



E-STREET VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter from BOSCO Bengaluru

Celebrating World NGO Day ...

India hosts one of the largest networks of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the world. According to the Central Statistical Institute of India, there were 3.3 million registered NGOs in India as of 2009, which equates to approximately one NGO for every 400 Indian citizens. As of February 26, 2025, there are 326,620 NGOs listed on NITI Aayog's NGO Darpan portal. These NGOs have a significant impact on the social sector despite operating with limited resources.

Grassroots organizations are essential due to their close ties to the communities they serve. Their deep understanding of local needs enables them to create tailored, focused, and sustainable solutions. By amplifying the voices of marginalized individuals and promoting local ownership of development initiatives, these organizations act as catalysts for long-term change enabling India's progress toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota, commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered non-profit charitable organization operating under the Society's Registration Act of 1960. What began as a weekend initiative has evolved into a multi-faceted organization with 10 different centers across the city of Bengaluru. BOSCO provides vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people with comprehensive programmes that ensure safety, care, protection, and opportunities for development and growth toward a fulfilling life. Over the years, BOSCO has extended its outreach to all marginalized children in need of care and protection, including those in conflict with the law, unaccompanied children living on the streets, child laborers, abandoned and orphaned children, child victims of abuse, those struggling with substance abuse, runaways, and children found begging. At BOSCO, we believe that small actions can create significant change. Every step we take together brings us closer to a brighter, more compassionate world. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, donors, and supporters—YOU make our mission possible. Let's continue to uplift, empower, and transform lives!

Fr. K.J Joseph SDB
Director, BNRD

Street Presence



Nivas
Health Awareness Programme



Nilaya
Capacity Building of the Tuition Teachers



Yuvaspandana
Computer Classes



ARSP
Awareness Programme for School Children



Bus Stand
Early Intervention Survey



Magadi Road
Adolscent Girls' Meeting



Gandhi Nagar Area
Awareness Programme for Anganwadi Teachers and Helpers

Components

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: Stakeholders Meeting at T Begur panchayat by CRISP, Stakeholders' Awareness by CSN, Foster Care Awareness for PRI members by Foster Care, Exposure Visits of the new Staff by HRD, Health Awareness Programmes by Health Care Programme, Parents' Meeting by Family Restoration and After Care, Networking and advocacy with the Labour Department by Migrants Help Desk, Community Awareness on Crime Prevention by Juvenile Advocacy.



Child Care Institutions



**BOSCO Mane
Health Camp**



**BOSCO Vikas
Life Skill Session**



**BOSCO Rainbow Home
Awareness on Human Trafficking**



**BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha
Bhavan Karate Classes**



**BOSCO Sumanahalli
Felicitation of the Owner of Amma's Pastries**



**BOSCO Yuvodaya
Inter-centre Meeting**



**BOSCO Yuvakendra - Career
Guidance Session**

Empowering Migrant Construction Workers- Workshop on Substance Abuse

The Labour Migration Unit of the Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru, in collaboration with MAX Organization and BOSCO Bengaluru conducted a workshop for migrant construction workers at the Shriram Property building site in Bengaluru on February 6, 2025.

Fr. Samir Minj, Head, Labour Migration Unit, Bengaluru, led the session on substance abuse, shedding light on its harmful effects on life, work, health, mind, body, finances, and relationships. He emphasized how addiction can become a destructive force in one's life, affecting both personal and professional well-being. Fr. Samir also provided practical guidance on overcoming bad habits, encouraging workers to take control of their lives. He assured them that with determination and effort, they could break free from addiction, leading to a happier family life and a brighter future. The session was interactive, with workers actively engaging in discussions and sharing their experiences. More than 100 migrant workers from Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh participated in this insightful session.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony

The Skill Training Unit of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a certificate distribution ceremony for the tailoring trainees who completed their course on February 6, 2025. The event was honoured by the presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. In his address to the trainees, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram congratulated them on their achievements and encouraged them to effectively utilize their skills for both personal and professional growth. A total of 18 trainees successfully completed the course and received their course completion certificates in recognition of their dedication and hard work. The event concluded with a strong sense of pride and accomplishment, as the successful completion of this batch reaffirmed the organization's commitment to providing quality training and fostering self-reliance among individuals.



Caring Community Group Meeting

The outreach team working in the Gandhi Nagar area organized a meeting of the Caring Community Group (CCG) at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 15, 2025. The focus of the meeting was to strengthen the CCG. Key speakers included Mr. Basavaraju K. M., Coordinator of the Gandhi Nagar Area; Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru; and Fr. Johnson, Project Director.

