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Uphold Our HOPES
Unfold Our DREAMS



National DB YaR Campaign 2025-2026

Editorial



Uphold our Hopes, Unfold our Dreams

The theme "Uphold our Hopes, Unfold our Dreams" for 2025-26 serves as a powerful foundation for the Don Bosco YaR Forum's National Campaign for the Young at Risk. This initiative is dedicated to building a brighter future by addressing the unique needs and aspirations of vulnerable children and youth. BOSCO, Bengaluru, along with others affiliated with the Don Bosco network, are actively creating engaging events and awareness sessions to cultivate a child-centred learning environment, nurture leadership skills, and unlock opportunities for young people to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.

The campaign aims to empower young individuals, especially those facing challenges, by providing them with a platform to express themselves and the tools necessary to become effective leaders and advocates for their causes. By focusing on a child-centric approach to learning, developing essential leadership qualities, and raising awareness about child rights, the initiative lays the groundwork for positive change. This movement actively involves a range of stakeholders, including educational institutions, civil society organizations, and government bodies, to foster a supportive ecosystem where youth can thrive. The initiative emphasizes the importance of fostering youth dreams and advocating for policies that facilitate their growth. The theme inspires young people to dream big, harness their potential, and take proactive steps to bring their aspirations to life.

The concept of "Uphold our Hopes, Unfold our Dreams" is grounded in the belief that, with appropriate support and opportunities, young people possess the capacity to shape a more promising future. This ethos aligns with the perspectives of human rights advocates and thought leaders such as Kailash Satyarthi, who champion the cause of enabling youth to dream, discover, and take action. This sentiment is further reinforced by the inspirational message from former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who urged individuals to "dream, dream, dream." Together, we can instill hope and empower the next generation to create lasting positive change in our society.



K.J Joseph
Director, BNRD

Varamahalakshmi Festival Celebration



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and BOSCO Rainbow Home celebrated the Varamahalakshmi festival with great enthusiasm and grandeur at their centres on August 8, 2025. The children creatively decorated the Varalakshmi statue, beautifully reflecting their culture and traditions while showing respect for their faith. Dressed in vibrant festive attire, they offered heartfelt prayers to the Devi with devotion and reverence.



The children from BOSCO Rainbow Home were taken to a nearby temple, where they prayed to the deity. This experience allowed them to learn about the culture, embrace the festive spirit, and enjoy the celebration. The festivities were further enhanced as the children came together to share delicious food, spreading joy and strengthening their sense of community. All the children at the centres, along with the staff, actively participated in the celebrations.

International Youth Day



International Youth Day was celebrated in BOSCO Nivas, Yuvaspandana and Yuvakendra on August 12, 2025, at their respective centres and at St. Joseph's University. The session 'Be the change you want to see in the world', at St. Joseph's University, aimed to inspire youth to take personal responsibility in creating a positive impact in society. Conducted by Fr. Deepu, Project Manager of BOSCO, the programme encouraged students to lead by example, adopt values of honesty, Compassion, and service and actively contribute to building a better community.

At Yuvaspandana, the programme began with an introduction to International Youth Day and its importance. The resource person explained who is considered a youth and discussed the roles, responsibilities, and opportunities that come with being young. Interactive discussions were held where participants shared their ideas and views on how they can contribute to society. The session highlighted qualities such as leadership, responsibility, and self-awareness, while also encouraging youth to take small steps towards personal growth and community development.

At BOSCO Yuvakendra, the session was conducted by Ms. Priyanka and Mr. Girish from the UNICEF Neravu team discussed various issues faced by the youth, such as drug addiction, emotional and physical abuse, smoking and alcohol consumption. The youth took an oath to uphold the values of youth empowerment and positive living.

