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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. 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 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!

Fr. KJ Joseph SDB

BOSCO DIARY

July to September 2024

- Awareness Campaigns
- Value Education Classes
- Life Skills
- Meetings
- Youth Parliament
- Training and Workshops
- Celebrations and Campaigns: International Day against Trafficking in Persons, International Tiger Day, Independence Day, International Youth Day, Raksha Bandhan, YaR Day, Teachers' Day, Gowri Ganesh Festival, Onam, Extraordinary Visit of Fr. Fabio Attard, Anniversary Celebrations of BOSCO Yuvakendra and Nilaya
- Health Camps
- Exposure Visits
- Certificate Distribution

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Awareness in the Communities

In order to help reduce the fear of crime within the community by promoting a proactive and informed approach to safety, to provide residents with information about the types of crime, crime trends in the area, and how to identify potential risks and to teach community members practical strategies to prevent crime, such as securing homes, safeguarding personal property, and staying vigilant in public places,



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BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) team conducted awareness at Bande Mahakali Temple, KG Nagar, Kankanagar and Ramakrishna Layout of West and South Divisions of Bengaluru during the quarter. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project, cautioned the parents and the community members about being careful regarding their children using social media, children in conflict with the law and children in need of care and protection. He exhorted the community people to take active role in the protection of children and creating safe spaces for them. The team also shared about the skill trades offered by BOSCO. One of

the auto drivers from the group asked for the stickers of the child helpline to be displayed on his auto and expressed that auto drivers need such awareness. Mr. Harish, Head Constable and Ms. Megha, WPC Govindaraja Nagar Police Station and Mrs. Arpitha Nayak, PSI, Mr. J Shivananda, Police Sub Inspector, Ms. Chandrika D, Assistant Sub Inspector and Ms. Sumaya, Woman Police Constable, KJ Nagar Police Station were present in the programmes. Fifty community people and eight auto drivers were reached out to through the programmes.

Awareness in Moving Trains

BOSCO ARSP team travelled in a trains from KJM to Whitefield and other areas creating awareness about child rights, child related acts, issues of children including missing children, runaway children, children into begging, child marriages, child labour and so on during July, August and September, 2024. The team also informed the passengers about the child help line - 1098/112 and the services rendered by BOSCO. Pamphlets were distributed to them. Some of the passengers shared the photo of the pamphlet in their Whats App groups. Around two hundred passengers benefited by the programme.



Awareness for the Parents



BOSCO Yuvodaya organized awareness sessions for the parents who visited the centre during the CWC sittings in the quarter. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, and Ms. Vinnarasi, Team Member addressed the parents and stressed the importance of creating a supportive environment for the development of children at home. They urged parents to ensure their children get an education as it is their right. The parents were made aware of the rights of the children and the various laws and acts related to children. Group counselling was also done for the parents during the programmes. More than a hundred parents were reached out to through these programmes.

Health Awareness

Health Awareness sessions were organized for the youths of BOSCO Sumanahalli, children of BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Rainbow Home by the BOSCO Health Care Department at the respective centres on July 18, 20 and August 10, 2024. Ms. Uma and the team, St. Martha's Hospital, Bengaluru gave information

on Dengue, its diagnosis, and treatment through power point presentation and skit. The team also explained the screening methods and the preventive measures. Thirty trainees of Sumanahalli, eighty children of St. Xavier's School and forty-nine children of Rainbow Home were a part of the awareness sessions.



School and College Awareness

Awareness programmes were organized by the BOSCO SJPU team, the Foster Care team, and the CSN team at various schools and colleges in Bengaluru Urban and Rural during the quarter. The teams spoke about child rights, child laws, children in need of care and protection, and children in conflict with the law

reinforcing the principle of gender equality. They explained in detail about the SJPU, Foster Care and CSN projects, their importance, and the support of the school and college authorities and children in identifying and referring children in distress. Video on POCSO was screened. One of the teachers informed about two child labour

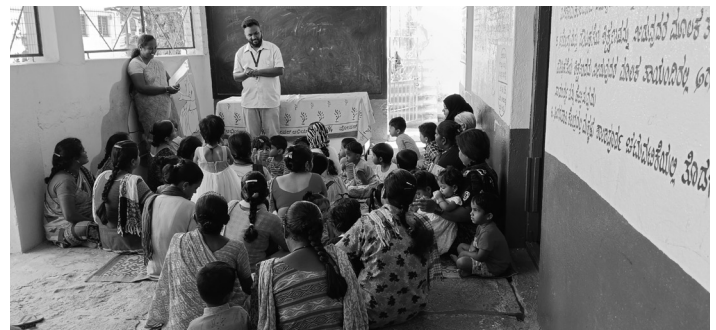


cases in their community. Rajendra Prasad, PSI Chamarajpet Police Station, Ms. G Akkamma, WPC, Mr. Guruswamy, PSI, Mr. Shivaraju. ASI, Mrs. Roopa, WPC and Mr. Sikandhar Badasha and Shankamma, Teachers were present during the awareness sessions. Around six hundred and fifty children attended the sessions.

