



Annual Report

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FOREWORD

FR. VARGHESE PALLIPURAM Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru

It is with great delight and a deep sense of purpose that I write these few lines as the foreword for BOSCO's Annual Report 2024-25. The past year has been an inspiring journey of meaningful outreach, impactful service, and transformative milestones in our shared mission to protect and empower children. We cherish the pleasant memories we have created and celebrate the remarkable accomplishments that continue to shape BOSCO's legacy of care and compassion for the vulnerable children. From expanding our reach to launching new programmes, this year marks one of growth, innovation, and strengthened partnerships.

BOSCO marked a historic moment by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Karnataka (ICPS) to implement the *Foster Care Program* across the state. This strategic partnership signifies a deeper commitment to nurturing family-based care for children deprived of safe living environments.

Our rescue and rehabilitation efforts continued with unwavering dedication: **3,485 children** were rescued from vulnerable situations, while **2,998** were given shelter into our Child Care Institutions for nurturing support. Additionally, **674 children** benefited from vocational training that unlocked pathways to self-reliance, and **248** received formal education that laid the foundation for academic growth. Supplementary learning also flourished across **31 study centres**, reaching over **900 children** in vulnerable communities.

Community outreach grew stronger through our **Migrant Desk**, which served **60 migrant communities**, helping families to have access to vital information and providing necessary services. Enhancing the efficiency of our work, we adopted the **Data Intelligence Global Interface (DIGI)**, a software tool to strengthen documentation and monitoring—enabling smarter, more connected systems across BOSCO's programmes. An inspiring highlight of the year was the visit of the **Bavarian Minister from Germany** to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, reinforcing international solidarity in child welfare. Operational capabilities deepened as we secured permissions from the **Labour Department** to rescue child labourers from **K.R. Market** and **Shivaji Nagar**, and received a directive from the **Police Department** to support BOSCO staff during child rescue process.

Grassroots mobilization took new shape with the establishment of **Caring Community Groups** and **Child Rights Clubs**, fostering sustainability and rights-based engagement within neighbourhoods. BOSCO's organizational maturity advanced with the upgradation of BOSCO's **HR Policy**, bringing more rigor and clarity to internal governance. **Executive Director of BOSCO** was appointed to the **State Level Child Labour Elimination Committee**, and one senior staff to the **Task Force for the elimination of Child Labour in Anekal Taluk**, affirming BOSCO's involvement in the child protection system in the state of Karnataka. We also secured approval from **KSCPCR** and **DDPI** to conduct **Child Rights Awareness programmes** across schools in Bengaluru urban and rural.

Research initiatives flourished with the release of two pivotal studies—one on *elopement* and another on *children in conflict with the law*. BOSCO also brought out **Standard Operating Procedures** covering *Child Care Institutions*, *Family Restoration*, and *Aftercare*, setting benchmarks in professional practice. Investments in infrastructural changes in the child care institutions improved our child care spaces, making them more **child-safe and child-friendly**.

Though we faced some challenges - including staff turnover and discontinuity of certain projects - our commitment to the cause of children remains unwavering.

My heartfelt gratitude to God for His blessings and guidance throughout this journey. My sincere thanks go to all the directors and staff members for their dedication and compassion for the cause of vulnerable children. Special appreciation to the **BNRD team**, led by **Fr. K.J. Jose** and **Ms. Deepa**, for thoughtfully compiling and presenting this important Annual Report. We are also grateful to our friends, well-wishers, sponsors, and funding partners for their meaningful partnership with BOSCO.



MESSAGE

FR. JOSE KOYICKAL SDB

PROVINCIAL, DON BOSCO PROVINCE, BANGALORE

I am delighted to write a few words of appreciation and express my heartfelt esteem for the highly commendable service that BOSCO Bengaluru has been rendering to children and young people, especially those most in need, across the city of Bengaluru.

For over four decades, BOSCO has passionately dedicated itself to nurturing and safeguarding at-risk children, particularly those who are vulnerable and in urgent need of care. Through its holistic and multi-dimensional approach, the organization proactively shields these children from a multitude of risks, always upholding their best interests in every initiative.

BOSCO's impressive range of services vividly illustrates its unwavering commitment to child welfare. Its key initiatives include active street outreach to connect with children in distress, and strategically placed Child Rescue Booths that offer rapid response and immediate support. The organization also provides vital counselling services, collaborates with the police to ensure legal protection for children in conflict with the law, and facilitates the HomeLink program to reunite children with their families whenever safety permits.

