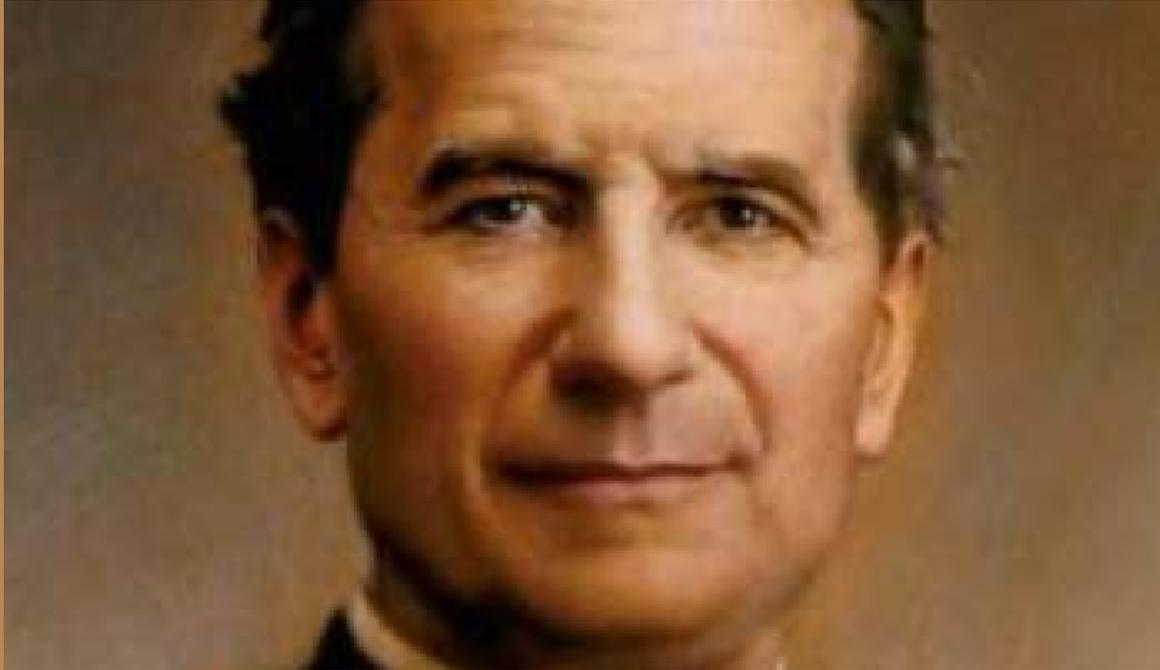


E - STREET VOICE



"DON BOSCO TODAY: A LIVING LEGACY"

"I say that John Bosco is alive." This common refrain within the Salesian Family is not just a poetic expression, but a profound truth seen in the thousands of schools, technical centres, and oratories worldwide. But what does it mean to be a "Don Bosco" in 2026?

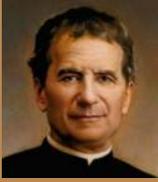
Don Bosco was a man who saw the potential in every young person, especially the most abandoned and marginalized. His life was marked by "apostolic courage," a "business-mindedness" that was, however, entirely at the service of the poor, rather than profit.

In a fast-paced world often driven by efficiency and results, the timeless wisdom of Saint John Bosco reminds us that the core of education lies in the heart. Don Bosco, the beloved "Father and Teacher of Youth," did not believe in teaching through fear or intimidation. Instead, he proposed a "Preventive System" rooted in three pillars: Reason, Religion, and Loving-Kindness. For Don Bosco, a school or oratory was not just a place for academic learning, but a home that welcomes, and a playground where friendships are formed.

As we navigate the complexities of modern education, let us, like Don Bosco, be "present" to the young, take their dreams seriously, and create a safe, loving, and virtuous environment. When we educate the heart, we empower the mind and spirit.

Today, his legacy challenges us to be proactive, creative, and courageous. It calls us to look at the digital world and the "new poverty" of our time through the lens of faith and action. As we move forward, let us embrace his motto, "Da mihi animas, caetera tolle" (Give me souls, take away the rest), ensuring that our daily efforts—academic, technical, or social—are always directed toward the holistic growth of the young.

Street Presence



BOSCO NIVAS

Parents' Meeting – at Cobbler Colony Community to create awareness about the child's academic progress and the important role of parents in the family, and to acquire social entitlements.



