

# E - STREET VOICE

## PROTECT, NOT PUNISH — A CALL FOR JUSTICE FOR STREET-CONNECTED CHILDREN

April 12, 2026, marks the International Day for Street Children (IDSC), drawing global attention to one of the most vulnerable yet resilient groups in our societies. This year's theme, "Protect, Not Punish: Strengthening Access to Justice for Street-Connected Children," challenges us to rethink how we respond to children in street situations—not as offenders, but as rights-holders in need of care and protection.

Behind every child on the street is a story shaped by poverty, family breakdown, migration, abuse, or neglect. Yet, it is important to remember that street-connected children are not defined by their circumstances. They are resilient, resourceful, and full of potential. What they lack is not ability, but opportunity—opportunity to be protected, educated, and nurtured in safe environments.

Every child deserves protection under the law. Yet for children on the streets, access to justice remains distant and uneven. Many lack identity documents, legal awareness, or the support of adults who can advocate for them. As a result, their experiences of abuse, exploitation, or violence often go unreported and unaddressed. Justice, in their case, becomes not a right, but a privilege out of reach.

The call to "protect, not punish" is both urgent and necessary. It requires a shift in mindset—from viewing these children as problems to be controlled, to recognizing them as individuals with dignity, potential, and rights. Child-friendly justice systems, trained law enforcement, legal aid, and inclusive policies are essential to ensure that no child is left behind.

Organizations like BOSCO Bengaluru, working on the ground, continue to show that compassionate, rights-based approaches can transform lives. Through outreach, counselling, education, and family reintegration, they create pathways for children to move away from the streets and toward stability and hope. But these efforts must be supported by strong legal frameworks and sustained public commitment.

This International Day for Street Children is not just a moment of reflection—it is a call to action. Governments, institutions, and communities must come together to dismantle systems that criminalize vulnerability and instead build structures that protect childhood.

A just society is not measured by how it treats its most privileged, but by how it safeguards its most vulnerable. Let us commit to building a society where no child is forced to call the street their home, and where every child is given the chance to grow, dream, and thrive.



**A STREET-FREE CHILDHOOD IS NOT A PRIVILEGE—IT IS A RIGHT. AND IT IS A RIGHT WE MUST STRIVE TO UPHOLD, TOGETHER.**

FR. KJ JOSEPH, SDB

## STREET PRESENCE

### BOSCO NIVAS

BOSCO Nivas organized an exposure visit to Talakadu, Shivanasamudra, Gaganachukki Falls, and Barachukki Falls for skill training, computer, and tailoring students on April 7, 2026.



### BOSCO NILAYA

The Health Care Department of BOSCO organized a health awareness session in collaboration with Inara Group at BOSCO Yuvaspandana on April 12, 2026. The session included topics such as personal hygiene, dengue fever and malaria. Sixty-seven children benefited from the session.



### BUS STAND

The Bus Stand outreach team had a meeting with Ms. Asha, DCPO South and the unit staff on April 8, 2026.



### MAGADI ROAD

Conducted awareness programme on child rights, child protection mechanisms and vocational courses at BOSCO Bengaluru, to BBMP Workers of KP Agrahara Ward on April 15, 2026.



# GANDHI NAGAR AREA

In a significant step towards protecting children's rights, a large-scale Child Labour Free Movement Campaign was officially launched today at Chickpet Metro Station by BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Labour Department and Police Department, to eliminate child labour and create awareness across the city.



## COMPONENTS

### CSN

Awareness of Shantipura Panchayat members, Bengaluru West, on the protection of child labourers, trafficked children, child marriages, enrolment of school dropout children, information on child rights, POSCO Act, the Right to Education Act and JJ Act on April 18, 2026.



### FOSTER CARE

An awareness session on the Foster Care concept was conducted for the public at the Majestic Bus Stand on April 14, 2026.



## HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

BOSCO Health Care Department, in Collaboration with Asha Kirana Kala Trust, National Integrated Medical Association (NIMA), Inara Group, TCM Hospital, and Dr Abraham, conducted general health check-ups and eye screening camps at BOSCO centres, which helped strengthen access to basic healthcare and early detection in vulnerable communities during April 2026.



## FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER CARE

Two After Care Boys were admitted in Sathiya NGO for Hotel Management Course training.



## MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

A health survey was conducted in the Migrant Communities during April 2026.



