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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, May has been a month of powerful engagements and impactful actions.

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REDUCING SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES...

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School dropouts in India result from various factors, including financial hardships, inadequate infrastructure, overwhelming domestic or economic obligations, societal pressures, early marriage, the effects of migration, consistent academic failures and excessive academic stress. To combat these issues, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims for 100% enrollment from preschool to secondary level by 2030.

The government leads numerous initiatives, including Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Vidyalaya, SAKSHAM (for students with special needs) and the SWAYAM Program. Numerous NGOs are also making significant contributions, partnering with government agencies and corporate sponsors to expand educational access across the country. A notable example is 'Shaale Kade Nanna Nade,' an awareness campaign spearheaded by the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) in collaboration with relevant government departments and organizations like BOSCO, Bengaluru. This campaign actively enrolls children in mainstream education through massive rallies, songs, signature campaigns, and street performances, effectively raising awareness within the community.

While these efforts have helped bring children to school, it is crucial to take further action to reduce dropouts and ensure that students complete their education.

Fr. K.J. Joseph SDB
Director, BNRD

STREET PRESENCE



Nivas
International Day of Missing Children



Nilaya
Community Awareness



ARSP
**Attended the Help Desk Inauguration of
DCPU East at SMVT**



Bus Stand
FOB Public Awareness



Magadi Road
Stakeholders Awareness



Gandhi Nagar Area
Mothers' Group Meeting

COMPONENTS

Various activities were conducted by different components of BOSCO: Drop out children Survey at Nelamangala by CRISP, Rescues, CRC Formation at the Community level, and CCG Meetings by CSN, Meeting with DCPU Bengaluru West by Foster Care, UK clients from Accenture visited BOSCO Mane by Resource Mobilization team, General Health Camps by Health Care Programme, School and College admissions by Family Restoration and After Care, Recreational Programmes in the migrant communities by Migrants Help Desk.



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS



BOSCO Mane
Bridge Course activities



BOSCO Vikas
Gardening



BOSCO Rainbow Home
Session on POCSO Act



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan
Exposure Visit to Lakme



BOSCO Sumanahalli
Exposure Visit to Jawarharlal Nehru
Planetarium



BOSCO Yuvodaya
Parents Awareness Programmes



BOSCO Yuvakendra
Eye Camp

CHILD SAFETY CARING COMMUNITY FORCE

The team working in Gandhi Nagar area organized the follow up meeting of the Child Safety Caring Community Force at BOSCO Yuvodaya on May 13, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru gave an overview of BOSCO and its work. He explained the purpose of this meeting to make Gandhi Nagar a 'Child Labour Free', 'Child Friendly' and 'Child Safe'. In order to achieve the purpose, he requested the support of the Government, NGOs, commercial establishments and public.

KM Basavaraj, Coordinator, Gandhi Nagar Area, shared about the survey conducted during April 2025 of revisiting the commercial establishments in Gandhinagar to see the outcome of the campaign conducted during the previous year. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, CSN project explained about the Child Labour Act and the Child Welfare Committee. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Juvenile Advocacy Project briefed the group on JJ Act. The meeting was attended by nine caring community group members including Ms. Sulochana, ASI, Upparpet Police Station and Child Welfare Officer.



AWARENESS TO BMTC CLEANING STAFF

The outreach team working in the BMTC Bus Stand organized an awareness session to the cleaning staff - the secondary stakeholders on May 16, 2025. Ms. Vijaya Rakini, Coordinator spoke about the current issues faced by the children, CWC procedures and how BOSCO is supporting the needy children on the streets. She also explained about the child rights and shared about BOSCO assistance centre in the BMTC and KSRTC bus stands and its services.

Mr. Narasimha, Supervisor, BMTC Bus stand asked all the cleaning staff to be vigilant and refer needy children to BOSCO. Ten cleaning staff were a part of the awareness session.



COMPUTER UNIT INAUGURATED AT BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

The Computer Unit at BOSCO Sumanahalli has been revitalized to provide improved working conditions for the trainees. The inauguration ceremony took place on May 16, 2025, in the esteemed presence of Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru; Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and Fr. Abhilash. During the ceremony, the guests expressed their best wishes to the instructor and trainees.



The event received a very positive response from both the trainees and staff, significantly boosting motivation among students to take their training more seriously. All the trainees and staff members were in attendance at the occasion.

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON LEADERSHIP FOR CRC MEMBERS

Child Safety Net (CSN) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru conducted a training session on Leadership for the members of the Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at BOSCO Mane on May 27, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru delivered the introductory words where he briefed about protection of children, child protection mechanisms and purpose of this training programme.



The chief guest, Mr. Rajendraprasad, PSI, VV Puram Police station spoke about POCSO act, child marriage, child labour and role of police in protection of children. Adding on to this Mr. Manjunath, PSI, Market Traffic Police Station spoke on importance of education and school. Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator, Juvenile Advocacy Project spoke on child rights and qualities of CRC Leaders. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme took session on child related laws and explained about the issues of children and also introduced to the different departments which work for the welfare of children. Fr. Johnson, Director, CSN Project discussed the way forward with CRC leaders.

After the training session children were taken to VV Puram Police station for an exposure visit through a rally. Police officials explained the staff structure of the police station, weapons and equipment's used by the police officials for the prevention of crime. They also gave awareness on procedures involved in dealing with children in conflict with the law. Mr. Satish, ASI, VV Puram Police Station was present in the session. Forty children attended the training.

