

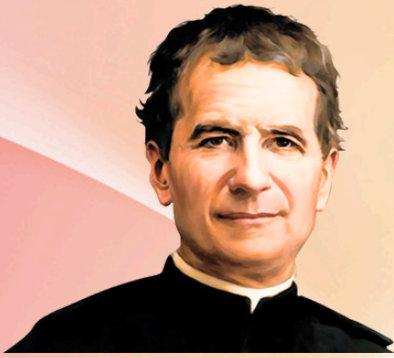
# E-STREET VOICE

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## *Remembering the Saint..*

St. John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, was a compassionate young priest who devoted his life to helping orphaned and homeless child laborers in Turin, Italy. In 1859, inspired by the example of St. Francis de Sales, Don Bosco founded the Salesians, an organization dedicated to befriending, educating, and assisting impoverished boys. Don Bosco believed that the purpose of education was to help young people become virtuous citizens through the foundational pillars of reason, religion, and friendship.

He emphasized the importance of viewing students as individuals created by God, capable of distinguishing right from wrong. For Don Bosco, education was a matter of the heart, and he believed that no one understands a child's heart better than God, the Creator of the Universe. As a result, he practiced the Preventive System of Education, which addresses the mistakes of young people—who are often changeable and forgetful—by not merely condoning these errors, but using them as opportunities to build solid character.

Don Bosco left behind a lasting legacy. Let his ideals, spirit, and tireless efforts continue to inspire us as we strive to uphold and perpetuate his work on Earth for the poor, downtrodden, and underprivileged children and youth.

Fr. KJ Joseph SDB  
Director, BNRD

# Inauguration of Don Bosco's Month



Don Bosco's month celebrated as "Yuva Premi Masostava" was inaugurated at all the centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 6, 2025. The representatives of each center and area along with their Directors garlanded the statue of the saint. The directors of the centers enlightened the children on the life of the priest, founder, father and teacher of the youth, St. John Bosco. All the centre and area children and youth participated in the event.

## BOSCO Annual Quiz Contest 2025

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 18, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and Child Representatives inaugurated the programme.



Teams representing High School Children and Primary School Children of different centres and areas of BOSCO participated in the competition. The quiz masters Br. Ajay and Br. Akhil, BOSCO, Bengaluru conducted the program. The quiz comprised eight rounds. The rounds included general rounds, individual rounds, puzzle round, hold the flag round, buzzer round, rapid fire round and find me round.

Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners and runners-up were children from BOSCO Vikas in the High School category. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan/Sneha Bhavan obtained first place and BOSCO Mane children secured second place in the Primary School category. All the participants were appreciated for their participation.

# Children's Sports Day

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 19, 2025. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Shri. Somashekar, Police inspector Kamakshipalya Bengaluru, said, "Winning or losing is not important, but participation is". The Olympic Torch was borne and lit by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with. Children and staff took oath during the programme under the leadership of Shivu Naik, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvakendra .



Various sports events like running races (100 mts, 200mts, 400mts and relay), long jump, tug of war, shot-put, musical chair, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race, etc. were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The winners were awarded medals and certificates by the Directors and staff. Over four hundred children from the centres and areas of intervention of BOSCO participated in the sports meet.



## Inter-Centre Cultural Competitions

The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for children was held at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on January 26, 2025. Smt. Malati Mysore, TV and Film Actor, Kannada Film Industry, the Special Guest expressed that God appeared in the form of BOSCO to take care of such children. The competitions included group dances, mimes, and fancy dress for the juniors and seniors boys and girls respectively. All the Directors were present for the event. Over a hundred children participated in the competitions.



# Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest

BOSCO, Bengaluru organized the Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on January 26, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru, delivered the presidential address. Mr. Mime Gopi, South Indian Cine Star appreciated BOSCO and the performances of the children. Rev. Fr. George Kannanthanam, Sumanahalli Society, Bengaluru, Fr. Philip were present on the occasion.

A month-long celebration that included quiz competition, children's sports day and inter-centre cultural competitions for the children culminated with the feast of Don Bosco. The winners of the competitions were awarded during the valedictory function. The results of the BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition were announced during the programme. Around five hundred children, friends and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered on the occasion.

