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EDITORIAL NOTE

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Juvenile crime is a serious concern in India, with a growing number of young people engaging in criminal activities. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of juveniles in conflict with the law has increased over the years.

Broken families, domestic violence, and poor parenting do not offer a safe environment for children (in need of care and protection). Children growing up in such an environment devoid of emotional support and criminal activities provide a sense of belonging. Peer pressure, drug abuse, gang culture, poverty, illiteracy of the parents, and lack of educational opportunities are also significant factors contributing to increased juvenile crime in India. Involvement in criminal activities profoundly impacts young people's productive lives. Guilt, shame, low self-esteem: with family repute at stake and social stigma, these young persons find it difficult to integrate into mainstream society.

Effective prevention and intervention strategies need to be in place. Preventing Juvenile Crime in India requires a collaborative effort from families, communities, and government agencies to address the root causes of criminal behavior and provide young people with the support they need to thrive. Investing in prevention and intervention strategies can help young people avoid the devastating consequences of juvenile crime and build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

AWARENESS PROGRAMS

AWARENESS ON CRIME PREVENTION

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) project conducted awareness programmes on crime prevention in Jolly Moholla and Yarab Nagar communities on May 22, 2024 as it was noticed that a large number of crimes and drug abuse was reported from these localities. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, BOSCO SJPU Project informed the communities about child rights, child related issues, drug menace, children into crimes and dropping out of school.

He cautioned the parents to be alert about their children's deviant behaviour and for any issues like child marriage, child labour, missing cases, etc. call up the child helpline (112). Mr. Hanumanth R.R, Police Constable, and Ms. Shobha G.C, WPC, Cottonpete Police Station were present in the programme at Jolly Moholla and Mr. Prashanth, Police Constable, Ms. Tejashwini and Ms. Eshwari K.M, WPCs, Yarab Nagar Police Station, Banashankari were present in the programme at Yarab Nagar. Forty people from Jolly Mohalla and thirty-five people from Yarab Nagar were part of the awareness sessions.



COLLEGE AWARENESS PROGRAM

BOSCO Foster Care Programme conducted an awareness programme on Foster Care for the students of Bangalore City University on May 15, 2024. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme explained about BOSCO, the ten centres of BOSCO, and its programmes for children and young at risk. He explained in detail about the CHILDLINE Programme, SJPU Project, and Foster Care Programme.

He briefed about the foster care concept as mentioned in the Juvenile Justice Act, adoption, the various agencies involved in the programme like DCPU, and CWC, their roles and responsibilities, the legal procedures involved, and the role of various other stakeholders. The students ensured their support of the programme by disseminating the foster care information during their fieldwork in the communities and referring deserving parents and children to the foster care team. Fifty-three students attended the programme.



AWARENESS TO STAKEHOLDERS

Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized awareness programmes for the BBMP Pourakarmikas in Chandra Layout and the workers of a Bag Factory in Cottonpet, Bengaluru on May 2 and 29, 2024 respectively. The coordinator, PN Basavaraju spoke about child-related issues like sexual abuse, child trafficking, child labour and drug abuse. They requested the support of the stakeholders in identifying children employed, children in difficult situations, and children in conflict with the law in order to provide a safe and happy environment for them. Twenty-six Pourakarmikas and fifteen factory workers attended the sessions.

HEALTH AWARENESS

Health care team in collaboration with St. Marthas Hospital conducted health awareness session for the children of BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan at the centre on May 26, 2024. Ms. Uma Rai, Social Worker, St. Marthas Hospital, Bengaluru interacted with the children and spoke about skin infections caused by bacteria, virus, fungus, parasites, etc. and the symptoms like redness, warmth, swelling, tenderness of the skin, and boils or blisters.

She cautioned not share personal items with others like the clothes, combs, towels, etc. St. Martha's College of Nursing Students performed a small skit regarding cleanliness. The children of BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan attended the session.



PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM



BOSCO teams working in BMTC and KSRTC bus stand, Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) project, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas conducted awareness for the public, passengers and the commuters, shopkeepers, in the bus stands, railway stations and market areas during May 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. More than a thousand passengers, commuters, shop keepers, and other public benefitted from the awareness.