Foster Care Awareness

BOSCO Foster Care Programme organized awareness sessions on the concept of foster care for the SHG Members, Anganwadi Teachers, Mothers, PRI Members, and Primary School Teachers of Bengaluru Rural during July, August and September, 2024. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme introduced Foster Care to the participants. He highlighted the importance of alternative

family care for those children deprived of a family. He explained in detail the foster care procedures and the legalities involved. He also sought the support of the stakeholders in disseminating information related to foster care to a large population so that it helped in the identification of prospective foster care parents and children in need of a family. Over a hundred stakeholders benefited from the programme.



Traffic Awareness Programme Organized

The Police Officials of Chikkapet Traffic Police Station visited BOSCO Vikas on August 3, 2024 to create awareness about the importance of following traffic rules and brief the children about the consequences of not following the safety rules on the road. Mr. Ravi Kumar, Head Constable, Chikkapet Traffic Police Station gave information about road safety. Topics like the right age to ride bike, why do we have age criteria for riding vehicles, following traffic rules while riding, driving and walking were covered. The session ended with the children promising that they keep in mind the traffic rules to be followed for their safety and the safety of others. Fr. K.J Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, Mr. Gangaraju, Sub-Inspector, Mr. Manjunath and Mr. M.D. Rafi, Police constables and

Vikas staff were present in the session. Eighty boys from Vikas and Mane benefited from the session.



Awareness Programme for Private Travel Agencies

An awareness programme for the private travel Agencies was organized by the outreach team working in bus stand along with the team working in Gandhinagar area and BOSCO CSN Project on August 17, 2024 in Anand Rao Circle area of Bengaluru. The drivers, conductors and the passengers were given awareness on child helpline numbers 1098/112, child rights, protocol and the activities of the organization. The team distributed pamphlets. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru was also present in the programme. A total 1175 people got information about child related issues and laws.



Awareness at BMTC Subway



An awareness programme was conducted for the public and the shopkeepers in the BMTC subway by the BOSCO outreach team working in BMTC Bus Stand on September 6, 2024. The team imparted information on runaway children, missing children, child labour, child trafficking, children into begging in and around the bus stand area. They sought the support of the public and shopkeepers in identifying such children and referring them to BOSCO by distributing pamphlets containing information on BOSCO and child helpline. Fifty-five people were reached out to through the awareness programme.

Open House Programme

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project organized an Open House Programme for the students and teachers of Sri Siddalingeshwara School, KP Agrahara Police Station Limits on September 19, 2024. The programme based on the theme, 'Keep Me Safe, My Family, My Right' focused on promoting the safety and well-being of children within their family environments. It aimed at raising awareness about the rights of children, to be protected from violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation, while also emphasizing the importance of a secure family setting. The team explained about the importance of reducing cases of domestic violence and child abuse and preventing child trafficking, labour or exploitation, by educating parents and caregivers about positive practices through the usage of posters, video on POSCO, etc. Ms. Sudha, Police Sub Inspector, KP Agrahara Police Station and Mr. Surendra S, Teacher, Sri Siddalingeshwara School were present in the programme. Thirty Students studying in 8th and 9th grades participated in the programme.



Awareness Programme for the Stakeholders

The outreach team working in Gandhi Nagar area, Magadi Road, CSN Team and SJPU Team conducted awareness programmes on child rights and child protection mechanisms for the Pourakarmikas, Auto Drivers and Police Officials. The teams enlightened the groups of the child laws and Acts, issues related to children, child helpline, enrolling and re-enrolling the school dropouts. The teams briefed about BOSCO and its services with a special mention of the vocational trades for the youth. They also requested the stakeholders to support BOSCO in the rescue and rehabilitation of the children at risk. Pamphlets were distributed to over hundred and fifty stakeholders.





MEETINGS

Mothers' Group Meeting

The Outreach team working in Gandhi Nagar conducted a Mothers' Group Meeting at the Anganwadi Centre in Annamma Colony on July 8, 2024. K.M Basavaraju, Coordinator explained the importance of early childhood education, Government schemes available for the children. Kavitha, Anganwadi Teacher explained about the activities of the centre. The mothers enquired about nutrition, ration and hygiene. Priyanka, Tuition Teacher was present in the meeting. Eighteen mothers attended the meeting.



