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Editorial Note

Empowerment of Women: A Relentless Journey

March 8th marked International Women's Day – a day to celebrate women's achievements and recognize the challenges that still need to be overcome to achieve gender equality. The United Nations chose 'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.' as the official theme for International Women's Day 2024. This aligns with the priority theme of the 68th Commission on the Status of Women, which aims to accelerate the achievement of gender equality and empower all women and girls. To ensure an unlocking of the full potential of women and give an added impetus to progress towards a more equal society, investing towards their cause is quintessential.

As per reports and studies, key areas that need to be addressed include the gender pay gap, women in leadership, access to education, and ending gender-based

violence. Ensuring equal pay for women is a need of the hour. The gender pay gap has narrowed by 2.6% in the past decade, as per the World Economic Forum. Considering women in leadership roles in companies, gender equality at decision-making levels (Currently at 23-25%) has to go a long way, as per the report in The Economic Times on March 11, 2024. Gender gap in education is evident due to poverty and child marriage. Despite various interventions, the female literacy rate was 65.46% in 2011. The National Commission for Women (NCW) registered 28,811 crime complaints against women in 2023. The statistics and reports show that concerted efforts are needed to prioritize women's empowerment and address critical challenges for a better society.



Fr. Prasad SDB

Savitha of BOSCO Wins 'Sanmanitha Sadhaki' Award



Ms. B S Savitha, Team Member, Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, was honoured with the 'Sanmanitha Sadhaki' Award by the Labour Department, Government of Karnataka, on account of the International Women's Day Celebration on March 12, 2024. The award was conferred in recognition of her contribution towards curbing the menace of child labour in Bengaluru. The CSN team has been instrumental in rescuing several child labourers in the 2023.

Foster Care State-Level Stakeholders Meeting

Foster Care Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru organized a State Level Stakeholders' Meeting at Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Mysuru, on March 25, 2024. Mr. Venkatesh, Member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), instructed the Social Workers to carefully conduct the social investigation and home inquiry of the parents and children and access the parents' and children's documents before placing the child. He urged the group to work towards providing a family environment for the children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared the permission letter from the ICPS. He believed that a good rapport between DCPO, CWC, KSCPCR, and NGOs helps quickly place a child in the family.

Ashwath Narayan, Chairperson, CWC, Mandya, expressed his satisfaction with placing sixteen children in foster homes. Mr. Dhanajay, Member, CWC, Mysuru, requested that KSCPCR and DCPOs support BOSCO in placing children into the families. Yogesh, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), Mysuru, was happy to note a good relationship between DCPOs and BOSCO, which has helped place five children with foster families. Rashmi, Deputy Child Protection Officer, Mandya, Prasanna, ACWPO,



SJPU, Mysuru, and Fr. Siju, Director, Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Mysuru, spoke on the occasion.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram briefed the stakeholders on their responsibilities. He also urged the stakeholders to disseminate information regarding foster care to all their friends, relatives, contacts, and community members and to help identify prospective parents and children. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, briefed about the foster care concept. Mr. Shivamallu welcomed the participants, and Ms. Shilpa, Social Mobilizer, Mandya, and Mr. Emmanuel, Social Mobilizer, Mysuru, proposed the vote of thanks. Fifty-eight stakeholders from Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, and Mandya participated in the meeting.

Training Organized for Child Welfare Police Officers



BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project organized a training for the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) of Bengaluru South Division in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) at Hanumantha Nagar Police Station on

March 5, 2024. Mr. Rohith C.J, Police Trainer, DCPU, and Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project, conducted the sessions on roles and responsibilities of SJPU, POCSO Act 2012, Juvenile Justice Act 2015, and the existing procedures for the children in need of care and protection and children in conflict with the law. Mr. Girish, Asst. Commissioner of Police (ACP), South Division, Bengaluru, exhorted the CWPOs to perform their duties properly and conform to the rules, regulations, and procedures. He felt the need for professional counselling for the children in distress. Ms. Mamta, SO, assured the SJPU team of her support. Sixty CWPOs and other police officials were present in the training.

