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*That They May Have Life...  
Life In All Its Fullness*



BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA

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# FOREWORD

**FR. VARGHESE PALLIPURAM**

Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru

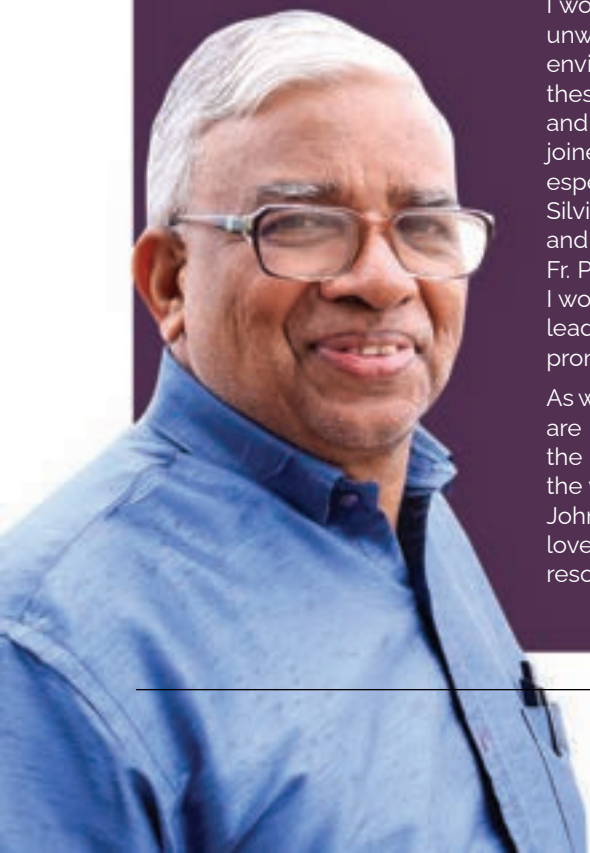
As we reflect on the year that has passed, our hearts are filled with deep gratitude on the positive impact that BOSCO has been able to bring into the lives of so many children. As we stand at this juncture, we are more determined than ever to embrace the responsibility that lies ahead. With unwavering resolve, we look forward to welcoming many more underprivileged young people into our journey, eager to share with them the warmth, love, and hope they deserve in the coming year. Our commitment to transform the lives of the vulnerable children remains steadfast, and we are inspired to continue making a difference in the hearts of those who need it most.

I am delighted to present the Annual Report of 2023-24, celebrating a year of remarkable achievements. This year, we enhanced the lives of children through street outreach, rescue, rehabilitation, and more, while also advocating at the community level for rights and empowerment. Our programs are designed with precision to address each child's need and foster their growth. BOSCO is dedicated to nurturing their development and preparing them for success, alongside empowering families and communities to drive positive change.

In the past year, BOSCO has made significant strides in its mission to support and uplift children in need. We rescued 4,477 children and provided services to 567, with shelter given to 3,755 and home placements for 3,415. Our educational initiatives have impacted 187 children through academic education and 203 through skill training. With 27 tuition centres, we offer supplementary education to over 800 children. We have begun follow-ups with After-Care children and those restored to their families. Our efforts to eradicate child labour in Gandhi Nagar area included an anti-child labour sticker campaign. The successful implementation of our Foster Care Program across 20 districts in Karnataka was made possible with support from Don Bosco Institutions and other NGOs. We initiated a new Child Care Institution, BOSCO Sneha Bhavan, and we are planning new initiatives through BOSCO Yuvakendra, including youth skill training in computer and an Open School program for dropouts. We also published the Kannada version of "40 Diamonds" and the revised version of "Glow in the Horizon" and continue to enhance our social media presence. The Child Rights and Integrated Service Program (CRISP) project, a continuation of the Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) Project, has been implemented, and despite the discontinuation of Railway CHILDLINE and City CHILDLINE services, our Adjacent Railway Stations Presence (ARSP) team has successfully established a strong presence at Sir M. Visvesaraya Terminal (SMVT) and other railway stations where children are rescued and rehabilitated. We were honoured as the best Node for HomeLink Network at the YAR National level and our staff members were recognized by government agencies for their dedication to social involvement.

I would like to extend my profound gratitude to the staff of BOSCO for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in providing a safe and nurturing environment for children and youth. Their relentless commitment to rescuing these vulnerable individuals from the clutches of social evils is both inspiring and commendable. I also wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have joined us in this noble endeavour for their support, concern, and involvement especially BREADS, Raja Foundation, Azim Premji Foundation, Claude, and Silviana whose generosity has been instrumental in advancing our mission and has profoundly touched the lives of many. I offer my sincere gratitude to Fr. Provincial and his team for their steadfast guidance and encouragement. I would also like to express my appreciation to the editorial board, under the leadership of Fr. Prasad and Fr. KJ Joseph for documenting, publishing, and promoting the accomplishments of BOSCO through various media platforms.

As we look ahead to the coming year, our dedication remains unwavering. We are inspired to continue our journey with renewed vigour, ready to embrace the responsibility of reaching to many more young lives, sharing with them the warmth, hope, and support they so rightfully deserve. In the words of St. John Bosco, "It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved." This guiding principle has fuelled our mission and strengthened our resolve to bring warmth, hope, and opportunity to every child we serve.



# MESSAGE

## FR. JOSE KOYIKKAL SDB

Provincial, Don Bosco Province, Bangalore

*"In every young person, a point of goodness is accessible, and it is the primary duty of the educator to discover that sensitive cord of the heart so as to draw out the best in the young person". Don Bosco*

As BOSCO (Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota) commemorates 44 years of service, this year holds special significance as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the dream that set young John Bosco on his path of service. At just nine years old, John had a profound vision: rather than resorting to conflict, he was called to teach virtue and compassion to transform the wild, unruly ones around him into a flock of peaceable sheep. This dream defined his life's mission, inspiring BOSCO's endeavours today.

BOSCO Bengaluru has faithfully carried forward Don Bosco's legacy, transforming the lives of thousands of vulnerable children and youth across the city. Evolving over the years, it has expanded its reach, with ten centres serving as beacons of hope and transformation. BOSCO's presence is a lifeline for the less privileged children and youth in difficult situations, from the streets to the shelters. The organization offers immediate rescue and rehabilitation, long-term education, vocational training, skill development courses, job placement and community empowerment.

BOSCO's impact extends beyond its centres through innovative projects like the Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP), which rescues children from vulnerable conditions, and the Foster Care Project, which emphasizes family-based care over institutionalization. Initiatives like the Child Safety Net Project and the Special Juvenile Police Unit further BOSCO's mission to protect and empower children, while the Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM) and its successor, the Child Rights and Integrated Services Programme (CRISP), champion the rights of children.

As BOSCO continues to grow, its efforts in education, health care, and social campaigns are vital in nurturing the next generation. The commitment to social consciousness is reflected in its campaigns, which promote child labour-free Gandhinagar and raise awareness of environmental protection and human rights issues.

The organization's impact is seen in the immediate transformation of lives and the enduring community it has fostered. The 'Past Pupils Sangha,' an independent trust of BOSCO alumni, exemplifies this ongoing legacy as former beneficiaries return to contribute to the mission that once gave them hope.

Reflecting on the year's milestones, we are reminded of Don Bosco's dream and the transformative power of vision and dedication. May BOSCO Bengaluru remain steadfast in realizing this dream, ensuring every child and young person in need finds a brighter, more dignified future.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Executive Director, the Directors, and all the dedicated staff and volunteers who have tirelessly worked to nurture the dreams and honour the trust of the children who seek love and safety at BOSCO. May God continue to bless BOSCO as it carries on its mission of providing a home for the homeless and giving hope for the hopeless, the most marginalized, especially the children and young people.



## FR. KJ JOSEPH

It was all began with a Dream, recalls Don Bosco who initiated the vast movement, for the young who were at risk of social exclusion. Providing children in need of care and protection with an enabling and safe environment, and allowing the young ones to Dream was the guiding force of BOSCO for the last forty years and more in the city of Bengaluru. The year 2023-24 was not different. As we flip through the pages of BOSCO History of the year 2023-24, we come across a dedicated and committed band of individuals who went out of their way to create a Safety Net and enabling the young ones to Dream. These pages spell out loud and clear, the genuine efforts of these hand holders. Lot has been done, but lot more has yet to be done. At the very outset, a big appreciation for sharing their life with the young people at risk situation. Congrats and best wishes for you, the staff of BOSCO Bengaluru. We look at you proudly and gratefully. Many young lives were touched by you and many young ones are still under your loving care. Let us join hands with all like minded citizens in providing a child friendly and safe Bengaluru, for the young ones who dared to enter into the adult world. Yes, dear young ones, you have lot in you and you need to dream big. You can make your dream come true. Accept the challenge and dare to Dream...



# Message

MR. SHIVAKUMAR

SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE  
BAYAPPANAHALLI RAILWAY POLICE STATION



Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) that started with two individuals - both students of theology with a small project of rescuing and rehabilitating children on the streets of Bengaluru, today, has established itself into a huge movement spread throughout the city. In this world where children are hurt and exploited, BOSCO stands out as a guiding light, ensuring a safer, kinder world where children can live with dignity, live with freedom and contribute meaningfully to the society.

BOSCO has been working with the State and Government agencies becoming the voice of the children in ensuring their right to Survival, Protection, Development and Participation. They have been closely associated with the all the stakeholders, empowering the children, parents, communities and the general public by way of awareness generation sessions, creation of child rights clubs, providing supplementary education, organizing campaigns, rallies, etc., thus, listening to the woes of the children and advocating for their rights. They work in close collaboration with the Police Department at the railway stations (GRP) ensuring the protection of children, rescuing them from dangers like human trafficking, child labour, child begging and many other anti-social activities and crimes, through the projects like Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP), Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, Child Safety Net, etc.

I am grateful to you all for another year of hard work towards the less privileged youth. As you bring out this souvenir, I congratulate you all for the commitment and the sense of purpose with which you all work as a team. I hope that you will continue to give importance to the overall growth and development of the children and youth whom we find in difficult situations.

  
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# Message

MS. NISHI CHACKO

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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BOSCO has been closely working with the Department of Education becoming the voice of the children in ensuring their right to education. They have been closely associated with the schools of Bengaluru, empowering the children by way of awareness generation sessions, creation of child rights clubs, providing supplementary education, organizing open houses for the formal education, thus listening to their woes and advocating for their rights. They are supporting the department in the efficient functioning of SDCs in the schools. They help in bridging the gap between the schools and the parents. They are actively involved in the Shaale Kade Nanna Nade' campaign, thereby, identifying the school dropouts and re-enrolling them into schools.

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# PROFILE OF BOSCO

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life in all its fullness*

## **BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA,**

commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It was established in 1980 by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).

### **VISION**

BOSCO aspires for a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth through preventive and promotional approaches besides standing up for their well-being.

### **MISSION**

BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to integrate with mainstream society, such that they become responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth: children on the streets, child labourers, runaways, trafficked, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuse, rag pickers, child beggars, etc.

### **OUR SERVICES**

I 24/7 Street Presence I Child Rescue Booths I  
CHILDLINE I Counselling I Special Juvenile Police  
Unit I Child Safety Net I Community Development  
I Child Rights Campaigns and Awareness Creation  
I Child Rights Clubs I Foster Care I Shelter Homes  
for Children I Skill Training I Education I Health  
Care I Job Placement I Room Placement I Home  
Placement I Advocacy I Research, Documentation  
and Publication

# CENTRES & AREAS OF BOSCO

## BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

- Shelter for Children (14 to 18 years)
- Job Placement Centre

## BOSCO MANE

- Bridge Education
- Shelter for Children (Below 14 years)

## BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

- Shelter for Girls
- Centre for School and College Girls
- Life Skill Training

## BOSCO NILAYA

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment

## BOSCO YUVA SPANDANA

- Centre for Youth
- Life Skills and Technical Training
- Career Guidance and Job Placement
  - Dormitory for Migrant Youth
  - Drop-in Centre
- Indoor Sports and Games

## BOSCO YUVODAYA

- Coordinating Office
- Open Shelter

## BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

- Life Skill Training
- Higher Education

## BOSCO VIKAS

- Shelter for School Children

## BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

- Centre for School Girls

## BOSCO NIVAS

- Open Shelter
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment
- Life Skill Training

## AREAS

- Railway Stations
- Bus Stations
- KR Market
- Shivajinagar
- Magadi Road
- Sumanahalli
- Mysore Road
- Gandhinagar
- Bengaluru Rural

# AREAS OF BOSCO

## **RAILWAY STATIONS:**

- Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station
- Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station
- Bangalore East Railway Station
- Kengeri Railway Station
- Krishnarajapuram Railway Station
- Yelahanka Railway Station
- Bidadi Railway Station
- SMVT Railway Station

## **BUS STATIONS:**

- Kempegowda (Majestic) Bus Station
- KSRTC Bus Station
- Shivajinagar Bus Station
- KR Market Bus Station
- Kalasipalya Bus Station
- Satellite Bus Station
- Kengeri Bus Station
- Yelahanka Bus Station

## **COMMUNITIES/CONTACT POINTS:**

### **Gandhinagar**

- Anjanappa Garden
- Sangam Construction Area
- Gandhinagar Park

### **Market Area**

- Ramanna Garden I
- Ramanna Garden II
- Vyayamshaale
- Rajgopal Garden
- Vinobhanagar
- Cement Huts
- Gurrappa Garden
- JC Road
- Jolly Moholla
- Bakshi Garden

### **Magadi Road**

- K.P. Agrahara
- Nagammanagar
- Bhuvaneshwarinagar
- Gopalpura
- Mayuri Circle
- Manjunathnagar
- Keshavnagar Bande

### **Shivajinagar Area**

- Ambedkar Huts
- Mackan Compound
- Nehrupuram

### **Mysore Road**

- Janata Colony
- JJR Nagar
- Padarayanapura
- Azadnagar
- Flower Garden
- Bhangi Colony
- Cheluvadipalya
- Velmurugapura

### **Sumanahalli**

- Devaraja Urs Slum
- Sajjepalya Slum

### **Bengaluru Rural**

- Nelamangala
- Chikkaballapur
- Doddaballapur
- Anekal

## Street Presence

Children on the street in India choose to leave their families and homes for strategic reasons. It could be urban poverty, aberrant families, or urbanization. A child running away from home ends up on the street in most situations. Sometimes the reason is the child's behaviour, and sometimes the cause could be the parents. Children missing school for some reason or not doing homework, and leaving home fearing the repercussions is a very common cause. Stealing money, fights with siblings etc. are other common reasons. Most children leave their



families to live on the street because of family problems like the death of a parent, alcoholism of one or both parents, strained relationship with step parents, parents' separation, abuse, and family violence. It is noticed that many of such children come from communities where illiteracy is high, drug use is rampant and unemployment is the fall out.

Once on the streets, many children are kidnapped or trafficked and forced into begging, stealing, sex trade, etc. Therefore, BOSCO is present on the streets, 24x7, to rescue such children through counseling, medical assistance, providing food and shelter, organizing orientation camps and awareness programmes. On an average 15 children are rescued daily from the streets. A majority of such children (around 80-85%) are taken back to their homes.

### FROM SHADOWS TO SUNSHINE...

Shashi (Name Changed) has been under the care and protection of the organization for the past year. His family is originally from Tamil Nadu but migrated to Bengaluru a few years ago for work and settled in K.R. Market. Initially, they lived on the streets, but now they reside in a rented house in Nayandahalli. Shashi has three older brothers—Sharan, Chandan, and Sanjay—and three younger brothers—Rahul, Harish, and Hruthik. Chandan and Sanjay are also under the care and protection of BOSCO Vikas. Shashi lived with relatives in Tamil Nadu and studied in the 3rd standard. During the first wave of the COVID-19 lockdown, he was brought back to Bengaluru but was not enrolled in school. His eldest brother pressured him into substance abuse and sent him to buy cigarettes and tobacco. BOSCO Nilaya staff noticed this and referred him to BOSCO Mane. Recognizing his need for care and protection, he was admitted to the organization on November 16, 2021.

Since his admission, Shashi has been undergoing a bridge course. Initially, he exhibited poor academic performance, language difficulties, and behavioural issues such as bullying and using inappropriate language. However, through individual and group counselling sessions, value education, and constant motivation, Shashi has gradually adjusted to the organization and started mingling with other children. He is now actively engaged in his studies and progressing slowly. He also participates in all organizational activities and aspires to become a football player, playing the sport daily. Shashi is happy and thriving in the organization.