MEETINGS

ADOLESCENT GIRLS' MEETING

BOSCO Nivas had a meeting with the adolescent girls of Rajiv Gandhi Colony on May 12, 2024 to create awareness on personal hygiene and peer group influence. The team gave information about personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, consuming nutritious food, drinking water frequently. The team also shed light on the peer group influence, care to be taken while choosing friends and not falling a prey to drugs/substance abuse. The team highlighted the importance of education to make a good career. Twenty-five girls attended the meeting.

BOSCO Nilaya organized a meeting with the adolescent girls at the centre on May 18, 2024. Bhagyalakshmi, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Nilaya explained about personal safety, safe and unsafe touch, hygiene, cyber safety, mobile addiction and drug addiction. She also spoke about following a good food pattern and a healthy life style. Thirty girls participated in the meeting.



PARENTS MEETING AT BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a meeting for the parents of the youth on May 14, 2024. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, spoke about the activities of the centre and how the youths are engaged in different tasks throughout the day. She also spoke about the talent enhancement activities and the care and safe environment provided to their wards at the centre. Ms. Geethamala, Counsellor, BOSCO Yuvakendra, addressed the parents and sought their support in returning the youths to mainstream society.

The parents said they were happy to see noticeable changes in their wards' behaviours, mannerisms, attitudes and communication. The youth staged cultural programmes. Mr. Sathish ASI, Mr. Sritesh, Head Constable and Mr. Kempanna, PC, KP Agrahara Police Station and Fr. Dominic, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, were present in the meeting. Nineteen youths and sixteen parents attended the meeting.



MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



BOSCO Foster Care team met the Government officials at the CDPO Office, Hosakote, Bengaluru Rural on May 17, 2024. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme briefed about BOSCO activities. He also introduced them to the concept of Foster Care and Adoption. He explained about the eligibility of children and parents, legal procedures, follow up procedures, documents required, role of CWC and DCPO. He sought the support of the officials in identifying the prospective parents and children for the programme. Ms. Vidya Vastrad, CDPO, Hosakote and eight Government Officials were present in the programme.



CONSULTATION MEETING WITH PARENTS AND CHILDREN



Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a consultation with parents of the children in conflict with law of the South Division at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru on May 25, 2024. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU, BOSCO, Bengaluru explained in detail about child protection, child rights, POSCO Act, child marriage and child trafficking, citing various examples. He briefed about BOSCO and its activities with a special mention of BOSCO Skill training courses.

He explained about the importance of children's follow up and present situation of the serious offenses. He exhorted the children to tread the path of righteousness, goodness and asked them to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. Fr. John Peter, Director, BOSCO SJPU Project, cautioned the parents to be vigilant about the behaviours and activities of their wards and guide them to follow a noble path. Ten parents and six children participated in the discussion.

TRAINING

The outreach team working in KSRTC and BMTc Bus Stands organized a training for the KSRTC Officials at KSRTC DC Office, Terminal-02 on May 24, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru explained about BOSCO and the services rendered. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care programme spoke about child laws, foster care concept, procedures involved in foster care and the process of adoption. S N Arun, DC, KSRTC explained about the present situation of children and child related issues. Ms. Vijaya, Coordinator, Bus Stand team spoke about the activities carried out by the team in bus stand. She presented the statistics of the rescued children during the year and the support of the KSRTC officials in rescuing the children. Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi Avati, Divisional Traffic Officer, Mrs. Prabha Javali, Assistant Traffic Manager and Mrs. Prema, Accounts Officer were present. Seventy-six Officials participated in the programme.



HEALTH CAMP

BOSCO Yuvodaya in collaboration with BOSCO Health Care Department organized a health camp for the children of the Open Shelter on May 23, 2024. Dr. Abraham M.D, Senior Consultant, St.Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru and his team conducted the camp. He checked the height, weight, BP and the overall health of the children. He referred two boys to a dermatologist for further medical intervention. He advised the children to have nutritious food and avoid junk foods. Forty-five children availed the services of the camp.

BOSCO Health Care Department held eye screening camps on the request of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Nilaya and Nivas for the center children and people of Vinobha Nagar and Sagayapuram respectively, in association with The Eye Foundation, Bengaluru and Retina Institute of Karnataka on May 26, 27 and 31, 2024. Thirteen children and two staff from Rainbow Home were asked for further follow up by The Eye Foundation team. Dr. Supreeth and team, Retina Institute of Karnataka did the eye screening and referred people of Vinobha Nagar for further check-up to their hospital. The team also gave them an awareness of eye care and the precautionary measures to be taken to maintain eye health. Forty children and ten staff from Rainbow Home and fifty children, fifty-one adults from Vinobha Nagar and more than hundred and fifty people from Sagayapuram attended the camps.