Adolescent Girls' Meetings

BOSCO Nilaya, CRISP, Nivas and the team working in Magadi Road conducted meetings for the adolescent girls of Vyayaam Shaala, Giripuram, Vinobha Nagar, G.H.S Madakari School, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural, St. Xavier's School, Shivajinagar and BBMP School respectively during July, August and September 2024. The sessions included information on personal hygiene,

menstrual hygiene, nutrition, safe and unsafe touch, online safety, ill effects of consuming alcohol and use of drugs and child helpline -1098/112. Videos on Menstrual cycle were screened. The girls were told the importance of drinking water and frequently keeping themselves hydrated. Around three hundred and fifty girls attended the sessions.



Parents' Meetings



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a parent's meeting at the centre on July 21, 2024. Mrs. Sara, Social Mobilizer briefed the objective of the meeting. Ms. Majula Ullal, Coordinator, Rainbow Home Foundation explained about Rainbow Home programme and the support provided for children's education. She explained the importance of education and how it leads to the success of an individual. The meeting helped to create a better understanding between parents and staff. Parents were encouraged to appreciate children's participation in all activities. Parental care inputs were given to each parent to provide their children a better future. Twenty-six parents attended the meeting.

BOSCO Nivas met with the parents of children attending tuition classes at Ambedkar on July 24, 2024. The team guided the mothers on the parenting skills, understanding and accepting them as they are, encouraging and motivating them to pursue their goals, being role models, having mutual respect, being responsive and interactive, and caring for their health and education. The parents were made aware of the social entitlements like the Aadhaar Card, Ration Card, Voter ID, Pan Card they need to possess. Twenty-two mothers attended the meeting.



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized a meeting with the parents of the children attending tuition classes at the centre on July 30, 2024. Ms. Geethamala, Counselor gave a brief introduction regarding the purpose of the meeting. The parents were told to approach the centre for any support in case of necessity. It was an interactive session between the staff of the centre, the children, and the parents. Parents were happy to see improvement in their children's academic performance and self-confidence. Fifteen parents attended the meeting.

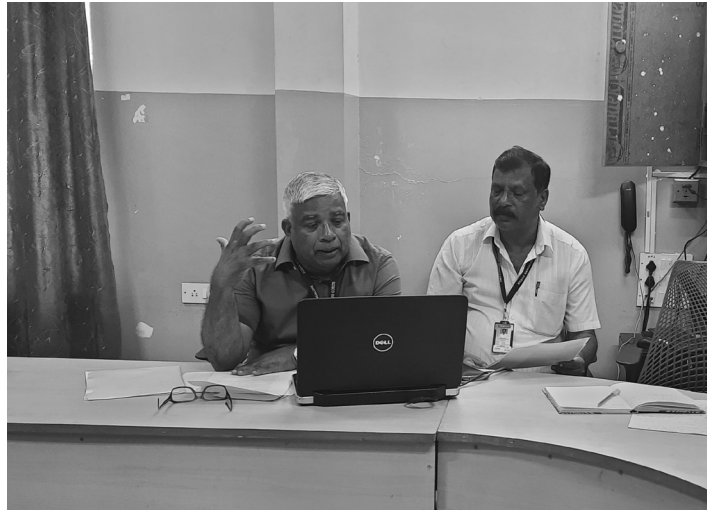
BOSCO Family Restoration and After Care Project organized a meeting with the parents of the youths in after care on July 6, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed the parents on the APF project and how it supports in the restoration of the youths to the families. He exhorted the youth to obey the parents, choose good company, have specific goals and strive towards achieving them and support children who are in need of care and protection. He asked them to be in touch with BOSCO on a regular basis. 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 about the aftercare program and how children are supported for their education. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram provided the ration kit to the families of children restored. Twenty-seven parents attended the meeting.



Virtual Meeting with Directors

The Foster Care virtual meeting via Google Duo Meet was held on September 25, 2024 at BOSCO Mane. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, presented the managerial skills such as Planning, Organizing, Implementation, Communication and Evaluation for the effective implementation of Foster Care Programme in twenty districts of Karnataka.

Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator shared statistical data of the programmes conducted, placement of children in districts and monitoring visits of six districts. Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke about admin related matters. Future plans including focusing on media coverage, conducting parents' and children's meeting, placing children in foster care and pending programmes to be completed were discussed. Mr. Shivamallu welcomed the participants and Ms. Nandini N, Asst. Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. There were thirty - four members present in the meeting.



Makkala Sabha

Makkala Sabha was conducted at BOSCO Mane on September 16, 2024. Children shared their problems during the meeting. Some of the children expressed that their team members are not keeping their shelf clean and not keeping their belongings properly. Team leaders shared that their team members are not listening to them.

Ms. Sujatha, Counsellor, BOSCO Mane instructed that every two days children should clean their shelves and everyone should listen to their leaders. They should value and take care of their belongings. 24 children participated in the Makkala Sabha.



TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Orientation Programmes

MSW first year Students from CHRIST College, Bengaluru, visited BOSCO on July 3 and 10, 2023 for an orientation. Social Work Students from Germany, The Netherlands and Norway studying in CHRIST College, Bengaluru, visited BOSCO Yuvodaya on September 6, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director orientated on BOSCO organization and its activities. He briefed about the history of BOSCO, its Vision and Mission, programmes and projects.

The students who were undergoing specialization in Human Resource Management and Community Development were given an introduction about the role of HR Department in an NGO. They were also made aware of the different areas of specialization and their scope in present scenario. Students asked their doubts about children on street and their rehabilitation process. Students interacted with open shelter children and staff. They asked questions related to CSR funding, rescue operations, identification of children, difficulties in tracing parents and challenges in counseling. Students expressed to do their concurrent fieldwork. The visit helped students to know more about organization and its



activities. Hundred students and 1 teaching faculty from CHRIST College and two students from Don Bosco College, T.C Palya and Programme Manager visited BOSCO.



Child Rights Clubs Formation and Training

BOSCO CRISP Project was involved in the formation and training of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) and second level of training in Bengaluru Urban and Rural schools during the quarter. The sessions were conducted by Devaraju, Coordinator, Uma, Anand and Nagaraj, Social Activists, CRISP Project on the importance of child rights, child rights clubs, and UNCRC. They explained the process of formation of CRCs and thereafter formed the group. They were conscientious in bringing school dropout children back to school. More than thousand children were given the training.



Workshop on Homelink Data Intelligence for Global Interface (DIGI)

A three-day workshop was organized by the National YaR Forum, New Delhi at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru from July 24 to 26, 2024. Fr. Shalbin, Vice Provincial, Bangalore Province inaugurated HOMELINK - DIGI, a digital platform for scientific data collection. The sessions threw light on YaR and Homelink network, comparison of Homelink Child MISS and Homelink DIGI and module-wise presentations. Hands-on training was provided to the participants. Data protection policy was explained. The training was concluded by Provincial Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB encouraging and emphasizing the importance of documentation. Fr. George P.S, Director, BREADS appreciated the efforts of National YaR forum.

Certificates were awarded to the participating delegates from various Don Bosco institutions.

The resource persons were Fr. Joe Prabu, Executive Director, DB YaR Forum, Mr. Austin, Deployment Manager, Mr. Raj Parit, National Data Documentation Coordinator, Mrs. Jyothi Priya, Chennai Hub Coordinator and Mr. John Joshua, Bangalore Hub Coordinator. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Mrs. Priyanka and Mr. Praveen Kumar from Homelink Department and Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane participated in the training.



Training for Child Welfare Police Officers

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with DCPU South Division organized training for the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs), West and South Division, Bengaluru at B.S Venkataram Kala Bhavana, Chamrajpet and Hanumantha Nagar Police Station on July 9 and 11, 2024. Information on SJPU roles and responsibilities, POCSO Act 2012, Juvenile Justice Act 2015 model, procedures in relation to children in need of care and protection and in conflict with law, JJ act roles, child rights, missing children, foster care concept, forms and proceedings.

Mr. Naganna Gowda, Chairperson, KSCPCR, Mr. Girish SB, ACP, South Division and Mr. Ramesh K.M, ACP, West Division instructed that CWPOs and Station SO to not talk to the children in uniform. They should not mention the age in the Aadhaar Card, it should only be on Birth/School/ Medical Certificates. CWPOs should not be in uniform during Mahajar's time. They were appreciative of BOSCO for its committed service to children in distress. Mr. C.J Rohith Police Trainer and Mr. Ramaswamy SJPU Coordinator conducted the training. The programme saw the presence of Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO, South Division, Mr. Anna Rao, PO(IC), Mr. Ganesh, PO (NIC) and DCPU Staff and Ms. Mamatha, ACWPO, South Division and Ms. Girija, ACWPO, West Division. Sixty CWPOs and Assisting Writers from the West Division and sixty-five CWPOs from the South Division attended the training.



Training on Don Bosco Preventive System of Education

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. He said that the Preventive System offers the student a warning, in a way that the educator can still speak to him in the language of the heart, whether during the time of his education, or later.

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 were part of the training.



Stakeholders' Workshop

BOSCO CRISP Project conducted a workshop with the stakeholders of the project at BOSCO Nilaya on September 27, 2024 to ensure visible impact in areas of education, child rights promotion and child protection. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru gave an introduction about BOSCO and its services and CRISP Project. He briefed about child rights and building a healthy eco-friendly society. Mr. Venkatesh, ASI, City Market Police Station mentioned about his association with BOSCO since many years and that he was happy with the services BOSCO renders. Mr. Surendra, Labor Inspector, Ransinghpete explained about child labor, begging, etc. Mr. Aunto Michael, Physical Education Officer, Tulasi Thota,



South-1 spoke about the type of education to be given to children and how to nourish them. The stakeholders expressed concerns about school drop outs, increase in drug addiction, children of single parents, differently-abled children and about creating awareness among parents, children, youth and community people about child

related issues. Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, CRISP and Migrant Desk was present in the programme. Stakeholders included Labor Inspector, Police officers, School teachers, Education officers, Community leaders, Advocacy Leaders and other NGOs. Twenty-nine stakeholders were in attendance.

