BA degree as well. She was awarded the Excellent Student Award for the year 2022 in her college.



### RAMYA

Ramya was placed in BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in 2021. She completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC with 61% marks from the New Fort College in Bengaluru during 2022-2023. She wishes to become a social worker in the future. Currently she has joined the St. Teresa's Degree College for Women in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, for her BA degree. Ramya is also a talented singer and dancer, and excels in other extracurricular activities as well.



### DEEPU

17-year-old Deepu was brought to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in 2014. While at the centre, she was trained in various art forms such as dance, painting, drama, and music. She finished her 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC with a score of 63% and has been enrolled in a degree college to continue her education. Her aim is to become a Professor and teach Kannada.



### VENILLA

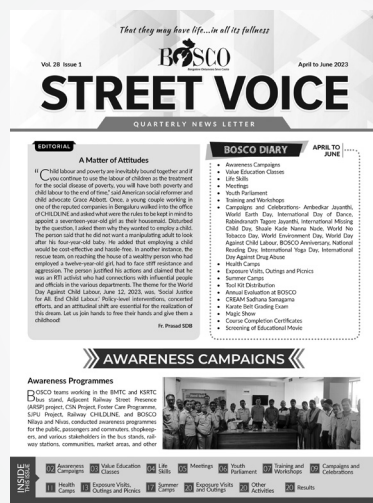
Venilla was referred to BVB from Jeevanalaya in Nela-mangala after she failed 4 subjects in her SSLC exam. After coming to BOSCO, she was given the opportunity to train in nursing at the St. Josephs Skill Training Centre in Chamarajpet. Venilla later took the SSLC exam again and passed successfully the second time. She then joined the PU Course in New Fort College and passed her 2<sup>nd</sup> PUC with 48% marks. She is now looking forward to joining the BA degree course in St. Teresa's Degree College and wants to work towards becoming a social worker in the future.

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**- KAILASH SATYARTHI**

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