## Rescue

Conditions on the street are never child-friendly, and far from being safe. Here, they become prey to human predators. Every day, BOSCO conducted rescue operations for runaway children, child labourers, abandoned and orphaned children, abused and begging children, trafficked children, children addicted to substances, migrant children, out of school children, victims of child marriage and sexual abuse, children from railway platforms, bus terminals, factories, hotels, parks, markets, public places, etc., through its teams. BOSCO's important components such as CHILDLINE, Railway CHILDLINE, SJPU, Child Safety Net etc., collaborated with the Police and other Government Departments in crucial interventions through rescue operations and awareness programmes. BOSCO rescued and rehabilitated 4477 children from vulnerable situations during the year.



## Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO during June 2023-May 2024

Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Total
BOSCO Mane	11	00	11
BOSCO Sumanahalli	82	00	82
BOSCO Nilaya	220	15	235
BOSCO Nivas	176	08	184
BOSCO Yuvakendra	11	00	11
Railway station DCPU Staffs	143	13	156
Railway Station	509	70	579
BMTC	468	20	488
KSRTC	371	42	413
BOSCO Yuvodaya	32	01	33
SJPU	293	59	352
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	26	26
City CHILDLINE	01	05	6
ARSP	1468	190	1658
CSN	216	20	236
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	07	07
Services Provided	460	107	567
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4461</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>5044</b>

### Final Action Taken

Final Action	Boys	Girls	Total
Under follow up in Bosco Centers	102	120	222
Home Placement	3419	234	3653
Admitted to Govt. Boys & Girls Home	347	109	456
Referred to OH	117	00	117
Shishumandir	00	01	01
Referred to Hostels	15	12	27
Counseled & sent/went off	01	00	01
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4001</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>4477</b>

#### WE DARE TO CARE!

It was the news of a newborn child being sold by his own mother that brought the CSN team to the RR temple in Bengaluru, on the trail of a couple from Erode in Tamil Nadu and their 20-day old child. In November 2023, the BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) team received information about a newborn male child being sold for money, and accordingly, the team in collaboration with the RR Nagar police and CCB (Central Crime Branch) conducted a rescue mission in which the mother of the child and her 3 accomplices were caught. But this mother and child were just a small part of a larger illegal operation being headed by a broker targeting childless couples willing to pay money for a child and financially vulnerable families with infants aged 2-3 months, with children changing hands for amounts ranging from Rs. 3-5 lakhs.

Following the rescue, the child was immediately taken to Vanivilas Hospital and admitted for necessary medical attention and care. The team also informed Ms Nagaratna, the Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee about the rescue and the events that unfolded thereafter. Finally, on November 27, 2023 the baby was discharged from the hospital under the supervision of the concerned authorities and admitted to Amruth Shishu Nivas in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, according to the order of CWC 1, away from the shadow of a life written by his parents' abandonment and society's shortcomings, into a future rewritten by the conviction and compassion of people committed to caring for children against all odds.

## Counselling

The children rescued from the streets and other dangerous situations often display behavioural patterns of anxiety, tension, excessive worrying, irritability, distractibility, internal tensions and conflicts, uncontrollable avoidance of threatening situations, depression, panic, phobias, etc. This may be due to their exposure to poverty, violence, conflict, lack of parenting, and sexual, physical and /or mental abuse. It is BOSCO's primary goal to make the children feel that they are worthy and capable of living a better life. BOSCO provides counselling services to the children with the help of professional counsellors at different stages of intervention by way of individual counselling and group counselling. Through professional counselors, BOSCO provides both individual and group counseling to these children and youth on a regular basis. Counseling is also provided to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians of the rescued children. During the



past one year, around 4776 rescued children were given counselling on a regular basis.

### RESILIENCE UNLEASHED: JOURNEY FROM UNCERTAINTY TO WORLD OF TASTE

Mahesh (Name Changed), an 18-year-old orphan from Davangere, faced significant challenges in finding direction and motivation for skill training. He was referred to BOSCO Sumanahalli by Don Bosco Davangere for skill training, but initially, he showed little interest, expressing a desire only for cricket coaching. Despite these challenges, Mahesh's story is one of resilience and transformation.

Mahesh's lack of family support and changing interests posed challenges to his engagement in the skill training programme. Initially, he was hesitant to participate and lacked the motivation to learn a new skill. His emotional stability was poor, and he struggled to maintain a clear vision for his future. BOSCO Sumanahalli intervened by providing Mahesh with consistent mentorship and guidance. Recognizing his interest in cricket, they arranged for him to coach at a nearby school. However, they also encouraged him to consider bakery skill training, highlighting the success stories of other youths who had been trained and successfully employed. Regular motivational sessions and emotional support helped him stay engaged in the programme.

Despite initially expressing interest in cricket coaching, Mahesh's interests evolved. After three months of training, he expressed a newfound interest in football. Throughout this process, he received daily sessions to keep him motivated and emotionally stable. His counsellors and the centre's director played pivotal roles in his journey, providing constant guidance and support. Mahesh completed the bakery skill training and is now employed at Amma Pastries, Kothanur Branch. His transformation is evident not only in his acquired baking skills but also in his improved behaviour and stability.

From a state of disturbance and uncertainty, he has emerged as a focused and job-ready individual. Mahesh's story exemplifies the transformative impact of skill training and mentorship on vulnerable youth. Despite facing initial challenges and uncertainties, he was able to discover his potential and secure meaningful employment. His journey serves as an inspiring example of how empowering youth through skill development can change lives and build a brighter future.

## Health Care

The children in BOSCO usually come from the underprivileged sections of society, and have various untreated diseases. This is mostly because of the unhygienic living conditions on the street and lack of knowledge about treatment options and medical facilities. The Health Care team of BOSCO tries its best to give the best medical help to the children in the

centres, and in the areas of service. Through first aid, medication, and hospital visits, the team gives immediate attention and care to those who are in need. To minimise the occurrence and spreading of diseases, the team also uses awareness programmes to educate the poor communities and children in the centres about health care. With regular health check-ups, the team diagnoses

sicknesses at an early stage, which ensures that children receive treatment at the right time.

The most common medical problems seen in the children are fever, various skin infections such as scabies, wounds and injuries, tuberculosis, fractures, mumps, dental problems, eye problems, heart diseases, epilepsy, psychological problems, dengue, ENT problems, and animal bites. Besides direct interventions, as many as 69 health and nutrition awareness programmes in the centres and 8 awareness in the communities and areas of intervention, 33 general health camps including dental camps and eye camps, in the centres were conducted during the year. In the areas 1 cancer detection camp, 4 Eye camps and 2 general health check-ups were conducted. TB tests, HIV tests, blood grouping were also taken up for the children residing in the centres. De-worming tablets were administered to all the centre children once in 6 months.



Statistics of Medical Care provided during June 2023-May 2024	
Types of Cases	Numbers
Inpatient	18
Outpatient	526
Other Medical Care	1540
<b>Total</b>	<b>2084</b>

## Non-Formal Education

The children rescued by BOSCO are from diverse backgrounds such as school dropouts or children who have never been to school. The first priority of the organization is to prepare these children for formal education, provided they possess the aptitude and interest for studies. The Non-Formal system of education in BOSCO is relevant to the child's requirements, appropriate to the child's developmental level, flexible, participatory, inclusive, and protective of their right to survival and development. Thus, classes are organized in the different shelter homes of BOSCO to prepare them for schooling. BOSCO also organizes classes for children



for one reason, to prepare them for open school exams in the 10th standard and to take up jobs according to the skills that they are trained in.

## Formal Education



BOSCO believes in educating children who have the least chances of attaining regular schooling, who require immense motivation, love and support from the educator. Children from various categories like street children, abandoned children, child labourers, children found begging, orphans, semi-orphans, children from poor backgrounds, children addicted to substances, children in conflict with the law, runaway children, etc., are enrolled in the BOSCO centres for rehabilitation. BOSCO, with its innovative strategies motivates the children to study and attend regular classes.

Its centers such as BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan are dedicated to making the children develop greater interest in their studies, while BOSCO Sumanahalli is dedicated to providing higher education to its resident pupils. After the children complete their schooling, BOSCO helps them enrol in colleges, ITIs and other training institutes based on their interests and aptitude.

During the year 247 children were given academic education.

## Statistics of School/College-going Children during June 2023-2024

Standard/PUC/ Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Sumanahalli	BOSCO Yuvakendra	Foster Care Programme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	17	-	10	-	-	-	-	27
I	2	-	3	02	-	-	-	7
II	3	-	3	06	-	-	-	12
III	1	-	2	03	-	-	-	6
IV	4	-	6	02	-	-	-	12
V	3	1	5	08	-	-	-	17
VI	1	16	3	07	-	-	2	29
VII	-	7	9	06	-	-	1	23
VIII	-	8	4	06	-	-	3	21
IX	-	11	4	14	-	-	6	35
X	-	7	6	03	-	5	1	22
PUC 1	-	-	2	05	03	-	-	10
PUC 2	-	-	2	05	03	-	-	10
Diploma 1	-	-	01	05	01	-	-	7
Diploma 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
D.C -1	-	-	-	06	-	-	1	7
D.C -2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PG	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>247</b>

## Bridge Education

Children rescued from the streets and vulnerable pockets of Bengaluru, either orphaned or unable to return to their homes, are admitted to BOSCO centres. Here, skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, therapeutic counselling, mentoring, craft, play, art, etc. are provided to eliminate the deep rooted negative impact of street life or the problems faced by them at home due to unavoidable

circumstances. The goal of the bridge programme is to progressively bridge the gap between the existing skills of the children and the skills needed to enter and succeed in formal education. It helps children enrol in schools and focuses on their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society.





## YASH'S JOURNEY TO SUCCESS

Yash (Name Changed) has been under the care and protection of the organization for the past one and a half years. His parents are from Shivamogga and belong to the Lambani community. Yash is their only child. Five years ago, his parents separated due to family disputes, and his father left to live on his own. Yash's mother took on the responsibility of raising him after the separation. They lived in a rented house, but her income was insufficient to meet their needs. She struggled to provide for him, and during the day, while she was at work, there was no one to look after him. She sought help and reached out to the BOSCO Rainbow Home Staff, who then referred Yash to BOSCO Mane. Mother and child came to the organization, and on February 24, 2022, Yash was admitted. He was then brought before the Child Welfare Committee-1, which assessed his situation, approved his admission, and ordered that he be given care and protection in the organization.

After his admission, Yash underwent a four-month bridge course. He performed well academically and was friendly with others. Initially, he would cry every day, missing his mother. He then participated in individual and group counselling sessions, received value education, and was given constant motivation for behavioural changes. Gradually, he adjusted to the organization, started mingling with other children, and showed good academic performance.

In recognition of his overall progress, he was admitted to the 3rd standard at Government Kannada Model Higher Primary School, Chamarajpet, where he secured 3rd rank in the annual exams. Currently, he is in the 4th standard, continuing to perform well. Yash is developing leadership qualities and effectively manages the green team as a leader. He is happy in the organization, actively participates in all activities, and aspires to become a football player, practising the sport daily.

## Vocational Training

BOSCO runs its own skill training center for boys at BOSCO Sumanahalli. It is equipped with the latest machineries, qualified and experienced staffs to promote work culture in the youth, thereby enabling them join the mainstream of society. Youth are trained in carpentry, electrical, two wheeler mechanics, bakery, and welding. Apart from the above mentioned trades, tailoring units are also functioning at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan along with Beautician course being offered at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.

While BOSCO Sumanahalli provides computer education to the youth of the centre and surrounding communities in basics, Microsoft Office, internet and Tally, BOSCO Mane provides computer training to youths focused on training for a job. Computer education is a three month course, and during the last one year, 4 batches completed their course in Basic, Tally and Vocational training. Among the students, who were above 18 and 25 got placed in companies.



Life Skills Training and Spoken English Training are provided to students along with computer training for holistic growth and development. 73 Computer Trainees benefited from Life skills Training and Spoken English.

Computer classes were started in BOSCO Yuvaspandana benefitting the children residing in the communities in and around JC Road, Bengaluru. A total of 69 children/youths received the training and five youths were job placed.

With the intention of promoting a positive attitude among the youth and to strengthen the bond amongst them, besides generating a deeper interest in learning a skill, activities like youth meets, exposure visits, sports, and picnics are organized from time to time. BOSCO also arranges many life skills camps and holds talks on subjects like self-respect, personality development, etc.

### Statistics of Youth enrolled for Training during June 2023-2024

Types of Trades	Number of Children
Welding	8
Two-Wheeler Mechanic	26
Bakery	27
Carpentry	12
Electrician	20
Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	66
Tailoring (Nivas)	41
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	60
Screen Printing (BYK)	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>

### Statistics of the Youth Enrolled for Computer Training during June 2023-2024

Sl. No.	Number of Batches	Basic	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total	Vocational	Job Placement (Above 18)
1	BOSCO Mane	114	16	27	157	73	02
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	38	27	40	107	80	18
3	BOSCO Yuvaspandana	03	02	64	69	-	05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>25</b>

### LOST AND FOUND!

What Diksha (name changed) called love, her family called a mistake, but even after her love was gone, her mistake remained to tell the tale. Sixteen-year-old Diksha comes from a modest family in Deverachikanahalli, Bengaluru. Her mother worked as a house helper, and her father worked as a daily wage labourer, striving to provide the best life for Diksha and her younger siblings. However, beneath their seemingly peaceful life was resentment within Diksha.

Diksha was studying for her PUC when she first met the person who would change the course of her life. She befriended a boy in college and soon decided that her new relationship was more important than her existing ones. When her parents discovered the relationship, they warned her about its dangers, but she chose to ignore them. After completing her second year of PUC, having failed one subject, Diksha decided to leave home to pursue the life she wanted. The young couple soon realized that reality was far from their imagined story. As time and money ran out, they sought a more permanent solution, leading them to a bus stand and into the protective care of BOSCO.

Diksha was rescued from the bus stand and brought to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for shelter. Gradually, she opened up to the staff about her experiences. Over time, Diksha began moving on from her mistake and made new decisions for her life with the staff's help. However, her family, especially her mother, struggled to escape

the incident. Diksha has been in BVB for over a year now. While her father is willing to forgive and forget, her mother remains adamant in her anger and pain.

In the meantime, Diksha was introduced to the Beautician course offered at the centre, which she completed with enthusiasm and interest. When her mother was contacted after Diksha completed the course to discuss her return home, she responded, "She left the house saying that she could live on her own, so now she has to." Consequently, Diksha has been enrolled in the Tailoring course as she waits out her mother's anger and continues her efforts with the staff's help to change her mother's decision.

Diksha is determined to find the path she wants to pursue. Along with the new skills she is learning at the centre, she aims to re-attempt the paper she failed in her second year of PUC and carve out a space for herself in the Beautician trade. With every new dream, she sees herself moving closer to erasing the mistake written across the canvas of her past.

Many jobs and positions in the corporate sector require basic skills in computers like typing speed, Microsoft Office Management, and Tally. Having these skills can increase job prospects and opportunities. Additionally, Basic computer skills allow individuals to complete tasks more efficiently, saving time and increasing productivity.



## IN PURSUIT OF CAREER SUCCESS

Vani (Name Changed) from Kumaraswamy layout, Bengaluru completed her B. Com from St. Theresa's Degree College for Women, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru in 2022. After her graduation, she wanted to build a career, but due to her lack of computer knowledge, she was not hired anywhere. Hence, she joined BOSCO Mane Computer Training in January 2023. She completed the Basics and Tally Course and received the certificate. Now she is confident and capable of handling computers with ease. She has developed good documentation and presentation skills and additional knowledge in Tally. After the completion of her course, she applied for a job and was hired by a reputed company.

## Job Placement

Most youths come to the city in search of jobs. After being counseled at BOSCO Yuvodaya they are sent to BOSCO Yuvakendra, where they are assisted and guided in finding

suitable employment. Youth who have undergone skill training at BOSCO's various vocational skill training centers are placed in jobs like welding, carpentry, computer data



entry, electricians, mechanics, screen printing, bakery, tailoring, sales, etc. BOSCO is in constant contact with a number of employers who understand the situation and background of these youths and are ready to extend cooperation and offer them jobs.

During 2023-24, 151 youths were job placed in different companies involving screen printing, carpentry, welding, driving, electronics, bakeries, as two-wheeler mechanics, office boys, salesmen, electricians, etc. 32 youths were self-employed. After the placement, their progress is continuously monitored by BOSCO till they can manage on their own.