Independence Day Celebrations at BOSCO

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated at the BOSCO centres on August 15, 2025. The event was attended by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, along with the respective Centre Directors, Mrs. Roopa Shastri, owner of Rasapaka Hotel, Mr. Govind Raju, Inspector at KP Agrahara Police Station, and Mrs. Girija, Vice President of Human Rights. The directors hoisted the flag and delivered inspiring messages to the children, highlighting the importance of freedom and the true meaning of Independence Day. They emphasized the significance of freedom, responsibility, and youth empowerment, quoting Mahatma Gandhi: “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

The children participated in singing patriotic songs and showcased their talents in various performances. The programme included drawing competition, band performance, dance, storytelling, mimicry, skits, and dramas centred around the theme of Independence Day. The children also enjoyed painting their faces with the three colors of the national flag as a sign of respect for the country. Additionally, recreational games, including volleyball, cricket, and football, were conducted, with prizes awarded to the winners.

As a gesture of support, essential school supplies—such as bags, books, pens, and pencils—were provided to the children at the study centres. Furthermore, Roopa Shastri generously sponsored a delightful lunch for the young participants, making the day even more special.

A digital poster was created for the occasion and shared with all network groups, stakeholders, and friends via social media. All centre children, area children, those attending study centres, and the staff of BOSCO were part of the celebrations.



Birthday celebration of St. John Bosco

The 210th birthday of St. John Bosco was celebrated in the BOSCO centres and areas on August 16, 2025. Directors, along with the children, garlanded the statue of Don Bosco. The Directors and Coordinators spoke about Don Bosco's life, his values, and the educational system he proposed. The children were encouraged to follow a path of nobility, humility, and love, while promoting kindness and proactive goodness. The guiding principle of “Play, jump, and run, but do not sin” was emphasized as a way to balance joy with morality. Everyone prayed and expressed their love for the saint. The celebration concluded with cake cutting, refreshments, and a spirit of unity and joy among all attendees. Children, youth, those attending tuition classes, staff, and management participated in the birthday festivities.



Capacity Building for Study Centre Teachers



BOSCO Bengaluru organized a capacity-building programme for teachers of the study centres at BOSCO Yuvodaya on August 23, 2025. The focus of the programme was on effective teaching techniques, a child-centric learning approach, developing leadership qualities within the community, and raising awareness about child rights. Fr. Johnson, the Director of Yuvodaya, addressed the participants, discussing the purpose of study centres, how to create a child-friendly environment, and the importance of education for children in underprivileged communities. He emphasized the values of love, patience, and kindness towards those less fortunate in society.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, highlighted the significance of encouraging children to develop a reading habit, as it can boost their confidence and enhance their educational skills. He advised teachers to instill good moral values and to educate children about their social responsibilities. The Programme Manager presented motivational videos featuring Dr. Suresh Kulkarni, an educationist from Dharwad. The HR Policy of BOSCO was also outlined during the programme. Teachers from sixteen study centres participated in this training initiative.

Foster Care Prospective Parents Meeting

A Prospective Parents Meeting was organized by the BOSCO Foster Care Programme in collaboration with the District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs) on August 30, 2025, at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru. The programme commenced with the lighting of the lamp by all dignitaries, followed by the release of the BOSCO Annual Report. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the prospective parents for coming forward to foster children. He shared some important points for the parents to keep in mind.

Mrs. Leena Kallamanavar, DCPO (Central), quoting an example, said, "Just as a plant that is uprooted and replanted takes time to grow and adapt, children, too, need time to adjust to their new environment and foster families." She stressed the importance of providing love and care to children who are without family support. Ms. Asha, DCPO (South, Bengaluru), provided a brief overview of the legal procedures involved, as well as the importance of both pre- and post-counselling for parents and children.

Mr. Veerappan, Protection Officer (NIC), Central Division, presented the concept of Foster Care. Mr. Yogi, Protection Officer (NIC), East Division, provided guidance on how to submit the online application for Foster Care. Mr. Shivamallu, State Project Coordinator for Foster Care, shared several real-life cases and explained the step-by-step procedures for foster care placement. Mr. Prasad, Protection Officer (NIC), South Division, discussed the roles and responsibilities of both foster parents and children. Mr. Swamy, Protection Officer (NIC), North Division, underlined the vital role of the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) in identifying and placing children with suitable families.

Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobiliser, BOSCO Foster Care Programme, welcomed the participants, and Mr. Shivamallu, State project Coordinator and Mr. Hanamantha, Social Mobilizer, proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 47 participants, including prospective parents, BOSCO staff, and representatives from the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), took part in the meeting.



National YaR Day Campaign



On August 30, 2025, the closing ceremony of the National YaR Campaign for 2024-2025, the online launch of the 2025-2026 campaign, and the celebration of YaR Day took place under the theme, "Uphold Our Hopes - Unfold Our Dreams." The inaugural event was graced by esteemed guests, including Ms. Vijayalakshmi Arora, Child Rescue Specialist at UNICEF, New Delhi; Fr. Joe Prabhu, Executive Director of DB YaR Forum, New Delhi; Fr. Maria Das, Rector and Director of DB Ashalayam; Sr. Asha, Sister Superior at DB Snehalaya, along with representatives of the children.

The programme commenced with a welcome address and a prayer, followed by the screening of a short film on positive parenting. Children from Don Bosco Ashalayam and Snehalaya, New Delhi, presented a drama titled "Uphold Our Hopes - Unfold Our Dreams." The event also featured dance performances and poetry recitations by the children. Mr. William shared highlights from the previous year's campaign, "Family is Where I Belong."

Ms. Vijayalakshmi Arora and the other dignitaries unveiled the campaign poster for 2025-2026, on the theme, "Uphold Our Hopes - Unfold Our Dreams." Fr. Joe Prabhu delivered a message reflecting on the theme. To commemorate YaR Day, BOSCO centres, including BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Yuvaspandana, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane, and BOSCO Vikas, organized awareness sessions for both children and staff, centred around the theme.

BOSCO Nivas also conducted an awareness session for the children of the Government Boys Home in the presence of Ms. Leena Kallamanavar, DCPO, Bengaluru, Central Division. Poster-making, drawing, and painting competitions were held for the children to mark the occasion. The staff and children from the centres participated in the online meeting and engaged in the launch of the YaR Day Campaign.

STREET PRESENCE



Nivas: Adolescent Girls' Meeting



Nilaya: Inauguration of Anandapuram Tuition Centre



ARSP: Public Awareness at Platforms



Bus Stand: Awareness of Transgender Community



Magadi Road: School Awareness



Gandhi Nagar Area: ASHA Workers' Awareness

COMPONENTS



CSN: Stakeholders' Awareness



Foster Care: Participation in the State Level Consultation on 'Promoting Family-Based Care for Children in Karnataka' at ISEC, Bengaluru



Human Resource Department Orientation Programme



Health Care Programme
General Health Camps



Family Restoration and After Care: Home Visits



Migrants' Help Desk: Recreational Programme for Migrant Children



CRISP: Aadhaar Enrollment Camp

CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS



BOSCO Mane: Makkala Shaba



BOSCO Vikas: Session on Artificial Intelligence



BOSCO Rainbow Home
Varamahalakshmi Festival
Celebration



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan
Gowri Festival Celebration



BOSCO Sumanahalli: Outing
to Lal Bagh Flower Show



BOSCO Yuvakendra: Ganesh
Festival Celebration



BOSCO Yuvodaya: Outing to Vidhan
Soudha, Bal Bhavan and Cubbon Park

HOMELINK NETWORK

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	78	10	88
Service provided	42	07	49
Grand Total	120	17	137

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU Staff	03	00	00	00	03
Bus Stand BMTC	09	01	01	00	11
Bus Stand KSRTC	07	00	00	00	07
BOSCO Yuvodaya	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Yuvakendra	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Sumanahalli	11	00	00	00	11
BOSCO Mane	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nilaya	04	00	00	00	04
CSN	02	00	00	00	02
ARSP	33	09	00	00	42
TOTAL	77	10	01	00	88

Final Action based on Contact date:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under follow-up in BOSCO Centres	18	00	18
Home Placement	52	10	62
Admission to Gov't Homes	04	00	04
Handed over to DCPU/1098	02	00	02
Counseled and Sent/ Went off	02	00	02
Data is not available	00	00	00
TOTAL	78	10	88

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