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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU

EMPOWERING CHILDREN ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

This issue captures BOSCO's dynamic presence across streets, child care institutions and training platforms. From frontline outreach to fostering dialogue and skill-building, March has been a month of powerful engagements and impactful actions.

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Celebrating Achievements & Advancing Equality on International Women's Day



Empowering Women

International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on March 8 each year to honor the achievements of women and raise awareness about gender equality. This day highlights the contributions of women across various fields, including education, politics, science, and the arts. The theme for 2025 is "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment," which focuses on ensuring equal rights and empowering women and girls around the globe.

The celebration of Women's Day, which began in the early 20th century, serves as a platform to discuss critical issues such as gender discrimination, violence against women, and the need for equal opportunities. Schools, colleges, and communities organize special events, speeches, and cultural programs to honor women. However, one day of recognition is not enough. Women deserve respect and should be given ample opportunities to stand on par with men. This respect and acknowledgment should extend beyond a single day, inspiring young girls to dream big and encouraging everyone to support women's empowerment.

International Women's Day serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for gender equality. It encourages individuals to break stereotypes and support women's leadership in all areas of life. The day also recognizes the achievements of women who have made significant contributions to society despite facing various challenges. Notable women leaders such as Rani Lakshmi Bai, Sarojini Naidu, and Kalpana Chawla have made India proud with their accomplishments. The celebration promotes equal access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities for women. Recognizing this day helps spread awareness about women's rights and motivates future generations to work towards a more just and equitable world!

Fr. K.J. Joseph SDB
Director, BNRD

Street Presence



Nivas

Inauguration of Computer Classes



Nilaya

Value Education



Yuvaspandana

Adolescent Girls' Meeting



ARSP

**Norway Volunteers visit SMVT and KR
Puram Railway Stations**



Bus Stand

Awareness during the night



Magadi Road

**Meeting regarding the Driving
Training Programme**



Gandhi Nagar Area

Mothers' Group Meeting

Components

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: Session on Equal Opportunity at Imperial College by CRISP, CRC Formation at the Community Tuition Centre by CSN, Training for ASHA Workers by Foster Care, Orientation Programme by HRD, Visit of CCI Children to Taj Hotel by Resource Mobilization, Eye Camp by Health Care Programme, Home Visits by Family Restoration and After Care, Awareness on Government Schemes by Migrants Help Desk, Participation in the consultation on Gendered barriers to adolescent and women's health by Juvenile Advocacy.



Child Care Institutions



BOSCO Mane
Parents' Meeting



BOSCO Vikas
Parents' Meeting



BOSCO Rainbow Home
Dental Check up by VS Dental
Hospital & College



BOSCO Yuvakendra
Life Skill Session



BOSCO Sumanahalli
Job Placement of three Trainees

BOSCO Yuvodaya
Outing to Vidhan Soudha and
Freedom Park



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Sneha
Preparatory Meeting with the Counsel
General of Germany in Bengaluru for the
visit of the Minister President of Bavaria

Focus Group Discussion at BOSCO Mane

Juvenile Advocacy Programme, BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized a focus group discussion with parents and children in conflict with law at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on March 1, 2025. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Juvenile Advocacy Programme exhorted parents to ensure that their children do not end up becoming habitual offenders. He spoke about the importance of child rearing and providing a good family environment to the children. He also spoke about the importance of children's follow-up and present situation of the non-serious offenses. Ms. Pavitra and Ms. Sujatha, Enfold Team conducted the discussions separately with the parents and children.

Effective measures for dealing with children involved in non-serious cases without resorting to judicial proceedings were looked into. Attitudes, perceptions, motivations, concerns and opinions of the participants were taken into consideration. The resource person asked the parents to immediately contact BOSCO whenever they required assistance. She asked the children to make use of the services of BOSCO for counseling and vocational training. One parent requested for the educational support of their child. Six parents and their children participated in the discussion.



Orientation Programme

An orientation programme was held for Social Work students from Norway, who visited through Christ College, Bengaluru, at BOSCO Yuvodaya on March 5, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, led the orientation session. He provided an overview of the organization's history, vision, mission, programmes, projects, activities, challenges, structure, and systems through a PowerPoint presentation and related videos.