### Statistics of Youth placed in Jobs during June 2023-2024

Sl. No.	Types of Jobs	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Printing Press	4
2	Two-Wheeler Mechanics	9
3	Welding	5
4	Bakery	10
5	Carpentry	1
6	Electrician	12
7	Tailoring	2
8	Beautician	12
9	Computer related	25
10	Self Employed (Tailoring)	66
11	Self Employed ( Beautician)	7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>

#### FROM BASICS TO BRILLIANCE

“Fear is only as deep as the mind allows. “ This expression was lived by Mohan (Name Changed), now an Assistant Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank. When he started his journey as a computer student, he was intimidated by its complexity but didn’t let his challenges discourage him. He knew that learning computer skills is necessary for success in today’s world.

With the help of the BOSCO staff, step by step, Mohan started learning the basics, starting with typing, and then moved on to more complex skills such as programs like Microsoft Word and Excel. Through learning computer skills, Mohan could explore the vast world of the internet and its many resources. Eventually, Mohan’s hard work and determination paid off, and he secured a position as Assistant manager. Mohan’s journey didn’t end there; he continued to learn and grow, further refining his computer skills. Mohan’s success story shows us that anyone, regardless of background or experience, can thrive in today’s technology-driven world if they have the patience, determination, and willingness to learn.

## Room Placement

BOSCO aims at mainstreaming youths, in the age group of 18-25, by leading them back to the society as economically independent young adults. Once they are job placed, BOSCO helps youngsters to hire rooms or rent a house along with other boys. They are equipped to pay for the accommodation. The core idea behind room placement is to prepare the youth for the transition from the protected life of institutionalized care where they were provided with everything to rooms where they have to manage life and its challenges on their own. BOSCO staffs regularly follow

up with these youths by visiting them and arranging past pupils’ gatherings. During the project year, BOSCO placed two new youths in independent accommodations and followed up with seven youths.

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life. BOSCO staff does regular follow up visits and arranges Past-Pupils get together.

## Home Placement

Home placement is one of the major activities of BOSCO. BOSCO Yuvodaya acts as a transit home for around 15-20 children who are rescued on a daily basis from the railway stations, bus stands, and the various contact points on the streets of Bengaluru. The children who are brought to the centre are counselled and encouraged to return to their homes. BOSCO's main aim is to reunite the children with their parents as it firmly believes that family is the most suitable place for a child to grow up in. A lot of motivation and awareness is given to the children as well as the parents before BOSCO decides to home place a child. In most cases, home placement involves calling the parents or close relatives and handing over the children to them and sometimes the children are accompanied back home by BOSCO staff. In the previous year a total of 3653 children were home placed by BOSCO.



### BEYOND RAGE: VARUN'S STORY OF LOSS AND REUNION

"Anger doesn't solve anything. It builds nothing, but it can destroy everything." a 15-year-old boy named Varun (Name Changed), too, had lost his family (father, Mr. Ramesh, mother, Mrs. Rita, and a younger brother) only because he didn't want to take a bath on May 10, 2022. So he left his home and went to Mumbai and then Vijaywada. He was learning car painting and was only a few months away from completing the course. Like any young boy, he also had big dreams. He aspired to go to Hong Kong when he turned 18 years old. He planned to return and open his own business in Goa.

Various counseling sessions were held to ask Varun about his family and background, but each time, he lied about it and shared false information. The truth about Varun's family came to light when another boy at the center revealed information about him. Varun and his family were from Ullasanagar. BOSCO traced the parents with the help of the SSP office and Allahabad control room.

After a brutal year and a half, the father finally arrived at BOSCO Yuvodaya, where he was reunited with his son. The father revealed that he had filed a FIR with the police on the day his son had disappeared. The boy was finally released on August 28, 2023, by the CWC team.

# BOSCO'S presence in the community

As a rights-based organization, BOSCO concentrates its effort on the holistic development of the under privileged in communities to promote child protection. BOSCO team works closely with slum communities, especially women and children, on various issues such as health, shelter, food, education and women empowerment. Vocational training opportunities are offered to the vulnerable young in the communities through training programmes conducted in the BOSCO centres. Child Rights Clubs established in the communities empower children to take up education, and prevent child labour, child marriage, and various other forms of child abuse

In 2023-24, BOSCO team worked closely with various communities surrounding KR Market, Shivajinagar, Magadi Road, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru South and West and Bengaluru Rural and ensured the following:

- ▲ Various campaigns were organized by the teams present on the streets in 22 different locations of the city through door-to-door and shop-to-shop campaign and during which 72 children and 1400 people in need were identified and required help was given to them. 28 youths were referred to BOSCO Vocational Skill Training.
- ▲ Staff of Morgan Stanley and Nilaya and the children of the locality actively participated in Varnostsava programme.
- ▲ With the benevolence of some donors a day of the poor was organized and 700 people were benefitted. Food kits and blankets were distributed to each of them.
- ▲ CROSSCOVER Mission, USA trained 50 children from the communities in Basketball
- ▲ All festivals were celebrated with the communities.
- ▲ 464 parents were counselled on various issues related to children. Parents were guided on importance of education
- ▲ 660 children were counselled and motivated about the importance of education
- ▲ There were talent enhancement programmes through which 310 children were benefitted.
- ▲ Motivational, Cultural, Recreational programmes, Career Guidance and sessions were given to 225 children and youths
- ▲ Digital Classes and follow up for making effective use of technology benefitted 180 participants.
- ▲ 7 children were admitted in BOSCO Mane and Jeevarathni Foundation
- ▲ BOSCO was a part of SDMC meetings conducted in schools advocating for the children's rights and dignity
- ▲ 6 Focus Group Discussions were conducted in Schools, Caring Community Groups, neighbours

of the centres regarding BOSCO and its activities, Government Schemes, Social Entitlements, etc.

- ▲ Health camps and health awareness programmes were organized where 700 participants were imparted knowledge on cleanliness, personal hygiene, first aid, cancer, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, etc.
- ▲ Participants 15 received information on Aadhaar, Pan Card and schemes like Gruha Lakshmi, Shakthi and Gruha Jyothi
- ▲ 5 Children who have completed Computer Training course are working in various fields.
- ▲ 15 students of the first batch of Computer Course successfully completed at Yuva Spandana.
- ▲ 20 students successfully completed tailoring course. A batch of 23 students started recently.
- ▲ Karate classes were conducted at Nilaya, and Yuvaspandana. 140 children and youth made use of these classes.
- ▲ 528 girls participated in 12 Adolescent Girls' Meetings. They were guided about safe and unsafe touch, personal hygiene, and the importance of education.

## School and Tuition Centres

During the academic year, there were 80 new enrollments and re-enrollments from slum communities. 810 children from the areas where BOSCO works were given tuitions through 27 tuition centres. Youth meetings, health awareness programmes, and CRC follow-up for tuition children, were conducted through digital classes.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign was taken up in the intervention areas of BOSCO during the last week of May to first week of June 2024. Various stakeholders including the Government officials, Education Department, SDMC members, police officials and community leaders joined hands with BOSCO in this endeavour. The campaign aimed at enrolling and re-enrolling children across Bengaluru in schools in the upcoming academic year and thus ensures that the number of school dropouts is brought down to zero. More than one thousand people were reached out to who pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities in schools.



## Statistics of Children attending the Tuition Centres during June 2022-May 2023

Sl. No.	Place Name	Number of children		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Giripuram	14	10	24
2	Ranashing pete -high school	22	13	35
3	Ranashing pete -primary school	13	21	34
4	Anadapuram	10	15	25
5	Ramana Garden	17	13	30
6	Vyayaam Shaale	12	16	28
7	Vinobha nagara	18	17	35
8	Rajagopal garden	15	10	25
9	Cement Huts	13	17	30
10	Ambedkar Nagar (Nelamanagala) -01	18	22	40
11	Ambedkar Nagar (Nelamanagala) -02	25	17	42
12	Devaraj Urs Slum	13	18	31
13	Sajje Palya	9	16	25
14	Nivas - 06	80	101	181
15	Chikkabasti and Doddabasti	13	17	30
16	Veerabhadragudda	21	9	50
17	Pillahalli	24	31	55
18	MCTC quarters	15	10	25
19	Thungabhadra colony	06	14	20
20	MCTC Anganwadi	14	16	30
21	Gandhinagar	5	10	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>810</b>



## A LIGHT AT THE END OF A TUNNEL...

Shourya (Name Changed) was found in KR market by the outreach team of BOSCO while the staffs were patrolling the streets. The child was selling vegetables in the market. The staff enquired about the child. It was learnt that the boy was staying with his mother who was also a vegetable vendor. His father had deserted the family some 11 years back. Since the mother was unable to meet the expenses of his education, he had to drop out of school in his 3rd standard and support his mother to make both ends meet.

The BOSCO team met his mother, counselled her about the importance of education and also informed her about the services provided by BOSCO to uphold the rights of the children. The mother and the child were brought to BOSCO Mane and produced before CWC. Upon CWC's recommendation the child was placed in BOSCO Mane and enrolled in 7th Standard.

## CRISP

With the closure of the Child Rights Education and Action Movement (CREAM), Project which was implemented for nearly 10 years with the support of BREADS, Bengaluru, to establish child participation as the key face of child development, BOSCO has initiated its successor, the Child Rights and Integrated Services Programme (CRISP) in the districts of Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural.

Major activities included training, formation and follow up of CRCs, CPCs; stakeholders meetings, teachers-students

training programmes, adolescent girls' meetings, parents meetings. organizing Taluk advisory board meetings, networking with various departments, re-enrollment of school dropouts, campaigns like Shaale Kade Nanna Nade, observing days of national and international significance like World Day Against Child Labour, Child Rights Week, Children's Day, the effective conduct of Makkala Grama Sabhas etc.



## Advocacy and Networking

BOSCO is directly involved with the under privileged communities, to ensure that their basic rights are protected. It conducts various field visits to study the communities in crisis and advocate for their essential

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care, women empowerment, etc., and ground level work. BOSCO's four-decade long experience both at the grassroots and policy making levels has benefited scores of children on the streets.

BOSCO in collaboration runs Open Shelters. BOSCO was a pioneer in setting up SJPU in Karnataka, collaborating with the City Police to assist children in conflict with law.

## Women's Empowerment

Women have a major role to play in any society. Very often it is the women who run the family with their meagre income, shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children since the men are alcoholics, have deserted the families or are no more. Against this socio-economic background, BOSCO started intervention among women in underprivileged communities. The major objective of BOSCO is to empower women to educate their children and through them bring about transformation which will enable them to lead respectful lives in society. BOSCO has strengthened Mother's groups across 20 districts of Karnataka through Foster Care Programme.

BOSCO conducted programmes for women on International Women's Day. They were given information

about child rights, child rights violations, and the importance of education. They were motivated to lead the community through strengthening SHG Groups, and to bring about a positive change in society for children. 107 women from the communities were referred for the tailoring course and 60 for the Beautician Course in order to give them a chance at becoming self-reliant.

Ms. B S Savitha, Team Member, Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru was honored with the 'Sanmanitha Sadhaki' Award by the Labour Department, Government of Karnataka on March 12, 2024 on account of the International Women's Day Celebration. The award was conferred in recognition of her contribution towards curbing the menace of child labour in Bengaluru.



# PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

## CHILDLINE

In 1996, CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF) launched CHILDLINE, the country's first toll-free tele-helpline for street children in distress. CHILDLINE is a platform bringing together the Ministry of Women & Child Development, the Government of India, the Department of Telecommunications, street and community youth, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, the corporate sector, and concerned individuals. The organization works for the protection of the rights of

all children in general with a special focus on children in need of care and protection.

On May 16, 2002, BOSCO Bengaluru began to function as the collaborative organization of CHILDLINE. The programme was taken over by the District Child Protection Unit from August 2023 onwards. The team was involved in the rescue of 5 boys and 1 girl and also in the closure and submission of the project related documents.



### FROM ADVERSITY TO ACHIEVEMENT

Arman ( Name Changed), who has been under the care and protection of an organization for the past two years and four months, hails from Bengaluru. His father is a labourer, and his mother works as a house cleaner. Due to family disputes, his parents separated, and his father remarried, living separately. Arman and his younger sister Husna initially stayed with their maternal grandmother after being sent away from their paternal grandmother's house due to further disputes. Subsequently, his mother moved them to a rented house in Siddapura, where she worked hard as a cleaner to support them.

Arman faced challenges during this time, often roaming the streets while his mother worked. Concerned about his well-being and the influence of his environment, his mother reached out to CHILDLINE for assistance. Following a home visit and assessment by BOSCO CHILDLINE, it was determined that Arman needed care and protection. He was referred to BOSCO Mane and admitted with the approval of the Child Welfare Committee.

Initially, Arman struggled to adjust to the organization as he only knew his mother tongue and struggled to communicate with others. He lacked interest in studying and participating in activities. He underwent an eight-month bridge course.

Efforts to contact his mother were unsuccessful, but eventually, contact was made with his grandmother through the phone number on his Aadhaar Card. His grandmother was grateful to learn about Arman's situation and began visiting him regularly at the organization, providing him with support and encouragement. She monitored his progress, ensuring he received new clothes, stationery, and treats.

Initially struggling with personal hygiene and telling lies, Arman underwent individual and group counselling, value education, and motivational sessions. Despite improvements, concerns about his lying prompted a referral to the Psychology Department at Victoria Hospital for professional counselling. Following sessions, it was determined his behaviour was improving.

During lockdown, he attended computer classes for two months. Subsequently, he enrolled in the Government Kannada Model Higher Primary School in Chamarajpet for 3rd standard, later transferring to St. Joseph's Higher Primary School in Cottonpete for on-going academic improvement. Currently in fifth standard, Arman diligently attends school, actively participates in organizational activities, and aims to become a football player. He serves as vice-captain of the Red House, developing leadership skills and managing the Red team, finding happiness in his current environment.

## Railway CHILDLINE

Right from the time of the inception of BOSCO, railway stations have been at the core of the rescue operations of the organization. Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station is a large space with 10 platforms, where around 127 trains arrive and depart every day carrying passengers from all over India, and the child inflow at the station is equally large. It sees children from different states of India, and also neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, alighting at the station to come to the city of Bengaluru. Since the April of 2018, Bengaluru Railway CHILDLINE has been working in collaboration with the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives.

The programme ensured round the clock presence of BOSCO staff in the railway station enabling the rescue of children at risk. The team works in 3 shifts to this effect. Services were given either by reuniting children at risk with their families or rehabilitating them through BOSCO. Apart from rescue activities, the team was also involved in awareness activities among the general

public and stakeholders, disseminating information on BOSCO, CHILDLINE, Child Rights, and the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder in the rescue and rehabilitation of children at risk. The team was able to



rescue and rehabilitate 579 children at risk including 509 boys and 70 girls. The Programme was taken over by the District Child Protection Unit, Bengaluru in September 2023. The DCPO staff present at KSR Railway Station rescued and referred 156 (143 boys and 13 girls) children to BOSCO Yuvodaya during the year.

## Learning to Let Go of a Painful Past!

I don't want to beg; I want to study; that was the plea of 11-year-old Seema (Name Changed) who was found begging at the KSR railway station in Majestic. A native of Kurnool district in Andhra Pradesh, Seema was born to an alcoholic father and a mother. Seema's father used to work as a bus driver, but slowly the alcohol he was addicted to take over his job, his marriage, and his family. Tired of fighting a losing battle, Seema's mother decided to end the problem once and for all and left the house.

Seema's mother remarried and her new husband resorted to begging for a living. Seema's stepfather did not go for any other work. His whole livelihood and income were based on begging. Seema's mother who previously used to work as a domestic worker decided to give it up after her second marriage. Soon, Seema too was forced to beg along with her parents. All three of them would beg during the day and spend the night in the market on the street.

Once while begging, Seema was spotted by a traffic policeman and taken to the CWC from where she was sent to the Peddapadu Girls Home in the district of Kurnool. Seema studied there till the 3rd standard after which her parents stopped her education, took her out of the hostel, and brought her to Bengaluru with them.

Seema had vivid accounts to recount of long days spent among the changing faces at crowded signals and public places carrying the chewing tobacco her father would give her to sell.

One day while selling her merchandise in the Majestic railway station she was spotted and rescued by BOSCO. Seema's parents were not with her when she was rescued, and weeks after bringing her to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on the January 27, 2023, for shelter, they were still not with her. While efforts were being made to find Seema's parents on the one hand, all that Seema was able to say was a few place names in Andhra Pradesh that seemed to have had some significance in her life. Many days later, Seema happened to mention Kurnool district and Peddapadu hostel in one of her conversations with the counsellor. BVB staff contacted the Kurnool CWC and the child was identified as one of the previous residents of the Girls' Home in Peddapadu.

