

E-STREET VOICE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU

Editor's Note :

World Day Against Child Labour 2024: A global call to Stop Child Labour - June 12, 2024 Annually observed on June 12, this year, in 2024, it was celebrated under the theme, "Let's Act on Our Commitments" End Child Labour

"There is no justification for child labour. The child is the future of our nation. Let us allow him to develop physically, mentally, and morally." – Mahatma Gandhi



Child labour remains one of the most pressing human rights issues of our time, depriving millions of children worldwide of their education, health, and fundamental freedom. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour. It's also a chance to encourage all stakeholders to enhance their implementation of the two main conventions on child labour, namely Convention No. 182 and Convention No. 138 on the Minimum Age for Admission to Employment or Work.

Child labour figures in India are dismal. This year, India is at the 113th position out of the 176 countries on an index that evaluates countries on the well-being of children. Last year, India ranked 116. According to Census 2011, around 259.6 million children in India are employed as labourers. It's also important to address the root causes of poverty by helping victims' families improve their economic opportunities. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that children are shielded from the exploitation of child labour in all its manifestations.

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than how it treats its children. – Nelson Mandela

STREET PRESENCE

Nilaya

Awareness Programmes for Food Caterers



ARSP

Shop to Shop Awareness

NIVAS

Group Guidance for the Tailoring Youths



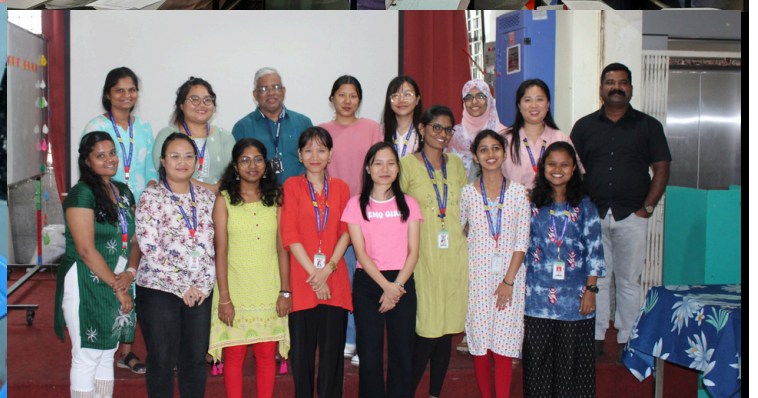
BUS STAND

Stakeholder Awareness

Our street presence allows us to raise awareness, engage stakeholders, and share our mission directly with the community, fostering support and understanding for our cause while gaining valuable insights into local needs.

COMPONENTS

**Various activities were conducted by the different components of BOSCO:
CRC formation by CRISP, Stakeholder awareness by CSN, School and
College awareness by SJPU, training about Foster care to social workers by
Foster care, orientation to students by HRD, Health Camps by Health Care
Department, Family Visits by Family Restoration and After Care**



Our Child Care Centers

BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Mane conducted bridge courses for its centre's children to support them in their path of education



BOSCO Vikas

BOSCO Vikas hosted sports day in which various children participated and won awards



BOSCO Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted health check-ups for its students along with raising awareness on children's personal health



BOSCO Sumanahalli

BOSCO Sumanahalli organised a day of the poor in which the staff distributed food to the people in need

Our Child Care Centers

BOSCO Vatsalya and Sneha Bhavan

BOSCO Vatsalya and Sneha Bhavan organised an indigo airlines crew visit to empower the girls at the centre and also a parents meet for the kids to meet their family



BOSCO Yuvodaya

BOSCO Yuvodaya conducted a parents awareness programme to guide the parents about child rights and the horrors of child labour



BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra raised awareness about child rights to the various stakeholders present on the street

Annual Evaluation Meet

BOSCO conducted its annual evaluation meet at Bosco Mane to discuss its activities and progress in the past year



Campaigns and Celebrations

World Environment Day

The BOSCO family celebrated World Environment Day by tree plantation and by also raising awareness about the importance of planting trees



Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

The Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign, held in late May and early June 2024 by several centers and programmes of BOSCO, featured awareness rallies, door-to-door campaigns, and community sessions in various Bengaluru Urban and Rural areas. Engaging local police, school staff, and community workers, the initiative saw over a thousand pledges for school enrollments, successfully enrolling 86 children.



International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

BOSCO Bengaluru observed World Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, 2024 to create awareness about drug abuse, illegal trafficking, child rights, child protection, and prevention of child labour for the school children. The teams 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 the children.



International Yoga Day

Embracing the spirit of unity and mindfulness on International Yoga Day with these wonderful children at the centre! Together, we stretched, breathed, and found peace in the flow of yoga. Their enthusiasm and joy lit up the room, reminding us all of the power of yoga to connect and uplift. Here's to fostering wellness and harmony, one pose at a time!