OUTING FOR TUITION CHILDREN

On May 16, 2025, the CSN Project organized an outing to the Arunachaleswar Hills for the children attending tuition classes in Chikkabasti and Veerabhadranagar Gudde and on May 28, 2025, an outing to Vishwashanthi Ashrama, Arishinakunte Bengaluru for the children of the tuition centre in Pillahalli community. The group of fifty children and staff enjoyed the outings filled with fun activities, including trekking in the RR Hills, exploring the temples, and meditating. Surrounded by serene nature, the outings provided a joyful and refreshing change for the children.



SHAALE KADE NANNA NADE

BOSCO CRISP, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, ARSP, CSN, Gandhi Nagar area and BOSCO Yuvakendra, organized Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Campaign in the surrounding communities of their areas of work including KR Market, Shivajinagar, Magadi Road, Nelamangala, Pillahalli, Veerabhadharanagar Gudde, GandhiNagar and MCTC Quarters, to ensure that all the children are enrolled in the school, during the last week of May and first week of June, 2025.

The directors and staff spoke about the importance of education and the right of every child to be in school. They explained the need of the hour to educate the children, the worth and value received through schooling, and the govt. facilities which ensure free and compulsory education. They stressed that education is an asset that cannot be taken away by anyone. The team held a rally in the areas creating awareness about enrolment and re-enrolment to school. Mr. Shivkumar, BRC, Nelamangala, Fr. Johnson, Director, ARSP Project, Head Masters, and teachers of the school were present in the rally along with the children. More than five hundred children took part in the rallies.



SUMMER CAMPS

'Fun with Sun' a summer camp, was organized for the girls of BOSCO Rainbow Home at Don Bosco, Davangere, to provide opportunities for children to learn new things from April 11 to May 5, 2025. The children were divided into four groups. On April 12, 2025, the children participated in the drawing competition and awareness sessions while observing the International Day for Street Children.

The children enjoyed visiting Indian Music Museum at JP Nagar, Bengaluru and celebrated Ambedkar Jayanthi. Children at the camp participated enthusiastically in the outdoor and party games, they gained knowledge of leadership, time management, team work, discipline and personal hygiene. Aside from this, they had different competitions every evening, such as fancy dress, skits, group singing, dance, etc. Additionally, they learned how to make greeting cards, wall hangings, flower making, basic embroidery, stitching, drawing, painting, and more along with the value education and life skill sessions.



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a four-day summer camp for the transit home children and fresh children at the centre and for the senior children at Maria Nivas, the Destitutes' Home, Electronic City, Bengaluru from May 5 to 9, 2025. The activities included theme-based drawing, dance, gardening, exploring the nature, supporting the senior citizens in their chores and so on. The juniors were occupied with learning art and craft, engaging in various group activities such as singing, dancing, participating in a fashion show, performing Zumba and going on outings. Camp Fire was organized. At the end of the camp both the groups (Seniors & Juniors) were taken for the movie at ETA Mall. It was a good opportunity for the children to learn new skills and also exhibit their talent. Thirty senior children and forty junior children participated in the camp.



SUMMER CAMPS

3-day summer camp at BOSCO Yuvakendra was filled with fun, learning, and joyful experiences. On the first day, the children played energetic games like "Dog and the Bone" and gully cricket, which encouraged teamwork and quick thinking. The second day focused on mind games and a creative American flag activity that highlighted unity and teamwork. On the third day, the children enjoyed a refreshing outing to Shoolin Resort, where they had fun swimming, rain dancing, and playing indoor games. The camp created lasting memories and brought smiles to every child.



BOSCO Vikas organized 'Summer Splash' – a summer camp for the children of the centre at Don Bosco Centre, Davangere from May 2 to 22, 2025. Crafts classes, loud reading, drawing competitions singing competitions (folk songs, film songs, solo, and group songs), dance competitions (group / single), quizzes, speech competitions, skit competitions, night Olympics, campfire, meditation and activities enhancing leadership, coordination, communication skills were carried out through the camp period. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Regi Jacob, Rector, DB Davangere, MS. Jecinta and Br. Ajay were the resource persons. Fifty boys were present in the camp.



SSLC RESULTS

Congrats on your achievement!
Proud of our BOSCO children!



84% <i>Manjunath</i>	79.84% <i>Vaishali</i>	79.20% <i>Vani</i>
79% <i>Laxmi</i>		78.24% <i>Bhimavva</i>
	74% <i>Chandru</i>	

	73% <i>Bhavana</i>	
71% <i>Rakesh</i>		66.72% <i>Savitha</i>
61.44% <i>Bimala</i>	58% <i>Venkatesh</i>	50% <i>Kavya</i>

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement! Your dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of you. The joy and excitement you radiate, combined with your ambitious dreams, inspire those around you. Continue to embrace this positivity and keep striving for your goals! Great things are ahead, and you are at the beginning of an exciting journey! Embrace the possibilities that lie ahead.

BOSCO: Homelink Child MISS Monthly Report

MAY 2025

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	182	16	198
Service provided	26	02	28
Grand Total	208	18	226

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	03	01	00	00	04
Bus stand BMTC	33	02	00	00	35
Bus stand KSRTC	17	05	01	00	23
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Summanahalli	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Nivas	09	00	00	00	09
BOSCO Nilaya	02	00	00	00	02
CSN	06	00	00	00	06
ARSP	102	08	00	00	110
TOTAL	181	16	01	00	198

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