Quarterly Evaluation at BOSCO Bengaluru



The third quarterly evaluation of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on March 15 and 16, 2024. In his introductory remarks, Rev. Fr. Manohar, Rector, PIME, Pune, said, “Motivation, which is a force from within, drives the staff in BOSCO to dedicate themselves completely to the organization.” He felt that this factor prompted the staff to nurture the potential of the children and youth, become role models, listen to them with intent, teach them resilience, celebrate diversity, encourage curiosity, and plant seeds of confidence.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director,

BOSCO, Bengaluru, briefed the gathering about the organization's expectations from the staff. He shared a few points that are expected of staff in conforming to the systems in place at BOSCO. Ms. Savitha, Team Member, Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, honoured with the ‘Sanmanitha Sadbaki’ Award by the Labour Department, Government of Karnataka, on account of the International Women’s Day Celebration, was felicitated during the inaugural programme.

The concerned coordinators presented quarterly reports of projects and programmes of the various components, areas, and centres of BOSCO. The events conducted during the quarter were evaluated. Forthcoming activities and campaigns to be implemented during the next quarter were discussed and planned. The new staff and student interns from TISS, Guwahati, were introduced to the group. A joint birthday celebration was held for all the staff who celebrated their birthdays between December 2023 and February 2024. All the managing directors and staff of the organization were present during the evaluation.

Capacity Development Programme

BOSCO Bengaluru conducted a training programme for the Coordinators and Caretakers of its Child Care Institutions at BOSCO Mane on March 4, 2024. The training programme was facilitated by Mrs. Ramya, Chief Executive Officer of We Live Foundation, an NGO working to rehabilitate Care Leavers of Child Care Institutions.

The session commenced with Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru extending a warm welcome and introducing the resource person. Participants were grouped into pairs, and each person was tasked with describing their partner, including details such as their name, interests, and the challenges faced in the Child Care Institution (CCI). The session focused on enabling participants to understand how to support children in CCIs to face the world and life challenges. Mrs. Ramya initiated the discussion by explaining the four dimensions, Physi-



cal, Emotional, Social and Intellectual issues that should be considered. Following this, participants were organized into four groups, each assigned to identify problems children face under these heads. Feedback was gathered from participants to improve future sessions. Mrs. Mercelin proposed the vote of thanks. A total of twenty participants actively engaged in the session.

Parents' Meeting at BOSCO Sumanahalli



BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organized a meeting with the parents of youths residing there on March 10, 2024. Fr. Dandavathi, Assistant Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, explained how children get help from the organization. He also described the procedures for youths above eighteen and

how they would be returned to their parents for further care and support. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed the parents on the APF project and how it supports the restoration of the youths to their families. He encouraged the youth to obey their parents, choose good company, have specific goals to achieve, and support children who need care and protection. He asked them to be in touch with BOSCO regularly. He asked the parents to give time for the children, accept them as they are, and motivate them to achieve something in life. Mr Balaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO Family Restoration Project, explained the aftercare program and how children are supported for their education. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram provided the ration kit to the families of children who had been restored. Twenty-seven parents attended the meeting.

Orientation Programme



An orientation programme was organized for Social Work Students from Norway at BOSCO Yuvodaya on March 7, 2024. The students, referred by Christ College, Bengaluru, visited the organization as part of their course requirements. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, oriented the students on the history of BOSCO, its vision and mission, programmes, projects, activities, challenges, structure, and the systems in place. The students showed interest in learning more about the BOSCO Foster Care Programme. They interacted with the children and staff of Yuvodaya. They also observed the CWC sitting and appreciated the work of BOSCO Bengaluru. Fifteen students participated in the orientation programme.