EXPOSURE VISITS

Exposure Visit to Police Stations

The children of BBMP Schools visited Cottonpet Police Station and Hanumanthnagar Police Station on August 6 and 8, 2024. The exposure visits were organized by the BOSCO SJPU Project. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project briefed about the police station structure and its service to the children. He also explained the various issues related to children such as child marriage, child labour, child sexual abuse, child trafficking, etc. The role and activities of the CWPO were also explained to the children. He shared the preventive methods, how they help the children at risk, and the difference between CWC and JJB. Mr Nagesh, Police Sub-Inspector and Ms Shobha, Women Police Constable from Cottonpet Police Station and Ms. Pooja, D.N Police Sub-Inspector and Ms. Jyothi, Women Police Constable from Hanumanthnagar Police Station were present during the children's visits. Hundred and fourteen children and four teachers visited the police station.



BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) team organized an exposure visit of the children of BOSCO Vikas to VV Puram Police Station on September 12, 2024. Children got information on the structure of the police station, procedures, different acts and legal procedures. They were familiarized with the daily operations, duties, and responsibilities of police officers. The police officials Mr. Manjunath PSI and Mr. Sunil PSI educated the children on safe and unsafe touch, child safety, well-being and protection of children from abuse, exploitation, neglect and crime prevention. Twenty-four children visited the station.

VALUE EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILL SESSIONS

Value Education on Environment

BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a value education class on Environment for the resident girls on July 28, 2024 to help kids understand the connection between human activities and the natural world, motivate them to take action to safeguard the environment, and help them develop a feeling of responsibility. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home asked the children to explore the environment around their surroundings by taking them to a nearby park. The children were also taught a song describing nature. Children were reminded that they could make a significant contribution to environmental conservation. Twenty-six girls attended the session.



Life Skill Session

A life skill session was conducted for the children of BOSCO Vikas by Neravu team on July 21, 2024 to help them in mental and physical development. Sr. Precilla, Resource Person, Development

Centre on Child Rights, Shanthi Sandesha Trust and Ms. Ivitha, CCI Transformation Support Person imparted information on Makkala Hakkugalu, fundamental rights according to UNCRC, the four rights

such as Right to Survival, Right to Protection, Right to Development and Right to Participation. The session also included topics like me and my body, body boundary, safe – unsafe touch, love relationships, implications and rights surrounding love relationships, health and hygiene.

The children were involved in breathing exercises, brain dance activity, listing safe and unsafe touch in the page with human drawing. The video - 'Komal' was screened. Forty-seven boys participated in the session.



Group Guidance Session

Children attending tuition classes in BOSCO Nilaya participated in a session on 'Group Guidance' conducted by a MSW student volunteer from Christ University on September 12, 2024. They learnt about self-esteem, kindness, building healthy relationships, boundary setting, self-advocacy and exploring career options. An activity was conducted to explain mental health. Fifteen children participated in the session.



Value orientation on "Respecting Elders"

A value orientation session was conducted for BOSCO Mane children on September 05, 2024. The topic was "respecting your Elders". Ramamani, Teacher said that when they give respect to someone it means they have already taken the first step towards getting a place in their heart. She said that being disciplined and respecting elders in their life gives confidence and strength. Obeying the elders makes them responsible. Once they start their bonding, it will help them grow as successful and well mannered adults. All children attended the session.



Life Skill on Executive Functioning Skills

The inmates of BOSCO Rainbow Home were engaged in a life skill session on 'Executive Functioning' to instill in them the ability to exercise self-control, follow multi-step instructions even when they get interrupted, and concentrate in the face of distractions. The session aimed at developing in them a group of abilities used in arranging, starting, finishing, and controlling an activity. Sr. Mary Shamala, Counselor, BOSCO Rainbow Home, instructed children on the twelve executive functioning abilities - self-control, working memory, emotion regulation, attention, task initiation, planning and prioritization, organization, time management, goal-setting and achievement, flexibility, observation, and stress tolerance.



Through engaging in games related to the subject, children discovered the importance of being attentive, observant, patient, tolerant, remembering, and trustworthy. Twenty-nine girls participated in the session.

