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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU



My Day, My Rights

Children's Day is an annual observance dedicated to honouring children globally. Upon waking, children enter a world shaped by decisions made by adults. Nevertheless, every child possesses inherent rights, including the rights to protection, education, and to have their voices recognized. Children's rights are fundamentally human rights, characterized by their non-negotiable and universal nature. Regrettably, in numerous regions of the world, these rights are frequently misunderstood, overlooked, or actively violated.

November 20 commemorates the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. The theme for World Children's Day in 2025 is "My Day, My Rights." This theme underscores the critical need to listen to children and empower them to articulate their views regarding their circumstances and the fulfilment of their rights.

World Children's Day presents a significant opportunity for advocacy, promotion, and celebration of children's rights, fostering dialogues and actions that contribute to a better future for children. It is essential to understand the historical context of children's rights, the rationale for codifying them in a unified document, and the specific content of each right to effectively uphold and promote them. Awareness initiatives regarding the challenges surrounding children's rights emphasize the importance of recognizing the current landscape, identifying areas for improvement based on empirical data, and providing actionable recommendations to policymakers to inform effective interventions.

It is imperative to grant children a meaningful role in decision-making processes, allowing them to express their concerns, articulate their aspirations for a better future, and effect genuine change. It is essential to actively listen to children, comprehend their lived experiences, and understand how their rights are respected or require pursuit. This observance encourages engagement with children to better understand their lives, aspirations, and the extent to which their rights are supported or need advocacy.

Children's Day Celebration at BOSCO Bengaluru

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Day for children of the most vulnerable and marginalized sections of Bengaluru, on 16th November 2025. The event aimed at encouraging and nurturing the holistic development of the least-privileged children in society. Every segment of the day's programme revolved around the inspiring theme: "UPHOLD OUR HOPES – UNFOLD OUR DREAMS"

Sri. Chandrashekar, former Corporator of the BBMP Chamrajpet Ward in Bengaluru, inaugurated the rally at St. Theresa's Girls High School. Sri. N. Santhosh Hegde, a former judge of the Supreme Court of India, former Solicitor General of India, and Lokayukta (ombudsman) for Karnataka, addressed the crowd, saying, "You should aim to become successful and wealthy, but through fair means. Follow the teachings of BOSCO, and your life will become meaningful and fruitful."

During the event, Ms. Mokshitha Pai, a TV actress and YouTube vlogger, inspired the children to study hard, aim for success, and assist those less fortunate. Sri. Yogesh Master, an author, publisher, theatre artist, psychological educator, and researcher, shared stories emphasizing that teaching is the most effective way to learn. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address. Mr. Vasudev Sharma, Executive Director and Trustee of Child Rights Trust in Bengaluru, also spoke at the event.

The celebration unfolded in seven meaningful phases, each crafted to strengthen self-esteem, inspire aspirations, and motivate the children to Dream – Believe – Achieve. Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes were organized during the event. Stakeholders identified by BOSCO for their contributions to the protection and promotion of child rights at the centres and areas of its service were awarded the Makkala Mitra Award. Children who have excelled in cultural, social, sports and educational fields were awarded the Prathibha Puraskara Award during the event. The event was a colourful mega celebration and an honourable treat for 1,000 children of the centres of BOSCO and its areas of intervention, animated by the committed presence of 140 BOSCO staff members and volunteers.



Kannada Rajyotsava Celebration



BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the children in the centres on November 1, 2023. The Centre Directors hoisted the flag and spoke about the importance of the day, and shared the values and culture of Karnataka with the children. The children were motivated to spread the culture of Karnataka. A drawing competition and singing competitions were conducted for the trainees of BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli. Youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra participated in the celebration along with the neighbours in the community. BOSCO Nivas and Nilaya Staff celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava by organising a drawing competition and cultural programmes in the centres. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke about the importance of the day to the children at BOSCO Yuvodaya. He motivated the children to spread the culture of Karnataka. Sports and games were organized for the children at BOSCO Mane and Vikas. The winners were given prizes. Special sweets were distributed to all the participants. Around 200 children and staff from the centres participated in the celebrations.

Past Pupils' Meet

The BOSCO Foster Care Programme organized a Past Pupils' Meet on November 1, 2025. The purpose of the meeting was to gather past pupils of the Foster Care Programme, assess their current status, learn about their journeys, and evaluate the impact of the foster care initiative. Fr. Varghese, in his message, expressed his delight in seeing the progress of the past pupils, noting that their stories serve as inspiration for others. He described them as torchbearers and role models, appreciating their achievements. The main theme of the programme was 'Memories and Growth.' During the event, Fr. KJ Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane, highlighted the importance of creating a WhatsApp group for the past pupils to facilitate ongoing communication.



