

# E-STREET VOICE

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## Human Trafficking

### *The Dark Reality of Exploitation and Slavery*

Human trafficking is a pervasive global threat fuelled by organized crime. Each year, thousands of men, women, and children fall victim to traffickers, both in their home countries and abroad. Nearly every nation is affected by trafficking, serving as a source, transit, or destination for victims. The Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2024 by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) reveals that from 2020 to 2023, there were 202,478 detected victims worldwide, with 38% being children and 62% adults. This figure is just the beginning; the true extent of unreported cases is likely far greater.

Organized crime networks exploit vulnerabilities, using migration flows, global supply chains, legal loopholes, and digital platforms to facilitate cross-border trafficking on a massive scale. They profit from forced labour, sexual exploitation, and coerced participation in criminal activities such as online scams and drug smuggling. The criminal justice system's response is inadequate to combat this evolving crime.

We must take decisive action: law enforcement must enforce laws, conduct proactive investigations, strengthen cross-border cooperation, target criminal finances, and leverage technology to dismantle trafficking networks. Justice for survivors must focus on holding perpetrators accountable and providing essential support.

This year's campaign "Human Trafficking is Organized Crime – End the Exploitation" emphasizes the vital role of law enforcement in breaking down trafficking networks while prioritizing victims' needs. It aims to raise public awareness and promote reporting channels for suspected cases, bridging the gap between global efforts and local realities. It's time to take a stand and end this exploitation.

Fr. KJ Joseph  
Director, BNRD

Awareness Programme on Government Schemes along with e-SHRAM and ABHA Card Registration Drive was organized by the Migrants Help Desk team at Jeevan Pragati Trust, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru on July 2, 2025. This programme was arranged to bridge the information and access gap faced by migrant and unorganized communities regarding vital government welfare schemes. This drive aimed to provide direct, on-site assistance for e-SHRAM and ABHA card registrations, overcoming common barriers like digital literacy, lack of device access, and technical difficulties. The goal was to empower these communities with tangible access to social security and digital health records.

## e-SHRAM and ABHA Card Registration Drive



Brief reiteration of the benefits of the e-SHRAM card, including social security, accidental insurance, and other welfare measures for unorganized workers and of the ABHA card's utility, emphasizing its role as a unique health ID for digital health records, seamless access to healthcare services, and linkage to various government health programmes under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) was made by the team. The registration drive yielded tangible results, with 24 individuals successfully registering for either an e-SHRAM or ABHA card.

## Foster Care Planning and Monitoring Meeting

Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized Planning and Monitoring meeting for the twenty Districts Directors at Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru, on July 02, 2025. The meeting started with the one-year statistical data presentation by Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, Foster Care.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO, Bengaluru presented roles and responsibilities of Directors. There was a discussion on taking the programme forward in twenty districts of Karnataka. Fr. PS George, Executive Director, BREADS Bengaluru appreciated for the work done by the social mobilizers in their districts. He shared a few success stories of children. He felt that Karnataka should be a role model for implementing Foster Care. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator welcomed and proposed the vote of thanks. Around nineteen members from eighteen districts participated in the meeting.



## Certificate Distribution at BOSCO Nivas

A proud and inspiring moment at BOSCO Nivas as tailoring and computer course students received their certificates on July 5, 2025! Chief Guest, Smt. Sumatha Dhananjay assured government support and appreciated the students' hard work. The event featured cultural performances, touching testimonials, and the presence of dignitaries like Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Devaraj, Director, BOSCO Nivas, Sr. Renita, and Smt. Rubina. The celebration truly highlighted empowerment, skill, and hope for a brighter future.



