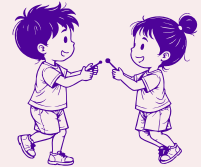


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Science, Society, and the Spirit of Viksit Bharat



India observed National Science Day 2026 on 28 February with the powerful and timely theme “Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat.” The occasion is more than a ceremonial remembrance; it is a reaffirmation of India’s commitment to scientific temper, innovation, and inclusive national development.

National Science Day marks the historic discovery of the Raman Effect by legendary Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928. This landmark contribution to physics earned him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930, placing India firmly on the global scientific map. In recognition of this achievement, the Government of India declared 28 February as National Science Day in 1986, with the first observance held in 1987.

The relevance of National Science Day has only grown with time. In an era defined by climate change, health challenges, digital transformation, and technological disruption, science plays a decisive role in shaping solutions. The 2026 theme rightly foregrounds women in science, acknowledging their contributions while also highlighting the need to remove structural barriers and ensure equal opportunities in research, innovation, and leadership.

Across the country, educational institutions, research laboratories, and scientific organisations mark the day with exhibitions, lectures, quizzes, poster-making competitions, and awareness programmes. These activities reinforce an essential message: science is not confined to laboratories or textbooks; it is deeply woven into everyday life and national progress.

The celebration also serves as a reminder of the importance of nurturing a scientific temper, a value enshrined in the Indian Constitution. Encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and evidence-based reasoning among students is vital for building a resilient and forward-looking society.

As India aspires to become a Viksit Bharat, science and technology will remain central to this journey. National Science Day 2026 thus stands not only as a tribute to past achievements but also as a call to action—to invest in science education, empower women scientists, and inspire the next generation of innovators. In celebrating science, India celebrates its future.

Street Presence

BOSCO Nivas

Public Awareness at Commercial Street, Church Street, and Bus Stand areas of Shivaji Nagar on February 4 and 28, 2026



BOSCO Nilaya

Life Skill Training on Good and Bad Habits for the Anganwadi children at Jolly Moholla on February 5, 2026



ARSP

School Awareness Programme at Government Higher Primary School near Matadahalli on February 12, 2026



Bus Stand

Honouring of Ms. Nayana, DTO, BMTC by the Executive Director and Director of Yuvodaya



Magadi Road

Adolescent Girls' Meeting on Personal Hygiene and Self Care at Gurukul International School, Magadi Road on February 9, 2026



Gandhi Nagar Area

Awareness for auto drivers at Gandhi Nagar on February 28, 2026



Components

CSN

Need-Based Survey at Rashildar Street on February 17, 2026



Foster Care

Foster care awareness programme for ASHA workers and hospital staff at BBMP Hospital, Sirsi Circle, Bengaluru South, on February 13, 2026.



Health Care Programme

Health Awareness and Camp for the trainees and community people of Sumanahalli on February 2, 2026



Family Restoration and After Care

Food Kit Distribution to the families of the children who are restored to their families and those children in After-care



Migrants' Help Desk

Awareness creation among the Migrant families during February 2026



CRISP

Awareness on child rights and CHILDLINE to the mothers on February 9, 2026



Juvenile Advocacy

Community Awareness Programme on Children in Conflict with Law at Sagayapuram, KG Halli, on February 23, 2026



HRD

Exposure visit to all the centres and areas of BOSCO for the new staff of BOSCO on February 10 and 11, 2026



RMT
CSR Activities



Child Care Institutions

BOSCO Mane

Life Skill Session on Problem Solving and Communication Skills for the centre children by Neravu Team on February 22, 2026



BOSCO Vikas

CSR activities by the Accenture Team, Bellandur, conducted for the children of the centre on February 28, 2026



BOSCO Rainbow Home

General Health Check-up for the centre children by Dr. Abraham and Team on February 15, 2026



BOSCO Sumanahalli

Celebration of National Science Day at the centre on February 28, 2026



BOSCO Yuvakendra

Career Guidance Session for the centre youth on February 16, 2026



BOSCO Yuvodaya

Training programme for BOSCO Outreach and CCI staff on CWC procedures and form filling as per JJ Act 2015 on February 13, 2026