General Health Checkup Camps



BOSCO Health Care Department organized a health checkup at BOSCO Yuvakendra on March 26, 2024. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, conducted the camp. Twenty-three boys availed themselves of the camp's services.

The BOSCO Health Care Department, in collaboration with Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, organized the health camp for the trainees of the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre on March 27, 2024. Twenty-two boys benefited from the camp.

A health camp was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya on March 28, 2024. Dr. Abraham, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru, performed the general health check-ups of the children of the Open Shelter. Twenty-four children attended the camp.

Parents' Meeting at BOSCO Vikas

BOSCO Vikas organized a meeting for the parents of the children residing in the centre on March 30, 2024. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad, SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas, briefed the gathering about the summer vacation. He asked the parents to take good care of the children at home by engaging them in meaningful and productive activities. He also asked the parents to take care of their food and nutrition. He urged the parents to help their wards learn self-discipline and asked them to promptly send the children back to the centre after the vacation.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed the parents on CWC and DCPU procedures, CCI Registration, and the APF project and how it supports the restoration of youths to their families. He urged the youth to obey their parents, choose good company, have specific goals to achieve, and support children who need care and protection.



Mr Balaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO Family Restoration Project, explained the aftercare program and how children are supported for their education. Mr Prasad, Social investigator at BOSCO Vikas, and Ms. Sujatha, Counselor at BOSCO Mane, spoke about documents to be submitted, such as parents' Aadhaar cards, children's Aadhaar cards, ration cards, caste and income certificates, and other necessary documents for availing the benefits of Government schemes. Thirty-three parents and guardians attended the meeting.

Awareness Programmes for Police Officials



Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an awareness programme for CAR Police Officials at Eedga Maidan, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on March 4, 2024. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, CSN Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, facilitated the session on the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and Model Rules, POCSO Act - 2012 and children in conflict with the law. He also explained about the CSN project, the

child helpline 1098 and the role of police officials in the care and protection of children in difficult situations. He requested the support of the police officials in identifying child labourers and rehabilitating them. Mr. Paramesh, HC, Chamarajpet Police Station, was present for the programme. Seven CAR officials participated in the awareness.

The Outreach team working in the Bus stand, in collaboration with the BOSCO CSN team, conducted an awareness programme for the Upparpet Police Officials on March 30, 2024. Basavaraju PN, Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project, explained child protection and children in conflicts with the law in Bengaluru and the support required from the police in tackling child-related issues. Sulochana, Sub-inspector, Upparpet Police Station, and other officials appreciated BOSCO's work and assured them of their support for the organization. Around fifteen officials participated in the awareness programme.

Staff Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli



A Sports Day—Sportacular 2K24 for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on March 3, 2024. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, said, “It is a special day for the staff of BOSCO. Winning is not important, but participation is.” He

also thanked the BOSCO Nilaya team for organizing the event.

The staff was divided into four teams: BOSCO Lions, BOSCO Tigers, BOSCO Pandas, and BOSCO Bulls. The morning session included the games, Bombing the City, 4X100 mts relay, throwball for the female staff, and volleyball and cricket knockout matches for the male staff. In the afternoon, blanket throw ball and musical chairs for the lady staff, cricket finale and table tennis for the male staff, and tug of war for both groups were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of trophies and prizes. Mr. Joseph Raj K, Coordinator, BOSCO CRISP Project, welcomed the gathering, and Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, and Yuvaspandana, proposed the vote of thanks. The Directors, Brothers, and hundred and nineteen staff of BOSCO participated in the event.

Exposure Visit



The trainees of the Bakery unit of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre were taken to two units of Amma’s Pastries at Kothanur as part of the exposure visit on March 13, 2024, to introduce them to the opportunities available in the bakery setting. The trainees went around the production unit and were exposed to the various methods and procedures of baking. They also visited the shop to understand the nuances of sales and marketing. They also interacted with the past pupils of BOSCO employed in the units. Six trainees and Mr. Antony Dass, Instructor, Bakery Unit, Br. Albin and Mary Pramila, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre visited the bakery.