BOSCO NILAYA

Awareness Programme on Children in Conflict with the Law: Organized for the members of the Anandapuram community on January 7, 2026



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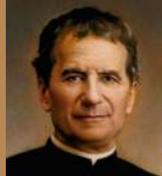
Public Awareness at SMVT Railway Station on Child Rights and Child Protection Mechanisms on January 8, 2026



BUS STAND

Fresh Children Survey at the BMTC Bus Stand- Conducted on January 14 and 15, 2026





MAGADI ROAD

Life Skill Session – For the children of Kadapa Swami Math Study Centre, on Decision Making and Interpersonal Relationships on January 9, 2026



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

Mothers' Group Meeting on January 3, 31, 2026, at Annamma Colony, Gandhi Nagar

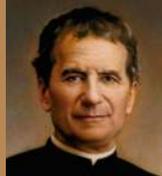


COMPONENTS

CSN

Stakeholders' Awareness- Awareness to Garage owners at Gangondanahalli, Bengaluru on January 22, 2026





FOSTER CARE PROGRAMME

Awareness programme for the Police Officials at Nelamangala Police Station, Bengaluru Rural, on the concept of foster care on January 13, 2026



HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

General Health Camps at the BOSCO Centres



FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER CARE

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



MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

Recreational Programmes for Migrant Children in Thanisandra and K Narayanpura on January 17 and 21, 2026





CRISP

Awareness to the Anganwadi Mothers at Old Byppanahalli on January 2, 2026



RMT

Taj Hotel visited the BOSCO Mane Team on January 24, 2025



JUVENILE ADVOCACY

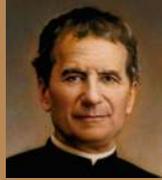
Team attended the Capacity Building Programme conducted by ECHO on enhancing the understanding and practical skills related to the Child Help Desk, child protection mechanisms, and rehabilitation of children in conflict with law (CICL) and children in need of care and protection (CNCP) from January 7 to 9, 2026.



HRD

Orientation Programme was conducted for Diploma students of Vishwadeep Institute of Youth Ministries at BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 29, 2026





CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO MANE

"My Vision, My Canvas" -A drawing competition organized for the children at the centre on January 4, 2026



BOSCO VIKAS

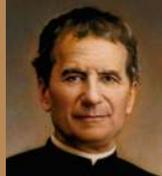
Children participated in the Prince Cup 2926 -Taekwondo Competition organized on January 11, 2026



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

Outing to Lalbagh on January 26, 2026





**BOSCO VATSALYA
BHAVAN**

New Year Celebration at the centre, along with the team of Taj West End Hotel on January 1, 2026



BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

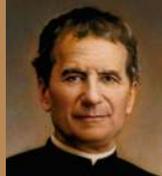
Life Skill Session on effective leadership for thirty-three trainees on January 14, 2026



**BOSCO
YUVAKENDRA**

National Girl Child Day Celebrated on January 24, 2026





BOSCO YUVODAYA

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Birth Anniversary
Celebration

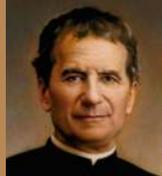


DON BOSCO MONTH

INAUGURATION OF DON BOSCO'S MONTH

Don Bosco's month was inaugurated at all BOSCO centres, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 5, 2026. The representatives of each centre and area, along with their Directors, garlanded the statue of the Saint. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, exhorted the children and youth at the centres to learn more about Don Bosco and to imbibe at least one virtue of Don Bosco during the year.





The Directors of the centres gave the example of Don Bosco and his sacrifice and dedication towards youth. They spoke about the importance of celebrating Don Bosco's Month, St. John Bosco's work, his mission and his vision. They encouraged the youth to imitate Don Bosco and consider him a role model. Children sang hymns honouring St. John Bosco. Children also performed cultural programmes. All the centre and area children and youth participated in the inauguration event.

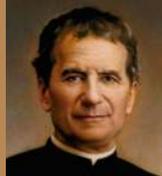
BOSCO ANNUAL QUIZ CONTEST 2026

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Mane on January 10, 2026. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru and Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, inaugurated the programme.



Eight teams representing the different centres and areas – BOSCO Mane and Vikas, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvodaya, Nilaya and Yuva Spandana, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra and Sumanahalli, participated in the competition.