## JUVENILE ADVOCACY

A 3-hour Skill Development Workshop on Emotional Regulation and Communication was organized by the Juvenile Advocacy Team at Observation Home, Madiwala, for 17 children, which was facilitated by psychologists Mahesh Narayanan and Pratheeksha Padmanabhan, both Qualitative Interviewers with the Harmony Grant Project at St John's Research Institute, Bengaluru.



## RMT

30 staff members from the Taj Hotel visited BOSCO Rainbow Home and conducted drawing and storytelling activities for the children on April 22, 2026.



## CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

### BOSCO MANE AND BOSCO VIKAS

A Parents' Meeting was conducted on April 26, 2026, to inform parents about the placement of their children in a Stand-Alone Hostel instead of a Child Care Institution (CCI). The parents were also informed about the need to produce the children before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for the closure of their case files, in accordance with prescribed procedures.



### BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

A general health awareness programme was arranged to create awareness about maintaining good health, identify health issues early, and promote a healthy lifestyle among the girls of BOSCO Rainbow Home on April 9, 2026. Ms. Juveria and team members from Mount Carmel College spoke about menstrual health, menstrual hygiene and the myths and misconceptions about menstrual hygiene. Forty girls attended the session.



## **BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN**

An Eye Camp conducted by the Eye Foundation Group on April 30, 2026, benefited fifty-four children of the centre.



## **BOSCO SUMANAHALLI**

Celebrated National Safe Motherhood Day at the centre on April 11, 2026.



## **BOSCO YUVAKENDRA**

The Enfold team and Bangalore University MSW students conducted a life skills session at Yuvakendra, where children actively participated in several games on April 3, 2026.



## **BOSCO YUVODAYA**

St. Maratha's Hospital Nursing students conducted health awareness for 25 children on April 18, 2026.



## LAUNCH OF CHILD HELP VOLUNTEERS PROGRAMME



On April 6, 2026, the Child Help Volunteers Programme was officially launched at BOSCO Mane. The event was attended by Fr. Edward, Mrs. Leena (DCPO, Central), and Ms. Asha (DCPO, South and West). Nagamani from CRT served as the resource person for the training programme. In addition to the BOSCO Child Help Volunteers, Childline staff from the DCPUs also participated in the programme.

## AWARENESS OF FOSTER CARE TO POLICE OFFICIALS

BOSCO Foster Care Project organized awareness programme for the Police Officials of Upparpet Police Station at Freedom Park, Bengaluru on April 11, 2026. Mr. Raghavendra, Social Mobilizer, BOSCO Foster Care Project, explained in detail about the foster care programme. He explained how to foster a child and the procedures involved in submitting the application to the District Child Protection Unit. He requested their support in disseminating the information and in identifying the prospective foster parents. He also distributed pamphlets on foster care to all the participants. Around twenty-five Police Officials were present in the awareness programme.



## INTERNATIONAL STREET CHILDREN'S DAY

BOSCO Rainbow Home organised International Street Children Day near Lalbagh, Bengaluru on April 12, 2026. A street play was organized by the RFI City Desk team and RCCLC children from BOSCO Rainbow Home. Through this, awareness was created among many people about children living on the streets.



Children from the Nilaya and Anand Puram Study Centres actively participated in the International Street Children's Day programme conducted by ANC Home. The event provided a platform for children to express themselves and raise awareness about the rights and challenges of street-connected children.



## AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS AT BOSCO BENGALURU

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, at BOSCO Nivas, Sumanahalli, Nilaya, Yuvodaya, Vikas and Mane, Yuvakendra with great respect and enthusiasm. The programme included paying tribute to Dr. Ambedkar and remembering his valuable contributions to equality, justice, and education. The programme also included various meaningful activities such as a floral tribute to the portrait/statue of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, speeches by students and staff highlighting his contributions, and awareness talks on equality and social justice. The directors and staff highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's life journey, struggles against discrimination, and his major role in drafting the Indian Constitution.



The children proudly read the Preamble of the Constitution, reaffirming their commitment to uphold justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity in their lives. All the centre children, youths and the Study Centres' children were part of the celebrations.

## STATE CONSULTATION AND WORKSHOP FOR FOSTER CARE ORGANIZATION/ STAKEHOLDERS

The Foster Care Programme of BOSCO Bengaluru conducted State Consultation and Stakeholders' Workshops on April 10, 2026, at Don Bosco Makkalalaya, Mysuru, and on April 15, 2026, at Don Bosco, Hospet.