She was taken to Kurnool by a BVB staff member, and handed over to the committee for further procedures. Though her parents are still missing, Seema has found a home in the hearts of the many people she has met along the way. The staffs of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan testify that with guidance and counselling, she had begun to let go of the residual guilt and shame that was left over from her time on the streets. She had left the centre with a new determination to not let anyone or anything drag her back into the same helplessness she had spent an entire childhood fighting.

## Foster Care

BOSCO has been playing a lead role in the implementation of the Foster Care programme in Karnataka since its inception in 2012. BOSCO has been constantly engaging with the Government and other non-governmental organizations to widely initiate this alternate family-based care programme, as there is a substantial increase in the number of abandoned and destitute children in the society every year. Under foster care, the child is placed in another family for a short or extended period of time depending on the circumstances, with regular visits from the child's biological parent/parents, after which the child may return to his/her own home at the end of the stipulated time period. In the Indian context, where close-knit family structures are a prevalent part of the social fabric, foster care has taken the form of kinship care, where a relative or a family member with the aid of financial assistance is motivated to care for a child in need of care and protection.

In Karnataka, BOSCO has been at the forefront of the advocacy actions for legalizing the Foster Care programme. In the second phase of the project, the focus has shifted to grassroots level advocacy actions through

strengthening and supporting the existing governmental and non-governmental infrastructure in favour of children.

Working with suitable partners in the 10 districts of the state, BOSCO Foster Care project, has been involved in creating awareness, identifying prospective foster parents and potential children, and placing them in foster families. During the operational phase of the project, a total of 100445 members of the general public and various stakeholders were given awareness about the concept of foster care and how it can contribute to the holistic development of a child deprived of parental care. A total of 2048 members benefited from the advocacy actions initiated during the project period. 61 potential children and 98 prospective parents were identified as a result of the various awareness programmes and training activities conducted in the 10 districts. 19 parents have submitted applications to the DCPO to initiate the process for foster care placement. The team placed 11 children in 5 districts and followed-up 23 children during the year.



## A New Dawn: Suparna's Path to a Loving Home

Suparna's ( Name Changed) journey began with significant loss at an early age, as she lost her mother when she was just one year old and became an orphan at the age of four after her father's death. During these difficult times, her loving grandmother stepped in as her primary caregiver, providing comfort and support in the absence of her parents.

Her life took a hopeful turn when her childless aunt and uncle, Rajeshwari and Shekar, saw an opportunity to give Suparna the loving home she needed. They learned about alternative care options through an awareness program organized by BOSCO. With a deep desire to nurture Suparna, they began the fostering process by working with BOSCO and starting the application.

On May 18, 2023, a team from BOSCO and the Protection Officer Non-Institutional Care (PONIC) visited their home to ensure it was a safe and supportive environment for Suparna's growth and well-being. On September 21, 2023, Suparna was officially placed into their care, marking a significant change in her life.

Now, Suparna is a happy child who is thriving in her second grade, both academically and personally, in her new family environment. Her new parents are deeply grateful to BOSCO, the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for their essential support in making this placement possible.

## After-Care for Children leaving Institutional Care

BOSCO is closely working with the Government for coming up with the After-Care Programme. It aims at the social integration of youth through higher education, skill training, job placement, room placement, and through the establishment of a past pupils' association. Children will receive life skills, livelihood skills, and independent living skills, through this programme. The programme

encourages them to pursue education in high schools, ITI, polytechnic institutes and colleges, helps them to secure jobs, and brings them to the mainstream of society by ensuring financial stability and a sustainable way of life. During the year 10 youths were supported with after-care education and a total of 35 after-care youths were under regular follow-up.



## Fully Charged!

High-spirited, enthusiastic, and energetic, with an infectious smile that captivated hearts, was Ramkumar (Name Changed), the young boy who came to BOSCO Sumanahalli to join the vocational training in Electricals. Ramkumar had not begun his life in the midst of abundance of hope but from the daily disappointments of a small village in Bihar. Soon, the problems that surrounded his life in the village drove him from its disturbing

confines to the infinite possibilities of Delhi. Once in Delhi, he was rescued and referred to Salaam Baalak, a Child Care Institution in the city, and from there to WeLive Foundation.

Ramkumar had always been interested in learning electrical work, and it was that interest that finally led him to BOSCO Sumanahalli and the course in Electrical work offered there. He underwent training at the centre for six months, a period that he used to not only learn the skill of his choice but also to acquire knowledge in different areas that would help him in the future, work on various personal skills, and make the most of every opportunity that he was presented with. Committed to growing, Ramkumar picked up Kannada during his time at the centre, and became proficient in speaking, reading and writing the language. He also discovered his aptitude for Karate during this period and obtained a Yellow Belt with gold medal. The additional courses and sessions of counselling, life skills, value education, and language, offered at the centre helped him develop the confidence, character traits, and competencies required to position him for the future. He was also encouraged to develop and define the leadership attributes that were inherently present in his disposition.

Ramkumar's commitment and consistency over his training period helped him secure a job as an electrician in DivyaSree Apartments in Koramangala with a salary of ₹16,000/- per month. But his dreams do not end there. He wants to complete his education along with his job and is now preparing to appear for the 10th standard board exams through the WeLive Foundation. But even as Ramkumar resolutely moves ahead and steadily gains new ground, he never forgets to look back with gratitude to the organization that gave expression to his dream to excel.

## Open Shelter

BOSCO Yuvodaya serves as a day and night open shelter. BOSCO Yuvodaya also acts as a transit home to around 15 children on a daily basis – those rescued and brought from the railway stations, bus stands, the different contact points around the city, through the police, public etc. The children, who are brought to the shelters from all over the city are counselled and taken care of while their problems are addressed and resolved. Families are traced through the police or with the help of the MCB, anganwadis, the Panchayat etc., and the children are encouraged to return to their homes. Four rounds of follow-up are done over the phone after home placement.

The Open Shelter at BOSCO Yuvodaya caters to children in need of care and protection like beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, orphaned, deserted and trafficked children, children of sex workers and pavement dwellers, and particularly those without a home and family ties, since they are more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. The project provides shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education and recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation, enrollment in schools, vocational training and placement, health services, and reduction of drug, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS among street children.

BOSCO was able to rescue 1606 children from the Railway station and 540 children from the Bus station. 800 children were rescued by the ARSP team, 106 children by the CSN team, 09 children by the BOSCO CHILDLINE team and 25 children by BOSCO Nilaya from different



parts of Bengaluru and these 3303 children were brought to BOSCO Yuvodaya for rehabilitation during the period of June 2023 to May 2024.

In addition, shelter was provided to 20 children referred by the police, 3 children referred by the public, 3 children who directly came to the centre, 1 referred by SAATHI organization, and 5 children from the Gandhinagar area.

## Child Safety Net (CSN)

BOSCO's Child Safety Net for vulnerable children in the streets of Bengaluru, aims to give round the clock (24/7) care and protection to children from any kind of danger through the physical presence of staff in the vulnerable areas of the city and through vehicle patrolling. The patrolling vehicles cover the Satellite bus station, metro stations, markets, underprivileged communities adjacent to the city, main streets, crowded areas, cinemas, parking lots, prominent signals, and different assigned areas, for reaching out to children in need of care and support. The geographical areas mainly focused on are the South and West divisions of Bengaluru. The CSN team also works in collaboration with the city police and attends to children who come into conflict with the law and are under the custody of the police. The team also creates awareness, does advocacy with the various government departments, and is involved in the formation of caring communities.

During the last year, the team rescued 236 children who were child labourers, children found begging, rag pickers, street children, runaway children, etc. Through mass rescues and individual rescues, 31 child labour cases were booked against employers. The CSN team is also overseeing the working of the 2 tuition centres established in Veerabhadra Gudda, and Chikka Basti and Dodda Basti. 135 children attending the tuition classes were followed up during the year.



## Child MISS

Child MISS is a software cum web portal tool to assist documentation of both quantitative and qualitative data to create a database for the organization. It is networked with Home link, and the team focuses on documenting the information of vulnerable children of its networking partners. The Child MISS Programme supports its partners to collect the data in systematic formats based on the JJ Act.

## IMPRESSIONS

I am Deekshitha from K B Nagar, Bengaluru. I am currently in my second year of studies at BMS College in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. I have obtained a certificate in Basics in Computer and Tally. This has helped me gain more knowledge about computers. The instructor gave me personal attention and provided training with patience and kindness. The computer training, life skills training, and spoken English classes have enhanced my ability to communicate and improved my decision-making skills.

My name is Kethan, and I am currently pursuing a B. Com degree at National College, Basvanagudi in Bengaluru. I was introduced to the Computer Training course at BOSCO Mane by my friend, Chethan. I successfully obtained a certificate in Computer Basics and Tally. Due to my academic commitments, I encountered challenges in attending the computer training sessions regularly. However, I am grateful for the accommodating approach of the instructor, who arranged flexible schedules, enabling me to complete the course. I extend my sincere appreciation to the BOSCO organization for providing affordable opportunities in a conducive learning environment.

## Special Juvenile Police Unit

BOSCO through the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) has been assisting the police in handling child related cases. BOSCO SJPU is present in the South and West divisions of Bengaluru covering 39 police stations. The primary objective of the SJPU is to create a child friendly environment and to promote a friendly approach while dealing with children involved in criminal offences. The social worker visits the police stations and interacts with the children in conflict with the law and also those



in need of care and protection. BOSCO SJPU conducts various public awareness programmes, special training for police officials, and counselling sessions for both children charged with criminal offences and their parents. All serious cases are referred to Observation Home for further intervention by the Juvenile Justice Board. BOSCO SJPU also networks with various government departments, ACP, JJ Board and Magistrates, CWPOs, L/O, DCPOs of all divisions, and other NGOs.

In this year BOSCO SJPU made 534 day visits and 186 night visits to police stations, children were followed up through phone calls, conducted a review meeting with the DCPO and NGOs working in this project, and networked with various Government departments. 7 police training programmes, 7 school and college trainings, and 6 community awareness programmes were also conducted during the year. 230 people and police officials were reached through the awareness campaigns. The team attended to 296 cases and all the children received counselling. 696 parents were given counselling.

### From Streets to Studies

Our childhoods are supposed to be filled with games and happy memories. Unfortunately for Harish (Name Changed), his childhood was filled with witnessing deaths in his family. Harish, at the tender age of 17, had experienced the death of his parents and 2 of his step-fathers. The child's mother had encountered significant hardships, having been married three times throughout her life. Tragically, each occasion that led her to remarry was a result of the untimely death of her previous husband. In his little bubble, Harish also had two older brothers, but they refused to take care of him after the death of their parents.

The lack of emotional support and motivation led to Harish struggling academically and dropping out of school (7th grade). Without proper guidance, Harish resorted to crime. He had been arrested seven times for theft at different police stations and one time for robbery. Among these incidents, he attempted to steal a bike, and on another occasion, he broke into a house and stole cash and gold. Despite each arrest, the child expressed guilt and promised not to repeat such actions but continued to engage in crime.

Due to the repeated nature of these offenses, the police referred the case to the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) for further action. Through multiple sessions of counseling, SJPU determined that the best interest of the child would lie in sending him to an observation home. Furthermore, they also suggested that JJB may direct the child to a unique home for skill development and rehabilitation. At last, Harish decided to give up his previous life of crime and theft and embrace a new life with learning and a better future.

## Youth Parliament and Child Rights Clubs

Youth parliament is a meeting of all the residents of the centres where leadership is taken by the youth themselves. In the meeting the office bearers are elected. The meeting usually takes place once a month and all the members attempt to address the matters concerning the centre and their life there. It inculcates in them a sense of ownership and a sense of belonging. During the year, 12 meetings were conducted in Yuvakendra, Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Rainbow Home centres each.

BOSCO has formed 30 Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in the schools and communities in Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural that it is working in. Around 600 children are active members of these clubs. Club members meet monthly with their animator and discuss current child-related issues, particularly those pertaining to their studies and respective schools.

272 children were given training in Bengaluru Urban and 250 children in Bengaluru Rural during the CRC formation. 7 Child Protection Committees were formed in both Urban and Rural Districts and 102 members





have been given training. 2 Teacher-Student workshops were organized covering 61 teachers and students.

1 stakeholders' meeting was conducted involving 23 stakeholders.

## Adolescent Girls' Collectives

1784 girls were empowered during the year through the Adolescent Girls' Collectives established in the Shivajinagar, KR Market and Bengaluru Rural areas. Through various strategies, the girls were empowered and educated on various topics such as drug abuse, prevention of suicide, importance of life, changes in adolescence, being alert, decision making, education, child abuse, child rights violations, managing emotions, safety measures, personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, responsibilities of being a girl, POCSO Act, right to education, women achievers etc.



## Karate Clubs

Started in December 2017, karate classes are held in BOSCO Nilaya, Shivajinagar area, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home and Ramanna Garden, every Saturday afternoon. 290 children from these areas are regularly getting the benefits of karate coaching. Self-defence sessions were also conducted during Summer and Dasara camps at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya. Karate classes have helped children learn self-discipline, teamwork, and has also acted as an effective stress reliever. It has also improved flexibility and concentration in the children.



## IMPRESSIONS

My name is Rashmitha, and I hail from Chikkamagalore. I have served as a Reception Unit Coordinator at BOSCO for 1 year and 10 months, building upon my 9 years of experience in the field of Social Work. My tenure at BOSCO was truly enriching, allowing me to address various issues concerning children and develop effective strategies to ensure they receive the environment they rightfully deserve. During this time, I engaged with children from diverse backgrounds, provided counseling, and even acquired proficiency in multiple languages. Additionally, I gained invaluable exposure to esteemed government agencies such as the DCPU, CWC, and Government Homes for the Children. BOSCO has undoubtedly equipped me with a wealth of knowledge, practical experience, and a platform for continuous learning. I thank BOSCO for what I am today!

## BOSCO Alumni Association

The people who have been a part of BOSCO's interventions and training programmes and have had a fresh start in life as a result, come back as volunteers, by choice, and help out in various areas like accompanying the fresh children in home visits, taking care of the centre at night, organizing Life Skill sessions, and motivating the youths to continue education by presenting their own

examples. Every year, BOSCO celebrates Republic Day as Past Pupils' Day on January 26. All the youth associated with BOSCO get together on that day, some along with their families, and share their present lives and thank their mentors for what they are today. During the year, they have registered a 'Past Pupils' Sangha' and want to take up social activities through the association. BOSCO has



initiated the process of maintaining a central database of past pupils which will stand in good stead for the organization in the long run. In the coming years, BOSCO

is planning to celebrate Past Pupils' Day in a bigger way by bringing together the past pupils of all the centres on a single platform.

## Bus Stand Rescue Booths

For the past 44 years, BOSCO has been tirelessly reaching out to the many children who come to the Majestic Bus stand area from different parts of the state and country. This area is a favourite spot for anti-social elements and criminals who entice the runaway and street children into various anti-social activities like drug trafficking, beggary, prostitution, theft, etc.

There are two child rescue booths for attending to children in need of care and protection, one in the KSRTC bus stand, and the other in the BMTC bus stand. This has helped the team work 24/7 in the bus stands, tracking children, providing counselling services and non-formal education, doing advocacy and awareness campaigns, creating recreational activities, etc.

During the year, a total of 901 children found on the platforms of the bus stands were identified and rescued. 102 children were rendered services.



60 public awareness programmes were conducted in and around the bus stand area during the year. More than 4035 people were given awareness about BOSCO and CHILDLINE services. The outreach team conducted 13 programmes for the stakeholders and reached out to 657 members.

## FROM ADVERSITY TO ACHIEVEMENT

Robin (Name Changed) is a 16-year-old boy from Kollam, Kerala. He studies at Government H.S.S Valathungal. Following the passing of his father Vinod, his mother Ruby remarried and now has a 6-month-old baby. As a result, Robin was residing with his grandparents.

Robin was rescued by the staff at BOSCO Bus Stand from KSRTC Terminal-01. Initially, he stated that he had come to roam around Bengaluru city with one thousand rupees. After interacting with him and making him feel at ease, he revealed more about himself. He provided his school ID card, which allowed the staff to contact his grandparents, who, in turn, provided his parents' contact number. Upon contacting his mother, it was revealed that Robin often had conflicts with his younger sister, stepfather, and mother, occasionally resulting in uncontrollable behavior. Consequently, his mother advised the staff to keep him there.