The students expressed their interest in collaborating with BOSCO for a research programme. They inquired about the Foster Care project and raised questions regarding the challenges faced by staff, particularly concerning language barriers. Additionally, the students interacted with the children and staff at Yuvodaya. A total of eighteen students attended the session.

KSRTC Officials Training Programme

BOSCO organized a training programme for KSRTC officials at the KSRTC DC Office, Majestic Bus Stand, on March 6, 2025. Rev. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed the officials on BOSCO's activities and their role in child protection. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, Foster Care Programme, explained child laws, foster care and adoption. Mr. P.N. Basavaraju, Coordinator, CSN, spoke on CWC procedures and child rights.

Mr. S.N. Arun, Senior Divisional Controller (DC), KSRTC, highlighted the challenges faced by children and the need for intervention. Mrs. Prabha Javali, Assistant Traffic Manager (ATM), KSRTC, participated in the session. BOSCO Bus Stand staff shared their experiences, stating that during the project year 362 children were rescued, 11 of whom were assisted by KSRTC officials. Mr. S.N. Arun appreciated BOSCO's efforts and officials assured continued support. The session strengthened BOSCO's collaboration with KSRTC and BMTC for child protection. Sixty-eight KSRTC officials attended the programme.



BOSCO Cup 2K25

'BOSCO Cup 2K25', a Staff Sports Day and Cultural Programme for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on March 8, 2025. The event took off with lighting the lamp. The Olympic Torch was borne and lit by the Vice-captains representing the four teams. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, wished the women staff a Very Happy Women's Day. He mentioned the theme - "For All Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.", emphasizing the urgency to expedite progress toward gender parity. This theme called for swift, decisive measures to address the rights, opportunities and power/empowerment of women in various spheres. Talking about the event, he said, "It is a special day for the staff of BOSCO as they come together, spend time with each other, and know each other. It is also an opportunity for the staff to showcase their talents and skills. It is not about winning or losing, exhibiting sportsmanship is important."

The staff were divided into four groups - BOSCO Lions, BOSCO Cheetahs, BOSCO Bulls and BOSCO Panthers. The morning session included dance competition, a 4X100 mts relay, 200 mts running race, throw ball for the female staff, and volleyball for the male staff. In the afternoon, cricket for the male staff, bombing the city, filling the water bottles, and tug of war for both groups were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. The referees for the sports events were felicitated. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane welcomed the gathering and Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane proposed the vote of thanks. The directors and hundred and fifty staff of BOSCO participated in the event.



Certificates Awarded

On March 9, 2025, BOSCO Computer Training Project, located in BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, held a certificate distribution programme for students who completed a three-month Basics and Tally training course. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address, sharing insights about the organization's mission and its impact on empowering marginalized youth through skill development. He highlighted the achievements and success stories of past trainees who have benefited from the computer training program and emphasized the importance of technology in both career and education. He congratulated the students for finishing the course. Fr. K.J. Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane and Vikas, Bengaluru, also addressed the trainees. He congratulated them on completing the course and encouraged them to continue sharpening their skills. His guidance aimed to empower the students with the knowledge and abilities needed to navigate the digital world effectively. A total of twenty-two students completed the computer course, with fourteen trainees present at the event.



Training on First Aid

Training programme on First Aid was organized by BOSCO Health Care Department for the staff of the organization, at St. Martha's Nursing College, Bengaluru, on March 19, 2025. The Faculty of the college facilitated the sessions. The session started with an explanation of the structure and functions of the human body. First aid was defined as an immediate treatment that is given to a person on an emergency basis. They explained the aim and the rules of first aid.



They gave information about the various health problems like nasal bleeding, foreign bodies in the eyes, ears, mouth and nose, fractures, injuries, dog bite, snake bite, insect bite, fever, common cold, fire burns, etc., and the immediate treatment that could be given. The session also included first aid information on heart attacks, epilepsy, electric shocks, heat strokes, coins or different objects swallowed by children, difficulty in breathing, and different types of fractures. Twenty-one staff from different centres, areas and projects of BOSCO attended the training.