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

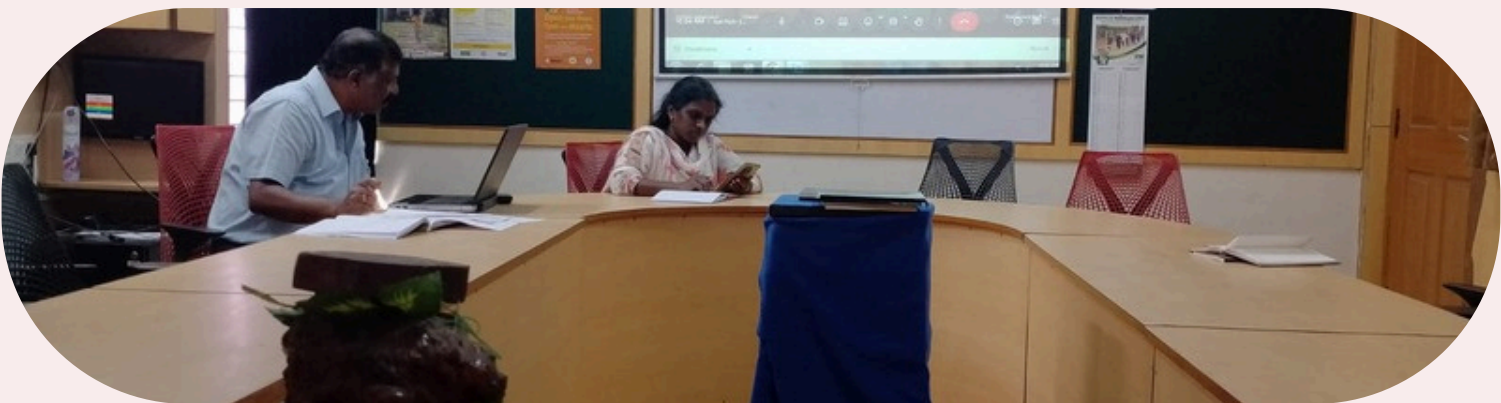
Exposure Visit to Lakme Salon



Virtual Meeting with Directors and Social Mobilizers

The Foster Care Virtual Meeting was held on February 19, 2026, through Google Meet, with the participation of 35 members, including Directors, Coordinators, and Social Mobilizers.

The first session, led by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, included a recap of the previous meeting, highlighting key aspects such as monitoring visits of children, reporting formats, and strategies adopted for awareness creation. He then introduced and explained the checklist for Social Mobilizers, which included responsibilities related to conducting awareness programmes for stakeholders, office-related tasks, home visits, school visits, monitoring and documentation, legal compliance, and other assigned duties.



Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator – Foster Care, presented the status of Foster Care Placements across Districts. He reported that a total of 24 foster care placements had been completed over a period of seven months, along with paper publications conducted in 16 districts to promote foster care awareness. The meeting concluded with a welcome address by Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator – Foster Care, and a vote of thanks proposed by Ms. Nandini N, Documentation Coordinator.

Distribution of Certificates

A Certificate Distribution Ceremony was organized at BOSCO Nivas on February 20, 2026, to honour the successful completion of tailoring and computer training courses. The training programmes were designed not only to impart vocational skills but also to promote gender equality and empower women and students, enabling them to become self-reliant and confident in pursuing livelihood opportunities.



The event was graced by distinguished guests who introduced new skill development schemes aimed at supporting the trainees in their future endeavours. The guests also highlighted the significant role of Don Bosco institutions in empowering youth through education and vocational training, emphasizing the importance of skill-based learning in today's socio-economic context.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Devaraj, Director of BOSCO Nivas, Smt. Anupama, Vice President of Women's Rights, and Mr. Shoaib Pasha, Social Worker, distributed the certificates to the trainees and congratulated them on their achievements. The programme concluded with words of encouragement from the dignitaries, inspiring the trainees to continue learning, enhance their skills, and work towards personal and professional growth. A total of 24 trainees received course completion certificates during the programme.

Parents Meeting at BOSCO Rainbow Home



BOSCO Rainbow Home organized a Parents and Guardians Meeting on February 08, 2026, with the participation of 24 parents and guardians of children from the centre. Ms. Pranitha from the MINDS Project, along with the Don Bosco BREADS team, conducted an informative and interactive session for the parents. The session focused on mental health awareness, providing insights into common mental health disorders among children, early identification of symptoms, and guidance on where parents can seek professional help.

In addition, the session addressed often-neglected issues related to menstrual health, emphasizing personal care, hygiene, and self-care practices. The discussions helped parents gain a better understanding of both the physical and mental well-being of their children.

The meeting successfully created awareness about various mental health concerns and equipped parents with knowledge and practical guidance to support the emotional and psychological well-being of their children, fostering a healthier home environment.

Parents' Meeting



The Family Restoration and After-Care Parents' Meeting and Ration Kits Distribution Programme was held at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 22, 2026. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, addressed the gathering and elaborated on the various activities and programmes implemented by BOSCO

He explained that the primary objective of the parents' meeting was to ensure that no child resides in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and that every child grows up in a safe and nurturing family environment. Emphasizing parental responsibility, he urged parents to take active ownership of their children's care and development.

Mrs. Vinnarasi, Teacher and Motivator from BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke on the roles and responsibilities of parents. She underlined that children need care, protection, and love from their parents, and that an adverse home environment can significantly impact a child's behaviour and development. She encouraged parents to regularly monitor their children's school progress, observe their behaviour, and prioritize education, reminding them that parents serve as role models for their children. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of obtaining Aadhaar cards, voter IDs, PAN cards, and ration cards to access various government welfare schemes and social entitlements.

Mr. Balraj, Coordinator of the Family Restoration and After-Care Project, welcomed the gathering, and Mrs. Vimala, from BOSCO Yuvakendra, proposed the vote of thanks. Thirty parents, along with their children, participated in the programme.