Subsequently, the staff informed CWC-01 member, who then instructed them to present the boy before CWC-01. Following this, the CWC-01 member recommended further counseling at BOSCO Yuvodaya. Robin underwent counseling and further details were traced for 12 days at BOSCO Yuvodaya.

On December 19, 2023, in accordance with the CWC-01 order, a police officer from Kollam arrived to take Robin back to Kerala due to an existing F.I.R complaint. Consequently, they brought the boy to the Kerala Child Care Institution (CCI). Presently, Robin is in the Kerala CCI.

## Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)

The Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) covering Cantonment, East and K.R.Puram, commenced on 1st October 2015. The purpose of the project is to rescue and rehabilitate marginalized children from vulnerable conditions, propagate awareness among children as well as the public about child rights, child protection and the helpline number 1098, network with various government officials and stakeholders in neighbouring platforms to facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation process, and to do advocacy with railway officials concerning children's issues.

The BOSCO team is now present in the Cantonment, East, Kengeri, Bidadi, Yelahanka and SMVT railway stations, and the Satellite and Yelahanka bus stands of Bengaluru, identifying children at risk and in need of care and protection. The team carries out awareness programmes in the adjacent areas of the railway stations and bus stands in Satellite and Yelahanka, in the railway and bus station platforms, nearby schools, and moving trains, educating the stakeholders, public, and children about child rights, child protection mechanisms, Child Helpline -1098, and CHILDLINE.

## IMPRESSIONS

My name is Mallikarjuna working in BOSCO Vikas since July 2022. BOSCO is an exceptional non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to providing shelter, education, and vocational training to underprivileged children. They offer these services free of charge, creating a warm family-like environment where children feel safe and supported. BOSCO is committed to giving children a brighter future by helping with job placements, reuniting rescued children with their families, and providing opportunities for them to showcase their talents. The organization places equal importance on both girls and boys, and many of the children they support come from challenging backgrounds such as child labour, orphanage, abuse, and trafficking. Through a holistic approach that includes child and parental counseling, as well as education, BOSCO has successfully helped these children transition to happy and secure lives. They also ensure regular follow-ups and ongoing support for the children. My experience with BOSCO has been invaluable in expanding my knowledge and skills, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside my Director and my teammates. Thank you!

During the year, the ARSP team rescued and rehabilitated 1051 children (964 boys and 86 girls). 36 awareness programmes were conducted for the public in Cantonment, Yelahanka and Kengeri stations, and around 4,203 people benefited from it. 36 awareness programmes in moving trains were conducted for the public in Cantonment, Yelahanka and Kengeri stations with around 3,772 people benefiting from it. 13 awareness programmes were conducted for different stakeholders reaching 79 shopkeepers, 15 coolie porters, 25 railway staff, 15 taxi drivers, and 25 cleaning staff.

Two tuition centres were opened in the Satellite bus stand areas to provide supplementary education for the children from the area with fifty children attending the tuition classes.



## IMPRESSIONS

I am Prabhavathi residing in BOSCO Rainbow Home. I hail from Mantralaya, Andhra Pradesh, and comes from a single-parent household with a low economic status. My father passed away when I was twelve. I was left under the care of my maternal aunt in Bengaluru. With my aunt occupied with work, I found myself in need of care. On July 9, 2021, I was fortunate to secure a spot at BOSCO Rainbow Home and was enrolled in Nethaji Subhaschandra Bose High School in the eighth standard.

Despite facing challenges due to my Andhra Pradesh background and struggling to learn Kannada, I put in a great deal of effort and quickly mastered the language. Throughout the year, I excelled in every subject and achieved an impressive SSLC score of 419/69%. Additionally, I am also a talented artist with a knack for painting and sketching. I want to become a bank manager in the future. I am happy to share that my hard work and dedication were recognized and I was named the school's best student in 2023, earning a cash appreciation award. All thanks to my mentors at BOSCO Rainbow Home!

## In Safe Hands...

A young girl hailing from a middle-class family background had been secretly involved with a 22-year-old man while she was studying in 10th standard. Despite her family's strict and traditional values, she decided to elope with her boyfriend to Bengaluru.

On 19.02.2024, she was found at the SMVT Railway Station sitting with her boyfriend on platform no 01. Upon closer observation, it was suspected to be a potential elopement case. When approached, the girl initially claimed to have come to Bengaluru for job purposes with her boyfriend. However, she was unable to provide any identity proof and eventually admitted that she had run away from home to be with her boyfriend, with plans to marry him secretly.

The authorities were contacted, and her parents confirmed that they had filed an FIR complaint at the Rajpur police station. The girl was taken to the GRP police station for further inquiry and then referred to the child Welfare Committee. She was admitted to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan until the matter could be resolved. After contacting her parents and arranging counseling with the Child Welfare Committee, the girl was eventually reunited with her family. Meanwhile, her boyfriend faced consequences under the POSCO act.

# MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES 2023-2024

## CELEBRATIONS

### Grow Trees, Save Earth

BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Nivas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, and BOSCO CREAM Project celebrated World Environment Day at their centres and areas on June 5, 2023. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at the respective centers and spoke about the importance of the day and highlighted the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and the youth were told, "*Kadu Belasi Nadu Ulisi*" (Grow trees and save the Earth). They were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive.

Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the day. Drawing competitions were held. Posters and

slogans were displayed and saplings were planted to help children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. Through short videos and stories, children and youth were told that necessary steps were taken towards preserving nature and greenery. Children pledged to take care of nature in their daily life. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath ASI, City Market Police Station and Ms. Manjula, HM, Ganesh School were present. Centre and school children along with the staff and volunteers participated in the programme in the different centres and areas.



## Anniversary Celebration

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Rainbow Home, organized programs to commemorate the 43rd anniversary of BOSCO on June 15, 2023. Speaking on the occasion the centre directors remembered the pioneers of the organization. The journey

of BOSCO was explained in detail. There was a cake cutting on the occasion and chocolates were distributed to all the children, youth, and staff of the centers. Bags, books, pens, and pencils were distributed to the children in Sumanahalli centre. All the children, youth, and staff were present during the celebrations.



## International Yoga Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra, Rainbow Home, Yuvodaya, and Sumanahalli organized International Yoga Day for the children and youth at their respective centres on June 21, 2023. The coordinators explained to them the importance, benefits, and advantages of practicing yoga on a daily basis. The youth were told that yoga could be considered a disciplined method for attaining a goal, and a method for mastering the body and the mind through meditation. It is the path to gaining mental and physical fitness. They were taught a few asanas, simple yet effective. Youth learned the physical and mental benefits of yoga such as increased flexibility, strength, stamina, improved body alignment, also stress reduction, body awareness, better sleep balance, relaxation, and improved self-confidence.

Ms. Yamuna and Mohan, PES College explained the concept of Yoga, its advantages, the inception of Yoga, and different practices of Yoga Asanas with pictures to the youths of Life Skill Training Centre. Abel, Student Volunteer, St. Joseph's University, explained the concept through a PowerPoint Presentation. After the awareness session a practical session of Yoga was done for the trainees headed by Fr. Charles, St. Joseph's High School, and Mohan. The centre directors and staff were present during the event. Children and youth of the centres and open shelters attended the sessions.



## CREAM Sadhana Samagama

BOSCO CREAM Project organized the concluding programme – ‘Sadhana Samagama’ in BOSCO Yuvodaya on June 30, 2023 to highlight the major achievements and milestones of the project from the time of its inception in 2012 to its completion in 2023. The journey of CREAM over the years was shown through a video.

Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said that the programme might have come to an end but the activities of BOSCO continue to ensure that there are no drop outs, child rights are not violated, children are protected and safe by liaising with KSCPCR, DCPU, CWC, Education Department, Labour Department, Police Department, etc. Speaking on the occasion the chief guest, Ms. Manju S, Member, KSCPCR compared BOSCO to a banyan tree. Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS, addressing the gathering, said that the CREAM project

was successful in empowering children to become whistle blowers/ watch dogs of their communities, areas or villages. The Handbook/Manual of CREAM – ‘Kannada Mannalli Belagide CREAM Deepa’ was released on the occasion by all the dignitaries. All the dignitaries on the stage were felicitated and given a memento as a token of gratitude and remembrance.

Mr. Anna Rao, PO (IC), Bengaluru South, Mr. Hemanth, Member, CWC and Ms. Nalini, Senior Labour Inspector, Labour Department, Bengaluru spoke on the occasion. Some of the School HMs, Lawyer and other stakeholders gave their feedback of CREAM Project and its activities. Participants included officials of the departments, School HMs and teachers, CRC Presidents, Secretaries and members, various other stakeholders and BOSCO Directors and staff.



## International Youth Day

International Youth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvakendra on August 12 and 18, 2023 at their respective centres. During the celebrations at BOSCO Nilaya, Fr. Jude Anand spoke about developing good values and habits and becoming responsible youths in society. Dances, songs, fancy dress, and speeches were performed by the children during the cultural programme. Hundred and eighty-nine children were a part of this programme.

In the programme at BOSCO Yuvakendra, Ms. Patricia Christina John, BSc Computer Science, spoke on green skills, sustainable living, sustainable farming, pollution such as air, noise, water, deforestation, how to prevent the above problems and achieve sustainability. She played a video on sustainable farming and mainly focused on growing plants and trees, segregation of waste, saying no to plastics, and prevention of using CNG vehicles. Twenty-three youths participated in the programme.



## Independence Day Celebrations at BOSCO

Independence Day was celebrated at the child care centres, areas and the tuition centres of BOSCO between August 12 and 17, 2023. The 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. Students from Bambala Outreach Programme, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru interacted with the children, organized party games, conducted activities, and distributed snacks and stationeries at BOSCO Mane. Volunteers from Fly Higher NGO conducted a Life Skills session and organized activities for learning while playing, for the children from BOSCO Vikas on the occasion of Independence Day. Mr. Sundar, Asst. Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station, addressing the gathering at BOSCO Sumanahalli, said, "The youth of today must be free from the clutches of drugs." The youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra visited Government Kannada and English Primary School and



performed a dance at the school in front of a gathering of three hundred people. All the Directors of BOSCO, children and trainees of the centres, computer trainees, area children, and children attending tuition classes participated in the celebrations.

## Birthday Celebration of St. John Bosco

The 208th birthday of St. John Bosco was celebrated in the BOSCO centres and areas on August 16, 2023. The Directors along with the children garlanded the statue of Don Bosco. The Directors and Coordinators spoke about the life of Don Bosco, his values, and the education system that he proposed. The children were guided to follow the path of nobility, treat others with kindness, courtesy, and charity, be humble and loving, and not harm anyone. Children were asked to follow the principle of Don Bosco - "Play, Jump, and run but do not sin." Everyone prayed and expressed their love for the saint while a hymn was played. Special games were conducted for the children and youth. All the centre and



area children, youth, children attending tuitions, staff, and management were part of the birthday celebrations.

## Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Yuvakendra

The 39th-anniversary celebration of BOSCO Yuvakendra was held at the centre in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. CV George, Ms. Sujatha, Advocate, District Court, Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Mr. Manjunath, Past Pupil and Mr. Ashok, Well-wisher, on September 8, 2023. The celebration started with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and a welcome by Sr. Silvy Lawrence. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram gave a brief history of Yuvakendra and his experiences of working in Yuvakendra. Ms. Sujatha spoke about different continents, universe, different sounds like OM and motivation. The youth from the centre put up cultural programmes like dances and



skit. Football kits were distributed to aspiring football players. Sixty-three boys of the centre and children attending the tuition classes were part of the celebration.



## Teacher's 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 9, 2023. 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 at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, appreciated the teachers at the centre. Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru said that parents are the first teachers in the life of the children. He felt that it is two-way learning-children learn from the teachers and teachers also learn from the children. Speaking on the occasion, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, exhorted the children to honor their teachers and follow their good



example. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Asst. Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, spoke about the role of teachers and their valuable contribution in shaping the lives of the children. Fr. Jude Anand, Director BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas guided the children to respect all their teachers. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations.



## BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre Turns Eighteen

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre celebrated its 18th anniversary at the centre on October 8, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru was happy that the centre had reached yet another milestone. He highlighted the training provided at the centre. He had a special mention of the theme, 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Life'. Mr. Kishore Attavar, Social Science Research Consultant, Mangalore said that it is the responsibility of each student to acquire skills and values for life. Fr. Prasad called upon the trainees to reflect upon each one's life. He said, "A ship is not meant for the shore, but to be in the sea".

Abhi Surya, Imran, Pawan, and Rajkumar, Past Pupils shared their experiences. They thanked BOSCO for what they are today. The trainees, computer trainees, and the



children attending the tuition classes staged cultural programmes. The Past Pupils spent time in the centre playing cricket. Forty-eight children attending tuition classes, forty-one Past Pupils, eight computer trainees, thirty skill training youth, and twelve staff were part of the celebration.

## International Day of the Girl Child Celebrated

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2023. The celebration centered on the theme, 'Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being,' began with the campaign roadshow flagged off by Mr. Lokesh and Ms. Shubha Punja, Kannada Cine Actors, and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. A signature campaign was organized along with the roadshow at Chamarajpet, Majestic Bus Stand, KR Circle, Corporation Circle, Town Hall, Kalasipalya, and KR Market areas of Bengaluru.

Margaret Alva, former Governor and Union Minister said, "Dear girl children, you should look towards the future. Remember, a daughter is a daughter all her life. Let your inner lights shine bright always." She added that the celebration of the day of the girl child is not a one-day affair, but an endeavor that has to continue throughout the year. Nagaveni, DCPO, South Bengaluru, Asha, DCPO, East and West, Bengaluru, and Lokesh spoke on the occasion. Around 150 children and staff from the various centres of BOSCO participated in the event.

ARSP, CSN, Yuvakendra, Nilaya, Nivas and SJPU teams celebrated International Day of the Girl Child programme at SMVT Railway station, New Public English School, Magadi Road, KR Market, Kasturamma Layout, and Shivaji Nagar areas by distributing pamphlets to the public and children. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, SMR, SMVT Railway station, Mr. Shivakumar, SI, GRP, SMVT Railway



Station, Mr. Mohammad ASI, RPF, SMVT Railway station, Mrs. Manjula, Head Constable, City Market Police station, Ms. Nagaveni, Child Welfare Police Officer, and Mr. Shivakumar H.B, Head Constable, railway officials, TTE, coolie porters, shop keepers, maintenance staff and auto drivers were present in the programme. All the teams conducted a signature campaign.

## World Food Day Celebrated

World Food Day was celebrated in BOSCO Yuvakendra with the youths of the centre on October 16, 2023. Awareness was given on World Food Day, the importance of food and nutrition in their lives. The youths were told to avoid wastage of food. An eating competition

was conducted where the boys were asked to eat a variety of dishes in a span of three minutes. The boys enjoyed participating in the competition. Sixteen youths participated in the celebrations.



## Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the children in the centres on November 1, 2023. The Centre Directors spoke about the importance of the day and shared the values and culture of Karnataka with the children. The children were motivated to spread the culture of Karnataka. A drawing competition and pick and speak competition were conducted for the trainees of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli. Youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra participated in the essay and singing competitions. BOSCO Nilaya Staff

celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the neighbours and stakeholders in Ranasinghpet, Bengaluru. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya spoke about the importance of the day to the children at BOSCO Yuvodaya. He motivated the children to spread the culture of Karnataka. Sports and games were organized for the children at BOSCO Mane and Vikas. The winners were given prizes. Special sweets were distributed to all the participants. Around two hundred children and staff from the centres participated in the celebrations.



## Children's Day Celebration at BOSCO Bengaluru

BOSCO organized Children's Day celebration at St. Teresa's Girls High School, Near Royan Circle, Anandapuram, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, on November 19, 2023. This year's Children's Day celebration was based on the theme, 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Life'. In the keynote address Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru said, "On this Children's Day let us work towards the mental well being of children, especially the less privileged." Speaking on the occasion, B Dayanand IPS, Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City, appreciated the yeomen service rendered by BOSCO and thanked the organization for the sensitization and training programmes organized for the police personnel from time to time.

Sri. Master Anand, Cine Artist, and Director interacted with the children along with his daughter and child

celebrity Vamshika. He exhorted the children to use social media responsibly and pursue their dreams in life. Fr. Rafael Bejarano SDB, Youth Ministry Department, Rome, told the children that their future grows out of their own hands. Rev. Sr. Jessy Merlin, Provincial SMMI, Bengaluru spoke during the event.