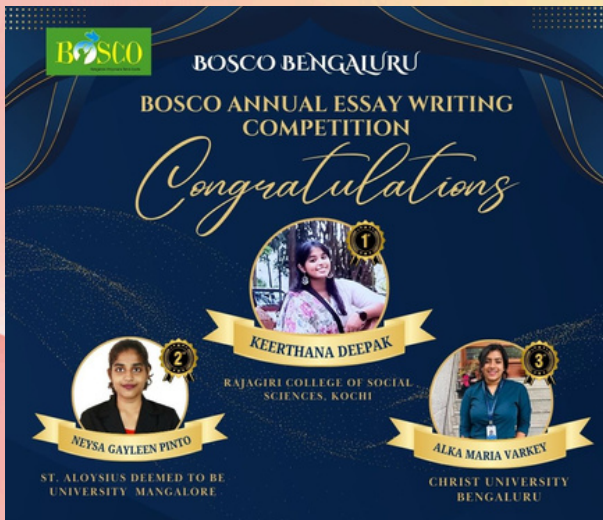


## Kudos to BOSCO Mane and Vikas Children!

Seventeen children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas participated in the Taekwondo competition organized by Prince Club in C.V. Raman Nagar on January 12, 2025 and won 06 gold, 02 silver and 09 bronze medals.



# BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition



Every year, BOSCO Bengaluru hosts an essay writing competition for college and university students, running from October to January. Approximately 150 colleges and universities from across India were contacted, inviting undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students from various disciplines—including management, social work, sociology, journalism, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences—to participate.

The purpose of this competition is to raise awareness among students about social issues relevant to contemporary society and provide them with a platform highlighting some important yet seldom-discussed issues that need more attention in today's educational, social, and cultural environments. The theme for this year was "Family is Where I Belong."

Four significant social issues related to family were at the forefront of the competition: The right of a child to be with his/her family; Children in at-risk families; Children's rights in alternative care settings; Ensuring quality care and The role of the family in promoting the rights of the child. The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges based on the criteria of originality of content, creativity, clarity of expression, adherence to the theme, and writing style. The first prize was awarded to Ms. Keertana Deepak from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, Kerala. The second place went to Ms. Neysa Gayleen Pinto from St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore, while the third prize was secured by Ms. Alka Maria Varkey of Christ University, Bengaluru.

## WINNERS' REFLECTIONS...



"I participated in the essay competition conducted by BOSCO to challenge myself to think critically about social issues and express my thoughts clearly. The topic " Role of Family in the Promotion of the Rights of Child" resonated with me, and I felt compelled to address the alarming reality that millions of children worldwide are denied their basic rights, often within their own families. The severity of this issue cannot be overstated, as it has far-reaching consequences for a child's physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. Through the process of researching and writing the essay, I gained a deeper understanding of the complexities of family dynamics and developed my critical thinking, research, and writing skills. Winning the competition has been an honour, and I plan to use this experience to continue exploring the intersection of family, justice, and human rights, and potentially pursue a career in advocacy or policy-making, with the goal of making a positive impact on the lives of children and families through my writing and advocacy skills." Keerthana Deepak is a BSc first year student of the Department of Psychology, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi.





"I participated in this competition because I enjoy research and writing. I chose "Roots of Rights: The Family's Role in Nurturing and Protecting Children's Rights" because I firmly believe that a child's future is shaped by their upbringing. Families play a crucial role in ensuring a child's emotional, educational, and social development, and I wanted to highlight the responsibilities of parents and society in safeguarding children's rights. The issue of children's rights is significant, as many children face challenges such as neglect, abuse, lack of education, and poor healthcare due to family and societal shortcomings affecting their well-being and future opportunities, making it a pressing concern that needs continuous attention. Writing this essay helped me refine my research skills, enhance my ability to structure arguments effectively, and deepen my understanding of legal and ethical aspects related to children's rights. In the future, I hope to contribute to policies, social programs, or corporate social responsibility projects that focus on child rights and well-being."

Neya Gayleen Pinto is a third year B.COM student studying in St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore.



"BOSCO Bengaluru has been very close to my heart, and I have had the opportunity to visit their facilities as well as other organizations in and around Bengaluru that focus on child safety and welfare. Writing on this topic was not only an opportunity to contribute to an important conversation but also an encouragement to explore my passion for advocacy through writing. During my internships and fieldwork visits to various child care facilities, I observed the strengths and gaps of children's quality of care within the alternative care settings. Many children lack access to essential services, emotional support, and opportunities for holistic development highlighting the need for stronger policies, better oversight, and more dedicated support systems for children in these environments. Much more needs to be done at a systemic level. Writing this essay allowed me to dive deeper into the issue, explore relevant statistics, and gain a clearer understanding of the scope and severity of the problem, while reinforcing my belief that writing can be a powerful tool for advocacy." Alka Maria Varkey is doing her Masters in Social Work from Christ University, Bengaluru



## *New Year Celebration at BOSCO*

On the occasion of the New Year, Officials of Chamaraajpet Police Station visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and celebrated the New Year with children on January 1, 2025. KP Agrahara Police Personnel and Taj Restaurant Management celebrated the New Year with BOSCO Yuvakendra children.