## Capacity Building Training for Staff Working with Distressed Internal Migrants

Migrants Help Desk, BOSCO Bengaluru, under the leadership of Fr. Francis Bosco, National Director, DB4M, organized a two-day training for the staff working with distressed internal migrants at BOSCO Mane on July 18 and 19, 2025. The training aimed to enhance the capacity of staff promoting a compassionate and effective response rooted in the Salesian mission. Focused on foundational understanding, sessions covered the vulnerabilities of informal migrants, the successful Migrant Resource Centre (MRC) model, and specific challenges faced by women domestic workers and gig economy workers. Discussions also highlighted exploitation in the sugarcane and garment sectors, legal rights under new labour codes. The day emphasized the need for practical solutions, advocacy, and digital support.

Representatives from various provinces (INB, INC, INT, IND, INH, INP, INK) presented their ongoing work, successes, and challenges in supporting migrants, including the impact of the KISMAT project. A significant highlight was Fr. Franklin Minj's (the regional Secretary for Migrants) presentation on comprehensive spiritual and legal assistance to migrants. Group discussions facilitated planning for 2025-26, prioritizing sectors like construction and brick kilns, and strategizing on ID documents and helpline awareness. The DB4M National Desk outlined its roadmap, including an upcoming National Convention for Migrant Youth and a call for annual reports. The programme saw the presence of Fr. Pravinth, Provincial Councillor Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Migrant Help Desk, Fr. Abhilash, Fr. Simolin, Chennai Province, Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane and Mrs. Ruth Manorama a Dalit Social and Political Activist and a Feminist from Bengaluru.



## Exposure Visit to Museum for Arts and Photography

The Children of BOSCO Mane were taken to Museum for Arts and Photography for an exposure visit on July 19, 2025. The programme began with drawing lessons where children created pictures based on given themes. Mrs. Lekha guided them to 'feel and draw' to understand the meaning behind their artwork. This visit introduced children to digital and practical media for storytelling. They learned how labels, clothes, and other creative materials can enhance visual expression.



Both hand-drawing and digital techniques were demonstrated. The session concluded with group activities, lunch, and story-sharing to boost creativity and imagination. Twenty children were a part of this exposure visit.

## Life Skill on Banking and Financial Management

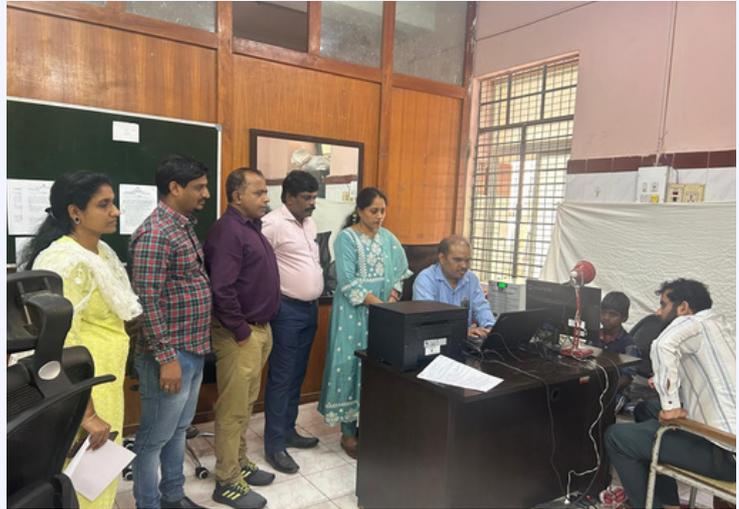
BOSCO Sumanahalli organized a session on Banking and Financial Management to the trainees of the centre on July 19, 2025 with the aim of guiding them toward improved financial decision-making and a greater understanding of the financial system in order to live better lives. Mrs. Sujatha Mary, Deputy Manager, Anandrathi, Bengaluru, leading the session said, "Money speaks only one language: If you save me Today, I will save you Tomorrow".

In addition, she taught about budgeting, savings, shares, and other methods of saving accounts. She also provided a brief introduction to investment and savings, how to apply loans and their requirements, savings versus investment, how to fill out bank-related forms, such as DD/Challan, bank cheque, and the uses of debit and credit cards. Twenty-seven trainees participated in the session.



