

# E - STREET VOICE

Monthly Newsletter From BOSCO Bengaluru

## Editorial Note

### *My Family My Right...*



In a world of constant change and uncertainty, the concept of family remains a timeless pillar of strength and stability. Family, in its many forms, provides emotional grounding and a sense of belonging that are crucial for individual growth, personal identity, self-worth and happiness. Family is usually the initial source of love, support, and security that individuals encounter.

Millions of children in India have been orphaned, abandoned or come in conflict with law because of poverty, disability, parental incapacity or instability at home, abuse or neglect and the COVID 19 pandemic. Majority of them end up growing in institutional care.

Over the last two decades there has been a perceptible shift globally from institutional care to family-based care for children needing care and protection. The concepts of a child's right to family care are rooted in international conventions such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989(UNCRC), that India is a signatory to, the UN Guidelines for Alternative Care 2009 and the Indian Constitution.

In line with UNCRC guidelines BOSCO Bengaluru also believes that institutional care should be the last resort for children who do not have biological parents or are not under any custodial care. Thus BOSCO initiated Foster Care Programme on January 31, 2012. Foster care systems are created to offer temporary family environments where children can find safety, care, and emotional support. The Foster Care program of BOSCO believes that 'all children have the right to grow up in a family environment'. The goal is to ensure that these children receive proper nurturing and support in a family environment, which can contribute to their overall cognitive, psychological, emotional and physical development. The impact of family and foster care extends beyond the individual to society at large contributing to healthier communities, as individuals who experience love and support are more likely to grow into compassionate, productive members of society. The theme for the YaR Campaign 2024 taken up by Don Bosco National YaR Forum also says "Family is Where I Belong," emphasizing the importance of family in shaping our lives. Let's join hands in ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be in a family with a supporting environment and a brighter future!

# **STREET PRESENCE**

## **NIVAS-HEALTH AWARENESS AND CAMP**



## **ARSP- COMMUNITY AWARENESS**



## **NILAYA- PARENTS' MEETING**



## **BUS STAND - AWARENESS TO PRIVATE TRAVEL AGENCIES**



## **GANDHI NAGAR- TUITION CLASSES**



## **MAGADI ROAD- ADOLESCENT GIRLS' MEETING**



Various activities were conducted by the different components of BOSCO: Second level of CRC Training by CRISP, Rescues by CSN, Exposure visit of school children to Police Station by SJPU, Training to Primary School Teachers by Foster Care, Recruiting new staff and conducting interviews by HRD, Contacting funding agencies and corporate offices to raise funds for the program by the Resource Mobilization Team, Health Awareness Program by Health Care Department, Home Visits and Parents' Meeting by Family Restoration and After Care.



# Our Child Care Centres

## BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan had the following activities: Varamahalaxmi Puja, Awareness session on Child related issues, Health Camp, Group and Individual counselling and Home placement follow up of children.



## BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Mane conducted Makkala Sabha for the centre children, Bridge Course activities, Recreational Activities for Children, CWC Follow up of children and Life Skill Session.

## BOSCO Rainbow Home

BOSCO Rainbow Home conducted a Varamahalakshmi Puja and Value Education Session.

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## BOSCO Vikas

BOSCO Vikas conducted Health Awareness, Health Camp, Traffic Awareness, English Grammar Classes for the children.



## BOSCO Yuvakendra

BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted Youth Parliament, Life Skill Session and Raksha Bandhan Festival.



## BOSCO Yuvodaya

BOSCO Yuvodaya held a parents' awareness programme to help the parents understand the rights of the children and educate them about child related issues, Health Awareness and Group and Individual counselling.



## BOSCO Sumanahalli

BOSCO Sumanahalli organised International Youth Day Celebration, Group and Individual counselling and Life Skill Session.

# Training on Don Bosco Preventive System of Education

A training on Don Bosco Preventive system was conducted for the staff at BOSCO Sumanahalli by Fr. Anthayya and Fr. Jude Anand on August 22, 2024. Fr. Anthayya explained about the Salesian Preventive System of Education that is based on reason, religion and loving-kindness. Because of this it excludes violent punishment. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli conducted session on practical suggestions for a reasonable presence among the students. He conducted an activity for the participants. He explained about the key concept of the topic. He shared several stories. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane was present in the programme. Around fifteen staff from BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Yuvakendra and Summanahalli were part of the training.



## International Youth Day

International Youth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, Sumanahalli and Yuvakendra on August 12, 2024 at their respective centres. During the celebrations the staff spoke about developing good values and habits and becoming responsible youths in society. Cultural programs were organized. There were discussions on sustainable living, acquiring life skills and staying focused towards reaching the goals set forth. All the children and youths of the centres participated in the program.



# Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day was celebrated at the Centres, areas and the tuition centres of BOSCO between August 12 and 17, 2024. Independence Day celebration was organized to create awareness about the significance of the day. Dances, songs, fancy dress, and speeches were performed by the children during the cultural programmes. All the Directors of BOSCO, children and trainees of the centres, computer trainees, area children, and children attending tuition classes participated in the celebrations.



## National YaR Day Campaign

The closing of the National YaR Campaign of 2022-2023 “Healthy Mind, Healthy Life” and the online launch of “FAMILY is where I BELONG”, campaign 2023 - 2024, were held on August 31, 2024. The Campaign Poster was released. On the occasion of YaR day, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Yuvaspandana, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Vikas organized sessions with children and staff on the theme. Drawing, painting, speech, essay competitions, and signature campaigns were organized for the children to mark the occasion. The staff and children of the centres attended the online meet and took part in the launch of the YaR Day Campaign.



# Certificate Distribution

BOSCO Computer Training Project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru organized a certificate distribution program for the students who completed the three-month of Basics and Tally training course from the center, on August 03, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. K J Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru shared insights about BOSCO with the trainees highlighting its mission of empowering marginalized youth through skill development. 22nd Batch of Beautician trainees completed their course and awarded with the completion certificates on August 28, 2024 by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Ms. Roopa, Ms. Shruthi, and Ms. Deepika, Lakme Salon Team were present for the event. They cited the achievements and success stories of past trainees who have benefited from BOSCO Mane computer training. Thirty-eight students completed the computer course. Twenty-two trainees were present on the occasion.





# BOSCO Homelink Child MISS MONTHLY REPORT





August – 2024

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	321	63	384
Service provided	31	09	40
Grand Total	352	72	424

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staff	18	01	00	00	19
Bus Stand BMTC	43	06	00	00	49
Bus Stand KSRTC	34	05	00	00	39
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	01	00	06
BOSCO Yuvakendra	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Sumanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Nivas	07	01	00	00	08
BOSCO Nilaya	23	01	00	00	24
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	02	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CSN	34	10	00	00	44
SJPU	15	16	00	00	31
ARSP	129	17	01	00	147
Gandhi Nagar	01	01	00	00	02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>384</b>

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