

# E-STREET VOICE

A Monthly Newsletter From BOSCO Bengaluru

## Festivals as Instrumental Tools for Shaping Young Minds

In India, festivals transcend mere rituals and celebrations; they function as pivotal instruments for imparting values that shape the character of young individuals. Each festival offers significant opportunities for children to engage with cultural narratives, thereby facilitating their development into responsible adults. Among the multitude of Indian festivals, Dasara is particularly notable for its capacity to teach enduring ethical principles.

Key lessons from Dasara include that goodness prevails over evil, embodying virtues leads to lasting success, and courage is about facing challenges despite fear. It also highlights the value of strong familial relationships and the importance of discipline in achieving goals. Furthermore, Lord Rama's compassion illustrates that kindness is a strength. Collaboration among parents, caregivers, and educators can enrich the Dasara experience through activities such as storytelling, role plays, artistic endeavours, discussions, music and dance, doll-making, costume creation, culinary activities, and the design of vibrant rangoli.

Dasara provides an essential context for instilling in children the principles of the triumph of good over evil, the significance of courage and honesty, and the importance of family and community. The narrative of Lord Rama's victory over Ravana serves as a poignant reminder that, regardless of the strength of malevolence, virtue will ultimately dominate.

In conclusion, Dasara constitutes not only a festival of joy but also a reminder of the principles that foster strong character development, transforming into opportunities for children to internalize valuable life lessons. In doing so, we facilitate the establishment of a robust character foundation, equipping children to approach the future with confidence and empathy. While festivals may be transient, the values they impart endure indefinitely. Thus, it is essential to ensure that children carry these vital lessons in their hearts as they mature into responsible and compassionate individuals.

# Onam Celebration



Onam was celebrated to embody the spirit of unity, joy, and cultural heritage on September 5, 2025, in all the BOSCO centres. The event aimed to instill cultural values and traditions by helping children understand the significance of Onam and Kerala's rich heritage through traditional games and festivities. It fostered a sense of belonging and community among the children, staff, and volunteers, promoting unity and inclusiveness through shared celebration. The children and youths were truly delighted and participated wholeheartedly, dancing, playing games, drama, DJ night and creating beautiful memories together. The celebration featured beautiful rangolis (Pookalam) made of flowers, providing a positive, festive experience that encouraged creativity, participation, and self-expression, contributing to the emotional and social development of the children. The celebration concluded joyfully with a grand Onam Sadhya (festive meal), filling the air with the fragrances and flavours of the season and leaving everyone immersed in the vibrant spirit of Onam.

## Teacher's Day Celebrations



Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Yuvakendra areas celebrated Teacher's Day at their respective centres on September 5, 2025. The Directors of the centres exhorted the children to honour their teachers and follow their good example. Children performed skits, dances, and songs, and did drawings and paintings. The children took the lead in celebrating this special day with great enthusiasm and joy. The celebration began with vibrant decorations, where the little ones transformed the venue into a festive space filled with colours, flowers, and creativity. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day and about Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Children also organized various activities and fun-filled party games for the teachers and staff of the centres. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations.

# Certificate Distribution Programme



A certificate distribution ceremony was held for students who completed a computer training course on the basics of computers and Tally at the centre from June 2025 to September 2025. The ceremony took place on September 6, 2025. Fr. KJ Joseph congratulated the trainees on their successful completion of the course and emphasized the importance of technology in both careers and education. Shivamallu, the State Coordinator of the BOSCO Foster Care Programme, highlighted the significance of receiving the certificate and having computer knowledge in daily life. He also informed the trainees about the mission and impact of the foster care project and encouraged them to share this information with their friends and family. A total of thirty-three trainees received course completion certificates during the event.