All attendees shared enriching experiences and provided glimpses into their current lives. Fr. John Peter, Administrator of BOSCO Bengaluru, was also present at the meeting, which included the participation of seventeen past pupils and foster care staff. BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a past pupils meeting at the centre on November 30, 2025. Fr. George Kollashany, Founder, BOSCO Bengaluru, gave information about BOSCO Rainbow Home and also shared details about the children's situations and relationships after they leave the home. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, spoke in detail on integrity, social responsibility and helping nature. The past pupils spoke about how BOSCO helps former beneficiaries and how this support has made a difference. Fourteen Past Pupils attended the meeting.

Provincial Visitation at BOSCO



Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB, the Provincial of the Salesian Province of Bangalore, conducted a three-day visit to BOSCO, Bengaluru, from November 3 to 5, 2025. Mr. Prashanth Murthy, the HR Manager at BOSCO Bengaluru, warmly welcomed him. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, introduced Fr. Provincial to the staff. During his visit, Fr. Provincial toured all the centres and areas of BOSCO, engaging with the confreres, staff, and coordinators. In his address to the staff, he said, "You should be very happy, as you are all serving the underprivileged." He quoted Mother Teresa, who often stated that she found joy in serving the poor and needy. He encouraged the staff to give their best and urged them not to extinguish the fire within them.

Fr. Provincial expressed his gratitude to the staff for being part of the BOSCO family. He emphasized the importance of believing in their work and remaining committed despite the challenges they face. He highlighted the urgent need for more projects and programmes aimed at the welfare of children. He also encouraged the staff to strive for self-sustainability in their work, given the difficulties in securing funding for their projects. Lastly, he urged the staff to embody the spirit and qualities of Don Bosco, which would enhance their service to the children.

Marali Ba Samajakke

BOSCO Juvenile Advocacy team hosted a session titled "Marali Ba Samajakke" at BOSCO Yuvodaya on November 10, 2025. The Chief Guest, Mrs. Aleema, Project Director, ICPS, encouraged the children to chase their dreams and pursue education in various fields. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared insights about BOSCO's initiatives, while Dr. Joyce Jayaseelan, Family Counsellor, and Fr. Johnson, Director of BOSCO Yuvodaya, led engaging sessions on parenting and counselling.



Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Juvenile Advocacy Project, guided parents and children on career building. It was heartening to see 14 families actively participate and engage in the sessions. Two CCI children from BOSCO also shared their experiences, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.

Child Rights Week at BOSCO Bengaluru

BOSCO CSN project, BOSCO CRISP project, BOSCO Bus Stand Team, BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, Yuvakendra, Magadi Road Team, Yuvodaya, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Vikas, and Mane, started the Child Rights week with the celebration of Children's Day on November 14, 2025, at their respective areas and centres, in the presence of the Centre Directors, Department Officials, stakeholders and staff members. During the programme, the team gave awareness about Children's Day, UNCRC, child rights, acts and laws.

During the week from November 14 to 20, 2025, awareness campaigns were held in public places, communities, schools, health centres, etc., and stakeholders' meetings, rallies, tying of child rights bands to the stakeholders and children, attending children's parliament and networks, and distribution of pamphlets to the public were also conducted. The week-long programme included essay, drawing, painting, speech and quiz competitions based on the theme, 'Uphold our Hopes, Unfold our Dreams'. Children of BOSCO Rainbow Home performed a prayer dance at the Central DCPO unit as part of the Children's Day celebration.

Around a thousand children, Government Officials, Stakeholders and the public were reached out to through the week-long programme.



Fr. Gabriel Stowaway, General Economer SDB, from Rome, visit at BOSCO Bengaluru



Prathibha Puraskara Awardees

Master Raju Burman: Raju's journey is both heartbreaking and inspiring. Coming from a struggling family in West Bengal, Raju not only caught up academically but also excelled before transitioning to 8th grade at St. Joseph's School. His hard work and dedication shone through as he became involved in various school activities, rapidly emerging as a leader among his peers. Raju demonstrated his sports talents, winning numerous accolades and becoming a standout performer.



Kumari Prajaneshwari: Prajaneshwari joined BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in 2019 when she was in 1st grade. Over the past seven years, she has consistently demonstrated a remarkable spirit and a proactive attitude, fully engaging in every facet of centre life. Her involvement in dance, singing, sports, and academics has been exemplary, with an unwavering dedication and enthusiasm. Among her notable achievements are winning the Sports Championship at St. Joseph's School three times, securing first place in the 100m, 400m, and 600m races at the school, taluk, and district levels and taking first place in Kho-Kho and relay events at zonal, taluk, and district levels.