Fr. Jim Jose and Fr. Michael highlighted the crucial role of stakeholders and the need for collaboration among NGOs, CWC, and DCPO to ensure children are placed in nurturing family environments. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, shared BOSCO's foster care achievements, noting that around 75 children have been placed in foster families since 2023. He encouraged stakeholders to spread awareness and help identify prospective parents and children.

Key officials from CWC and DCPU across Mysuru, Chamarajanagara, Mandya, Vijayanagara, and Bellary participated and shared their insights. Foster care posters and Makkalalaya magazines were also released. A total of 49 stakeholders attended the Mysuru meeting, and 35 participated in the Hospet session.



## CRIME PREVENTION AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT DJ HALLI

The Juvenile Advocacy Team, in collaboration with the BOSCO Nivas Team, conducted an awareness programme on April 18, 2026, at DJ Halli. The initiative responded to the rising number of juvenile-related cases in the area and focused on prevention through awareness and community sensitization.



Mr. Sudheendra B.C., Advocate, and Mrs. Manjula V., Panel Advocate from the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), addressed parents and children on juvenile offences, their legal implications, the dangers of drug abuse, and the importance of parental responsibility, early identification of risky behaviours, and open communication

Parents shared challenges in monitoring their children, leading to a meaningful discussion. The programme strengthened community awareness, encouraged proactive parenting, and promoted collective responsibility in preventing juvenile delinquency. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi and the Nivas team were present. A total of 30 parents and 38 children participated.



## CARE LEAVERS' MEETING

BOSCO Mane organized a Care Leavers' Meeting on April 19, 2026, to build peer support, provide emotional stability, and offer career guidance to youth transitioning out of institutional care.



Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, highlighted the need for structured support systems to help care leavers navigate the vulnerable phase after leaving care. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane, facilitated an interactive session where youth shared challenges related to independent living.

The concept of a 'Care Leavers' Desk' was introduced to provide ongoing support, including counselling, career guidance, access to entitlements, and assistance with banking services. Participants were also informed about external support organizations such as We Live Foundation and Fellowship.

The meeting included recreational activities, with participants showcasing rap and beatboxing performances. A total of 46 youth (37 boys and 9 girls) attended the programme.

## SUMMER CAMPS AT BOSCO BENGALURU

A Summer Camp was organized to provide children from Nilaya and the Study Centres with a constructive and joyful way to spend their holidays on April 9, 2026. The programme was graced by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Mr. Xavier, and Mr. Bhaskar, Staff, whose presence motivated the children. The children were divided into four teams: Purple, Blue, Black, and Green, to promote teamwork and healthy competition. Various fun-filled activities, cultural programmes and games were organized to encourage active participation from all children. One hundred and five children, along with seven Study Centre teachers and two volunteers, participated in the camp.



A one-day summer camp was organized for the Study Centres' children at St. Xavier's School campus on April 16, 2026. The programme was graced by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, Mr. Nishad (RPF Inspector), Mr. Prem Kumar (ASI), Fr. Devraj (Director, BOSCO Nivas), and Mrs. Shobha, Professor from St. Ann's Degree College.



The day was filled with engaging sessions, including a motivational talk, fun games, a general quiz, and cultural programmes featuring dance and music. Special emphasis was given to instilling discipline among the children and raising awareness that the protection of children at risk is the responsibility of every citizen. Fun-filled activities and party games were thoughtfully arranged to keep the children actively engaged throughout the day. A total of 180 children attended the camp.



The six-day summer camp from April 20 to 25, 2026, at Anniyamma colony was a meaningful and enjoyable experience for the children, providing opportunities for creativity, learning, teamwork, and recreation through various activities. Each day helped nurture new skills and created joyful memories for the participants. The activities included drawing, crafts, creating the best out of the waste, cooking without fire, outing to Freedom Park and a gathering at BOSCO Yuvodaya for lunch. The camp concluded successfully with the active participation of twenty Study Centre children and support from Roopa Shastri.



A two-day summer camp was organized at Yuvakendra on April 22 and 23, 2026, with the presence of distinguished guests, including Inspector Sudha, Inspector Manjunath, Dr. Murali from Namma Clinic, Fr. K.J. Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra and Yuvakendra staff members.

There was a distribution of computer course completion certificates to the children. During the event, the savings accumulated by the BBMP Study Centre children were distributed, promoting the importance of financial responsibility. Various engaging activities such as dance, passing the ball, and a "Best Out of Waste" competition were conducted, ensuring active participation and enjoyment. As part of the programme, the children also visited the Museum of Art and Photography (MAPS), where they explored and appreciated Indian art and culture. A total of forty-five children participated in the programme.