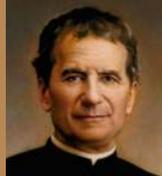
The competition conducted by quiz master Ms. Shreelakshmi, Vatsalya Bhavan, included a No-passing round, Passing round, Rapid fire round, Image round and Words round. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners, and the children from BOSCO Mane and Vikas were the runners-up. Children from BOSCO Nivas secured third place. Twenty-four children and eight staff participated in the quiz contest.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY ORGANIZED

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at St. Joseph's High School, Chamarajpet, on January 18, 2026. Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Success or failure, keep smiling and move forward towards reaching the goals set forth." The Olympic Torch was lit and carried by the leaders representing the centres and areas with which BOSCO is associated.



Addressing the children, the chief guest, Mr K.M. Basavayya, Director of Physical Education at GFC, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, wished that the children develop sportsmanship and grow to great heights. He quoted the example of Wilma Rudolph, an American sprinter, who overcame polio as a child and went on to become a world-record-holding Olympic champion in international sports. Talking to the children, Mr Krishnamurthy S, International Athletics Coach, Shantinagar, Bengaluru, envisioned these children becoming successful athletes and sportsmen in the next 15 to 20 years. Children and staff took an oath during the programme under the leadership of Master Vishal, the children's representative.



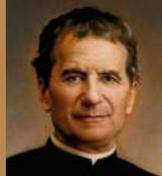
Various sports events like running races (50 mts, 100 mts, 200mts, 400mts and relay), high jump, long jump, tug of war, shot-put, sack race, frog race, musical chair, lemon and spoon race, bomb in the city, etc., were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The Directors and staff awarded the winners medals and certificates. Fr. Joh Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Devaraj, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Nivas, Fr. Deepu, Director, Projects and Migrant Help Desk and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were also present on the occasion. Around four hundred children from BOSCO centres and areas of intervention participated in the sports meet.

CHILDREN'S CULTURAL FEST AT BOSCO BENGALURU

BOSCO Bengaluru organised a grand Children's Cultural Fest at BOSCO Mane, Bengaluru, on January 25, 2026, to honour the legacy of Don Bosco, a remarkable figure whose life and work continue to inspire and uplift Young at Risk. Through this festival, children were given a platform to showcase their talents, celebrate their culture, and build confidence in a supportive environment. The programme began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries.



Most Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bengaluru and Chief Guest for the programme, addressed the children by blessing them and offering words of encouragement. He remarked, "Today is not only the Feast of Don Bosco, but also a festival for children. Looking at all of you, I feel as if I am in a garden of colourful flowers. Heaven's kingdom belongs to children. May you always cherish your dreams, work hard, and grow up to be responsible citizens who bring pride to your families and society."



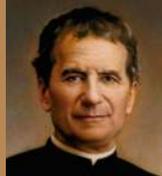
Mr. Akbar Ali Udupi, State Secretary of Jamaate Islami Hind, Karnataka, remarked on the occasion, "Spending time with children is like being in the garden of Heaven. The tongue is the face of one's personality, so use it to show love, compassion, sacrifice, and empathy. Today, BOSCO has recognized you; tomorrow, let the whole world recognize you."



Pujyashri Shivanubhava Charamurthy Shivarudra Swamiji, Spiritual Leader and Founder of Sri Belimatha Maha Samsthana Socio-Cultural and Education Trust, expressed his delight at the children's radiant smiles. Quoting Basavanna's Vachanas, he advised them to follow Don Bosco's resolution to cultivate kindness, respect elders, and pursue education with dedication, as these values will guide them to success and happiness.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, Bengaluru, delivered the presidential address.

The children witnessed a great orchestral performance by Sapna Melodies. The children staged cultural programmes, delivering scintillating performances while dressed in colourful costumes. In preparation for the feast of Don Bosco, a month-long celebration was organized for the children, featuring events such as a quiz competition, sports day, and various cultural competitions. Winners were recognized and awarded during the valedictory function. Approximately 600 children, along with friends and well-wishers of BOSCO, gathered at BOSCO Mane in Bengaluru to mark the occasion.