Life Skill Session on Me and My body

BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted a life skill session on 'Me and My Body' for the youths residing in the centre on September 13, 2024. Sr. Celine D'Souza, UNICEF team conducted the session. As part of self-awareness she asked names, favorite food and taught an action song, Good Morning to You. She explained in detail about child rights, CHILDLINE, JJ Act 2015, POCSO ACT and spiritual life. Party games were conducted. She organized an activity on good behavior, attitude and cleanliness. Through this activity children learnt the experience of safety, right and wrong. Sixteen boys participated in the session.



HEALTH CAMPS

Medical Camps Organized

BOSCO Health Care Department organized medical camps for the children of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Vastalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra and Yuvodaya at St. John's Hospital, Brindavan Hospital and at BOSCO Yuvodaya during July 2024. Apart from the general health checkup, some of the children underwent thyroid test, vision test, oral checkup, skin test, ENT test, urology test, blood test, etc. Some of the children were underweight and some were overweight. Twenty-nine children needed dental treatment. Dr. Adelia Lobo, St. Martha's Hospital did the medical checkup of the children at BOSCO Yuvodaya. Children were prescribed vitamin supplements. A total of two hundred and thirty children from the centres availed the services of the camps.

BOSCO Nilaya organized a health camp in coordination with the BOSCO Health Care Department at the centre for tuition centre children of Anandapuram on August 11, 2024 and on September 1, 2024. Dr. Rohith, Dr. Pradeep and eight MBBS students from Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru conducted the camp. General checkup, weight, height checkup was done and all the children were administered albendazole tablets. The doctors and students also gave awareness on dengue fever and the precautions to be taken to prevent it. The children also got information on first aid and the different types of first aid. Seventy-five tuition children availed the services of the camp.



Health Check camp was organized for the tuition children and community people of Annamma Colony, Gandhinagar on August 18, 2024. Dr. Abraham and Dr. Sunitha Abraham conducted the camp. The doctors checked children's and parents' height, weight, blood pressure, etc. Twenty-one children and fifty-nine parents benefited from the camp.

BOSCO Health Care Department in coordination with The Eye Foundation, Bengaluru organized an eye screening camp at BOSCO Mane for the children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas, BOSCO

Sumanahalli during September, 2024. Fourteen Children from BOSCO Vikas and 9 children from BOSCO Mane were referred for further treatment. A total of hundred children availed the services of the camp.

BOSCO Rainbow Home with the support of Mr. Jayakar, City Desk Rainbow conducted a mega health camp for the children of the centre, community based children and parents on September 29, 2024. Doctors from Apollo Hospital checked BMI, height, weight, general health indices of the children. They conducted HB tests, dental and eye check-ups, BP and sugar tests for the parents. Ninety-seven children and parents attended the camp.

International Tiger Day

BOSCO Vikas and Mane observed the International Tiger Day along with the children of the centre on July 29, 2024. Mohana Mulepatlu, Naturalist, Kahna Reserve Forest, Madhya Pradesh addressed the children and highlighted the significance of tiger conservation and the international action to save these amazing animals. He spoke about tiger being the National Animal of India, its habitat, behaviour and food, and the alarming decline in the population of tigers both in India and worldwide. He also highlighted the role of Jim Corbett in safeguarding and nurturing tigers in India. As part of the event the children created and displayed their tiger themed artwork. There was a video presentation on Tigers. Eight-four children were a part of this event.

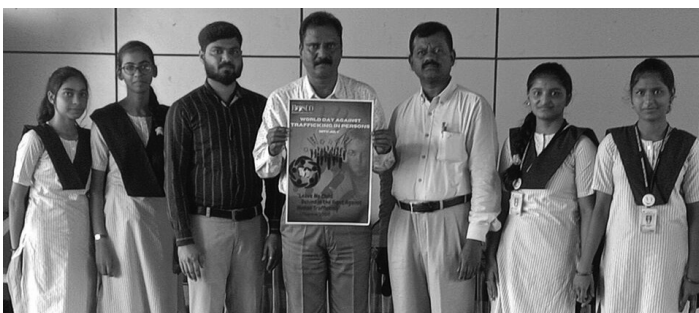


International Day Against Trafficking in Persons

BOSCO Bengaluru stood united with the global community in observing the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, 2024 through various components and centres, and along with the Government Departments based on the theme, "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking". The teams were involved in creating awareness in the CCIs, schools, communities,

public places. The children were shown short video clips on the aspect of trafficking. Poster making, drawing and other competitions were held to gain deeper understanding of the significance of the day. Signature campaign was held in front of Vidhan Soudha where the public pledged their support towards the cause.

