

# E-STREET VOICE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU

## EDITORIAL

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### *Elevating Girls' Voices for Sustainable Development*

*Each year, October 11th marks the International Day of the Girl Child, a moment for us to reflect on the challenges girls face worldwide and celebrate their immense potential. Established by the United Nations in 2012, this day serves as a reminder of the importance of investing in girls' education, health, equality, and empowerment.*

*Despite strides made over the years, girls continue to face significant barriers—ranging from discrimination and violence to lack of access to education and health services. The effects of these challenges are profound, not only for the girls themselves but also for their communities and societies at large.*

*When girls thrive, communities flourish, economies grow, and societies evolve toward a more equitable future. Education stands out as one of the most critical areas to focus on, as it is a powerful tool for transformation. Educated girls are more likely to participate in the workforce, become leaders, and break cycles of poverty. It is essential that governments, organizations, and communities rally together to create safe learning environments and promote policies that prioritize girls' education. Furthermore, we must also address health issues that disproportionately affect girls, including access to reproductive health services and nutrition.*

*Empowering girls to make informed choices about their bodies is a fundamental aspect of their overall well-being and development. The theme, "Girls' Vision for the Future" for this year's observance calls for the need for action and hope, and the power of girls' voices and visions for the future. Working towards dismantling the societal norms that perpetuate inequality and providing platforms for girls to share their stories and aspirations is paramount. Their voices should be at the forefront of discussions that shape their futures.*

*Let us commit to amplifying girls' voices and advocating for their rights. Together, we can build a world where every girl is empowered to reach her fullest potential, free to pursue her dreams and aspirations without barriers and pave way for sustainable development. By standing up for girls today, we invest in a brighter, more equal tomorrow for all.*



# STREET PRESENCE

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## *Nivas*

*Awareness for BBMP  
Workers*



## *Nilaya*

*Door to Door Awareness*



## *ARSP*

*Awareness for St. Xavier's  
School Children by GRP*





# STREET PRESENCE

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## *Bus Stand*

*Awareness for Upparpet Police*



## *Magadi Road*

*Parents Meeting of Tuition Children*



## *Gandhi Nagar Area*

*Public Awareness*





# COMPONENTS

*Various activities were conducted by the different components of BOSCO: District Level Children's Parliament by CRISP, Consultation with Police Officials, VV Puram Police Station by CSN, State-level Foster Care Parents' Meeting by Foster Care, Orientation for College Students by HRD, Visit of MS Ramaiah Students to BOSCO Vikas by Resource Mobilization, Health Awareness Programmes by Health Care Programme, Parents Meeting by Family Restoration and After Care.*





# OUR CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

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## *BOSCO Mane*

*Orientation for Nursing Students of  
Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru*



## *BOSCO Vikas*

*Trip to Talakadu*



## *BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan - Vocational Training*

*Medical Camp*



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*BOSCO Vatsalya  
Bhavan and Sneha  
Bhavan*

*Health Camp*



*BOSCO Sumanahalli*

*Youths of BOSCO Sumanahalli  
watched Martin movie*



*BOSCO Yuvodaya*

*Parents Awareness Programmes*

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## *BOSCO Rainbow Home*

*Excursion to Hampi*



## *BOSCO Yuvakendra*

*Exposure Visit to Azim Premji  
Foundaton*



## HEALING CONNECTIONS



BOSCO Bengaluru organized a counselling training session for the staff at BOSCO Sumanahalli on October 1, 2024. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Joe Konkell, SDB, Psychologist and Ms. Rashmi, Therapist conducted the counselling session-Healing Connections. The session began with a questionnaire designed to identify the child's internal wounds and provided a checklist for possible caregivers. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi emphasized the value of counseling materials, and staff were given the opportunity to participate in the role plays. Fr. Joe Konkell, and Ms. Rashmi provided a hands-on training on Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) - a therapy tapping the nervous system to release tension, anxiety, pain, and other emotions and Integrated Group Therapy Protocol (IGTP). The primary goal of this therapy is to eliminate childhood trauma barriers. Twenty staff participated in the training programme.

## GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATION



BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Nivas, Yuvakendra and the team working in Magadi Road area celebrated the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2024 at the BOSCO Centres and areas. The staff spoke about the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The Directors garlanded the photos of Gandhiji and gave a message to the children. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem. Cultural programmes were organized by the children. School bags were distributed to the tuition children. Children of St. Xavier's School took up shramadaan and an awareness rally around the school premises. Shri. BTS, Nagaraj, Councilor; Mr. Devendran and Mr. Dayalan, Well-wishers of BOSCO were felicitated on the occasion. Centre, area and St. Xavier's School children participated in the celebration.



## BOSCO BENGALURU CELEBRATED INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a programme on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2024. The celebration was centered on the theme, "Elevating Girls' Voices for Sustainable Development".

The programme included a rally creating awareness with a signature campaign, from Hopcoms, Lalbagh Gate. The children staged a skit signifying the importance of girl child. Flagging off the rally, the Chief Guest, Smt. Priyanka Upendra, Actress, Kannada film industry said, "Even though the world is heading towards growth and development, crime against women and girls are still on the rise. I request all the girls to lay emphasis on mind, body and soul, become strong and concentrate on your future. Education is the powerful tool through which you gain knowledge, confidence, reach your goals and financial freedom. I would like to thank BOSCO for their work and dedication towards upliftment of Girl Children". Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram exhorted that everyone strives towards gender equality and ensure justice to girl children. Shri. Siddaraju, Asst. Sub Inspector, Traffic Police Station, Shri Ambareesh, RTI, BBMP Advisor, Ms. Manjula Ullal, City Desk Coordinator, Smt. Sumangala, Asst. Principal, Govt. Model Primary School and Smt. Sumangala, Asst. Principal, Government Model Primary School, Wilson Garden spoke on the occasion.

The inaugural programme was followed by cultural programmes by the children and a concluding programme. Around two hundred and twenty-five children from the various centres and areas of BOSCO participated in the event. BUS Stand, ARSP, CSN, Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, Nilaya, Nivas, CRISP and SJPU teams celebrated International Day of the Girl Child programme at Majestic, KSRTC and BMTC service roads, Krishnarajpuram Railway station, Vijayanagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarbhavi, Magadi Road, KR Market, St. Basilica Church, Shivaji Nagar areas and Nelamangala by distributing pamphlets to the railway officials, SMR, GRP, RPF, TTE, shop keepers, cleaning staffs, auto drivers, Pourakarmkas, public and children. An oath on protection of girls' rights was taken by everyone. All the teams conducted a signature campaign. Mr. Manjunath, Head Constable, City Market Police Station, Ms. Vanilla, Home Guard, City Market Police Station, KP Agrahara Police Officials, Vijayanagar Police Officials, railway officials, TTE, coolie porters, shop keepers, maintenance staff and auto drivers were present in the programme.





# DASARA CAMPS

Dasara Camps were organized for the children at the BOSCO centres and areas on the theme, 'Family is Where I Belong', during the second and third week of October 2024. The children were engaged in various activities so that they could use their time constructively and hone their skills during the Dasara vacations. Children were taught action songs and dance. Children were engaged in various activities such as meditation, yoga, music, singing, drawing, painting, quiz, craft, aari work, floral art, clay models, pick and act, pick and speak, tabloid formation, trash to treasure, night Olympics, sports, indoor and outdoor games, party games and fun games. Competitions were held. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken to "Friend in Need Society's Home" for the elderly at Shivajinagar. Children visited Bamul Bengaluru Co-operative Milk Union LTD at Nandhini Milk Product Complex in Kanakapura. They went to the ETA Mall to watch a movie. Youths of BOSCO Sumanahalli watched Martin movie. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending tuition classes attended the camp.

Fr. Abhilash SDB, Br. Ajay, Sacred Heart Brothers, Directors and staff of the respective centres and areas were the resource persons for the camps. Mr. Prakash, HM, GHPS, Jakkasandra, Gowramma, Angandwadi School Teacher, Savitri Bai, SDMC Member, Mr. Rajesh, Labour Officer, Mr. Shivakumar ASI and Mr. Nagesh, Head Constable, Girinagar Police Station, were present on the occasion. The camp helped the children in acquiring social responsibility, good manners, punctuality, leadership, team spirit, cleanliness and participation skills. Appreciation medals were given to the winners. Prizes were distributed to all the teams by the dignitaries.





## CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTED



*Trainees of the Tailoring Unit and Beautician Course were awarded with the certificates on the successful completion of the course at the Vocational Training centre of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on October 30, 2024. Addressing the trainees, Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru expressed his joy at the students' achievement and advised them to take advantage of this opportunity to excel in their future. Ms Deepika, Skin Specialist, Lakme Salon also congratulated the students and praised BOSCO's work in changing the lives of young girls for the better. Mr. Gowtham, Hair Specialist, Lakme Salon also urged the students to learn more in the future and apply their skills wherever possible. Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bahavan, Ms. Usha, Teacher, Tailoring Unit and Ms. Deepa Shalini, Teacher, Beautician Trade were present in the programme. Thirty trainees of the Tailoring Unit and ten trainees of the Beautician Trade received the certificates.*

## DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



*Diwali was celebrated in the centres and areas of BOSCO on October 31, 2024 with great pomp and show. The celebrations began with a thorough cleaning of the centres to prepare for the Diwali celebrations. The children and youths eagerly took part in arranging the lamps and lighting them. They also helped the staff decorate the place with hand-made decorative pieces, flowers and lights. The Directors of the centres shared a short message emphasizing the importance of Diwali and encouraged everyone to spread light, just as the lamps do. They also spoke about the significance of festivals like Diwali in bringing people together. The celebrations continued with rangoli competition, dancing and singing and the firework display. The evening concluded with a festive dinner and distribution of sweets. All the children of the centres and areas took part in the celebrations.*



## REFRESHER TRAINING PROGRAMME

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A Refresher Training Programme was conducted at BOSCO Yuvodaya for the staff of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) of BOSCO on October 31, 2024. The programme aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of staff members involved in child care and support. The session led by Ms. Usha from NIMHANS emphasized the importance of professionalism in child care. She highlighted the distinction between 'listening' and 'hearing' and discussed the value of acceptance, effective communication, maintaining a non-judgmental approach and the importance of recognizing individual roles within a team. Mr. Santhosh Kumar from Thunkoor University emphasized self-love and managing emotional temperament and encouraged staff to perform a SWOT analysis for self-improvement. He also stressed the importance of recognizing both verbal and non-verbal communication from children to foster a deeper connection and understanding. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram explained the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) within the CCIs, the importance of consistency and clarity in daily operations. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra explored the psychological aspects of child development through Erik Erikson's Theory of Psycho-social Development helping the staff develop an understanding of different developmental stages, enabling them to better address the emotional and psychological needs of children. Thirty-three staff of the CCIs attended the training.

## WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATED

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To raise awareness about global food security and sustainable agriculture and to promote healthy food habits and nutritious food BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated World Food Day with the children on October 16, 2024 on the theme, 'Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future'. World Food Day, celebrated on October 16th, marks the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945 and emphasizes the global commitment to eradicate hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya engaged children in a meaningful discussion about importance of food and the harsh realities of hunger faced by many around the world. Through interactive discussions, he encouraged the children to think about their favorite foods and what they would do if they encountered someone in need. Their responses showed a willingness to help, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a role in fighting hunger. The session concluded with a powerful reminder that everyone has the right to food, and it is a collective responsibility to ensure no one goes hungry. Eighteen children were a part of the celebration.







## BOSCO: HOMELINK CHILD MISS MONTHLY REPORT OCTOER 2024

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	228	29	257
Service provided	22	03	25
Grand Total	250	32	282

### New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staff	17	01	00	00	18
Bus Stand BMTC	42	01	01	00	44
Bus Stand KSRTC	33	06	00	00	39
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	02	00	04
BOSCO Yuvakendra	07	00	00	00	07
BOSCO Nilaya	10	00	01	00	11
CSN	10	01	00	00	11
ARSP	103	20	00	00	123
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>257</b>



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## KUDOS TO CHILDREN!



*Children of BOSCO Vikas for being selected in the State-level Hockey Team (Raju Bharman, Dhanush, Vikas, Charan, Chandan, Madhu, Ganesh, Manikanta and Chinraj)*



*Children of BOSCO Vikas and Mane for winning 1 gold and 3 silver medals in District Level Taekwondo Sports Meet organized by the Department of Education. Master Ganesh was qualified for State Level Taekwondo Competition being held at Chikkamagaluru.*



*Income Generation Activity by BOSCO Yuvakendra Boys*