During the event, children who excelled in cultural, social, sports, and educational fields were awarded the *Prathibha Puraskara Award*. Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes were organized. Stakeholders whom BOSCO identified for their contribution to the protection and promotion of child rights at the centers and areas of its service were awarded the *Makkala Mitra Award*. Around eight hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.



## Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 19, 2023. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed everyone about the importance of Christmas and the preparation of the crib. Fr. Varghese, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Johnson, Director, Yuvodaya, Fr. Joseph Dandavathy, Asst. Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Fr. Prasad SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya and Fr. John Peter, Administrator and Director, BOSCO Rainbow Home, inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. He said that we must love each other and work towards the care and



protection of children. The programme included carols, dances, skits, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. All the staff, volunteers, and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.

## New Year Celebration with Traffic Police Officials

On the occasion of the New Year, a group of traffic police officials from the South division visited BOSCO Mane and celebrated the New Year with children on January 1, 2024. Mr. Mahadev, ACP, South Traffic Division, spoke on the occasion. He said that children should study well and reach their goals. Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane, explained about BOSCO and its objectives. The officials distributed new clothes, chocolates, and cake to the children. Mr. Mallikarjun thanked everyone who participated in the programme. Around fifteen police officials and seventy-five children participated in the programme.

Traffic police officials from Chickpet Bengaluru celebrated the New Year with BOSCO Mane, Vikas and Vatsalya Bhavan children. Ms. Puttamma, ACP, Chickpet Traffic Division, Bengaluru, exhorted the children to utilize the facilities positively and become good leaders in society. Mr. Raju DL, Traffic Inspector thanked BOSCO for allowing the officials to celebrate the new year with children. Fr. Prasad, Director, was present for the programme. Mr. Mallikarjun hosted the programme. Around sixteen police officials and seventy-five children participated in the programme.



## Republic Day Celebration

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, and BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated the 75th Republic Day along with the trainees of the centre and the open shelter children respectively, on January 26, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. Joseph Dandavathy, Asst. Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and Programme Manager, welcomed the group and hoisted the flag. Everyone paid respect by saluting the flag. In his message to the youths, Fr. Joseph Dandavathy explained about the history and importance of the day.



Twenty-three trainees, children of the open shelter and staff were part of the celebrations.

# Don Bosco's Month

Don Bosco's month was inaugurated at all the centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 5, 2024. The representatives of each centre and area, along with their Directors, garlanded the statue of the Saint. Dignitaries, addressing the staff and the children at BOSCO Mane, spoke about the life of Don Bosco and motivated them to follow the principles and values of Don Bosco.

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 13, 2024 in the presence of Sr. Nirmala Rosy, Administrator and Principal, St. Teresa Institutions, Bengaluru, Directors of BOSCO and Child Representatives Ms. Bhavani and Master Sadashiv. Ten teams representing the different centres and areas – BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, and Yuvaspandana, participated in the competition. The competition conducted by quiz masters Br. Lijo, Dream India Network, and Br. Ashley included ten rounds. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners and the children from BOSCO Vikas were the runners-up. Children from BOSCO Yuvakendra secured third place. Fifty children participated in the quiz contest.

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 21, 2024. The Olympic Torch was lit and borne by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with. Addressing the children, the chief guests, Mr. Joseph Hoover, Former Sports Editor of Deccan Herald and Indian Express and Fr. George Kannanthanam, Director of Sumanahalli Society, said that they saw the spreading of Olympic spirit and the onset of the Olympic fever. Various sports events like running races (100 mts,

200mts, 400mts and relay), high jump, long jump, tug of war, shot-put, balloon race, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race, etc., were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The Directors and staff awarded the winners medals and certificates. Around four hundred children from BOSCO centres and areas of intervention participated in the sports meet.

The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for children was held at St. Teresa's Girls High School, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru on January 28, 2024. The programme was inaugurated by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Sr. Jessy Merlin, Provincial, SMMI, stressed the importance of the day and asked the contestants to utilize the opportunity given, as such competitions would help build confidence, courage and leadership qualities in them. The competitions included group folk songs, group dances and mimes for the girls and boys separately. The Judges were Ms. Shwetha, Amritha and Bharat, Choreographers and Dance Teachers. Over a hundred children participated in the competition.

BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized the Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest at St. Teresa's Educational Institutions, Near Royan Circle, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru on January 28, 2024. Smt. S Manju, Chairperson, Member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), appreciated BOSCO and felt it is a home for the homeless and the downtrodden. Shri. Richard Louis, Actor, and Comedian, Kirloskar Satya, and Manjunath, enthralled the audience with their astounding comedy and jokes. A month-long celebration culminated with the feast of Don Bosco. The winners of the competitions were awarded during the valedictory function. Around four hundred children, friends, and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered on the occasion.



## National Day of the Girl Child

BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) Team participated in the National Day of the Girl Child celebration organized at Nagarbhavi Community on January 24, 2024. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CSN Project, enlightened the community people and children on the importance of the day, the rights of the girl child, existing gender discrimination, social evils affecting girls, the importance of educating a girl child, the legal age at marriage and child helpline. He spoke about the survival of the girl child at all levels. Ms. Anupama, Senior Labour Inspector; Dr. Rekha, Namma Clinic BDA Complex Nagarabhavi; Mr. Durgappa, and Mr. Amaranath, Community Leaders, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, were present at the celebration. Fifty children and forty community people attended the celebration.



## International Women's Day Celebration

BOSCO Nivas, celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2024 in the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director and Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Nivas.

BOSCO Yuvakendra celebrated International Women's Day at the centre by inviting the women of the neighbouring communities on March 18, 2024. Sr. Silvy, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, spoke about the importance of women in society, their achievements, contributions, and their role as mothers, wives, and daughters. Women were encouraged to speak and games were organized for them. Thirty-four community women participated in the events.

On account of International Women's Day, the BOSCO Child Safety Net (CSN) Team conducted awareness programmes for the people of Chikkabasti and Doddabasti communities and BBMP Pourakarmikaru at Ward No. 127, Mudalapalya, on March 13 and 18, 2024. The team gave information on women's rights, powers, human rights, gender equality, and child-related laws and issues. The team also highlighted the role of



women in developing society by citing various stories of successful women. Twenty men and eighteen women of Chikkabasti and Doddabasti communities and thirty-two Pourakarmikas attended the programmes.

## Ambedkar Jayanthi

BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi to commemorate the 133rd birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at their respective school and centres on April 14, 2024. The celebrations began with the garlanding of the photo of Dr. Ambedkar. The Directors and the staff spoke about the great personality - the recipient of

Bharata Ratna, India's highest civilian award, Champion of Social Freedom, who argued for legal freedom and social liberties for the oppressed. They enumerated his life story, his contributions to society as a social activist, his achievements and struggles to deal with the caste system, his persistent fight against all institutional and social odds and giving choice and dignity to all



Indian citizens in a stratified society. Dr. Ambedkar is the Architect of our Constitution and is known as the “Father of Indian Constitution”. As citizens of India, we enjoy constitutional rights because of him. The children

and youth were encouraged to follow his principles and values. Fifty girls from Rainbow Home and thirty-two trainees from Sumanahalli centres participated in the celebration.

## Ugadi Celebration

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, celebrated Ugadi on April 9, 2024. The centre was decorated with flowers, neem, and mango leaves, and special dishes were prepared for the day. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Assistant Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, explained the

importance of the day and wished all the inmates a happy and prosperous New Year ahead. He explained the significance of the Ugadi festival and blessed the youths. Twenty-three trainees and staff were part of the celebration.



## Training for District Partners

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized training for the Project Partners, NGOs' Staff, and Social Mobilizers at Don Bosco, Provincial House, Bengaluru, on June 29, 2023. Around thirty staff from ten districts of Karnataka participated in the meeting.



## Orientation for Tuition Teachers

BOSCO Nilaya organized a half-day orientation program for tuition teachers at the centre on July 8, 2023. Eleven tuition teachers, ten staff and one student volunteer attended the training session.



## Capacity Building Programme for Staff

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre organized a capacity-building programme for the staff of the centre on July 15, 2023. Thirteen staff attended the capacity-building session.



## Sensitization Programme for Traffic Police

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru organized a sensitization programme for the CWPOs of South Division Traffic Police Station, Jayanagar on September 16, 2023 and West Division at BOSCO Yuvodaya, on November 2, 2023.. Thirty CWPOs from South Division and fifty-nine CWPOs from west Division were present in the programme



## Session on Career Guidance

BOSCO Yuvakendra conducted a Career Guidance session for the youths of surrounding areas at the centre on September 17, 2023. Five youths attended the session



## Training Organized for Child Welfare Police Officers

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project organized a training for the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs) of Bengaluru South Division in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) at Hanumantha Nagar Police Station on March 5, 2024. Sixty CWPOs and other police officials were present in the training.





## Training Programme for Caregivers

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a training programmes for the Coordinators and Caretakers of Child Care Institutions in collaboration with We Live Foundation, Bengaluru on November 29, 2023, March 4, 2024, April 18 and 30, 2024. Twenty participants representing BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home and BOSCO Yuvodaya, attended the training programmes.



## Capacity Building of Community Children

The Child Safety Net (CSN) team organized a Capacity Building program for the children of the SRS community in Bengaluru on January 5, 2024. Ten school-going children were trained with the aim of making them “Child Champions” or “Agents of Change.”



## Training on Counseling

The Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted a training program on counseling for the staff at BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 24, 2024. Twenty-two staff and one student volunteer participated in the training program.



## Training Programme on First Aid

Training programme on First Aid was organized by the BOSCO Health Care Department for the organization’s staff at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on February 20, 2024. Twenty-five BOSCO staff from other centres, areas, and projects attended the training.



## Basketball Coaching at BOSCO Mane

BOSCO Nilaya organized a basketball coaching camp for the children of their intervention areas in collaboration with the CROSSCOVER mission at BOSCO Mane from April 24 to 29, 2024. Fifty children from the communities underwent the training.



## Training for KSRTC Officials

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. Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi Avati, Divisional Traffic Officer, Mrs. Prabha Javali, Assistant Traffic Manager and Mrs. Prema, Accounts Officer and seventy-six officials participated in the programme.



# CAMPAIGNS

## Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CREAM, CSN, Bus Stand, and Gandhinagar Projects organized the Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign in their areas of intervention from June 5 to 10, 2023. The week-long campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door awareness, and street plays by children. Children and teachers of Ganesh School, St. Josephs College, GHS Aralepet, Ambedkar Nagar School, GHPS Mavalli, Vinayaka Govt School, and GHPS Gandhinagar were involved in the awareness campaign. Fr Joseph Dandavathi, Director, Gandhinagar Area exhorted the children to lead a good life. Fr Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya taught the children some action songs highlighting the importance of education, and Mr Manjunath, Upparpet Police Personnel informed the children to call up the toll-free number-112 whenever they face problems.

Rallies were taken out in B.V.K Iyengar Road, City Market, Avenue Road, Chickpet, Anandapuram, Sondekoppa, Vyayam Shaale, Cement Huts, Ramanna Garden, Vinobha Nagara, Giripuram, Gandhinagar and Annamma Colony of Bengaluru. Mr. Gangappa, DIET Officer, Mrs. Prema Latha, BRC, Mr. Manjunath ASI, City Market Police Station, Ms. Manjula, Ms. Naga Latha and Ms. Mala, HMs, Mr. Vasu, High school Teacher and Fr. Anand SDB, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and Nivas were present in the campaign. More than one thousand people who were reached out to during the campaign pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools.



## IMPRESSIONS

My name is Tulasi. I am 25 years old. Currently, I am working as a teacher at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. I hail from an economically low-income family. As my situation at home did not permit me to continue my studies, I was referred to the Government Shelter Home for Girls in Bengaluru in 2003. I continued to study at the shelter home, and when I was in the 9th Standard in 2013, I was referred to BOSCO. I graduated with a B. Com in 2019. I worked in a private firm till February this year. I joined Vatsalya Bhavan as a teacher a month ago. For me, this is homecoming. From the moment I came to BOSCO, I experienced much love and care. It is here that I was introduced to Don Bosco's preventive system, a unique approach that focuses on creating a supportive and nurturing environment to prevent social issues. When I heard about Don Bosco's dream for the first time, it fascinated me. I like accompanying young people with loving kindness because love transformed me. As a teacher here, I work with girl children in difficult situations to help them cope with their lives, overcome difficulties, and realize their dreams. Whether it's providing emotional support during tough times, helping them with their studies, or guiding them in making important life decisions, I strive to be a pillar of support. I, too, have a chance to help other people dream like Don Bosco and become agents of change in society.

## Social Justice for All: End Child Labour

BOSCO Bengaluru observed the World Day against Child Labour on the theme, 'Social Justice for All: End Child Labour,' in its areas of intervention on June 12, 2023. Several rallies, street plays, awareness programmes drawing competitions, signature campaigns, etc. were held in the bus stands, railway stations, markets, schools, communities like Devaraja Urs area, Buddha Park, KSR and SMVT Railway Stations, K. R. Market Bus Stand, Avenue Road, Fruit Market, BVK Iyengar Road, Shivaji Nagar, Gandhinagar and BOSCO centres to raise awareness of the significant problem of child labour to the public, passengers, motorists, shopkeepers, street vendors, community people and the like. More than three thousand people were reached out to through the event.

While addressing the rally at KSR Railway Station and BMTc Bus Stand Mr. Manjunath, Programme Director, Department of Child Labour, Bengaluru briefed about



the value of education, the child labour act and JJ Act. Yuvakendra boys performed street plays. A rally was taken on the platforms of the railway station and bus stand. Three hundred pamphlets were distributed. Public, passengers and commuters came forward and signed the banner to support the cause. Mr. Ganesh and Mr. Dhananjay, Police Constables, City Market, were in attendance.



## International Day Against Drug Abuse

BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) organized a programme on 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking,' to create awareness about drug abuse, illegal trafficking, child rights, child protection, and prevention of child labour for the children of Rasana English High School, Manjunath Nagar, Bengaluru on June 26, 2023. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, SJPU Project 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. He said, 'One cannot rewind life. So, say no to drugs.' He also briefed the gathering about BOSCO and SJPU Project. Ms. Pallavi, Police Sub Inspector, Rajajinagar and Ms. Bhamaswari, School HM were present on the occasion. Around a hundred and sixty children attended the awareness programme.



## National YaR Day Campaign

The closing of the National YaR Campaign of 2022-2023, the online launch of the campaign 2023 - 2024, and the celebration of the YaR Day were held on the theme, 'Choose Life. Not Drugs' on August 31, 2023. After the welcome and the prayer, Don Bosco Ashalayam, Howrah presented a mime show on, 'Choose Life. Not Drugs,' followed by a short film, 'Embrace Education, Avoid Drugs,' by Don Bosco Anbu Illam, Salem. Children from Snehalaya Centre for Child Rights, Guwahati performed a skit on the theme. A photo story, 'The Death Trap of Drugs,' was presented by Don Bosco Veedu, Trivandrum. Don Bosco Ashalayam, Delhi put up a mime show on, 'No to Drugs. Yes to Life.' The wrapping up of the campaign was done by Mr. Raj Parit followed by the pledge on, 'Choose Life. Not Drugs,' by all. Fr. Santiago Thomas, Provincial, Hyderabad launched the Campaign Poster, 'Healthy Mind. Healthy Life,' for the year 2023-2024. Fr. Joe Prabhu, Executive Director, DB YaR Forum gave a message on the theme.

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, 'Choose life. Not Drugs,' 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.



## IMPRESSIONS

I, Amrutha, working as Social Worker in BOSCO Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), am happy to share that we have garnered favorable feedback from the general public, parents, and children. Stakeholders have provided positive reports and responses, and have actively engaged in discussions regarding our organization's challenges. Our presence during the investigation of children's cases has been well-received, with many children seeking our guidance for education upon their return from observation homes. The public has been proactive in directly informing BOSCO of any cases they encounter, and both parents and children have expressed gratitude towards our organization. We have received direct calls from several parents seeking our assistance in CACL, and principle diversion cases and have sought our input before filing FIRs, particularly in relation to IPC and JJ Act concerning juvenile cases. Furthermore, police officials have sought our services for guidance and assistance, and counseling services for such children and their families. We have consistently received strong support from the community, and many children have followed up with us to implement the guidance provided in their lives.

## Child Rights Week Organized

BOSCO CSN project, BOSCO CRISP project, BOSCO Bus Stand Team, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Vikas, and Mane, began the Child Rights week with the celebration of Children's Day at their respective areas and centres on November 14, 2023. The Centre Directors, Department Officials, stakeholders, and staff members participated in the programme. The team gave awareness about Children's Day, UNCRC, child rights, acts, and laws.