Wilson Garden Traffic Police Station Officials visited Rainbow Home and celebrated New Year with the centre children. Ms. Shashikala, S.P., ACP, Traffic Central Subdivision and Ms. Kathyayini, Traffic Police Inspector encouraged the children to achieve academic success in order to have a brighter future.



BOSCO Vikas and Mane celebrated New Year with the symbolic burning of the "Old Man" of 2024, bidding the farewell to the past year and the welcoming of 2025 in the presence of Fr. KJ Jose, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas. The celebrations included cutting of the cake and sharing sweets with the children, along with entertainment programmes. All the centre children participated in the celebrations.

# *BOSCO Nivas Centre Inauguration*

The new centre of BOSCO Nivas, Bengaluru situated on the premises of St. Xavier's School, was inaugurated on January 31, 2025 in the august presence of Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB, Provincial, Bangalore Province, Rev. Fr. Jayanathan, Vice President and Secretary, ABE, Rev. Fr. Martin Kumar, Chancellor and Parish Priest, St. Mary's Basilica, Rev. Fr. Rayappa, Secretary, ABE, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, and Directors of BOSCO Bengaluru.



Fr. Jose Koyickal blessed the centre by reciting the Bible verses. Fr. Jayanathan, in his keynote address, appreciated BOSCO for its unwavering commitment to the welfare of children and community people of Shivajinagar. Fr. Martin congratulated BOSCO for starting the new centre and remembered his association with it in the past years. Fr. Rayappa and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram spoke on the occasion.



Fathers on the dais were felicitated. Fr. Arogya Raj, Director, BOSCO Nivas welcomed the gathering and Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Fr. Mathew Vadakkal, Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Sisters, HMs, and Teachers of St. Theresa's Schools and staff of BOSCO Bengaluru were present on the occasion.

## *Karate Colour Belt Grading Exam*

Karate Belt Grading Exam was organized by Marlinga at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, January 5, 2025. Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvaspandana spoke about self-defense, humility, and hard work. Belt exam was conducted in the presence of Marlinga, Ningappa, Kavya, Gagan, Likith and Rakshith, Karate Instructors.

Sixty-one children were promoted to yellow belt. Forty children were given the orange belt, twenty-one were promoted to green belt and one child was given the blue belt. Around hundred and twenty five children from BOSCO Nilaya, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra and JC Road participated in the exam.



# *Training for Government School Teachers*

BOSCO Foster Care Programme conducted a training session on Foster Care concept for the teachers of Government Primary School, Thyamagondlu Cluster, Nelamangala Bengaluru Rural on January 11, 2025. Forty-two teachers were involved in the training.



## *Teachers Training Programmes*

BOSCO CRISP Project conducted two training programmes on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for the teachers of Chikkanahalli, Nelamangala and Hosahalli, Vijayanagar during January 2025 to enhance teachers' knowledge and understanding of the CRC and its implications for education, to promote child-centered education and encourage teachers to adopt a child-rights-based approach in their teaching practices. PDOs, DDPIs and fifty-five teachers were part of the training.





# *National Youth Day*

BOSCO Nivas and Yuvakendra celebrated National Youth Day as a part of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary at their centres on January 12, 2025. The Coordinator, BOSCO Nivas and Counsellor, BOSCO Yuvakendra briefed about the significance of National Youth Day.

They narrated the childhood story of Swami Vivekananda and his quotes on youth. They highlighted the importance of yoga and meditation. They said that Swami Vivekananda believed that youth can transform the fate of India through their hard work, education, dedication, and spiritual power.



A signature campaign was organized in St. Joseph's College to enlighten the youth about their roles and responsibilities. All the students of St. Joseph's College and twenty-two boys of Yuvakendra attended the celebrations.

## *Makara Sankranti Celebrations*

BOSCO Nivas, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra and ARSP Project celebrated Makara Sankranti on January 14, 2025 at their respective centres. The Directors of the centres spoke about the significance of the festival.

Children were told that Sankranti or Pongal heralded the harvesting of crops and the change in the direction of the Sun from one zodiac sign to another. Sweets and sugarcane were distributed to the children and youth. All the children from BOSCO centres and Tuition children from BOSCO ARSP Project were part of the celebrations.



