

# E-STREET VOICE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU



## World Children's Day: Celebrating and Protecting Our Future

Each year, on November 20, the world comes together to celebrate World Children's Day, a day dedicated to promoting the rights, well-being, and education of children everywhere. The origins of World Children's Day date back to 1954 when it was established by the United Nations General Assembly. The date is significant as it aligns with the anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. As we reflect on the current state of children's well-being globally, it's essential to recognize both the progress made and the challenges that remain. In many parts of the world, children continue to face insurmountable odds—conflict, poverty, discrimination, and climate change all threaten their futures highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive strategies to safeguard children's rights.

World Children's Day calls on individuals and organizations to take action, whether through advocacy, volunteering, or simply showing kindness and respect to children in our communities. The day is also an opportunity to spotlight innovative solutions that have emerged to address these challenges, ranging from educational initiatives to mental health programs. Moreover, this day emphasizes the importance of amplifying children's voices empowering them to be active participants in their communities. Engaging children in meaningful ways cultivates a sense of responsibility and nurtures the leaders of tomorrow.

As we observe World Children's Day, let us remember that every child deserves a chance to thrive. There is much work to be done, and it requires the collective efforts of all sectors of society—government, non-profit organizations, businesses, and families. By reaffirming our commitment to children, we are not just protecting their rights; we are investing in the sustainability and progress of our societies. This World Children's Day, let us pledge to champion the cause of every child. Let's strive to build a world where all children can live free from fear and want, where they can learn, grow, and truly be heard. Together, we can make a difference.



# STREET PRESENCE

## NIVAS: EXPOSURE VISIT OF TUITION CHILDREN TO VISHWESHWARAIAH MUSEUM



## NILAYA: PARENTS' MEETING





## **ARSP: NEED BASED SURVEY AT YELAHANKA**



## **BUS STAND: PUBLIC AWARENESS AT BMTc FOB**





## **MAGADI ROAD: STAKEHOLDERS AWARENESS**



## **GANDHI NAGAR AREA: EYE SCREENING CAMP**





# COMPONENTS

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: Teachers Training Programme by CRISP, Rescues by CSN, Celebration of National Adoption Month by Foster Care, Orientation for College Students by HRD, Visit of JAMF and Halliburton Companies to BOSCO Rainbow Home by Resource Mobilization, Health Awareness Programmes by Health Care Programme, Parents Meeting by Family Restoration and After Care, Drawing Competition for the migrant children by Migrant Help Desk.





# CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

## BOSCO MANE: NIGHT OLYMPICS



## BOSCO VIKAS: OATH TAKING AS PART OF NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH





## **BOSCO RAINBOW HOME: LIFE SKILL SESSION**



## **BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN AND SNEHA BHAVAN: PICNIC TO RUPPI'S RESORT**





## **BOSCO SUMANAHALLI: SKIT BY ASHA KIRANA KALA TRUST**



## **BOSCO YUVODAYA: PARENTS AWARENESS PROGRAMMES**



## **BOSCO YUVAKENDRA: AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**





# KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Rainbow Home, Yuvodaya and Nivas celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the centre children and at Shivaji Nagar Bus Stand with the BMTC officials and Police Officials on November 1, 2024.

The day started with garlanding the photos of the famous Kannada poets who were Jnanapeeth Awardees and prominent Kannada leaders and actors. Karnataka flag was hoisted. Directors' message for the children included the importance of learning Kannada language and embracing the culture and language of Karnataka. After the message, the Karnataka State Anthem was sung, followed by the National Anthem. Sweets were distributed to the children.



# EYE SCREENING CAMPS

BOSCO Health Care Department and Gandhi Nagar Team in collaboration with Shraddha Eye Care Trust conducted free eye check up and cataract surgery camp at Annamma colony for the children attending tuition classes and the community people on November 24, 2024. Dr. Vittal and Dr. Ajay conducted the camp. Seven community members were referred for cataract surgery following the eye check-ups, twelve community members were given reading glasses, forty community members underwent a general eye check-up and eight community members were referred to eye hospital for further medical attention. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru was present in the camp. A total of seventy-six community people and children availed the services of the camp.