During the week from November 14 to 20, 2023, awareness campaigns were held in public places, communities, schools, Government Boys' Home, health centres, etc., and stakeholders' meetings, rallies, tying of child rights bands to the stakeholders and children, distribution of pamphlets to the public and Photo Frame campaign, were also conducted. The week-long programme included essay, drawing, speech, and quiz competitions based on the theme, 'Healthy Mind Healthy Life'. Children from BOSCO Rainbow Home performed a prayer dance at Sambrama Sabangana as part of the Children's Day celebration organized by the District Child Protection Unit.



Mr. Manjunath, PSI, VV Puram, Mr. Kiran, Labour officer, and a team of Senior Labour Inspectors were present during the campaigns. Around a thousand children, Government Officials, Stakeholders, and the public were reached out to through the week-long programme.

## International Human Rights Day

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, a session was conducted on Human Rights for the children of BOSCO centres and areas on December 10, 2023. The theme of the year was 'Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All'. Fr. Prasad, Director BOSCO Mane, and Vikas addressed the children at Vikas. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane, explained the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 75th Anniversary of Human Rights to the children at BOSCO Mane. Fr. Dominic Sequeira, Salesian In-charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, and Jordan, Coordinator of the centre created awareness about the

importance of the day. They explained the objectives, the importance of human rights, and the violations that are happening in the current scenario. The children were made known of the importance of leading a life with dignity. During the day drawing competition was conducted for the children on right right-based theme. Members of Tereda Mane and Sisters of St. Charles visited BOSCO Yuvaspandana to commemorate the day. They also visited the Ramanna Garden area. Children of the centres and areas participated in the event.



## Awareness on National Road Safety Day

In collaboration with the Upparpet Traffic Police Station, the Child Safety Net (CSN) project organized an awareness on National Road Safety Day for the public at the Upparpet traffic signal on January 18, 2024. With the permission of the Head Master, the children of DVV Gujarathi Higher Primary School, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru, were also involved in the awareness program. Mr. Krishnamurthy,

Police Inspector, Upparpet Traffic Police Station briefed the public about the rules and regulations to ensure road safety. He also educated them on reducing vehicle accidents. Children formed a circle, holding placards and distributing pamphlets. Fifty-five children participated in the awareness drive and distributed more than a hundred pamphlets.



## International Missing Children's Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli observed International Missing Children's Day at the centre on May 25, 2024. An awareness regarding missing children was given to the trainees. They were told about the Child Helpline 1098/112 in case of finding a child in distress. The trainees pledged to help out children in distress at all times and do their bit in reducing the number of missing children. The session was facilitated by Mr. Antony Dass, Staff, BOSCO Sumanahalli. Thirty-one trainees and the staff of the centre were part of this activity.

The team working in Magadi Road area conducted awareness programmes on International Missing Children's Day for the children in Nagammanagar and at BOSCO Yuvakendra on May 25, 2024. The team explained about the rights of children, the issues they face, the importance of education, how to choose good company and follow a disciplined life. They were informed about the child helpline. Twenty-five from Nagammanagar and seventeen children from other areas of Magadi Road participated in the sessions.



## World No Tobacco Day

World No Tobacco Day was observed by BOSCO Nilaya, CRISP and SJPU projects at Ganesha School on May 31, 2024. The children of the school were made aware of the ill effects of the use of tobacco and its products on themselves and others. A jatha was held around the KR

Market area creating awareness about the importance of the day. Sixty-two children, teachers and staff participated in the jatha.

BOSCO CSN project in collaboration with Upparpet Police Station conducted awareness to the public

regarding the negative impact of the use of tobacco and its products. The various types of cancer which are caused due to tobacco use were mentioned. A rally was taken from Upparpet Police Station, passed through

Dhanvanthri Road, Kapali Galli, SC Road, and culminated at ACP Office, Chikkapet, Bengaluru. Mr. Maruthi, Police Inspector, Upparpet Police Station was present in the programme. Around hundred people were reached out to through the rally.



## CAMPS

### Dasara Camps

Dasara Camps were organized for the children at the BOSCO centres and areas on the theme, 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Life', from October 13 to 21 October 2023. The children were engaged in various activities so that they could use their time constructively and hone their talents during the Dasara vacations. The children were taught the history and significance of the festival of Dasara. Children were taught action songs and dance. Sessions on child rights and responsibilities and good and bad touch were conducted. Drawing, painting, quiz, craft, embroidery, and fun games were organized. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken to the HAL Heritage Center and Aerospace Museum. Children visited the Mercy Home-an old age home managed by the Sisters of Holy Cross at Kothanur and interacted with the inmates. They went to the ETA Mall to watch a movie. Children of the centres were also taken out for picnics to Talakadu, Muttatti, etc. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending tuition classes attended the camp.

Mr. Mahesh, Dream A Dream, Mr. Lokesh, Cine Actor, and Brother Anugrah were the main resource persons for the camps. Mr. Harshil Kaushik, Cine Actor, Mr. Devaraja Urs, ASI, Girinagar Police Station and Mr. Suresh, ASI, Jnanabarathi Police Station were present on the occasion.



# Summer Camp Organized

The summer camps were organized for the children and youths of the BOSCO centres and the children attending the tuition classes in the areas during April and May 2024 at the centres, Don Bosco, Makkalaya, Mysore, Don Bosco Mitra School, Horamavu, MCT Quarters, Pillahalli, Magadi Road, Veerabhadranagar Gudda, Dodda Basti and Chikka Basti, St. Xavier School and BOSCO Yuvaspandana

The activities included sessions on goal setting, agreements, time management, understanding life, helping them to discover their talents, treasure hunt, life skill classes, indoor and outdoor sports, skits, handcrafts, story-telling, campfire, different styles of painting, painting a wall, karate, yoga, meditation, mimicry, pencil sketches, writing poems and songs, sessions on food and nutrition, hygiene, child friendly games, dance, drawing sessions, action songs, fashion show, quizzes, speech competitions, doll-making, cut outs using rug materials, making wings, night Olympics, training on NCB and street plays, shramdaan, farming, screening of documentaries, one-day picnic and trekking.

The activities helped the children to work in a team, learn discipline, leadership skills, team spirit, cooperation, and mental and physical strength, develop confidence, and identify hidden talents. The camps also helped in enhancing the talents of children and in making constructive use of the time during the summer vacation. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending the tuition classes participated in the summer camps.





## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### BOSCO Bags Prestigious National Awards

The Don Bosco National YaR (Young at Risk) Awards ceremony was held during the Don Bosco National YaR Seminar on 'Enhancing Mental Well-being of the Young at Risk', at Don Bosco Provincial House, Chennai on September 20 and 21, 2023. BOSCO Bengaluru received four awards on the occasion. Mr. Mariappa V., Past Pupil, BOSCO Bengaluru, who completed MSW from Christ College, Bengaluru and currently working in Goldenlight Solutions as a HR Operation and Programme Manager and also looking after the programmes of his NGO, Mitratva Trust was bestowed the Alumni Award. Fr. George Kollashany, Director, Social Work, Don Bosco, Bidar received the award on behalf of Mr. Mariappa. Mr. Ramaswamy, Staff, BOSCO Bengaluru was acknowledged for receiving the 'Seva Chethana' Award

from Viveka Chethana Charitable Trust, Bengaluru for his outstanding work with the young at risk. On behalf of Mr. Ramaswamy, Mr. John Joshua received the award.

Ms. Satya A, a seventeen year old girl residing at BOSCO Rainbow Home received the YaRAward under the eighteen year old category for her outstanding achievements in sports as well as cultural activities and for winning gold in the National Level Rope Skipping Competition held in Delhi from October 16 to 19, 2022. Homelink service of excellence - 'Best Homelink Node Award,' was given to BOSCO Bengaluru. Homelink Child MISS programme helps to have easy access to child-related organizational documents and follow a common documentation system. The awards were received by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru.



### Provincial Visitation at BOSCO

Fr. Jose Thomas Koyickal, Provincial, Salesian Province of Bangalore held a three-day visit to BOSCO, Bengaluru from October 3 to 5, 2023. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, welcomed the provincial to the organization and introduced him to the staff of BOSCO.

Fr. Provincial visited all the centres and areas of BOSCO and interacted with the Confreres, staff, and coordinators. Addressing the staff, he said, "Don Bosco wanted all those associated with children to possess Cheerfulness and Warmth." He expressed his happiness and thanked the staff for being a part of the BOSCO family. He said that the strength of BOSCO lies in its staff. He exhorted the staff to be proud and happy about their work which is purely a service for the children in distress. He asked the staff to absorb the spirit and qualities of Don Bosco which would help in enhancing their service to the children.



He said, "Let's build mansions not for ourselves but for our future generations". He shared a few good practices followed in the institutions of Don Bosco. He also said that it was high time that we became self-sustainable owing to the challenges faced in getting funds for the projects. Some of the staff expressed their gratitude and happiness for being a part of the BOSCO family.

## UNICEF Delegates Visit BOSCO

Delegates from the Assam Government and Sony Kutty George, Child Rights Specialist, UNICEF, visited BOSCO Mane and held discussions on the Foster Care Programme and foster care placements in Karnataka on October 17, 2023.

The delegates discussed the status of sixty foster children currently placed in Assam and the sixteen children who are in the process of being placed. They wanted to know the duration of placement of children in foster care in Karnataka, the procedures involved in selecting the potential parents and children, the role of the Government agencies, and the role of BOSCO. Sony Kutty George appreciated BOSCO for its work with the



children. Twenty-two delegates visited the foster care programme.

## Campaign to make Gandhinagar a Child-labour Free Zone

The campaign to make Gandhinagar into a 'Child-labour Free Zone' was inaugurated by Labour Commissioner Dr. Gopala Krishna on January 11, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Joint Labour Commissioner, Dr. Ravikumar, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mr. Thammanna, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, and other officials from the Labour Department were present. A poster regarding the campaign was released. The Labour Officials, Directors of BOSCO, and staff participated in the rally at Gubbi Veeranna Road and Burma Bazaar. They visited commercial establishments and stuck stickers declaring



that they were child-labour-free zones. The programme was organized by Fr. Joseph Danddavathi, Programme Manager, and the CSN Team of BOSCO Bengaluru.

## Annual Past Pupils Day at Yuvakendra

The Annual Past Pupils Day was organized at BOSCO Yuvakendra for the BOSCO Alumni on January 26, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, expressed his happiness over past pupils coming in large numbers to the programme. He felt that their life stories would also motivate the youth of the centre to come up in life and achieve success. Fr. George Kollashany, founder and member of BOSCO Bengaluru, also spoke on the occasion.

Past pupils shared their life experiences and relationship with BOSCO. They announced the registration of the newly formed 'Past Pupils' Sangha.' Mr. Basavaraj, a Past Pupil, is appointed as the president of the sangha. The past pupils felicitated Fr. C. V. George. Fr. Dominic Sequeira, Salesian In Charge, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Prasad, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas, and Sr. Silvy Lawrence, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra were present on the occasion. Thirty Alumni of BOSCO, twenty-five center youth, and staff attended the meeting.



## BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2023-24

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the 6th annual essay writing competition for college and university students from October to January 2023-24. Around 140 colleges/universities from across India were contacted. The undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students from various disciplines like management, social work, sociology, media, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences participated in the congregation.

This year's competition aimed to create a platform highlighting rarely discussed issues in education, society, and culture, enabling students to explore and challenge predefined mindsets to form their perspectives. Four topics were chosen for the competition - 'The stigma surrounding mental health issues in children: Breaking the silence;' 'Rising incidence of depression among teens - causes and changes that can be made;' 'Increasing gadget dependency and adolescent mental health;' 'Education beyond classrooms: Is alternative education a viable option in India?'

The essays were judged by an external panel of judges on the criteria of Originality of Content, Creativity, Clarity of Expression, Adherence to Theme, and Writing Style, and the first prize was awarded to Bicky Boro from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. The second



Bicky Boro



Netra Aparna

place was secured by Nethra Aparna from St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bengaluru, and the third prize was won by Ashwath Chelladurai from the NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. The BOSCO Essay Writing Competition 2023-24



Ashwath Chelladurai

culminated on the promise of more profound conviction and honest reflection about issues that need to be brought from behind the shadow of societal prejudice to the forefront of society's consciousness and commitment.

## Staff Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli

A Sports Day—Sportacular 2K24 for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on March 3, 2024. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru,

morning session included the game Bombing the City, 4X100 mts relay, throwball for the female staff, and volleyball and cricket knockout matches for the male staff.



said, "It is a special day for the staff of BOSCO. Winning is not important, but participation is." He also thanked the BOSCO Nilaya team for organizing the event.

The staff was divided into four teams: BOSCO Lions, BOSCO Tigers, BOSCO Pandas, and BOSCO Bulls. The

In the afternoon, blanket throwball and musical chairs for the lady staff, cricket finale and table tennis for the male staff, and tug of war for both groups were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of trophies and prizes. Mr. Joseph Raj K, Coordinator, BOSCO CRISP

Project, welcomed the gathering, and Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, and Yuvaspandana, proposed the vote of thanks. The directors, brothers, and hundred and nineteen staff of BOSCO participated in the event.

## Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (BNRD) was instituted to take up systematic data collection, scientific documentation, and research and publication of the materials of BOSCO. Reports and photos of the activities and events from all the centers, areas and programmes are collected periodically and maintained in BNRD. The department also has well maintained information on child data of the last four decades.

BNRD manages the BOSCO website, updates and uploads reports on social media, coordinates the publication of quarterly newsletter 'Street Voice', monthly newsletter 'E- Street Voice', and the Annual Report, which brings visibility to the organization, and highlights BOSCO's expertise in Young at Risk activities. The activities undertaken in BNRD include systematic documentation of the Child Care Process which is done on daily basis, training programmes for Child MISS, and compiling the activity reports, monthly and other

periodic reports of the different areas and centres of BOSCO. Child Rescue Report Tracking is circulated daily to in-house and Government email IDs, along with the daily rescue reports which are updated in the website, giving information to the stakeholders about the rescued children and missing children complaints. It has a library where books, journals, research papers, case studies and other private circulations on child related articles are maintained for reference.

During the year, BOSCO published four quarterly Newsletters - Street Voice, twelve monthly E Newsletters- E Street Voice, the second edition of the English version and the Kannada version of 40 Diamonds - A Candid Portrayal of the lives of the Risk Takers of Our Times', Revised version of 'Glow in the Horizon', BOSCO at a Glance - June 2023 to May 2024 Poster, Year Planner-2024 and organized the National Level Essay Writing Competition.

## BOSCO and National YaR Network

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, also known as DB YaR Forum, situated in New Delhi, is the all-India network of Don Bosco institutions and organizations committed to the safety, growth, development and rights of at-risk, vulnerable, marginalized children and young adults. It works to energize Salesian Young at Risk ministry, and motivate individuals, communities and like-minded groups, to involve in settings where young persons are at risk, to advocate for appropriate social and legal systems and to work towards effective safeguards to prevent neglect, exploitation and denial of rights of children and

young persons. Thereby, it accompanies the Young at Risk, and provides them care and protection, conducive spaces to live, assists in developing environments of rights, participation and dignity. YaR Partners reach out to 92 cities and towns to serve the marginalized children and youth.

BOSCO Bengaluru is appointed as the Nodal Agency by the Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS programme in Karnataka and Kerala. The data is systematically documented and maintained in BOSCO, Bengaluru.

## Volunteering

Through its department of Human Resource, BOSCO, Bengaluru has taken up a 'Volunteer Management' programme where it receives volunteers from corporates, educational institutions, religious institutions and foreign countries. During the reporting period BOSCO's Human Resource department provided opportunities to around 200 volunteers to get involved in BOSCO's activities. These volunteers were involved in early intervention surveys, street presence programmes, public awareness programmes, fund-raising, and other support programmes.

The volunteering experience in BOSCO gave them a more comprehensive understanding of the issues faced by children, contributed to their personal development, and gave them a sense of fulfillment. BOSCO would like to thank the schools, colleges, religious congregations and individual volunteers for teaming up with us for the cause of changing the society.

Religious Volunteers -- 35

Student Volunteers-- 165

*In Loving Memory*



## **FR. GEORGE CHERUVALLI SDB**

There are no words that can express the depth of sorrow we in BOSCO feel for the loss of Fr. George Cheruvalli SDB (59). He passed away on February 7, 2024 in Mamma Margaret Home, Aluva, Kerala. His precious memory will forever remain in our hearts. He rendered his service for the young at risk from 1988 to 2024 in various Don Bosco centres in Karnataka and Kerala thus bringing smiles on the faces of the deprived children and changing their lives for the better. His light touched so many lives, and his memory will continue to shine. May the Lord grant him eternal repose.