# *Staff Induction Training*

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an Induction Training for the newly recruited staff on January 17, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru took a session on the Programmes and Services at BOSCO including the Nelamangala project and Migrant Help Desk programme.

Mr. Shivamallu and Mr. Ramaswamy took a session on Child Laws and Child Rights. Staff was made aware of importance of child laws and child rights. Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli engaged the staff in the session on Don Bosco's Preventive System of Education. Staff was involved in group activities and discussion. Mr. Prashantha Murthy, HR Manager explained about HR Policy of BOSCO. Induction session came to an end with the concluding remarks by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. Twenty-eight new staff participated in the training.



## *Training on Emotional Freedom Techniques*

Enhance Emotions – Empower Lives, an Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) Training was held on January 24, 2025 at BOSCO Yuvodaya for the Child Care Givers of BOSCO. The training aimed to equip caregivers with a practical knowledge for managing stress, to improve their emotional well-being and at creating a more positive and supportive environment for the children under their care.



Mridula Nair, Resource Person, EFT and Matrix Reimprinting Academy, India explained the emotional freedom techniques in detail through group discussions, practical exercises and demonstrations. She said that EFT is a self-help method that combines gentle tapping on specific points on the body with positive self-talk to address emotional distress. Participants learned a step-by-step process for using EFT including the 9 Gamut - a series of eye movements and humming exercises that enhance the process. The training emphasized the importance of self-acceptance and creating a supportive environment for both the children and themselves. Thirty - four staff including Fr. Johnson, Director BOSCO Yuvodaya participated in the training.

## *Republic Day Celebration at BOSCO Mane and Vikas*

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with flag hoisting in the premises of BOSCO Mane on January 26, 2025. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director BOSCO Mane and Vikas was welcomed by a band. Fr. K. J. Joseph presided over the function and hoisted the flag.

Speaking on the occasion, he explained about the history and importance of the day. He exhorted that the children read the constitution to grow as responsible citizens in the society. The programme concluded by distributing sweets to everyone and thanking them. Eighty children along with the staff participated in the flag hoisting.



## *Makkala Grama Sabhas*

BOSCO CRISP Project participated in nine Makkala Grama Sabhas organized by Grama Panchayats in Nelamanagala and Bengaluru Urban during January 2025. These sabhas are aimed at providing children with a platform to express themselves, help build their confidence, self-esteem, and leadership skills.



Children discussed ways to promote education and healthcare in their community, including organizing awareness campaigns and advocating for better facilities; building partnerships with local authorities to address child-related issues and promoting community development. The Makkala Grama Sabhas saw the participation of the Presidents, Vice - Presidents, Secretaries and Panchayat Development Officers (PDO) of Grama Panchayats, school HMs and school and community children.

# Street Presence



Nivas

National Youth Day



Nilaya

Parents Meeting



Yuvaspandana

Eye Camp



ARSP

Awareness in  
moving



Bus Stand

Awareness for BMTC Drivers and  
Conductors



Magadi Road

Health Awareness



Gandhi Nagar Area

Stakeholders Awareness

# Components

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: Third level CRC Training by CRISP, CCG formation and Meetings by CSN, Meeting with Government Officials by Foster Care, Orientation for College Students by HRD, General Health Camps by Health Care Programme, Home Visits by Family Restoration and After Care, Recreational Programmes for the Migrant Children by Migrants Help Desk, NGO Network Members Review Meeting of KCRO at ISI by Juvenile Advocacy.



# Child Care Institutions



BOSCO Mane  
Makkala Shaba



BOSCO Vikas  
Taekwondo Competition



BOSCO Rainbow Home  
Parents Meeting



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha Bhavan  
Medical Camp



BOSCO Sumanahalli  
Visit of Diploma students of  
Visvadeep Youth Ministry and Catechesis



BOSCO Yuvodaya  
Parents Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Yuvakendra -  
Outing to Taj Hotel





**BOSCO: HOMELINK CHILD MISS  
MONTHLY REPORT  
JANUARY 2025**

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	213	25	238
Service provided	22	03	25
Grand Total	235	28	263

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

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	19	02	00	00	21
Bus Stand BMTC	29	03	01	00	33
Bus Stand KSRTC	29	01	01	00	31
BOSCO Yuvodaya	04	00	01	00	05
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Nivas	08	01	00	00	09
BOSCO Nilaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	05	00	00	05
CSN	04	02	00	00	06
ARSP	110	11	01	00	122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>238</b>

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can be no true Education*

*-St. John Bosco*