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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU

THE GIRL I AM, THE CHANGE I LEAD

On October 11th of each year, the global community unites to commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child. This day serves to acknowledge the challenges faced by girls worldwide and to promote their empowerment and human rights. Established by the United Nations in 2012, the observance aims to raise awareness of critical issues such as gender inequality, education, health, and the protection of girls from violence and exploitation. The theme for the International Day of the Girl Child in 2025, "The Girl I Am, The Change I Lead: Girls on the Frontlines of Crisis," emphasizes the leadership and resilience of girls in times of adversity.

The potential of girls should not be constrained by societal norms that dictate what they can achieve, where they may travel, or the identities they can forge. Regrettably, this is the reality for millions of girls globally, many of whom are marginalized and face significant obstacles that impede their rights, limit their choices, and restrict their futures. Despite the advancements made in the lives of adolescent girls over the past three decades, violations of their rights persist in various regions. Data indicates that girls aged 15 to 19 are twice as likely as their male counterparts to be excluded from education, employment, or training.

Furthermore, one in five young women aged 20 to 24 was married as a child. In fragile settings, the incidence of child marriage is nearly double that of the global average. Factors such as crisis, conflict, and displacement exacerbate the risks of child marriage, sexual violence, and maternal mortality among girls. Nevertheless, transformative change is attainable. There exist effective solutions that can accelerate progress towards a future in which every girl has access to healthcare, quality education, skills development, safety, and opportunities necessary for success. By empowering and supporting these young leaders, we can inspire future generations of girls to follow their passions and advocate for meaningful change. Investing in girls represents one of the most prudent decisions, yielding considerable benefits not only for them but also for their communities and entire economies. In summary, the International Day of the Girl Child transcends mere awareness; it serves as a call to action. On this occasion, let us stand together to support and amplify the leadership of girls. Our collective voice holds significant importance.

STREET PRESENCE

NIVAS

Adolescent Girls Meeting



NILAYA

Exposure Visit to Art Gallery



ARSP

Public Awareness at
Platforms



STREET PRESENCE

BUS STAND

Public Awareness at BMTCL
Subway



MAGADI ROAD

Stakeholders Awareness



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

College Awareness



COMPONENTS

CSN

Stakeholders' Awareness



FOSTER CARE

Awareness programmes for the ASHA workers, SHG members, Mothers, teachers, PRI Members, and Police Officials in Bengaluru Urban and Rural Areas



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

Makkala Shaba



BOSCO VIKAS

Excursions



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

Under the Star Programme



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

Picnic to Club Cabana



BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

Exposure Visits



BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

Youth Parliament



BOSCO YUVODAYA

Life Skill Session



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD CELEBRATED AT BOSCO BENGALURU

BOSCO, Bengaluru, organized a special programme in honour of the International Day of the Girl Child. This event took place at BOSCO Mane in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2025, on the theme, "The Girl I Am, The Change I Lead: Girls on the Frontlines of Crisis," emphasizing the powerful role girls play in creating positive change.

The celebration started with a captivating street play, dynamic human chain formation and an awareness campaign, stretching from Karnataka Sanskrit University, Chamarajpet, to BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. Addressing the gathering, the chief guest, Ms. Pramila Joshai, a Renowned Indian Actress, said, "You are buds blooming into flowers. Utilize all the opportunities you get to fulfil your dreams and become successful women in future". The event was officially launched by our esteemed chief guests, who released the Doves.

The closing session at BOSCO Mane saw the cultural performances by the children from various BOSCO centres. Dr. Savitha C., the Medical Superintendent of Vani Vilas Hospital in Bengaluru, regards all girls as superwomen for their ability to multitask and excel beyond men in various aspects of life. Dr. Sr. Prema, the Principal of St. Theresa's Degree College for Women in Bengaluru, emphasized that education, discipline, time management, faith, and respect for elders are essential keys to success. The keynote address by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, focused on ensuring girls receive their rightful due. Ms. Katyayini, Professor, KIMS Nursing College, was present on the occasion along with the children representatives Lavanya, Mary and Bhairavi. A total of 450 children from various BOSCO centres were present at the event. Around 1,000 college students from Chamarajpet and surrounding areas formed the human chain.