CSN Team and BOSCO Health Care Department organized an eye camp for the tuition children and GHPS children of Veerabhadragudda on November 26, 2024. The camp was conducted by The Eye Foundation, Bengaluru. Four children were referred for further check up and treatment. A total of hundred and twelve children, four parents and three school staff were benefited by the eye camp.



# CHILD RIGHTS WEEK



BOSCO CSN project, BOSCO CRISP project, BOSCO Bus Stand Team, ARSP, 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, 2024. 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, 2024, awareness campaigns were held in public places, bus stands, communities, schools, Government Boys Home, etc., and stakeholders' meetings, adolescent girls' meetings, parents' meetings, mime show at Orion Mall, Mantri Mall, rallies, tying of child rights bands to the BMTc and KSRTC Officials, Police Officials, other stakeholders and children and distribution of pamphlets to the public were also conducted. Children were given Nehru caps in memory of Chacha Nehru. The week-long programme included group discussions, essay, drawing, speech, pick and speak, dance, and quiz competitions based on the theme, 'Family is Where I Belong'. Children of BOSCO Yuvodaya were given note books with their respective photos on them.

As a culmination of Child Rights Week, NIVAS team organized a signature campaign at Vishwesharaiah Museum on November 20, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Mr. Sajoo Bhaskaran, ED, Vishwesharaiah Museum, kick-started the event with their assent. More than 1500 children from various schools all across Karnataka were given awareness on the RIGHTS concerning them. Mr. Kotresh - Police Inspector, Banashankari Police Station, BMTc officials were present during the campaigns. Around two thousand children, Government Officials, Stakeholders, and the public were reached out to through the week-long programme.





# CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT BOSCO BENGALURU

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Day celebration at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on November 17, 2024. This year's Children's Day celebration was based on the theme, 'Family is Where I Belong'. Smt. Umashree, Former Minister for Women and Child Development, Empowerment of the Differently-abled and Senior Citizens, Kannada Language and Culture, and Actor, Kannada Film Industry, addressing the children said, "BOSCO is working for the welfare underprivileged children for more than forty years. I salute the management and the staff for their unwavering service for the young at risk. It is possible only if one has the heart of a mother. I would like to convey my best wishes to the BOSCO family".

The Annual Report -2023-24 and BOSCO Brochure were released on the occasion by Smt. Umashree and other dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, Sri. Shamid Basha, Assistant Commissioner of Police, VV Puram Sub Division, Bengaluru exhorted the children to make best use of the opportunities provided to them to become successful individuals". Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru in his keynote address said this was the day to celebrate and enjoy. As adults every one has the responsibility of empowering children by addressing the issues related to children like child labour, child trafficking, child marriage etc. Smt. Sulochana, Sub Inspector, Upparpet Police Station and Smt. Ramya, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station were present on the occasion.



Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes were organized during the event. Stakeholders who have been identified by BOSCO 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. Children who have excelled in cultural, social, sports and educational fields were awarded the Prathibha Puraskara Award during the event. Around nine hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.



## CELEBRATION OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

The Constitution Day also known as “National Law Day” was celebrated on 26 November 2024 with the participation of children from BOSCO Mane and Vikas to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Mallikarjun, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas enlightened the children on the Constitution of India, its importance, when was it drafted and by whom and when was it adopted. On 26 November 1949, the Constituent



Assembly of India adopted to the Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950. He also spoke about Dr. BR Ambedkar, the Father of the Indian Constitution who played a pivotal role in the drafting of the constitution. Previously this day was celebrated as National Law Day. 26 November was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread thoughts and ideas of Ambedkar. Children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas participated in the celebration.

## STAFF PICNIC TO UTTARA KANNADA



BOSCO, Bengaluru organized two-day picnic to Gokarna, Murudeshwar, Yana and nearby places for the staff in two batches during the third and fourth week of November 2024. Away from the busy work schedule, the staff had a chance to relax and enjoy to their heart's content at the beaches, green stretches in Yana, temples at Gokarna and Murudeshwar, Mangroves, etc. There were boating, party games, camp fire, entertainment activities, etc. arranged for the staff. Irrespective of the age, professional hierarchy or experiences, the mood of recreation was contagious. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Fr. KJ Joseph, Fr. Johnson, Fr. John Peter, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi and Fr. Abhilash Directors, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the picnic.



