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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - DECEMBER 10, 2024



As we approach December 10, 2024, we are reminded of the profound significance of International Human Rights Day. This day serves as a powerful reminder of the unwavering pursuit of dignity, freedom, and justice for all individuals around the globe. The theme for this year's observance invites reflection on the progress we have made and the challenges that persist in the fight for human rights. While we celebrate the advancements achieved in many areas, we must also acknowledge the ongoing struggles faced by countless individuals who continue to endure oppression, discrimination, and inequality.

Human rights are not merely a set of guidelines; they are fundamental entitlements that belong to every person, regardless of their nationality, gender, ethnicity, or beliefs. This day provides us with an opportunity to re-evaluate our roles in upholding these rights. Whether through education, advocacy, or local community engagement, each of us has a part to play in fostering an environment where human rights are respected and protected.

We, in the social work field, should encourage everyone to participate in local events, discussions, and initiatives that honor this day. Let us come together to raise awareness, support those in need, and strive towards a future where human rights are universally recognized and upheld.

As we commemorate International Human Rights Day, let us remember that the struggle for human rights is ongoing. It requires our collective commitment, compassion, and action. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that the ideals of equality and justice are not just aspirations, but realities for all.

In solidarity,
Fr. KJ Joseph
Director, BOSCO Mane

STREET PRESENCE

NIVAS

Outing to Fun World



NILAYA

Adolescent Girls' Meeting



YUVASPANDANA

Exposure Visit to Vishweshwaraiah Industrial and Technological Museum



ARSP

Re-assessment Survey at Yelahanka



STREET PRESENCE

BUS STAND

Awareness for Cleaning Staff



MAGADI ROAD

Community Awareness



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

Tuition Classes



COMPONENTS

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: World Disability Programme by CRISP, Rescues by CSN, Training of Primary School Teachers and Anganwadi Teachers by Foster Care, Eye Screening Camps by Health Care Programme, Home Visits by Family Restoration and After Care, Ration Kit Distribution by Migrants' Help Desk, Crime Prevention Awareness Month by Juvenile Advocacy, Radio City Music Broadcast's support for the education of select BOSCO children through Resource Mobilization Team.



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO Mane- Magic Show



BOSCO Vikas- Parents' Meeting



BOSCO Rainbow Home- Children's Achievements



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Senaha Bhavan- Visit to Cake Show at Palace Grounds



BOSCO Sumanahalli-Crime and Cyber Crime Awareness by Kamakshipalya Police



BOSCO Yuvodaya- APF's interaction with the children



BOSCO Yuvakendra- Exposure visit to Isha Foundation and Bengaluru International Airport



PAST PUPILS GET TOGETHER

A gathering was organized for the alumni of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Rainbow Home, Nivas and Sumanahalli at the respective centres during the first week of December, 2024. The Directors of the centres, opened the event by explaining its purpose and inviting past pupils to share their experiences and current positions. Several alumni recounted how their time at BOSCO positively impacted their lives. They expressed gratitude for the support and guidance they received. One former student, who completed his ITI in Hassan, shared that he is now employed at Toyota and has been selected by the company to travel to Germany for further training.

The past pupils of Don Bosco visited BVB to celebrate Christmas with the children. They organized a festive event filled with joy and laughter, including party games and entertainment programmes. As a gesture of kindness, they distributed thoughtful gifts such as hoodies, sleeping mats, snacks, toiletries, and stationery items. After the discussions, a volleyball match was held between the current Vikas children and the alumni. The gathering served as a great motivation for the present children and youth at the centres. More than hundred past pupils attended the event.



CERTIFICATES AWARDED

BOSCO Computer Training project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru organized a certificate distribution programme for the students who completed the three-month of Basics and Tally training course from the centre, on December 8, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address and shared insights about the organization with the trainees. He cited the achievements and success stories of past trainees who have benefited from BOSCO Mane Computer Training. He emphasized the importance of technology in career and education and congratulated the students for completing the course.