SESSION ON CYBER SECURITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LIFE



A comprehensive session on Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence was conducted for the children and youths of BOSCO Mane and Sumanahalli on October 12 and 25, 2025. The programme was conducted to create awareness among children about the growing importance of cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence in daily life and to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe and responsible in the digital world. The session began with a recap of security fundamentals and explored key concepts in cybersecurity, including cyberattacks, deep fakes, and online safety. Participants learned how to secure their devices using strong passwords, fingerprint, and retina scanners, as well as the importance of installing and updating software regularly. The session emphasized watching what you download, keeping passwords safe, and recognizing signs of cyberattacks. Practical tips for social media safety, phone security, and online grooming awareness were discussed. The session also introduced Artificial Intelligence, highlighting its risks, safety measures, and role in cybersecurity. It concluded by discussing career opportunities in cybersecurity, encouraging participants to stay vigilant and informed in the digital world. Forty-eight children of BOSCO Mane and twenty-five youths of BOSCO Sumanahalli were part of this session.

AYUDHA POOJA CELEBRATION



The Ayudha Pooja celebration in BOSCO Centres and BMTB Bus Stand Booth was a vibrant blend of tradition and professional reverence, held on October 1, 2025. Staff enthusiastically participated in the pooja rituals, paying homage to tools, laptops, and equipment pivotal to their work. The centres were adorned with traditional decorations, fostering a spirit of cultural festivity. This celebration underscored the significance of respecting instruments vital to one's profession and nurtured a sense of camaraderie among colleagues. With the distribution of prasada and traditional sweets, the event harmoniously merged cultural heritage with workplace spirit, contributing to a positive and culturally rich office ambiance, ultimately reinforcing cultural values and fostering workplace harmony. The directors of the centres and areas were also present in the celebrations.

GANDHI JAYANTHI



The 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, was celebrated on October 2, 2025, at BOSCO Mane and Sumanahalli. The program was organized to commemorate Gandhi Jayanthi and to educate the children and trainees about the values and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. The celebration served as a reminder of the importance of Gandhian values in our daily lives. The children were taught Gandhi's principles of truth, non-violence, and simplicity, and how these values can guide one's life. It was made known that October 2 is observed as the International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations, highlighting the contribution of Lal Bahadur Shastri and the celebration of his birthday on the same day, who gave the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan." Trainees and children learned about the impact of non-violence and self-discipline. It was an inspiring day filled with meaningful activities that encouraged everyone to live more consciously and responsibly. Eleven children from BOSCO Mane and thirty-seven trainees from BOSCO Sumanahalli participated in the celebrations.

DIWALI CELEBRATIONS AT BOSCO BENGALURU



Diwali celebrations were held on October 20 and 22, 2025 at the BOSCO centres. The children joyfully lit the Diyas (lamp) with devotion and decorated the surroundings with vibrant and colorful festive rangoli, adding charm and liveliness to the celebration. The beautiful patterns and glowing lamps created a cheerful and sacred atmosphere, making the day more meaningful. Later, a heartfelt prayer service was organized, where the children joined together in gratitude and reflection. To conclude the celebration, simple crackers were lit, filling the air with excitement and delight, allowing the children to truly experience the festive spirit. The children had delicious food. Children and youths from all the centres were part of the celebrations.