Tuition Teachers Training Programme

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a capacity building programme for the tuition teachers at BOSCO Yuvodaya on March 15, 2025. It aimed at capacitating the teachers on basic teaching skills. The training began with an introductory session led by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, who provided an overview of BOSCO and discussed the impact of study centers in the community. Following this, Fr. K.J. Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane and Vikas, conducted a session on "How to Handle Mathematics Sessions Easily and Effectively." He introduced various tricks and techniques that can help teachers effectively teach mathematics. The second session was led by Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Juvenile Advocacy and focused on "Child Rights Clubs (CRCs)." He emphasized the importance of children's participation in these clubs, which not only enhance their extracurricular activities and talents but also educate them about child rights, child abuse, and how to report violations, thereby helping them become responsible citizens.

The third session, delivered by Mr. John Joshua, Coordinator, HLK Programme focused on "Documentation." He explained the importance of documenting children's details and tracking their educational progress. He introduced a reporting format for collecting information about tuition students, which is later used to update the DIGI tool. He also demonstrated how to use the DIGI tool and encouraged teachers to enter student information themselves. The programme concluded with a general discussion, during which the teachers shared their plans for the next three months, discussed challenges they faced, and shared their experiences. A total of 26 tuition teachers benefited from this training programme.



Women's Day Celebration at the BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Nivas, Nilaya and Yuvaspandana celebrated International Women's Day on March 15 and 18, 2025 at their respective centres. The celebration included cake cutting, fun games and motivational talks by the guests. Course completion certificates were distributed to the youths who completed their computer course at BOSCO Yuvaspandana. Prizes were distributed to the winners. All participating women were given gifts as a token of appreciation. The event was filled with joy, encouragement, and community spirit. Mrs. Anuradha, Revenue Inspector, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Fr. Arogya Raj, Director, BOSCO Nivas, Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvaspandana, mothers of children attending tuition classes and Anganwadi teachers graced the occasion.



Purvi's Journey from Adversity to Aspiration

Purvi (Name Changed), a 17-year-old girl from Bengaluru, comes from a financially struggling family. Her mother, the primary breadwinner, works in a hospital, while her father is a daily wage labourer struggling with alcoholism. Her elder brother works at a printing shop to support the family. They live in a rented house, facing financial hardships. Purvi was not keen on her studies during childhood. She often skipped school to watch television, cartoons, or accompany her mother to temples and social functions. This absenteeism resulted in her falling behind academically, ultimately leading to her dropping out in 10th grade. In her 10th standard, she believed that her frequent illnesses were due to black magic cast by a neighbour, which further affected her ability to continue attending school. Purvi formed friendships that led her into unsafe situations. Along with a friend, she planned a trip to explore Bengaluru city with their boyfriends.

However, the trip took a distressing turn when she encountered painful incidents, including misbehaviour by the boy she trusted. While roaming the city, Purvi was found by the BOSCO Rescue team, after the necessary procedures, transferred her to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. At BOSCO, Purvi found a safe and nurturing environment where she could rebuild her life. The organization provided her with counselling, guidance, and skill development opportunities. She enrolled in a tailoring training program and successfully completed it. Encouraged by her newfound skills, she further pursued learning Aari work design. Today, Purvi is a skilled artisan with aspirations of becoming a fashion designer. She wants to open her own tailoring shop and contributing to her family's financial stability. She is determined to make her parents proud by building a successful career in fashion and design. Purvi's journey exemplifies the transformative impact of BOSCO in empowering vulnerable youth. The intervention not only rescued her from potential dangers but also guided her toward a promising future. She is now confident, and grateful to BOSCO for helping her turn her life around. Purvi's story is a testament to resilience and the power of second chances. With BOSCO's support, she has overcome her past struggles and is on the path to fulfilling her dreams. Her journey from adversity to ambition highlights the importance of organizations like BOSCO in shaping the lives of at-risk youth and helping them build a brighter future.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS

Monthly Report

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	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	207	29	236
Service provided	32	03	35
Grand Total	239	32	271


New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:


Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	25	02	00	00	27
Bus Stand BMTC	38	06	00	00	44
Bus Stand KSRTC	27	10	00	00	37
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Yuvakendra	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Sumanahalli	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Nilaya	04	01	01	00	06
BOSCO Vatslaya Bhavan	00	02	00	00	02
CSN	07	01	00	00	08
ARSP	97	07	00	00	104
TOTAL	206	29	01	00	236




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