Addressing the trainees, Fr. K J Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, congratulated the students for completing the course and exhorted them to sharpen their skills to navigate the digital world effectively. Addressing the trainees, Balaraj, Coordinator, Family Restoration and Aftercare Project congratulated the students for completing the course. He highlighted the purpose and the objectives of Family Restoration and After Care project. Fifty-five students have completed their computer course. Twenty-eight trainees were present and received the certificates on the occasion.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

BOSCO Yuvakendra and CRISP team organized Human Rights Day for the youth of the centre and school children in their centre and areas respectively on December 10, 2024. The children and youth were given awareness about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly which ensures rights, that everyone is entitled to, as a human being, regardless of his/her race, colour, religion, sex, language, political, nationality, origin, and birth. Possible interventions in promoting Child Rights/Human Rights were discussed. A group activity was organized for the participants based on the theme. Forty tuition children from GPHS, Magadi Road, twenty youths from Yuvakendra and around hundred children from GHS, Juganahalli, Rajajinagar participated in the event.



NGO NETWORKING MEETING FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS



BOSCO Bengaluru organized an NGO Networking Meeting for the Civil Society Organizations at BOSCO Yuvodaya on December 17, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about networking and its importance, areas of networking and potential partners, benefits and challenges of networking and how networking could help NGOs in advocacy efforts. Mrs. Ramya, We Live Foundation, focused on After Care and the challenges faced in transitioning youth after 18 years. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care explained the foster care system for children in need care and protection, especially those over six years old or separated from their parents for over a year.

Mr. John Joshua, Coordinator, BOSCO Home Link, presented an overview of the Homelink DIGI system, its working, mobile app, features, and its importance for NGOs in managing documentation. Challenges faced by the NGOs regarding receiving funds from the Government, excessive restrictions, rules and demands by the DCPU, difficulty in renewal of CCI registration, lack of proper documentation for children referred by CWC, making it hard to admit children to CCIs, bribe demands during police verification, etc. were discussed. Way forward was put forth based on the suggestions for improving collaboration and coordination. Twenty-four representatives from seventeen NGOs participated in the networking meeting.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY



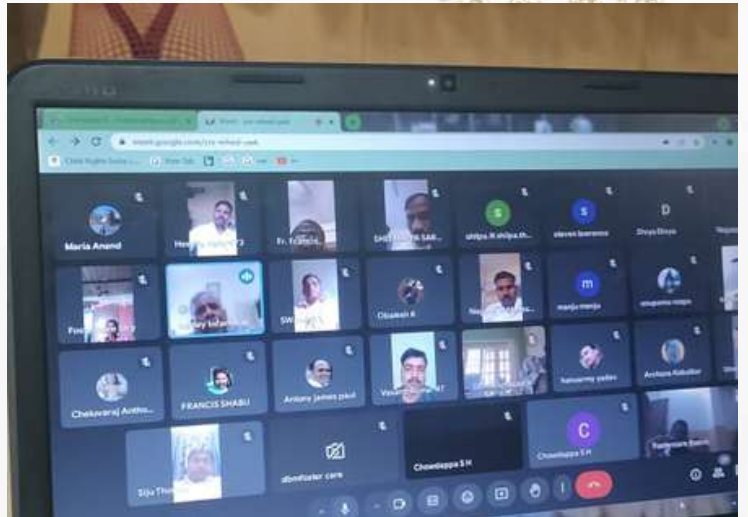
The Migrants' Help Desk, BOSCO Bengaluru along with DB4M, Karnataka (Karnataka intra/interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation -KISMAT) observed International Migrants Day on December 18, 2024, at Thanisandra, Saraipalya, Bengaluru. This special event was a testament to KISMAT's commitment to supporting and empowering migrant workers in Karnataka. The event aimed at appreciating the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of migrant workers to society. The program was designed to promote a sense of community, exclusivity, and recognition among migrant workers.

