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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM BOSCO BENGALURU

FROM 'RIGHTS ON PAPER' TO 'RIGHTS IN PRACTICE'...

The year 2025 marks the 77th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The theme for Human Rights Day 2025, observed on December 10, was "Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials." This theme emphasized that fundamental rights—such as equality, justice, and dignity—are daily necessities rather than abstract ideals, and should be integrated into everyday life, policies, and communities. By highlighting the essential role of human rights in providing access to clean water, education, healthcare, and safety, the theme sought to reconnect people with the practical impact of these rights, emphasising that they form the achievable foundation for everyone's well-being.

Despite the aspirations of Human Rights Day, the 2025 observance takes place amid significant challenges. From conflict zones such as Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan to the suppression of dissent in established democracies, the gap between human rights principles and lived realities continues to widen. Emerging issues such as digital surveillance, algorithmic bias in artificial intelligence, and the weaponization of misinformation are increasingly recognized by experts as significant threats to personal dignity in 2025.

Human Rights Day stands as an annual checkpoint for humanity's moral progress. The 2025 theme, "Our Everyday Essentials," refocuses attention on the fundamental needs that make life worth living. Despite ongoing challenges to the international human rights framework, the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights persists in daily acts of courage, compassion, and resistance around the world.

The message is clear: human rights begin with each of us. They are reflected in our choices, expressed through our voices, and safeguarded by our collective action. As we commemorate this day, let us pledge not only to remember the adoption of the UDHR but also to embody its principles in our daily lives. True human rights awareness means recognizing that every meal shared, every opinion voiced, and every act of kindness extended is an affirmation of rights that are universal, essential, and ours to uphold and defend.

Fr.KJ Joesph SDB

STREET PRESENCE

NIVAS

Eye Check-up Camp: Conducted at DJ Halli, Bengaluru, on December 3, 2025, for eighty-three community people



NILAYA

Day of the Poor: was organized by distributing bed sheets for the people residing on the streets on December 19, 2025



ARSP

Moving Train Awareness: Awareness on child rights and child-related laws was organized for the passengers in the moving train from KJM railway station to KSR railway station on December 31, 2025



BUS STAND

Awareness to Stake Holders:
Special Awareness programme
held at Bus Stand for Sadhana
Mahila
Sangha members on child rights
and child-related issues on
December 30,
2025.



MAGADI ROAD

School Awareness: Awareness on
child rights, child protection and
CHILLINE helpline
1098/112 to sixty-three children of St.
Lord International School, Keshav
Nagar, Bengaluru on December 8,
2025.



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

College Awareness:
Awareness for the hundred
and eight Ayurveda Medical
College students on
December 16, 2025



COMPONENTS

CSN

Rescues: Two children were rescued from Vidyaranya Police Station limits and admitted to Government Boys Home on December 9, 2025.



FOSTER CARE

Awareness programmes for the ASHA workers: Awareness programme for the Anganwadi Workers, B Narayanpura, Bengaluru Urban, on the concept of foster care on December 13, 2025



HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

General Health Camps: Health Awareness Programme for twenty-eight children of BOSCO Mane on December 11, 2025, by St. Martha's Hospital Team.



CRISP

National Pollution Control Day: National Pollution Control Day organized for the students of the Government Primary School, Ambedkar Nagar, Nelamangala, on December 2, 2025. Awareness on different kinds of pollution, cleanliness and actions for a healthy environment was imparted.



JUVENILE ADVOCACY

Visit to Observation Home: Visit to Observation Home and interaction with the children and the JJB members by Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director and the Juvenile Advocacy team on December 23, 2025



HRD

Orientation Programme: An orientation program was conducted for eighteen MSW students and two staff members from Alva's College, Moodbidri, as part of their study tour to BOSCO Bengaluru.



RMT

CSR activities: CSR activities organized by the Resource Mobilization Team during December 2025 as part of the Christmas celebrations



FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER CARE

Home Visits to the families of the children restored to their families



MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

Food Kits were distributed to the migrant communities of Bengaluru Urban and Rural during December 2025.



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO MANE

Nakshatra 2025: Twenty-eight talented children from BOSCO Mane participated in "Nakshatra 2025" a mega-talent event organized by the BHOOMI Organization on December 21, 2025.



BOSCO VIKAS

Parents' Meeting: Parents' Meeting was organized on December 25, 2025. Seventy-seven children and seventy parents attended the meeting.