BOSCO Bengaluru was a part of the event organized by the Department of Women and Child Welfare in collaboration with the District Administrations, District Panchayat and District Law Service Authority on account of International Day Against Trafficking in Persons at Sambhrama Auditorium, Women and Child Welfare Department, Bengaluru on July 30, 2024. The programme saw the presence of Mr. ML Raghunath, District Magistrate, Mr. Siddeshwar, Director, ICPS, Mr. Krishnamurthy, Asst District Collector, Mr. William Christopher, Staff, IGM, NGOs, ASHA Workers and other stakeholders.



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 programmes 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 programme.



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 2023-2024 - "Healthy Mind, Healthy Life" and launch of "FAMILY is where I BELONG.", the online launch of the campaign 2024 - 2025, 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 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.

Extra Ordinary Visitation at BOSCO Bengaluru

Fr. Fabio Attard was on a three-day visit to BOSCO Bengaluru and interacted with the children, staff, and Directors regarding the different programs, components, and activities carried out by the organization for the welfare of the underprivileged children from September 3 to 4, 2024.



BOSCO Yuvakendra Celebrates 40th Anniversary

BOSCO Yuvakendra opened in 1985, serving youth above 15 years old who require support to secure employment or apprenticeship or to acquire a vocational skill leading to job placement, celebrated its 40th year of inception in the presence of Fr. Fabio Attard, SDB, Extra Ordinary Visitor from Rome, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Philip, Fr. Mathew Vadakel, staff, centre youth and tuition children on September 4, 2024. A new Computer Lab was inaugurated on the occasion.



Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Nilaya



BOSCO Nilaya celebrated its eighth anniversary with the Director and staff of Nilaya, CRISP Project, Yuvaspandana and Migrant Help Desk on September 21, 2024. Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya exhorted the staff to continue serving the poor and underprivileged children and youth and make a difference in their lives for the better.

Teachers' Day Celebrations



Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Yuvakendra areas celebrated Teacher's Day at the respective centres on September 5 and 6, 2024. Children performed skits, dances, and songs, and

did drawings and paintings. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Children also organized various activities and games for the teachers and staff of the centres.



Fr. Vaghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the children, appreciated the teachers at the centres. The Directors of the centres exhorted the children to honor their teachers and follow their good example. It provided an opportunity

for the children and the youth at the centres to appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of their teachers and other staff. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations.

Raksha Bandhan



BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated Raksha Bhandhan with the children attending the tuition classes and the youths of the centre on August 19, 2024. From tying rakhis to sharing love, Raksha Bandhan celebration was full of warmth and happiness.

Celebration of Gowri Ganesha Festival



Gowri Ganesha Festival was celebrated with pomp and grandeur in BOSCO Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Vikas, Rainbow Home and Vatsalya Bhavan on September 6 and 7, 2024. The importance of the festival was narrated to inmates of the centres. The children were told that Lord Ganesha is the God of new beginnings, fresh starts, remover of obstacles, and a patron of learning. Children were asked to do Ganesha idol using clay. Drawing competitions were held. Children of BOSCO Vikas were taken to the nearby Ganesha Temple. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Rainbow Home decorated Gowri and performed the puja. They were provided a sumptuous meal. All the children and youths enjoyed participating in the celebrations.



Onam Celebrations

Onam Celebrations were held at the different centres of BOSCO Bengaluru from September 15 to 29, 2024 involving the children, youth, staff and Directors. The centres were decorated

with beautiful floral designs- Pookalam giving a festive look and divine vibes at the centres.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Handwriting Competition

BOSCO Vikas organized a Handwriting competition for the children of the centre on July 3, 2024. All the children were asked to write both in Kannada and English languages. About ten minutes time was given for each language. The handwriting of the children was assessed and prizes were given to the winners. Post the competition, children were made aware of the importance of handwriting and how it is a measure of their personality. Forty-seven children took part in the competition.



Children of BOSCO Vikas undergo English Grammar Coaching

BOSCO Vikas organized English Grammar classes for the children of the centre with the support of Accenture, Bengaluru on July 27, 2024. Ms. Bindu, Team Member, Accenture held an online session on verbs and different tenses of verbs such as simple past, simple present, past perfect, present perfect, past continuous, present continuous, simple future, future perfect and future continuous with some examples and activities. The session helped the children learn the different forms of verbs and be better conversant in English. Forty-seven school going boys attended the session.



St. John's Hospital Medical Students visit BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan



The medical students from St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and interacted with the children of the centre on July 28, 2024. The students organized recreational activities that allowed the children to have fun and enjoy. They also played games and presented prizes to the winners. They shared their expertise to inspire young minds. They also contributed to the centre's well-being. The centre children and staff were a part of this event.

Peer Learning Session:

Vidyal Children's Rights Movement from Madurai, Tamil Nadu conducted a Peer Learning virtual session for the children of BOSCO Vikas on August 3, 2024. The session was facilitated by Sakthi Vidyal. He explained how they collectively advocate for children's rights, social inclusion and social justice using creative expressions through art and digital media. He also felt that every person has a talent, but they do not know how to express it. If given a chance, they should make good use of it. Mrs Bharati, Power of Art – Advocating for Child Rights and Social Justice and Vikas Staff were present in the session. Forty-four boys attended the session.