PICNIC AND OUTINGS



PICNIC FOR TUITION CHILDREN

On May 4, 2024, BOSCO Sumanahalli organized an outing for 39 tuition children and six staff members to Bannerghatta National Park and the Art of Living International Centre in Bengaluru. The children learned about wildlife, observed birds and animals, enjoyed a sumptuous lunch, and explored the ashram, discovering various meditation and satsang courses offered there.

OUTING FOR TUITION CHILDREN

Children from Pillahalli enjoyed a one-day outing organized by the Child Safety Net team. They explored Cubbon Park, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technical Museum, and Vidhan Soudha, learning about instruments, science, history, and freedom fighters like BR Ambedkar. The informative trip engaged 36 children in hands-on learning and outdoor fun.



EXPOSURE VISIT FOR TUITION CHILDREN

On May 18, 2024, the BOSCO ARSP team took 42 tuition children from MCTC Quartets, MCTC Anganawadi, and Thungabhadra Colony areas on an outing to the ISKCON temple in Bengaluru via Namma Metro. Mr. Shekhar, the ARSP Project Coordinator, explained the temple's history and significance. The children, accompanied by nine staff members led by Fr. Johnson, enjoyed exploring the temple and meditating.



OUTING TO SHOOLIN RESORT

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre organized a refreshing outing to Shoolin Resort, Bengaluru on May 20, 2024, for 31 trainees and nine staff. They enjoyed swimming, adventurous games, and a scenic resort tour, relishing sumptuous breakfast and lunch. The break from routine left them feeling rejuvenated and invigorated.



SUMMER CAMP

PILLAHALLI

On May 8, 2024, a summer camp for 66 children of Pillahalli Tuition Center was held at Government Higher Primary School, Pillahalli, Bengaluru. Inaugurated by local leaders, the camp featured party games, dancing, and singing, fostering productive activities for the children. Mr. Karithimmaiah emphasized parental responsibility, and Mr. Basavaraju outlined the camp's objectives. The event was organized by the CSN team, one student volunteer, and three Brothers.



YUVASPANDANA

On May 4, 2024, BOSCO Nilaya held a summer camp at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, J.C Road, involving 139 children from various areas. Inaugurated by Fr. Anand and child representatives, the camp featured action songs, dance, games, motivational classes, arts and crafts, child rights sessions, and a quiz competition. The camp aimed at personality development, with prizes awarded and cultural programs performed. Sixteen staff, seven tuition teachers, and one student volunteer organized the event.

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL

On May 9, 2024, BOSCO Nivas organized a one-day camp at St. Xavier's School for 150 children. Inaugurated by Fr. Arogya Dass, the camp featured activities like party games, dance, music, value education, and a quiz competition. Fr. Dass emphasized regular school and tuition attendance. The event concluded with dance performances and prize distribution, with Ms. Magis and Fr. Anand also in attendance.



BOSCO SNEHA BHAVAN

From May 4 to 11, 2024, BOSCO Sneha Bhavan and Transit Home organized a ten-day summer camp for 38 children, focusing on infotainment, new craft skills, group activities, and outdoor experiences. Conducted by Mr. Nagarji, Ms. Tanvi, and BOSCO staff, the camp aimed to enhance children's initiative, teamwork, and creativity. The children also enjoyed a one-day visit to nearby famous places.

MITHRA SCHOOL

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan hosted a week-long summer camp at Don Bosco Mithra School, Horamavu, Bengaluru, from May 13 to 18, 2024. Guided by Lokesh Kumar, 22 girls from high school and college learned various skills, including crafting artistic wings, making dolls from rug materials, and presenting street plays. They also enjoyed a visit to "Rangoli Gardens," experiencing rural life and culture.



SUMMER THRILL

From May 1 to 18, 2024, BOSCO Vikas organized an 18-day summer camp at Don Bosco Salesian Society Mysore for 48 children. The camp featured yoga, meditation, exercises, and various competitions in singing, dance, sports, and more. Activities like group games, shramdaan, farming, crafts, and outings to Mysore Palace and Zoo promoted discipline, leadership, and teamwork. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Fr. Prasad SDB, and other leaders provided guidance, while Br. Anugrah Thomas, Br. Balarakshith, and staff ensured smooth operations.