Recreational Trip organised for BOSCO Sumanahalli Trainees



The BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, organised a one-day recreational and educational trip for its trainees and staff on 24 February 2026. The visit covered Gaganachukki Falls, Bharachukki Falls, and Talakadu. A total of forty trainees and staff participated in the trip. The primary objective of the excursion was to provide trainees with exposure beyond the classroom, promote relaxation, and create opportunities for experiential learning, thereby supporting their social, cultural, and personal development.

During the journey, the trainees enthusiastically engaged in singing, playing games, and interacting with one another, creating a joyful and lively atmosphere. At Gaganachukki and Bharachukki Falls, they admired the scenic beauty of the waterfalls, lush greenery, and natural surroundings. The visit also served as an opportunity to learn about the importance of protecting nature and preserving the environment. The trainees spent time playing games, enjoying snacks, dancing, and sharing moments of happiness. The calm, refreshing environment helped them relax, clear their minds, and strengthen bonds with peers and staff.

The group later visited the Talakadu temple, where the trainees offered prayers and learned about the cultural, historical, and religious significance of the place. This experience enhanced their understanding of tradition, heritage, and spirituality.

Digital Learning Day

Digital Learning Day was observed with great enthusiasm and active participation from the trainees at the BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, on February 23, 2026. The programme aimed to highlight the importance of digital education and to enhance the trainees' computer knowledge and digital skills.

The programme began with a brief introduction explaining the significance of digital learning in today's modern and technology-driven world. Trainees were encouraged to make effective use of digital tools for education, skill development, and future employment opportunities. They were guided on how digital skills can build confidence, promote independence, and support personal growth.



During the session, trainees actively participated in hands-on computer learning activities. They practised basic and advanced digital skills such as typing, browsing online learning materials, and improving their overall technical knowledge. The session helped trainees understand the role of technology in education, daily life, and career development.

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Staff Induction Training

BOSCO Bengaluru organized an induction programme for the new staff at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 9, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, conducted sessions on Programmes and Services of BOSCO and Expectations from Staff. These sessions provided the participants with a comprehensive understanding of the organization's vision, ongoing programmes, and various projects. The staff were also oriented on professional conduct, responsibilities, and the expectations BOSCO holds for its employees in fulfilling its mission.

The session on Child Protection Policy and Human Resource Policy was facilitated by Mr. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager. He explained organizational policies, staff roles, ethical conduct, and procedures essential for ensuring a safe and child-friendly environment.



Mr. Shivamallu led a session on Child Laws, Child Rights, and Child Welfare Committee (CWC) Procedures. This session emphasized the importance of legal frameworks, child rights protection, and adherence to statutory procedures while working with children.

Fr. Jude Anand, Director of BOSCO Sumanahalli, conducted an engaging session on the Don Bosco Preventive System. Through group activities, discussions, activity-based learning, and video clips related to personality development, the staff were encouraged to reflect on their attitudes, responsibilities, and approach to their work with children and communities.

The induction programme concluded with the collection of feedback from the participants, followed by concluding remarks by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram. The programme successfully oriented the new staff members and equipped them with the foundational knowledge, values, and expectations necessary for their roles at BOSCO.

Staff Sports Day at BOSCO

A Sports Day for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on February 21, 2026. The event brought together Directors and over 70 staff members, fostering team spirit, camaraderie, and joyful celebration.

Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, described the occasion as a special day for the BOSCO family. He noted that while several events had been organized for children during Don Bosco's Month, the Staff Sports Day was also an integral part of the celebration, emphasizing that it was a family-oriented event. He highlighted that the day provided an opportunity for staff to come together, spend quality time with one another, and showcase their talents and skills beyond their professional roles.



The morning session featured a lively dance competition, along with cricket for male staff and blanket throwball for the female staff. The afternoon session included engaging party games such as musical chairs and bomb in the city, volleyball for the male staff, and tug of war for both groups, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and friendly competition.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of prizes and the rolling cup, recognizing participation and sportsmanship. Fr. Jude Anand, Director of BOSCO Sumanahalli, welcomed the gathering and proposed the vote of thanks, marking a successful and memorable Sports Day for the BOSCO staff.

BOSCO Homelink February - 2026

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	104	34	138
Service provided	42	12	54
Grand Total	146	46	192

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU Staff	20	12	00	00	32
Bus Stand BMTC	24	05	00	00	29
Bus Stand KSRTC	11	01	01	00	13
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Yuvakendra	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nivas	02	01	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	11	00	00	00	11
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	01	00	02	03
CSN	05	01	00	00	06
SMVT	07	02	00	00	09
BNC	09	03	00	00	12
KJM	07	06	00	00	13
Juvenile Advocacy	01	00	00	00	01
TOTAL	103	32	01	02	138

Final Action Taken

Placement	Boys	Girls	Total
Under Follow-up in BOSCO Centres	23	06	29
Home Placement (CWC R)	45	17	62
Direct Home Placement	23	02	25
Admission to Government Homes	13	08	21
Accompanied Home Placement	00	01	01
TOTAL	104	34	138

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