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. 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.





22nd Batch of Beautician trainees completed their course and were 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.

The students of Yuvaspandana Computer Centre were awarded the course completion certificates on September 11, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his introductory speech, explained about the skill training courses available at BOSCO. Addressing the children, Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Yuvaspandana wished best of luck for the future and exhorted them to make the best use of the skills learnt. Computer students shared their opinions. Some of them who have already got jobs thanked BOSCO. Mr. Jack, Area Leader, Vinobha Nagar was present on the occasion. Certificates were distributed to fifty students who completed their course.



AON Visits BOSCO Rainbow Home

On September 28, 2024, eighteen members from AON, a corporate organization, that has been consistently supporting BOSCO by funding dry grains visited BOSCO Rainbow Home along with Mr. Jibin, the Assistant Project Manager, BREADS, Bengaluru. An interactive session was held where the Aon team engaged with the children through fun activities including singing, dancing and casual conversations. The visit was attended by key BOSCO representatives including Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Fr. John Peter, Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, and Sr. Josephine, Coordinator, BOSCO Rainbow Home, staff and all the children of the centre.



Kenya Zetech University Students visit BOSCO Yuvodaya

Students from Kenya Zetech University visited BOSCO Yuvodaya, interacted with the children and conducted activities on

September 28, 2024. They also provided snacks and toiletry items to the children.



A SECOND CHANCE!

Jai's (Name changed) story underscores the importance of awareness, guidance, and early intervention in preventing juvenile delinquency and helping young people get back on track after a mistake.

Jai, a 14-year-old boy, is currently studying in the 9th standard. He lives with his family, which consists of his father, a tailor by profession, his mother, who works as a caretaker at a play school, and his younger sister, who is in the 6th standard. The family has no criminal records and is considered a peaceful and law-abiding household.

One day, Jai and his cousin decided to attend a festival at a local temple. While they were there, Jai, his cousin, and some of his cousin's friends began dancing as part of the festivities. Unfortunately, what started as a joyous occasion quickly escalated into a violent confrontation. A clash arose between the group and another boy, leading to a tragic turn of events. Jai's cousin, in a fit of anger, pulled out a knife and fatally stabbed the boy. In the heat of the moment, Jai, along with his cousin's friends, also got involved in the fight and physically assaulted the boy before the stabbing occurred. Jai was present at the crime scene when the stabbing happened, and due to his involvement in the altercation, he was taken into custody by the police. His cousin fled the scene, leaving Jai to face the consequences alone.

Upon his arrest, the police notified the SJPU (Special Juvenile Police Unit) team at BOSCO Bengaluru. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, a Social Worker from BOSCO was assigned to counsel Jai. During the counseling session, Jai revealed that he had indeed hit the boy, but he was not the one who used the knife. He

also mentioned that his cousin's friends were involved in the physical assault, although it was his cousin who ultimately committed the fatal act.

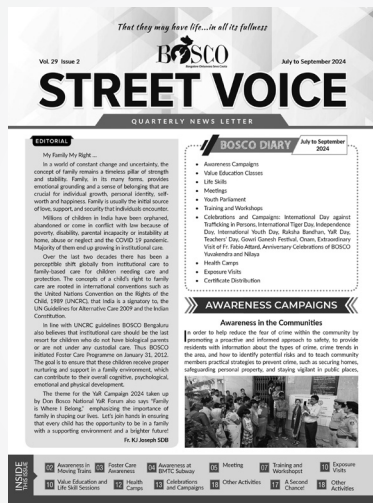
The Social Worker provided Jai and his father with guidance, explaining the gravity of the crime and the potential consequences. The importance of proper care, supervision, and moral guidance was emphasized to prevent such incidents in the future. After the counseling session, Jai was presented before the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Board. Given the nature of his involvement and the circumstances, the JJ Board decided to send him to the Observation Home for juveniles.

Jai was largely unaware of the seriousness of his actions at the time of the incident. His involvement in the crime was influenced by peer pressure and a lack of understanding of the legal and moral consequences of his actions. Recognizing this, the Social Worker emphasized the need for Jai to develop better social, personal, and emotional awareness.

After his release from the Observation Home, the Social Worker continued to provide support by conducting follow-up calls every three months. These calls were made to check on Jai's progress in school and to ensure that he remained committed to his education.

Since his release, Jai has been regularly attending school and is dedicated to his studies. Both Jai and his father expressed their gratitude towards the SJPU team for the support and services provided. The continuous follow-up and counseling have helped Jai stay on the right path, focused on his education, and away from negative influences.

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