They provided information about BOSCO's activities, child protection mechanisms, and practical guidance on safeguarding children from harm. They also appreciated the support and collaboration of the CCG members in creating a 'Child-Safe Environment' in the area. CCG members shared their personal challenges and experiences related to protecting child rights. The meeting resolved to form a Child Safety Community Force, comprising individuals from various sectors, to establish a child-friendly setting in the Gandhi Nagar area. Participants agreed to create a WhatsApp group for easier communication regarding any issues concerning the vulnerability of children. Many attendees expressed their willingness to join rescue operations whenever necessary.

Rajeshwari Vahini Press volunteered to publish any positive actions taken toward establishing and strengthening child rights. Additionally, the meeting decided to extend child rights initiatives to neighboring areas by including more reputable individuals in the Child Safety Community Force, always in collaboration with government officials and BOSCO. A total of twenty-one participants including Mr. Hemanth, CWC Member; Mr. Mallikarjun, Social Worker; Mr. Dillibabu, Editor; BBMP Supervisor and staff; the Head Nurse of the PHC in Gandhi Nagar; social workers; shop owners; ASHA workers; and other community members were a part of the meeting.



Past Pupil's Gathering

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the gathering of past pupils at BOSCO Mane on February 16, 2025. The event commenced with a prayer dance performed by the children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. Tippetwamy, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru. The dignitaries inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp, symbolizing the enlightenment and unity of the past pupils. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, in his address, emphasized the purpose of the gathering and highlighted the importance of each BOSCO center conducting such reunions, as every individual who has passed through the organization carries a significant imprint of its impact on his/her life.



Mr. Adithya from Azim Premji Foundation reflected on his personal journey, stating that he felt at home with the group as he, too, had risen in life after facing similar challenges. He praised BOSCO for its remarkable impact on the lives of those present. Rev. Fr. Siju, Director, Don Bosco Mysore inspired the gathering by sharing stories of famous personalities, illustrating how each individual's life serves as a motivation for others. He invited participants to share their personal experiences, and several attendees came forward to express their insights, further inspiring the gathering.

Following the sharing session, suggestions were collected from the past pupils, fostering a spirit of collaboration and continuous improvement. The event also featured cultural performances by BOSCO Vikas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan children. After lunch, the participants were divided into two groups and took part in engaging games. They were later awarded certificates in recognition of their participation. Directors of BOSCO and hundred and twenty five past pupils participated in the event.



Child Rights Club Leadership Trainings

Child Rights Integrated Services Project (CRISP), BOSCO Bengaluru conducted Child Rights Club (CRC) Leadership Trainings at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Boys' Hostel, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Thyamagondalu and Bairanayakanahalli Boys Government Hostels Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural on Feb 20 and 22, 2025 respectively. With more than hundred and fifty enthusiastic children from different schools and CRC members, the sessions focused on leadership, child rights, and empowerment.



The sessions were filled with learning, interaction, and skill-building to help young minds become future leaders. Impressed by the impact, the hostel warden of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Boys' Hostel requested CRISP team to conduct these training sessions every month for the hostel children.

Planning and Monitoring Meeting for Districts Project Staff

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized one day Planning and Monitoring Meeting for Districts Project Staff at BOSCO Yuvodaya, Bengaluru, on February 22, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, began his remarks by announcing that BOSCO has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with various government officials, including those from the Foster Care system, Labour Department, and Police Officers. He emphasized that following the MOU with the director of ICPS, the expected impact of an increase in the number of foster care placements and stakeholders' and public awareness on foster care and adoption should be achieved.

Asha HK, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO), West Division, exhorted that social mobilizers understand their roles and responsibilities and play a crucial part in fostering a connection between BOSCO and Government officials. Fr. P S George, Executive Director, BREADS, addressed several challenges posed by funding agencies. Additionally, he elaborated on the concepts of Problem Tree, Solution Tree, and Social Return on Investment. He indicated that if the DCPO, Po NIC, or CWC do not provide support, it is essential to engage in regular meetings for discussion.

The first session on the criteria to be adhered to during monitoring visits, as well as the responsibilities of District Directors, DCPO/PO NIC, and Social Mobilizers was facilitated by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. The second session conducted by Mr. Kantharaju, PO NIC, Hassan, covered the procedures outlined in the JJ Act regarding placements. Mr. Shivamallu, State Project Coordinator welcomed the participants, and Ms. Nandini, Advocacy and Document Coordinator proposed the vote of thanks. Around twenty-six members from twenty districts participated in the meeting.



BOSCO: HOMELINK CHILD MISS MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2025

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February- 2025

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	238	29	267
Service provided	19	02	21
Grand Total	257	31	288

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	13	01	00	00	14
Bus Stand BMTC	52	05	00	00	57
Bus Stand KSRTC	31	06	01	00	38
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Yuvakendra	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Sumanahalli	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Mane	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	00	01	00	00	01
BOSCO Nilaya	29	00	00	00	29
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	04	00	00	00	04
ARSP	98	15	00	00	113
TOTAL	237	29	01	00	267



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