The participants engaged in a range of recreational activities and games to foster sense of sharing and joy. The participants were also treated with refreshments and prizes, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. To ensure maximum participation and engagement, the program was conducted in Hindi, facilitating better understanding and interaction among the migrant workers. Around 43 migrant workers, primarily hailing from Bihar and West Bengal, skilled in various trades such as carpentry, painting, and polishing, working in construction and infrastructure development participated in the event.

FOSTER CARE VIRTUAL MEETING

The Foster Care Virtual Meeting via Google Duo Meet was held at BOSCO Mane on December 19, 2024 with the District Directors and Social Mobilizers. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, informed that an MOU had been signed between the ICPS Director and BOSCO regarding the implementation of Foster Care Programme in Karnataka, the copy of which would be shared with all the twenty districts. He elaborated the activities to be taken up with the respective DCPUs in the districts. He stressed the need for legalizing the children in Foster Care for adoption. There were discussions on building rapport with the new CWC members, printing of new IEC materials, etc.

Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care said that in some districts staff were not clear with the JJ Act formats, there is a need to focus more on the placement and CWC follow up of children, reports and documents to be updated and Planning and Monitoring Meeting to be conducted in January 2025. Shivamallu welcomed the participants and Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, Foster Care Programme, Bengaluru Rural proposed the vote of thanks. There were thirty-seven members including the Directors and Social Mobilizers in the meeting.



TRAINING FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Training was organized for the primary school teachers at BRC Centre, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural on December 21, 2024 to make them aware of foster care concept and alternative family care for those children deprived of a family. Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Programme briefed about the organization, foster care and adoption. He explained the process of adoption and placing children in foster care. He sought their help in identifying children who can be placed in foster care and also the potential parents who are willing to foster children in need of care and protection. Mr. Paramesh, C R P was present in the programme. Forty primary school teachers attended the training.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 18, 2024. Fr. Deepu Mathew, Director, Nilaya and Yuvaspandana, welcoming the gathering said that it was the celebration of the BOSCO family of the directors and the staff. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the importance of Christmas and preparation of the crib. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra quoted the bible verses. Fr. Varghese, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. KJ Joseph SDB, Director, BOSCO Vikas and Mane, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, and Fr. Deepu Mathew inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram quoting that Jesus loved the lost, the least and the last, he exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. He said that we are the gift of God and we should share the gift with our fellow beings and work towards the care and protection of children and the downtrodden. The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO CRISP Project, proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff, tuition teachers, and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT BOSCO CENTRES

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Yuvaspandana, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, Sumanahalli, CRISP and CSN projects organized Christmas Celebrations with children and youth from December 15 to 23, 2024 at their respective centres and areas.

The celebrations began with the inauguration of the crib by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and the Directors. The importance and value of Christmas was made known to the children and youth. The story of the birth of Jesus was narrated. A message on selfless love and helping the needy was given. The children danced and sang songs. Few games were conducted for the children and surprise gifts were given. Sweets, cakes and meals were given to all those gathered. All the Directors, Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO, Bengaluru South, Ms. Asha, DCPO, Bengaluru West, Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS Bengaluru, APF team, Aditya Birla Team, Corporate sectors and various other stake holders were present in the celebrations at various centres. All the centres' children, children attending tuition classes, school children, parents, and guardians were a part of the celebrations.



BOSCO: HOMELINK CHILD MISS MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	202	18	220
Service provided	22	03	25
Grand Total	224	21	245

Data of New Children Contacted Center-wise/Area-wise:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	12	02	02	00	16
Bus Stand BMTC	25	04	01	00	30
Bus Stand KSRTC	24	03	00	00	27
BOSCO Yuvodaya	06	00	01	00	07
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Mane	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	03	01	00	00	04
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	05	00	00	00	05
ARSP	117	07	00	00	124
Gandhi Nagar	02	00	00	00	02
TOTAL	198	18	04	00	220



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