Holi Celebration



The staff and trainees of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli celebrated Holi, the festival of colours at the centre on March 22, 2023. The significance of the festival was briefed. The youth were told to use colors and water in a healthy manner respecting the freedom of one another. The place was set ready for the shower bath. Suitable songs were played and the trainees made the maximum use of the time and opportunity provided to them by dancing and putting colours on their friends. This helped build team spirit and unity among the youth. Twenty-four trainees participated in the celebration.

International Women's Day Celebration

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated International Women's Day at the centre by inviting the women of the neighbouring communities on March 18, 2024. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, spoke about the importance of women in society, their achievements and contributions, and their role as mothers, wives, and daughters. Women were encouraged to speak, and games were organized for them. Mrs. Nagaratna, Chairperson of CWC, was present at the celebration. Thirty-four community women participated in the events.

On account of International Women's Day, the BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) Team conducted awareness programmes for the people of Chikkabasti and Doddabasti communities and BBMP Pourakarmikaru at Ward No. 127, Mudalapalya, on March 13 and 18, 2024. The team gave information on women's rights, powers, human rights, gender equality, and child-related laws and issues. The team also highlighted the role of women in developing society by citing various stories of successful women. Twenty men and eighteen women of Chikkabasti and Doddabasti communities and thirty-two Pourakarmikas attended the programmes.

The Directors and staff of BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated Women's Day at the centre on March 22, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about women empowerment and the role of women in the society. Rev. Fr. Johnson, Direc-



tor, BOSCO Yuvodaya facilitated the programme. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Programme Manager was also present on the occasion. All the women staff were honoured with mementoes and were encouraged to speak about themselves.

BOSCO Nivas celebrated Women's Day with the women from the community and mothers of children attending tuition classes at the centre on March 23, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about the challenges women face in their daily lives and gave examples of women achievers who stood against all odds. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nivas, spoke. Party games were organized for all the mothers, and prizes were distributed. Around a hundred women and girls participated in the Women's Day Celebration.

Karate Belt Grading Exam



Mr. Marilinga, a Karate Instructor, organized the Karate Belt Grading Exam in collaboration with BOSCO Nilaya at BOSCO Yuvaspandana on March 24, 2024. Children performed exercises and warm-ups. The belt exam was conducted in the presence of

the Karate Instructors. Belts and certificates were distributed to all the children. Seventeen children were promoted to the orange belt, and thirty-nine were promoted to the yellow belt. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, was present on the day. Fifty-six children, twenty-six girls and thirty boys, from Ramanna Garden, Vinobhanagara, Vyayam Shaala, Cement Huts, and Ransinghpete participated. Sixty-nine children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, and Yuvakendra also participated.

Health Awareness



The children of the Open Shelter at Yuvodaya were given an empowering awareness session on personal hygiene by the nursing students of St. Martha's Nursing College, Bengaluru, on March 9, 2024. They discussed the components of health and personal hygiene and possible ways of maintaining personal hygiene, such as brushing teeth twice a day, bathing daily, wearing washed clothes, trimming fingers and toe-

nails regularly, etc. They also emphasized the importance of having good food at regular intervals and avoiding junk foods. This session, designed to empower the children with knowledge, benefited forty-seven.

MSW Volunteers from Kristu Jayanthi College, Bengaluru, in coordination with BOSCO Nilaya, conducted a session on HIV/AIDS and hygiene for the children attending the tuition classes at Vyayam Shaala on March 21, 2024. They explained the virus, modes of transmission of the infection, TB, which commonly affects people living with HIV/AIDS, treatment, and preventive measures. Information on hygiene, cleanliness at home and in the surroundings, food, and nutrition was also imparted. Fifty children of the Tuition centre and the teacher attended the session.