# PRATHIBHA PURASKARA AWARDEES

Every year during the Children's Day celebration, children excelling in cultural, social, sports, and educational fields are awarded the Prathibha Puraskara Award. This year, five outstanding children from different centers of BOSCO received the honors.



**Akash:** An orphan brought to BOSCO Mane by his grandmother, Akash is a 6th-grade student who has adapted well at the center despite his troubled past. With the guidance received at BOSCO Mane, he has developed numerous talents, excelling in dance, karate, and taekwondo. He represented at the district level and aims to compete in the state-level taekwondo competition. Additionally, he has been selected for the divisional level sports in 2024.



**Anushka R:** A lovable child and a resident of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Anushka is currently in the 9th grade. She stands out with her exceptional accomplishments in education, sports, and cultural activities. A recipient of several medals and accolades, she has been selected for the National Level Rope Skipping Competition and captained her school's Kabaddi tournament.



**Malatesh:** A resident of BOSCO Yuvakendra, Malatesh achieved a commendable 65% in his 10th grade, overcoming various struggles and obstacles he faced as a child.





**Chandru:** From BOSCO Vikas, Chandru excels in studies, sports, arts and crafts, and cultural activities. He has won multiple accolades for his outstanding performances in football, volleyball, and athletics at both Taluka and District levels.



**Sharanya:** An in-contact child of BOSCO Nilaya, Sharanya has overcome significant challenges to excel in education, dance, and music. She made the most of the opportunities provided by tuition classes and performed excellently in her 10th grade.



# MAKKALA MITRA AWARDEES

BOSCO has a customary practice of identifying and honoring stakeholders who contribute to the protection and promotion of child rights in the areas they serve. This recognition is given through the Makkala Mitra Award. This year, five select stakeholders received the Makkala Mitra Awards.

**Fr. Deepak Joseph:** Fr. Deepak Joseph is the Manager of St. Joseph's High School and the Director of St. Joseph's Skill Training College in Bengaluru. His association with BOSCO spans over ten years. He has played a significant role in helping the children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Vikas secure seats in schools and college with reduced fees and access to good education. Fr. Deepak has also ensured that these children receive the best opportunities to grow into successful, competent individuals. Over the past decade, he has facilitated employment for fifteen children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in fields such as hotel management, nursing, beautician services, and other trades.



**Mr. Robel:** An industrialist based in Bengaluru, Mr. Robel is dedicated to creating jobs for underprivileged individuals. He has been associated with BOSCO for a long time and has helped twenty trainees from BOSCO Sumanahalli secure jobs in various trades, including bakery, electrical work, welding, and carpentry.



**Mr. Jeevan R:** Mr. Jeevan R is a brave inspector at the Byatarayanapura Police Station. He has collaborated with the BOSCO Child Safety Net team to rescue and rehabilitate over 100 child laborers in the past two years.





**Ms. Sulochana:** A devoted police officer with a caring demeanor, Ms. Sulochana serves as a Sub Inspector at the Upparpet Police Station. She has been associated with BOSCO for nearly ten years and has made significant contributions to the rescue and rehabilitation of numerous trafficked children, particularly girls, as well as child laborers and children forced into begging.



**Ms. Shabana Begum:** As the Head Constable at the Wilson Garden Police Station, Ms. Shabana Begum plays a crucial role in maintaining law and order in her area. She identifies impoverished and oppressed children, particularly girls, providing in-depth counseling and rehabilitation. Additionally, she is involved in reuniting missing children with their families. Ms. Shabana actively participates in the activities of BOSCO Rainbow Home and raises awareness about important topics such as child rights, the POCSO Act, the JJ Act, and other child-related issues.



# BOSCO: HOMELINK CHILD MISS MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	259	29	288
Service provided	22	07	29
Grand Total	281	36	317

## New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	30	00	01	00	31
Bus Stand BMTC	38	00	00	00	38
Bus Stand KSRTC	33	01	00	00	34
BOSCO Yuvodaya	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Yuvakendra	00	00	00	00	00
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Mane	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	07	04	00	00	11
BOSCO Nilaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	07	00	00	07
CSN	23	01	00	00	24
ARSP	117	16	00	00	133
Gandhi Nagar	01	00	00	00	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>288</b>



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