# SAATHI Aadhar Enrollment Camp

BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Bengaluru Urban facilitated the Aadhar enrollment process for children residing in the Government Boys Home, ensuring their access to identity documentation and government schemes on July 24, 2025. The camp aimed to create awareness on the importance of Aadhar cards, to ensure all children in institutional care are enrolled for Aadhar and to streamline access to welfare schemes through proper identification.



The inaugural programme began with a welcome address by Ms. Janaki, Superintendent of Boys Home. Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO Central In-Charge, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of having an Aadhar card for children and the benefits it provides. Ms. Sheela, Superintendent of Shishu Mandir, was also present during the event. The inaugural programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. V. Veerappa, PONIC. Seventy children enrolled for Aadhar registration.

## Art-based Therapy Session

An Art-based Therapy session was held for the children of BOSCO Mane on July 25, 2025. Ms. Lalitha, Art Based Therapist conducted the session to provide children with relaxation techniques and a platform to express feelings through art for better mental and emotional well-being. She conducted meditation and relaxation exercises with the participants. Children were encouraged to practice self-meditation.



Activities included drawing feelings and analyzing them through guided discussion. Children felt relaxed and expressed positive responses. The session helped them connect with their feelings through art. Participants learned simple meditation techniques to practice independently. All the centre children were a part of this session.

## Parents' Meetings

A meeting was conducted for the parents of children who are restored to their families and those under After Care at BOSCO Yuvodaya on July 27, 2025. The session began with a detailed explanation of the family restoration process. Discussions also focused on the importance of keeping children in a safe home environment, ensuring their protection from neglect or abuse. Ration kits were distributed during the meeting, and information was shared about free medical treatment available at Shraddha Eye Care Hospital.



The families were informed about various sponsorship benefits, government aid programs, and health schemes designed to support child welfare. The gathering brought together Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, Mr. Tippleswamy, Programme Manager, parents and children to discuss challenges and chart a path forward for the well-being of children within the community.

Parents meeting was convened at BOSCO Yuvakendra on July 28, 2025, with the participation of 11 parents. The Director, Rev. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, provided a comprehensive overview of the various initiatives and activities undertaken at BOSCO Yuvakendra. He also shared important information regarding admissions to the NIOS and 2nd PUC programmes. Parents actively engaged in the discussion and shared their valuable feedback and suggestions. The meeting concluded with a cultural performance by the children.

## Value Education Session

A value education session was organized for the children of BOSCO Vikas and Mane at the centre on July 26, 2025. The objective of the programme was to instill values of discipline, good habits, time management, and moral guidance in children to support their overall development. Mr. Surendar, Resource Person, spoke about the importance of recognizing and correcting mistakes, emphasizing how this would benefit the children as they grow up.



Following this, he spoke about the value of developing and maintaining good habits. He then introduced the concept of timetable and discussed how adhering to one could significantly improve the children's lives. He also spoke about the importance of daily prayer. In addition to prayer, he advised the children to incorporate regular exercise into their routines to maintain both physical and mental health. He also shared a simple but powerful formula to help the children maintain strict discipline in their studies and life: the "3 C's"—Clear, Concentration, and Correction. Seventy-five children benefitted for the session.

## Staff Induction Training

Human Resource Department of BOSCO Bengaluru had organized Induction Programme for the newly joined staff at BOSCO Yuvodaya on July 28, 2025. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya welcomed the staff with introductory words. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru took a session on Programmes and Services at BOSCO. This session gave staff a clear understanding on overall work taking place and the programmes and projects carried out at BOSCO.



Mr. Shivamallu facilitated the 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 Preventive system of Education through group activities, video clips and discussion. Mr. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager explained about HR Policy of BOSCO and Child Protection Policy. Induction session came to an end by concluding remarks by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. Twelve staff and one intern from Sacred Heart College, Tamil Nadu participated in the programme.