Foster Care Awareness



BOSCO Foster Care organized awareness programmes for ASHA workers at PHC Centre, Doddatumukuru, Doddaballapura, SHG Members at Byatarayanadoddi, Anganwadi Mothers at Shanabhoganahalli and Teachers at Tunbridge High School, Infantry Road, during March 2024. Mr. Obalesh K, Social Mobilizer introduced the concept of foster care and adoption to the stakeholders. He briefed about the procedures and processes involved in foster care and adoption. He requested the support of the stakeholders in identifying prospective parents for fostering and children in need of a family setting. Dr. Manju, Medical Officer, PHC Centre and thirty-five ASHA workers, eighteen SHG members, fifteen Anganwadi mothers and twenty-seven teachers attended the programmes.

Public Awareness Programmes



BOSCO teams working in BMTC and KSRTC bus stands, Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) project, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas conducted awareness for the public, passengers and commuters, shopkeepers, in the bus stands, subway, railway stations, and market areas during March 2024. The teams reached out to the public by way of distributing pamphlets containing information on child rights, child-related laws, and acts, and issues such as child labour, child marriage, child trafficking, child begging, missing children, child runaways, vulnerable children, and child helpline-1098. Around one thousand two hundred and forty-five passengers, commuters, shopkeepers, and other public benefited from the awareness.

Certificate Distribution at BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Mane Computer Training organized a certificate distribution program for students who completed a three-month Computer Basics and Tally training course on March 17, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address and shared insights about BOSCO with the trainees. He highlighted the mission and impact of BOSCO Bengaluru, empowering marginalized youth through skill development. He cited the achievements and success stories of past trainees who have benefited from BOSCO Mane's computer training.

Addressing the trainees, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, emphasized the importance of technology in career and education. He shared with the trainees the importance of technology and security in the digital domain, such as cyber secu-



urity, and how to protect themselves and their data online. His guidance aspired to empower trainees with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world effectively while prioritizing their digital security and privacy. Fifty-one trainees completed the computer course. Thirty-three trainees were present on this occasion.

Session on Leadership Qualities



BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) project organized an awareness on 'Leadership Qualities and Child Rights' for the children of Government Higher Primary School, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, on March 21, 2024. Mr. Basavaraju P N, Project Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project, enlightened the children on leadership, the qualities of a good leader, taking the initiative in the fight against social evils like child labor, child marriage, child beggary, child trafficking, child abuse, etc. He urged the children to exercise their rights in bringing the dropouts back to school, standing against child-related issues, and ensuring that children are safe and protected. Thirty-seven children participated in the awareness.

Community Awareness



BOSCO ARSP Project conducted community awareness programmes in JC Colony, near KR Puram Railway Station, Bengaluru, on March 26, 2024. The team conducted group and door-to-door awareness, imparting information regarding CHILDLINE, BOSCO activities, vocational training, and tuition classes. Around seventy-five households were visited and given the awareness.

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) organized awareness in V.S Garden Ambedkar Bhavan, JJR Nagar, Bengaluru, on March 26, 2024. Tulasi PS, Social Worker, BOSCO SJPU Project, spoke about BOSCO programmes, child-related laws and acts, how parents have to be vigilant about their wards' behaviour and see that they do not fall prey to drugs. Mr Manjunath, H.C, Mr Prashanth K, P.C and Ms Mahadevi K., WPC, JJR Nagar Police Station, were present during the awareness session. Twenty-nine community people attended the session.

Parents' Meeting at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya organized a meeting for the parents of the children attending tuition classes at Giripuram community on March 20, 2024. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya, gave information about BOSCO, the services provided by BOSCO, the government schemes and hostel facilities available for school-going children, and the importance of education. She also cautioned the parents about the growing menace of drug abuse. She shared the academic performance of their wards and requested that they send their children to tuition classes regularly. She asked the parents to support BOSCO in identifying the school dropouts in the communities and enrolling them in school. Twenty-six parents participated in the meeting.