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

DCPO Visits BOSCO Rainbow Home: DCPO Mrs. Leema visits BOSCO Rainbow Home on December 17, 2025



BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

Dental Camp: Dental Camp organized for thirty tailoring trainees and reception unit children on December 12, 2025



BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

Picnic to Ajjanahalli: A picnic was organized for the Centre youth at Ajjanahalli Don Bosco Centre on December 26, 2025



BOSCO YUVODAYA

Activities for the Children: Activities for the Open Shelter Children as part of International Human Rights Day on December 10, 2025



BOSCO Sumanahalli

Life Skill Session on Time Management for thirty-four trainees on December 9, 2025



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY AT BOSCO CENTRES

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, a session was conducted on Human Rights for the children and youth of BOSCO centres and areas on December 10, 2025. The theme of the year was 'Human Rights, Our Everyday Essentials'. Directors and Coordinators of the centres addressed the children and explained the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. They created awareness about the importance of the day. They explained the objectives, the importance of human rights, and the violations that are happening in the current scenario. The children were made aware of the importance of leading a life with dignity. During the day, awareness was also raised in the schools by the BOSCO CRISP Project. Children from the centres and areas participated in the event.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

MSW Students from Alva's College, Moodbidri, had come for an exposure visit to BOSCO Bengaluru on December 16, 2025. Fr. K. J. Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane, oriented the students on the BOSCO organization and its activities. He briefed the students on the history of BOSCO Bengaluru, its vision and mission, and the various programs and projects implemented by the organization through a structured orientation session.

As part of the orientation programme, one video was played to help the students understand the organization's work and its approach to intervention and support services. The students later visited Vatsalya Bhavan, where they gained practical exposure to the functioning of the centre. The orientation programme provided the students with better clarity on the aims and objectives of the organization and its programmes and projects, making the visit informative and beneficial for their academic learning. Eighteen students and two faculty members participated in the programme.



PAST PUPILS' GET-TOGETHER

A gathering was organized for the alumni of BOSCO Sumanahalli at the centre on December 7, 2025, to celebrate the achievements of the Skill Training Centre and its alumni, to reconnect with the past pupils and understand their current status, to motivate and inspire current trainees by sharing success stories and experiences of the past pupils, and to build a strong network and sense of community among past and present trainees.



Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, emphasized that the event marked a significant milestone for the Skill Training Centre. He highlighted the various trainings offered at the centre and stated that it is not only a place for skill training but also for holistic personal development—instilling values and life skills. He also explained about government schemes and other benefits available to the trainees. Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, stressed the importance of acquiring skills and values for life. He shared that lessons learned in an educational setting must be applied in real-life situations. He encouraged past pupils to return and inspire the current trainees. Mr. Balraj, Family Restoration and Aftercare Manager, gave insights into the family restoration process and aftercare support provided by BOSCO.



Several alumni recounted how their time at BOSCO had a profoundly positive impact on their lives. They expressed gratitude for the support and guidance they received. The gathering served as a great motivation for the present trainees at the centre. Twenty-six past pupils, along with thirty-four current trainees, attended the event.

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

BOSCO Computer Training project, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, organized a certificate distribution program for the students who completed the three-month Basics and Tally training course from the centre, on December 6, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address and shared insights about the organization with the trainees



He emphasized the importance of technology in career and education and congratulated the students for completing the course. Addressing the trainees, Fr. K J Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, congratulated the students for completing the course and exhorted them to utilize the skills learnt effectively. Addressing the trainees, Fr. Danial Sagma, from Meghalaya, congratulated the students for completing the course and motivated the students with some inspiring quotes. Twenty girls and five boys received the certificates on the occasion.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT BOSCO



BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with its staff and volunteers at St. Xavier's High School, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru, on December 20, 2025. Fr. Arogya Raj, Manager of St. Xavier's High School, warmly welcomed the gathering, describing the occasion as a celebration of the BOSCO family, including directors and staff. Fr. Devaraj, Director of BOSCO Nivas, shared inspiring Bible verses, while Fr. Varghese, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, inaugurated the Christmas crib. In his address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram emphasized that Jesus loved everyone and was a gift from God. He drew a parallel, stating that the staff were a gift to BOSCO, working tirelessly towards its vision and mission. The festive programme featured carols, dances, gift exchanges, and warm season's greetings. The celebration saw enthusiastic participation from all staff, tuition teachers, volunteers, and management.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT BOSCO CENTRES

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, and Sumanahalli, CRISP organized Christmas Celebrations with children and youth from December 15 to 27, 2025, at their respective centres and areas.



The celebrations began with the inauguration of the crib by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and the Directors. The importance and value of Christmas were made known to the children and youth.





Fr. Anand, who has rendered excellent service in the fields of education, literature, music and social service, was honoured with the 'Mareyada Manikya Award 2025' by the Ashakirana Kala Trust, Bangalore, on December 23, 2025.

HOMELINK NETWORK

DECEMBER - 2025

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	90	27	117
Service provided	46	07	53
Grand Total	136	34	170

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU Staff	13	08	00	00	21
Bus Stand BMTC	19	03	00	00	22
Bus Stand KSRTC	10	02	00	00	12
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Nivas	02	01	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	03	00	00	03
CSN	05	01	00	00	06
ARSP	37	09	00	00	46
Juvenile Advocacy	01	00	00	00	01
TOTAL	90	27	00	00	117

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	06	05	11
Home Placement (CWC R)	50	08	58
Direct Home Placement	17	04	21
Admission to Government Homes	15	10	25
Referred to other Institutions	02	00	02
TOTAL	90	27	117

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