REFRESHER TRAINING FOR THE STAFF WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE



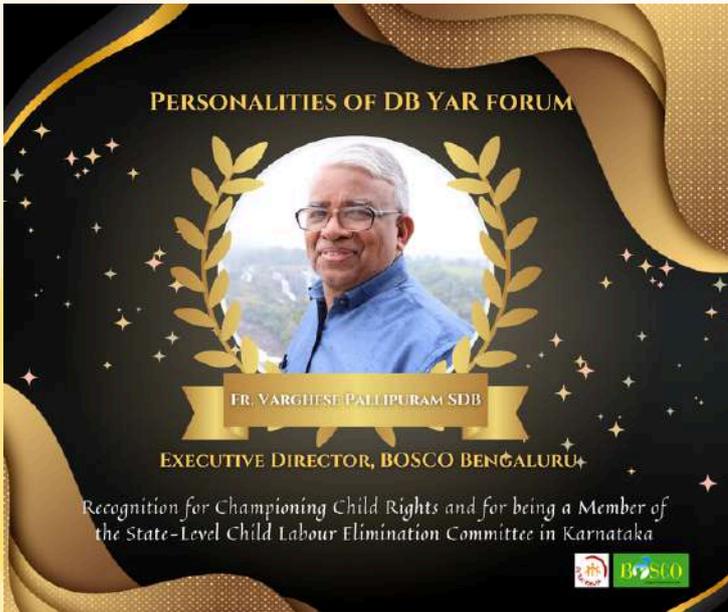
A refresher training was organized for the staff of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and the programme staff on Team building and teamwork, Basic skills for understanding and dealing with CCI children and Legal provisions for the children, CWC procedures, SOPs, and JJ Act-related matters at BOSCO Yuvodaya on October 31, 2025. Ms. Abhikshita S Naik, PhD Scholar, NIMHANS, Bengaluru, conducted interactive, activity-based sessions covering key topics including understanding children's situations, empathy, client management, effective counselling skills and techniques, applied psychological approaches like Bio-Social Theory, social-environmental approach, effective listening skills, effective communication skills, socio-cultural theory, intelligence quotient, emotional quotient, social quotient, intellectual quotient, and effective ventilation techniques for stress management of both staff and children. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, reviewed the standard operating procedures and the checklist for the CCIs. Mr. Tippeswamy, Programme Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, led the session on Team Building and Team Work. Fr. Johnson spoke on the occasion. A total of thirty-one staff attended the refresher training.

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT SOCIAL MOBILIZERS



The Foster Care Virtual Meeting with the district social mobilizers via Google Duo Meet was held at BOSCO Mane on October 25, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed about the strategies/methods used while creating awareness on Foster care for stakeholders and the general public. He explained about the purpose of the awareness programme, major components of an awareness programme, preparation for the awareness programme and methods used for foster care awareness. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme encouraged the social mobilizers to identify local sponsors for the programme. He asked them to update the status of placement of children. He requested them to react to the WhatsApp messages and mail. He also shared about the upcoming monitoring visits to the districts. Ms. Nandini, Asst Coordinator, spoke about updating the documents. Social Mobilizers from twenty districts attended the meeting.

BOSCO BAGS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL YAR AWARDS



YaR Collaborative and Community-Based Programme Award - Bosco Bengaluru



Congratulations

ALTERNATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK IN KARNATAKA

Foster Care initiative across 20 districts, placing 29 children, identifying 137 at risk, engaging 430 foster parents and guiding 875 adoptions

HOME LINK NETWORK

OCTOBER – 2025

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	75	25	100
Service provided	51	20	71
Grand Total	126	45	171

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU Staff	02	02	00	00	04
Bus Stand BMTc	22	07	00	00	29
Bus Stand KSRTC	14	04	00	00	18
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Yuvakendra	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	04	00	00	04
CSN	03	00	00	00	03
ARSP	25	08	01	00	34
Juvenile Advocacy	02	00	00	00	02
TOTAL	74	25	01	00	100

FINAL ACTION TAKEN:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	08	03	11
Home Placement (CWC R)	47	14	61
Direct Home Placement	13	04	17
Accompanied Home Placement	01	00	01
Admission to Government Homes	06	03	09
Referred to other institutions	00	01	01
TOTAL	75	25	100

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