Open House Programme



The Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized an Open House Programme at Rani Sarala Devi Education Trust, Siddapura, on March 7, 2024. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project BOSCO Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and spoke about the objectives and services of the SJPU Project and the purpose of the Open House Programme. The students clarified their doubts and raised issues concerning children. Mr. Mahiboob, PSI, Mrs. Pushpa Jagamure, PC, Siddapura Police Station and Mrs. R. Kumar, Headmaster, Rani Sarala Devi Education Trust were in the programme. Hundred and four children and three teachers participated in the Open House Programme.

Certificates Awarded

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan distributed certificates to the students who had completed the skill training courses from the centre, on March 27, 2024. Addressing the trainees, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, provided information on BOSCO and its activities and urged the trainers to refer boys for the other skill trades available in BOSCO. Students shared their experiences associating with BOSCO and expressed gratitude toward the organization. Sixteen trainees of the tailoring course and thirteen trainees of the beautician course received the course completion certificate.



BOSCO in the Digital Space



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Righting Wrongs!



What Diksha (Name Changed) called love, her family called a mistake, but long after her love was gone, her mistake remained to tell the tale. 16-year-old Diksha comes from an ordinary family in Bengaluru. Her mother worked as a house help and her father as a daily wager to give Diksha and her younger brother and sister the best life they could provide, but little did they realize that beneath their seemingly peaceful life was the stirring of resentment inside one person.

Diksha was doing her PUC when she became friends with a boy in college and soon decided that her new relationship was more important than the ones she was currently surrounded by. When her parents came to know about it, they warned her about the danger of the path she was on, but she chose not to listen. After Diksha completed her 2nd PUC, having failed in one subject, she decided to leave home to pursue the life she desired. After elopement, the young couple soon realized that reality was nothing like the story they had spun. As time and money steadily kept running out, they knew that they had to find a more permanent alternative to their temporary setting, and it was this attempt that brought them to the bus stand and into the protective surveillance of BOSCO.

Diksha was rescued from the bus stand and brought to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for shelter in 2022, and gradually, over time, Diksha started opening up to the staff about the events. As days passed, Diksha was willing and able to move on from her mistake and make new life decisions with the staff's help. But moving past their daughter's mistake was not as easy for her family, especially for her mother. Diksha has been in BVB for more than a year now. Though Diksha's father is willing to forgive and forget the past, her mother is adamant in her anger and pain.

Meanwhile, Diksha was introduced to the Beautician course offered at the centre, which she completed with enthusiasm and interest. When her mother was contacted after Diksha completed her Beautician course to re-open talks about taking her back home, she said, "She left the house saying that she could live on her own, so now she has to." So Diksha has been enrolled in the Tailoring course as she waits out her mother's anger and continues her efforts with the staff's help to reconcile with her mother.

When she took the beautician course, she was certain she had found the path she wanted to pursue. Along with the new skills that she is introduced to regularly at the centre, re-attempting the paper she had lost in her second year of PUC and creating a space for herself in the Beautician trade in the future are some of the personal goals that Diksha has kept for herself now. With every new dream, she sees her way of moving a little closer to erasing the mistake written across the canvas of her past.



BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS Monthly Report March- 2024



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	289	30	319
Service provided	26	07	33
Grand Total	315	37	352

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	16	01	00	00	17
Bus stand BMTC	39	01	00	00	40
Bus stand KSRTC	36	04	00	00	40
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Summanahalli	07	00	00	00	07
BOSCO Nivas	09	01	01	00	11
BOSCO Nilaya	03	00	00	00	03
CSN	12	02	00	00	14
SJPU	24	05	00	00	29
ARSP	139	16	01	00	156
TOTAL	287	30	02	00	319

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	47	19	66
Home Placement	218	06	224
Admission to Gov't Homes	14	05	19
Referred to OH	07	00	07
Referred to Hostels	03	00	03
TOTAL	289	30	319

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	14	05	19
Unaccompanied	275	25	300
TOTAL	289	30	319