# ADIEU

It is time to thank Fr. Prasad, Fr. Joshy Puttur, Fr. Dominic Sequeira and Br. Anugraha who rendered their valuable service to the organization. We wish them all the best!



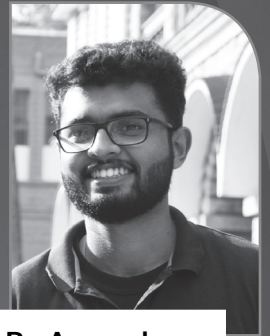
**Fr. Prasad**



**Fr. Joshy Puttur**



**Fr. Dominic Sequeira**



**Br. Anugraha**

# WELCOME

Fr. KJ Joseph SDB, having served in Don Bosco Yadgiri and Gulbarga, will be the Director of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Computer Programme and BOSCO Research and Documentation. BOSCO Bengaluru also extends a warm welcome to Fr. Deepu Mathew SDB who is the newly appointed Director of BOSCO Nilaya, Yuvaspandana and CRISP Project.

BOSCO Bengaluru also welcomes Fr. Arogya Raj SDB who will be Director of BOSCO Nivas and the Manager and Correspondent of St. Xavier's/ St. Mary's Schools, Fr. Anthaiah, SDB, Hyderabad Province who is currently in Bengaluru for his studies and Fr. Abhilash SDB, studying at Chitra Kala Parishat.

A hearty welcome to Br. Ajay to BOSCO Mane.



**Fr. KJ Joseph**



**Fr. Deepu**



**Fr. Arogya Raj**



**Fr. Anthaiah**



**Fr. Abhilash**



**Ajay Brother**

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sl. No.	Award/Recognition	Year
1	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, was honored in August 1990 by Rotary Bengaluru, for his noble work	1990
2	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's Badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO, appointment of an A.C.P. at the Police Commissioner's office, and Sub Inspectors (1991) in all the police stations, to deal with cases pertaining to street children, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
3	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kolassany was honored with the Bheedhi Bhagya Award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
4	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka	1994
5	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, was honored in August 1998, for his noble work, by Rotary Bengaluru, Vijayanagar, with a Community Service Award and a Citation	1998
6	Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi Award: The State Award, Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi, was received from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka, for being the best NGO in the State for child welfare activities	2000
7	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
8	Makkala Mitra Award: BOSCO received the Makkala Mitra Award from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for the year 2004 and 2005	2004 and 2005
9	Kempe Gowda Award: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child labourers in Bengaluru Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the organization	2007
10	Rotary Award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from the Department of Women and Child Development, for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with the Police Department and networking NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services, and contributions of the organization	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organization Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015
16	Mother Teresa Memorial National Award 2017	2017
17	Bengaluru NGOs Leadership Award	2017
18	Outstanding Homelink Node Award	2017
19	'Inspire Awards 2018-19' for Social Significance by The BRITT WORLD WIDE (BWW) in collaboration with Parivartan Global Success Foundation, Mumbai	2019
20	Certificate of Appreciation for the services BOSCO has rendered for the betterment of schools in South-2, Bengaluru, by Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru Urban, and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka	2019
21	'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' Award by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for BOSCO's services towards society on the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda	2019
22	'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award given to Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation, on the occasion of International Women's Day	2020
23	YaR Awards for: Best HUB coordinator to John Joshua; Best Organization in the Bangalore Province and an Award of appreciation to Ms. Vinnarasi in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation	2021
24	YaR Alumni Award conferred to HT Prasanna (Past Pupil)	2022
25	YaR Award for: Homelink service of excellence - 'Best Node Award,' was given to BOSCO Bengaluru	2022
26	a. BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre was recognized for Gold Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified children/ youths with special needs in their CCI. b. BOSCO Rainbow Home was for Silver Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified girls with special needs in their CCI.	2023
27	"Best Social Worker-Child Rights and Welfare" award by the Police Officials, Byatarayanapura Police Station, Bengaluru on 14-11-2023 to Mr. Basavaraju P N, CSN Project Coordinator BOSCO Bengaluru for rescuing around 200 Child Labourers and Children in need of care and protection and leading them to safe environment in the past year.	2023
28	"Athuyuthama Makkala Rakshaka" award by Mr. Kiran, Labour Officer Division -3, Labour Department, Government of Karnataka on 09-02-2024 to Mr. Basavaraju P N, CSN Project Coordinator BOSCO Bengaluru	2024

# FINANCIAL REPORT 2023-24

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA (BOSCO)  
BOSCO Yuvakendra, D 12, 1st Street, Magadi Road, Bengaluru- 560 023

Consolidated Society Account

### Receipt and Payment account for the year 31.03.2024

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contributions	16,19,671.00	
Local Contributions	76,18,324.00	
Foreign Projects Grants	2,25,49,756.00	
Local Projects Grants	2,52,10,957.00	
Government Grants	17,60,393.00	
Bank Interest	27,39,928.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		25,14,589.00
CHILDLINE (1098) Services		17,60,393.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		45,25,469.00
Supplementary Education and Community Involvement		35,47,845.00
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/ Colleges/Public Places, etc		25,69,845.00
Higher Education of the Rescued Children		25,68,945.00
Maintenance of Land, Building, Vehicles, etc		1,15,63,281.00
Health Care		25,45,698.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		3,12,45,896.00
Early Childhood Care & Education		34,56,854.00
Picnic, Camps, Sports, Entertainment and Functions, etc		28,23,306.00
Food for Children		1,15,98,451.00
Travel and Conveyance		25,45,641.00
Clothes for Children		13,35,470.00
Family Reunification and Follow up		18,45,694.00
Opening/Closing Balance	3,37,08,433.00	87,60,085.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,52,07,462.00</b>	<b>9,52,07,462.00</b>
<b>For Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO)</b>		



## WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO

Sl No	Name
1	Aamir Shabbir Hakim
1	Anil Jacob
2	APCO
3	Blessy
4	Bubli Srikanth
5	Carlos Norman Guido
6	Conrad D' Mello
7	Dr.Krishna Priya
8	Embassy Infra Developers Pvt Ltd
9	Emmanuel Ramapuram Junior
10	Francina
11	G Bhargav
12	Gavin D'Souza
13	Hemantha Kakani
14	Jacqueline Colaco
15	Jayalakshmi. N
16	Job Neroth
17	Joy Shabhu
18	K K Educational abd Charitable Trust
19	Kaizen CNC Center Pvt Ltd
20	Karl Cardoza
21	Manoj N Salian
22	Music Broadcast
23	Nagaraj
24	Noella Coutinho
25	Online Giving Foundation
26	Park Inn (Chrislyn Cardoza)
27	Poornima
28	Ramana Reddy
29	Roy Alan Rodrigues
30	RSG Trust Mysore
31	Shaik Yaseem
32	Somashekar Hawaldar/ Gita S
33	Stanley Carvalho
34	Subramaniam Shanmugam
35	Sudeep W
36	Sunil Yesudas
37	Sunita
38	Susan Daniel
39	Susan Varghese
40	XL Health Corporation India Ltd.
41	XL India Business
42	Y. S Bharathi Reddy
43	Yeduguri Sandinti
44	Don Bosco Mondo
45	UK Online Giving Foundation
46	Deutsche Provinz der Salesianer
47	NDL Foundation

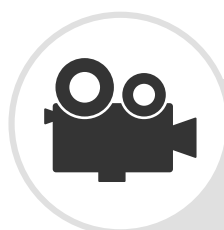
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52	Shantha Kumar and Rajendra Kumar Family
53	Agnel Kagoo
54	Aishwarya.S
55	Amrita
56	Anna Mithuna
57	Annaliese Steiger
58	Aparna Agarwal
59	Bashakar Naidu
60	Bejing Hotels Pvt. Ltd.
61	Bevel Gears
62	Big Tree
63	Breads
64	Carmel PU College
65	Christopher Pirese
66	Collin
67	Prashantha
68	D.N Gopalakrishna
69	Deepa Joy
70	Deena
71	Deepa. R
72	David
73	Dhana Raj
74	Dhanraj Jaya
75	Dr. G.N. Usha Devi
76	Dr. Rajanikanth
77	E. Harshiv Adithya
78	Franco Jeoje
79	G A. Ashwath Narayana
80	Ganesh
81	Gangamma
82	Girish
83	Gorantla Srinivas Rao
84	Guru Prasad
85	Hema Latha
86	Hemantha Kakani
87	Hwralala Porwal
88	Jacob Johnson
89	Jaheena
90	Jalaja Murthy
91	Jayaswamy
92	Jayesh Veeraraghavan
93	Krishna Somashekar
94	Krithi Jain
95	Krupa Hebbar
96	Kumar

97	Kunguma Priya
98	Lakshman
99	Latha
100	Leela
101	Lester Herbert
102	Lydia Marisa Hoover
103	M. Parvathi Pemmaiah
104	M.S . Shiva Kumar
105	Mahaveer Chand
106	Malleshappa Shetty
107	Manjunath
108	Mansi
109	Maria Jose
110	Mario Ranjith
111	Maruthi
112	Matai Alexa
113	Melinda
114	Misrom

115	Mohan Kumar
116	Murgan
117	MVS Prasad
118	N. Jaya Shree
119	Nachiket Shankar
120	Nagaraj
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125	Noella Coutinho
126	Orville Jameson D' Souza
127	P J Satish kumar
128	Papaiah
129	Pavan
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131	Pramukh . KS
132	Pranav P

## PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO

• Glow in the Horizon
• Madilu Serida Hoogalu (Kannada)
• Buddhivantha
• Foster Family –Renewed Hope and a New Life
• Working with Children at Risk
• Street Presence
• Contemporary Perspective of Children in Conflict with Law
• Quest for Change – A glance at the Reality of Runaway Children
• Young at Risk – Experiences of BOSCO in the City of Bengaluru
• Foster Care – An Alternative Family Care for Children without Families (A National Consultation and Research by BOSCO Bengaluru)
• 40 Diamonds -A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of Risk-Takers of Our Times (Kannada and English)
• Glow in the Horizon- Revised Version
• Child Matters



### See BOSCO's Videos:

- SHE
- STREET CHILDREN IN INDIA- SURVIVING THE STREET
- A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- THIS IS ME
- BOSCO A GLANCE

# BOSCO STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Child Care Institutions (including BOSCO Centres)		Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BOSCO	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-2005	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	6705	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-06	871	3392	4263	1928	98	109	770	342	239	30	1127
2006-07	761	4277	5038	2312	22	134	2289	540	222	331	1127
2007-08	663	3892	4555	2200	43	90	2184	834	131	367	1607
2008-09	691	5922	6613	3527	30	141	2368	843	128	167	1281
2009-10	521	6445	6966	4083	27	85	2677	939	137	352	1068
2010-11	208	7186	7394	5070	18	115	3208	153	174	359	1699
2011-12	374	6932	7306	5176	26	140	3041	1228	182	393	3574
2012-13	218	5310	5528	4027	36	42	1433	1024	171	412	1886
2013-14	317	6167	6484	4862	18	17	1426	1290	187	585	5449
2014-15	295	7318	7613	5603	16	108	765	1016	121	713	2741
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	316	1953	119	795	1662
2016-17	298	6856	7154	5495	03	154	69	1192	375	741	1456
2017-18	074	6622	6696	4356	01	195	237	0866	252	652	1435
2018-19	041	4788	4829	1321	04	167	132	1698	479	556	1043
2019-20	030	4689	4719	1260	01	80	079	098	330	617	1000
2020-21	017	1059	1076	752	02	43	075	037	291	608	806
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### WE SERVE

We serve children on the streets, Unaccompanied children, Children into substance abuse, Child labourers,

Child Marriage, Out-of-school children, Trafficked children, Missing children, Physically/sexually abused children, Children in conflict with Law, Orphan children, Children from dysfunctional families, Incapacitated parents, etc.

### WE REACH OUT TO

- 8 Railway Stations,
- 5 Bus Stands,
- 10 BOSCO Centres,
- 120 BBMP Wards

## BOSCO AT A GLANCE

**JUNE 23 - MAY 24**

### SERVICES RENDERED BY

#### BOSCO

- Children given shelter in the homes of BOSCO - **3580**
- Children supported with health care - **2084**
- Out-of-school children school enrolled - **30**
- Children given counselling service - **4776**

- Children home placed - **3653**
- Missing children traced - **23**
- Children rescued and rehabilitated - **4477**
- Service provided to children (Counseling services, Travel support, etc.) - **367**

- Children given academic education - **30**
- Youth given after-care services - **20**
- Youth provided with skill training - **276**
- Children and youth provided with computer training - **322**
- Youth Job Placed - **151**

- Children given supplementary education through 26 tuition centres - **310**
- Children empowered through 30 clubs - **600**
- Children empowered through Karate Clubs - **230**
- Girls empowered through Adolescent Girl Collectives - **1764**
- Children placed in foster care - **38**
- Children from CCIs restored back to the family - **23**

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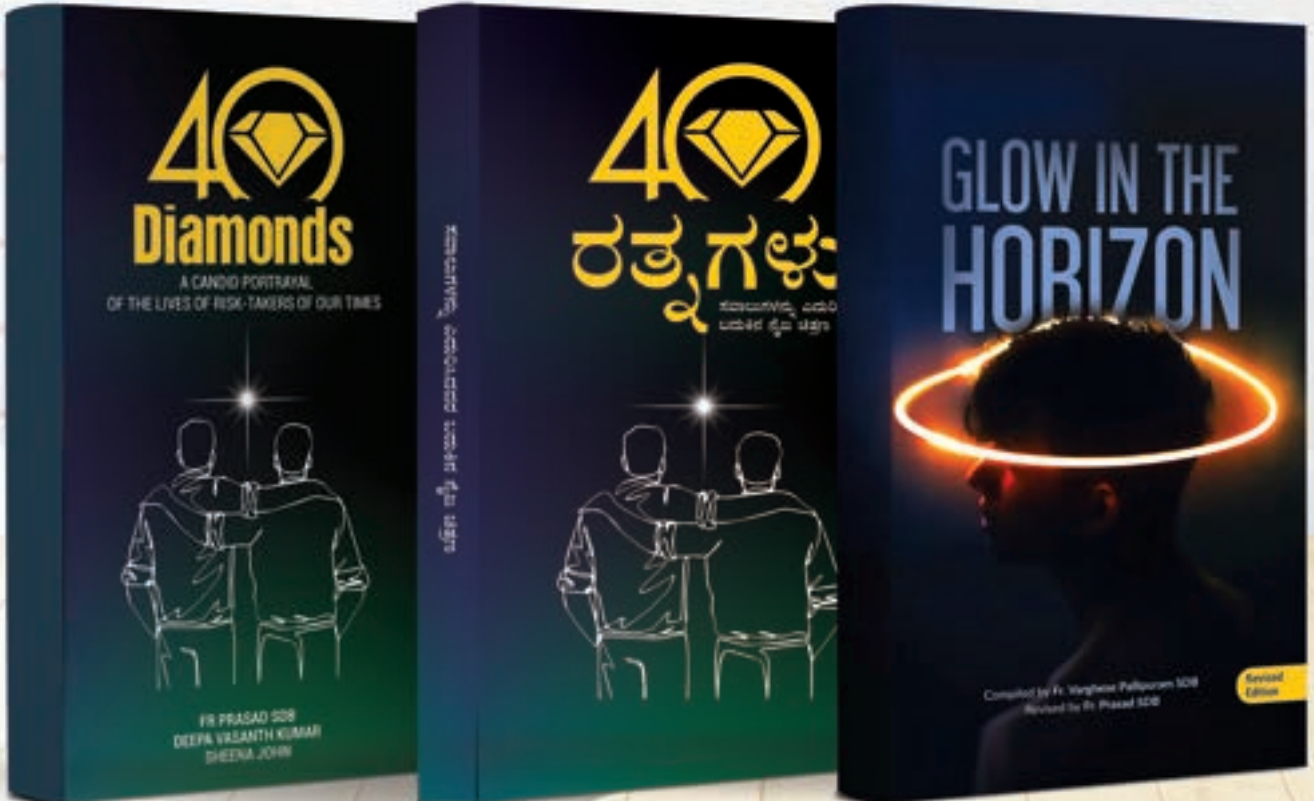
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