Master Manoj Kumar: Manoj Kumar, a dedicated NIOS student from BOSCO Yuvakendra, has impressively transformed himself for the better. His remarkable journey of personal growth not only showcases his resilience but also inspires those around him.

Kumari Bhuvana: A remarkable 9th-grade student from BOSCO Rainbow Home shines brightly across the board, demonstrating excellence not only in academics but also in sports and a variety of extracurricular activities. This all-rounder truly embodies the spirit of versatility and enthusiasm!

Master Vishnu: Vishnu, a 9th-grade student attending the BOSCO study centre classes, exemplifies remarkable leadership and a deep compassion in his unwavering commitment to championing and safeguarding the rights of children.



Makkala Mitra Awardees

Smt. Roopa E: Since 2018, Roopa has nurtured a profound and impactful relationship with BOSCO. Her dedication shines through in her compassionate engagement with children who have run away from home. By thoughtfully listening to their stories and understanding their reasons for leaving, she addresses their care and protection needs with genuine empathy. Moreover, Roopa plays a vital role in facilitating their legal acceptance by BOSCO, ensuring that these children receive the support and love they deserve.



Smt. Shantamma C: Shantamma, a dedicated teacher, has been a cherished member of the BOSCO community since 2003. Her unwavering passion inspires and uplifts both the children and staff alike. With a heartfelt commitment to each child's development, she nurtures their growth and empowers them to blossom into successful, responsible citizens of society. Her influence resonates deeply, fostering an environment where dreams take flight and potential is realized.



Sri. Surendar Samagara: A dedicated teacher at Siddalingeshwara Government Aided Kannada High School in Aluru, Kundapura, Surendar, has made a remarkable impact by identifying over 800 school dropouts and child labourers among migrant families in the underprivileged areas of Bengaluru. Through his unwavering commitment, he has successfully re-enrolled these young individuals in schools and colleges, giving them a renewed chance at a brighter future.



Smt. Malathishree, Mysore: Malathishree is a passionate theatre artist, accomplished actor, and inspiring writer dedicated to crafting captivating dramas that instill core values in children. In addition to her artistic pursuits, she actively engages in numerous social welfare initiatives, including distributing clothing to underprivileged children and organizing health camps to promote well-being. For many years, she has been an integral part of BOSCO, using her incredible talent to touch the hearts of children and spark joy through her performances.



Smt. Nayana M N: Smt. Nayana, a dedicated Divisional Traffic Officer at BMTC in Bengaluru, has been a valued supporter of BOSCO since 2024. With unwavering commitment, she actively champions child welfare initiatives on BMTC platforms, making a meaningful impact in the lives of children in need.





Hearty congratulations to the children for their accomplishments; your efforts are commendable; your hard work is paving the way for future success!



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan Children for winning the Divisional Level Hockey Match and securing their selection for the State-level Hockey Tournament!



BOSCO Vikas Children for winning the Divisional Level Hockey Match and securing their selection for the State-level Hockey Tournament!



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Prajaneshwari from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for winning the Championship Award in Athletics



•Children from St. Xavier's High School for winning the AB Football Tournament

STREET PRESENCE

NIVAS

Visit to Cubbon Park
flower show



NILAYA

Value Education



ARSP

Rescues



BUS STAND

**Awareness to Stake
Holders**



MAGADI ROAD

Health Camp



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

Stakeholders Awareness



COMPONENTS

CSN

Rescues



FOSTER CARE

Meeting with Ms. Juliya from Germany,
Fr. George PS, Executive Director,
BREADS Bengaluru



HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

General Health Camps



FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER CARE

Home Visits



MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

Meeting with the Labour Welfare
Board



CRISP

Children's Parliament



HRD

Orientation Programme



RMT

CSR activities



JUVENILE ADVOCACY

Home Visit



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO MANE

Makkala Shaba



BOSCO VIKAS

Life Skill Session



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

Health Awareness



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

**BOSCO VATSALYA
BHAVAN**

Session on Cyber Security



**BOSCO
SUMANAHALLI**

Life Skill Session



**BOSCO
YUVAKENDRA**

Career Guidance Session



BOSCO YUVODAYA

Parents' Awareness



HOMELINK NETWORK

NOVEMBER - 2025

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	88	17	105
Service provided	46	06	52
Grand Total	134	23	157

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staff	11	07	00	00	18
Bus Stand BMTC	14	03	01	00	18
Bus Stand KSRTC	12	00	00	00	12
BOSCO Yuvodaya	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Yuvakendra	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	01	00	00	00	01
CSN	02	01	01	00	04
ARSP	35	06	00	00	41
TOTAL	86	17	02	00	105

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	11	04	15
Home Placement (CWC R)	55	10	65
Direct Home Placement	20	03	23
Admission to Government Homes	02	00	02
TOTAL	88	17	105

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