The children were enthusiastic and excited, participating wholeheartedly in all the sessions. The programme concluded on a joyful note, leaving the children enriched and motivated.

# RESULTS

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO

PUC



Raju Gowda - 96%



Chandan Gowda -75.16%



Prabhavathi - 88%



Hema - 73%



Satya -70%



Shrisha- 69%



Chandan S - 70.15%



Tarun U - 48%



Viju - 52%

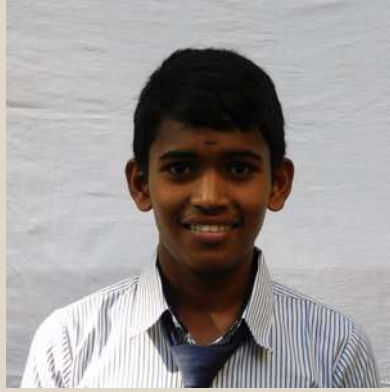
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## BOSCO VIKAS



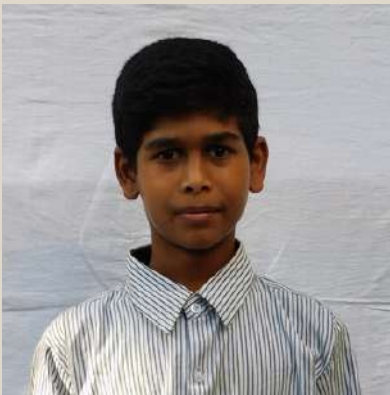
Vishal R - 70.14%



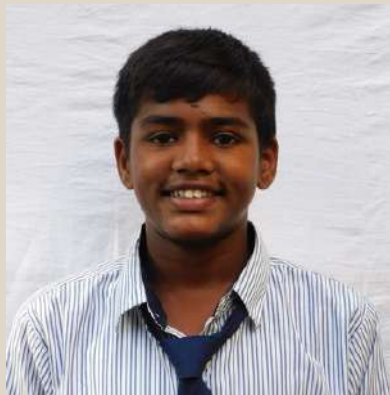
Prem Tejas - 66.88%



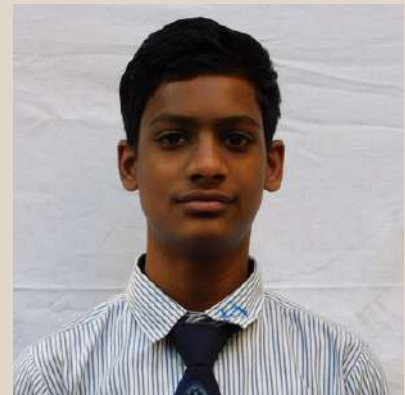
Stalin - 66.08%



Ananda D - 61.28%



Shiva. P - 60.00%



Charanakumar B - 45.12%

## BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN



Abhinaya - 87%



Lamiya - 79%



Thanusha - 77%



Neelavathi - 68%

## BOSCO RAINBOW HOME



Lipika -69.4%



Jennifer- 59%



Anushka- 54%

## BOSCO YUVAKENDRA



Ranjankumar G- 51.2%

## BOSCO FOSTER CARE



Annapoorna -60.64%



Akash - 66.04%

**ALL THE CHILDREN OF ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL AND  
BOSCO STUDY CENTRES.**

# BOSCO HOMELINK MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	83	38	121
Service provided	30	11	41
Grand Total	113	49	162

## New Children Data of Contact Centre/Area:

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	35	12	00	00	47
Bus Stand BMTC	19	04	00	00	23
Bus Stand KSRTC	06	00	01	00	07
BOSCO KSR	03	02	00	00	05
BOSCO Yuvodaya	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivas	04	04	00	00	08
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	06	00	00	06
CSN	03	01	00	00	04
BOSCO SMVT	04	08	00	00	12
BOSCO BNC	01	01	00	00	02
Gandhi Nagar	01	00	00	00	01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>121</b>

## Final Action Taken:

Placement	Male	Female	Total
Under follow-up in BOSCO Centres	20	06	26
Home Placement (CWC R)	30	18	48
Direct Home Placement	06	03	09
Admission to Gov't Homes	22	03	25
Referred to other institutions	00	08	08
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	05	00	05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>121</b>

STAY CONNECTED WITH BOSCO



in / BOSCO BENGALURU