## BACHFUN 2.0



On September 13, 2025, the children from Rainbow Home visited the "Nova Competition" organized by the Geto company at the Palace Grounds. The event featured various sports games, including balloon shooting, football, darts, basketball, frisbee, and running races, in which all the children actively participated. Additionally, there was a dental check-up stall where the children underwent cavity screenings and general oral health examinations. After the games, each child received a school bag filled with goodies like books, colour pencils, and clothes. Post lunch, a talent show was conducted, allowing all the children to showcase their abilities. Thirty-five children and five staff members were in attendance.

# Orientation Programme for Nursing Students



The Nursing students and faculty from Victoria Nursing College visited BOSCO Mane for an exposure programme on September 15, 2025. Fr. K. J. Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, extended a warm welcome to the group and conducted an orientation session, offering a detailed overview of BOSCO's mission, vision, and the various programmes and initiatives undertaken for the welfare and development of children in need of care and protection. The session enhanced the participants' understanding of child rights, social responsibility, and the significance of community engagement in supporting vulnerable children. A total of around 90 participants attended and gained valuable insights from the programme.

## Dasara Camps at BOSCO



Dasara Camps were organized for children at BOSCO Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Nivas and Rainbow Home during the last week of September 2025. The children participated in a range of activities such as action songs and dance, meditation, yoga, music, singing, drawing, painting, quizzes, crafts, doll-making and skits. They also took part in night Olympics, various outdoor sports and party games. The children visited the Ramadevbetta, Siddadevarabetta, Dodda Aladamara, Don Bosco Ajjanahalli, Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum and the Office of the Commissioner of the Police of Bengaluru City. A medical camp was organized for the children of Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan by the Child Heart Foundation, India. Ayudha Puja was held in the centres and areas.

Br. Jubin, Br. Sam, directors, and the staff from the respective centres served as resource persons for the camps. Notable attendees included Ms. Manjula, Manager, Canara Bank, Chamarajpet Branch, Fr. Arogyaswamy Sebastin, St. Basilica Parish Priest, Mr. Mariswamy, Former Member, KSCPCR, Fr. Arogya Raj, Manager, St. Xavier's School, Members of Southern Railways and all the centre directors. The camp helped the children develop social responsibility, good manners, punctuality, leadership skills, team spirit, cleanliness, and participation. Appreciation medals were awarded to the winners, and prizes were distributed to all teams by the dignitaries present.

# Street Presence

*Nivas: Adolescent Girls' Meeting*



*Nilaya: Inauguration of the Study Centre at Jai Bheem Nagar*



*ARSP: Community Awareness*



*Bus Stand: Public Awareness at the platforms*



*Magadi Road: Career Guidance*



*Gandhi Nagar Area: Awareness of the Travel agencies*



# Components

CSN: Rescues



Foster Care: Foster Care Parents' Meeting



HRD: Orientation Programme



RMT: CSR Activities



Health Care Programme: Health Camp for BOSCO Staff



Family Restoration and After Care: Parents' Meeting



# Components

*Migrants' Help Desk: Group Awareness Programmes*

*CRISP: CRC Training*



*Juvenile Advocacy: Visit to Observation Home*



# Child Care Institutions

*BOSCO Mane: Awareness on Health and Hygiene by Child Heart Foundation*



*BOSCO VIKAS: Sports Competitions*



*BOSCO Rainbow Home: Visit to Holy Cross Convent*



# Child Care Institutions

*BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan: Awareness of Traffic Signals*



*BOSCO Sumanahalli: Inauguration of the new office in the centre*



*BOSCO Yuvakendra: Visit of the centre youth to Hotel Taj*



# Homelink Network

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	81	21	102
Service provided	39	06	45
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>147</b>

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staff	06	01	00	00	07
Bus Stand BMTC	17	05	00	00	22
Bus Stand KSRTC	10	01	02	00	13
BOSCO Yuvodaya	08	00	01	00	09
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	09	00	00	09
CSN	06	01	00	00	07
ARSP	25	04	00	00	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>102</b>

## Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	15	11	26
Home Placement	55	03	58
Admission to Government Homes	09	06	15
Referred to other institutions	02	01	03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>102</b>



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