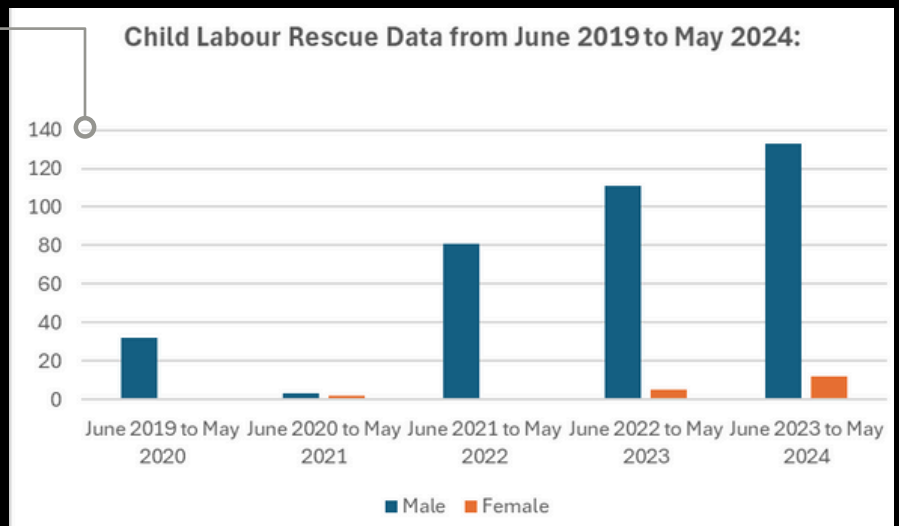


Breaking the Chains

On June 12, 2024, BOSCO Bengaluru and the Department of Labour, Karnataka, marked World Day Against Child Labour with the theme "Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour" on MG Road, Bengaluru. Activities included a skit, rally, sloganeering, and a signature campaign. Additional events featured an essay competition and public awareness programs, collectively engaging government officials, students, and community members to combat child labour.



Child Labour
Rescue data :
June 2019 -
May 2024



(Data prepared by Home Link Department BOSCO)

The Courage to Dream: Kriti and Sanya's Escape from a Life of Labor

The story of Kriti and Sanya (Names Changed) serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting the rights and dignity of every child, regardless of their circumstances.

Kriti and Sanya, two young sisters from Bihar, were rescued from child labour in Bengaluru by the Jayanagara police following a complaint from concerned neighbours. Their parents, seeking work opportunities, had moved from their native Bihar to Mysore and then to Bengaluru, where the girls, along with their four siblings, were left to fend for themselves.

The girls' parents, both being alcoholics, struggled to support their large family. After a dispute with a farm owner in Mysore, they moved to Bengaluru and worked in another farm. Due to poverty, they sent Kriti to work first, followed by Sanya, with the father collecting their earnings each month. Despite their challenging circumstances, Kriti, aged 10, displayed remarkable bravery and a desire to become a Police Officer. Having never attended school, she took on responsibilities beyond her years, caring for the farm owner's wife who had fractured her bones from an accident. Her duties included domestic work, cooking, laundry, cleaning, and tending to the wife's healthcare needs.

Sanya, aged 8, on the other hand, was timid but harboured a dream of becoming a Teacher. Having attended school until the 2nd standard, she joined her sister in working for the farm owner, taking on similar domestic tasks. The farm owner and his wife, who had two children of their own, treated Kriti and Sanya well. They provided for their needs, celebrated their birthdays, and even took them to Hyderabad for a family function. However, they discouraged the girls from attending school, promising to provide education at home if they continued working for them. Despite this promise, it was noted by the staff of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan that Kriti lacked even basic writing skills. Kriti and Sanya, while deeply attached to their parents and the farm owner's family, were made to believe that disclosing their work situation would lead to their loved one's arrest.

Initially placed in a government girls' home after the rescue, Kriti and Sanya faced challenges due to their age and the older girls in the home. Consequently, they were transferred to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan under the jurisdiction of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Here, they received temporary care, protection, and education in an environment more suitable for children their age by providing a bridge-course programme to equip them with the skills and knowledge required to study in the regular schools and actively involving them in activities, and games. Despite these challenges, both girls adapted well to their new environment at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, participating in various activities and showing resilience in the face of adversity. Through the support of the right intervention at the right time by officials and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, these sisters have the opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty and exploitation, pursuing their dreams of a better future.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT

June – 2024

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	309	49	358
Service provided	24	08	32
Grand Total	333	57	390

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staff	29	02	00	00	31
Bus Stand BMTC	49	04	02	00	55
Bus Stand KSRTC	49	07	00	00	56
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	07	00	00	00	07
BOSCO MANE	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	06	00	00	06
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	16	05	00	00	21
SJPU	24	05	00	00	29
ARSP	127	19	00	00	146
TOTAL	307	49	02	00	358

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	32	35	67
Home Placement	257	02	259
Admission to Gov't Homes	08	12	20
Referred to OH	10	00	10
Referred to Hostels	04	00	04
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	02	00	02
TOTAL	309	49	358

Classification Report:

Classification	Boys	Girls	Total
Accompanied	32	17	49
Unaccompanied	277	32	309
TOTAL	309	49	358