SUMMER JHALAK

BOSCO Mane's 'Summer Jhalak' camp, spanning May 1 to 20, 2024, engaged 21 children in diverse activities like sports, crafts, and movies. The inauguration by Fr. Prasad SDB, Mr. Shivamallu, and Mr. Ramaswamy marked the start of the event. Concluding with a valedictory function, featuring reflections from Bro. Anugrah and prize distribution based on team performance, the camp fostered creativity and skill development among the participants.



CAMPAIGNS

INTERNATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

On May 25, 2024, BOSCO Life skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli observed International Missing Children's Day with 31 trainees and staff. They received awareness on identifying and assisting missing children, pledging to support those in distress and reduce missing cases. Simultaneously, the Magadi Road team conducted sessions for 42 children from Nagammanagar and BOSCO Yuvakendra on children's rights, education, and safety measures.



WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

On May 31, 2024, BOSCO Nilaya, CRISP, and SJPU projects observed World No Tobacco Day at Ganesha School, educating children about the harmful effects of tobacco use. A jatha around KR Market area raised awareness among 62 participants. BOSCO CSN project, with Upparpet Police Station, conducted public awareness on tobacco's negative impacts, highlighting its link to various cancers. A rally led by Mr. Maruthi, Police Inspector, reached around 100 people, emphasizing the importance of tobacco cessation.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

VALUE EDUCATION

A value education session was conducted for the children attending tuition classes at Cement Huts by the BOSCO Nilaya team on May 16, 2024. Ms.

Archana and Ms. Bhagyalakshmi, Outreach Workers, Education for the Children in the Slums of Bengaluru (ECSB) project explained the importance of education, children's right to education, career planning, respecting the parents and teachers and leading a noble life. Several activities were conducted and motivational videos screened highlighting the values to lead a noble life. Forty children attended the session.



SKIT ON IMPORTANCE OF LIFE

On May 23, 2024, Ms. Malathishree of Mysore and her team performed a skit at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre. The skit was designed to raise awareness among the trainees about the importance of thinking, being alert, and listening to their elders.

Through the skit, the team communicated the importance of avoiding bad habits, vices, and bad company. They also cautioned the trainees about the consequences of pursuing immediate pleasures that could lead to mishaps in their lives. In addition to the skit, the trainees showcased their talents in singing and dancing. Thirty-one trainees watched the skit.



SSLC RESULTS

BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

1. Prabhavathi - 69.83%
2. Srisha - 60.05%
3. Sathyashree - 51.16%
4. Priya - 42.33%
5. Muskan - 41.83%

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS !!

BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

1. Hema - 71%
2. Puttamma - 40%

BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

1. Malatesh - 61%
2. Vinith - 51%
3. Edwin - 50%
4. Dhabush P - 53%
5. Kowshiq - 51%

BOSCO VIKAS

1. Hanumantha - 47%
2. Hanumesh - 43%
3. Sunny - 47%
4. Chandan - 57%
5. Tarun. U - 54%

BOSCO SUMMANAHALLI

1. Manjunath - 77.44%
2. Jeevan Babu - 54.56%
3. Muneshwar - 52%
4. Sudeep - 51.68%
5. Ajith - 44.96%
6. Shivappa - 43%
7. Abi - 2nd class
8. Abhishek - Pass

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

May – 2024



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	345	35	380
Service provided	29	06	35
Grand Total	374	41	415

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	22	02	00	00	24
Bus stand BMTc	51	01	00	00	52
Bus stand KSRTC	43	00	00	00	43
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Summanahalli	09	00	00	00	09
BOSCO MANE	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Vatslayabhavan	00	08	00	00	08
CSN	15	00	00	00	15
SJPU	22	07	00	00	29
ARSP	177	17	00	00	194
TOTAL	345	35	00	00	380

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	13	23	36
Home Placement	245	05	250
Admission to Gov't Homes	77	07	84
Referred to OH	10	00	10
TOTAL	345	35	380

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	13	06	19
Unaccompanied	332	29	361
TOTAL	345	35	380