MOTIVATION AND LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN IN OBSERVATION HOME

BOSCO Juvenile Advocacy Project organized a motivation and life skills programme for the children in conflict with the law in Observation Home on January 3, 2026, to engage children at the Observation Home (OH) in interactive activities, building their confidence, encouraging positive peer interaction, motivating them to avoid future offences while continuing their education and encouraging them to abide by the law.

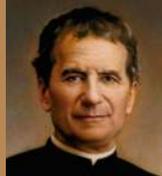


The team engaged the children in interactive sessions and group activities, including self-introduction, games, singing, creative activities and storytelling. Children actively participated in games and discussions. Mrs Kavitha, Superintendent, Observation Home, was present during the programme. They expressed interest in continuing studies and avoiding negative peer influence. Twenty-three children participated in the session.

NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

BOSCO Nivas and Yuvakendra commemorated National Youth Day in honour of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary at their respective centres and at BBMP College, Shivaji Nagar, on January 12, 2026. The coordinators from BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Yuvakendra highlighted the significance of the occasion, sharing inspiring stories from Swami Vivekananda's childhood and his motivating quotes on youth.





Staff members emphasized the importance of youth participation in today's world and nation-building, while also stressing the need to uphold core values. They reiterated Swami Vivekananda's belief that India's future can be shaped by the hard work, education, dedication, and spiritual strength of its youth. His vision for youth empowerment, still highly relevant today, was conveyed to all attendees. The event was attended by all BBMP College students and around twenty-five boys from Yuvakendra, making it a memorable celebration.

MAKARA SANKRANTHI CELEBRATIONS AT BOSCO BENGALURU

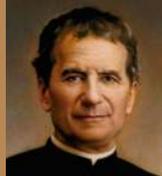
BOSCO Nivas, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, and Sumanahalli celebrated Makara Sankranti on January 15, 2026, at their respective centres. The festivities began with a prayer song, invoking the Almighty's blessings.



The Directors of each centre spoke about the significance of the festival, highlighting Sankranti or Pongal marks the harvest season, and the Sun's transition from one zodiac sign to another.that



They explained that although this harvest festival is known by different names across various regions of India, it universally represents a time to thank the Almighty for his generosity. Sweets and sugarcane were distributed to all the children and youth who participated enthusiastically in the celebrations at the BOSCO centres.



ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

An orientation programme was conducted for Diploma students of Vishwadeep Institute of Youth Ministries at BOSCO Yuvodaya on January 29, 2026. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, spoke about the BOSCO organization and its activities. He briefed about the history of BOSCO Bengaluru, its Vision and Mission, programmes and projects through a PPT presentation.



Videos on Foster Care and Girl Child were shown. Students understood the activities of BOSCO, the rescue and rehabilitation process, projects and programmes. After the orientation programme, students interacted with the staff and children. This orientation provided greater clarity on the organisation's aims and objectives. Students visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and BOSCO Sumanahalli. Twelve Students and one Father were part of the orientation programme.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrating the spirit of our nation with little hearts full of pride. Republic Day at BOSCO Bengaluru on January 26, 2026, was marked with joy, unity, and smiles as our children honoured the values of freedom, equality, and hope.



A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR YOUNG CHAMPIONS



BOSCO Mane and Vikas' children participated in the Prince Cup 2026 – Taekwondo Competition, organised by Prince Academy at R. K. Hegde Nagar, Bengaluru, on 11 January 2026.

Their dedication and discipline shone through as they brought home:

- 1 15 Gold
- 2 02 Silver
- 3 14 Bronze



Congratulations to our children for this outstanding achievement and for embodying the spirit of perseverance and sportsmanship.



	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	130	18	148
Service provided	68	09	77
Grand Total	198	27	225

New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU Staff	15	03	00	00	18
Bus Stand BMTC	30	04	00	00	34
Bus Stand KSRTC	13	01	00	00	14
BOSCO Yuvodaya	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Yuvakendra	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	15	00	01	00	16
BOSCO Nilaya	00	01	00	00	01
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	01	00	00	01
CSN	14	00	00	00	14
ARSP	37	08	00	00	45
Gandhi Nagar	01	00	00	00	01
TOTAL	129	18	01	00	148

Final Action based on Contact date

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	25	03	28
Home Placement (CWC R)	56	11	67
Direct Home Placement	31	01	32
Admission to Government Homes	15	02	17
Referred to other Institutions	02	01	03
Referred to OH	01	00	01
TOTAL	90	27	117

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