## Meeting with DCPUs, Bengaluru Urban

The Foster Care Meeting with the District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs) and Protection Officers for Non-Institutional Care (PONICs) of Bengaluru Urban took place at BOSCO Mane on July 29, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, discussed the procedures that need to be followed to implement the programme and the activities to be undertaken with the respective District Child Protection Units (DCPUs) in accordance with the Juvenile Justice Act and the MOU with the ICPS. Ms. Nandini, Advocacy and Documentation Coordinator for the BOSCO Foster Care Programme, presented the quarterly report of the programme. Ms. Asha HK, DCPO for the Bengaluru South and West Divisions, suggested that these meetings be held every three months to monitor progress effectively.



The meeting was attended by Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO for the Bengaluru North and Central Divisions; Mr. Yogi, PONIC for the East Division; Mr. Veerappa, PONIC for the Central Division; Mr. Prasad, PONIC for the South Division; Mr. Swamy, PONIC for the North Division; Mr. Madan, PONIC for the West Division; and Mr. Mahendra, Social Worker for the Bengaluru East Division, along with the Foster Care team. Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator for the Foster Care programme, welcomed the participants and proposed the vote of thanks.

## World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



BOSCO Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, Nivas, Nilaya, Mane, Vikas, and ARSP, organized a campaign on World Day Against Trafficking in Persons at various centers and intervention sites on July 30, 2025. The directors and staff provided information on the definitions and types of human trafficking, including child labour, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, and organ trade. They also discussed how traffickers operate and target vulnerable individuals, emphasizing the importance of awareness, education, and vigilance in preventing trafficking.

The teams created awareness in CCIs, schools, communities, and public places through a mime show performed by the youths of Yuvakendra. A signature campaign was held in front of St. Basilica Church, where the public pledged their support for the cause. The campaign successfully raised awareness among children, stakeholders, and the public about the realities and dangers of human trafficking. Participants acquired knowledge on how to stay safe, recognize risks, and respond effectively to threats. It also created a safe space for open discussions and strengthened the sense of responsibility among staff to protect vulnerable children. More than 1,500 members of the public and children benefited from the campaign.



# Street Presence



*Nivas*  
Intervention Survey



*Nilaya*  
Adolescent Girls Meeting



*ARSP*  
Inauguration of new Study Centre



*Bus Stand*  
Awareness to Stakeholders



*Gandhi Nagar Area*  
Public Awareness



*Magadi Road*  
Study Centre

# Components



## CSN

Follow up of CRCs



## Foster Care

Awareness for PRI Members



## Family Restoration and After Care

Distribution of Ration Kits to parents of restored children



## Human Resource Department

Orientation Programme



## Resource Mobilization

Visit of Mitty School Volunteers, California to BOSCO Mane



## Migrants' Help Desk

Community Outreach



## Health Care Programme

Health Awareness Programmes



## Juvenile Advocacy Programme

Coordination with DLSA in SAATHI Survey for Aadhar Enrollment

# Child Care Institutions

*BOSCO Mane*



International Tiger Day -  
Drawing Competition

*BOSCO Vikas*



Life Skill Session by Neravu Team

*BOSCO Rainbow Home*



Participation in Training  
Session on Youth  
Empowerment and CPO  
Capacity Building

*BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan*



Dental Check-up

*BOSCO Sumanahalli*



Value education sessions

*BOSCO Yuvodaya*



Health Camp



*BOSCO Yuvakendra*

Income Generation Activity

# Homelink Network

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	129	24	153
Service provided	71	07	78
Grand Total	200	31	231

## 01. New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	00	01	00	00	01
Bus Stand BMTC	14	06	00	00	20
Bus Stand KSRTC	17	03	00	00	20
BOSCO Sumanahalli	12	00	00	00	12
BOSCO Mane	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	26	00	01	00	27
BOSCO Nilaya	03	00	01	00	04
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	09	03	00	00	12
ARSP	45	10	00	00	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>153</b>

## Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centers	30	07	37
Home Placement	47	06	53
Admission to Gov't Homes	31	11	42
Handed over to DCPO/1098	19	00	19
Referred to Hostels	01	00	01
Data not available	01	00	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>153</b>



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