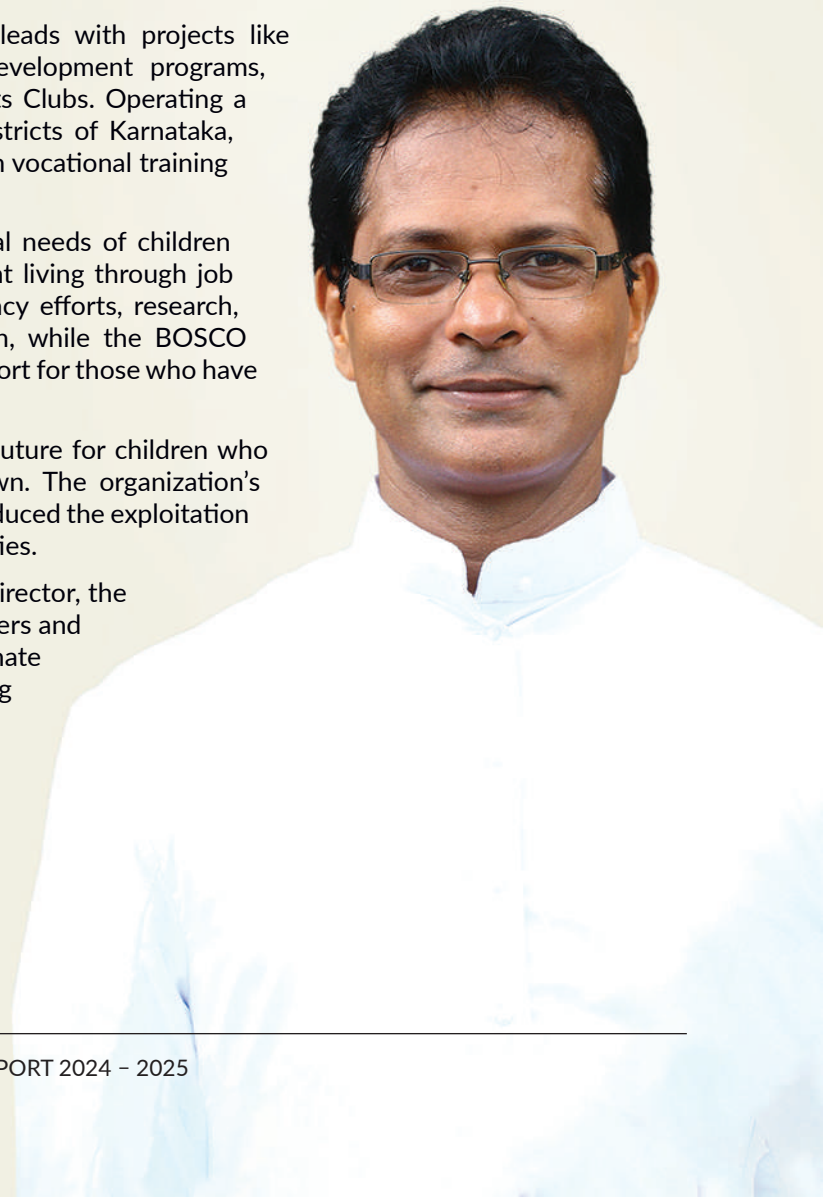
At the forefront of creative interventions, BOSCO leads with projects like the Child Safety Net, transformative community development programs, and the promotion of child rights through Child Rights Clubs. Operating a comprehensive foster care program across twenty districts of Karnataka, BOSCO equips children with essential life skills through vocational training and ensures access to holistic formal education.

In addition, BOSCO meets the physical and emotional needs of children through healthcare services, and supports independent living through job placement and home placement initiatives. Its advocacy efforts, research, and publications amplify the voices of these children, while the BOSCO Alumni network nurtures a sense of belonging and support for those who have moved beyond institutional care.

BOSCO remains steadfast in its pursuit of a brighter future for children who have endured hardships through no fault of their own. The organization's profound impact is clearly evident: it has significantly reduced the exploitation and dangers faced by children across diverse communities.

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Executive Director, the Directors, and the entire team of dedicated staff members and volunteers. Their unwavering commitment, compassionate service, and tireless pursuit of excellence are transforming BOSCO's vision of a safe, nurturing environment and a promising future for every child into a living reality.

May God abundantly bless BOSCO and all its endeavors as it continues its noble and laudable mission.



A portrait of Fr. KJ Joseph, a middle-aged man with glasses, wearing a white button-down shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid brown color.

DIRECTOR MESSAGE

FR. KJ JOSEPH

Another milestone in the life of BOSCO; as we at BOSCO look back at the year 2024-25, we remember gratefully the blessings of Almighty God, who guided us and protected each and every one of us so that we could share our lives with the Young at Risk. Every young who came to us reminded us that the task ahead of us is how immense and haunting! And we believe we could make a small difference in their life with all our hands put together. We remember gratefully the dedicated staff who showed their passion for the Young at Risk through their commitment. Our well-wishers and friends; we have travelled together, it was a memorable year for all of us, and we are sure you will continue to Journey together with us in the coming years too.

Journeying with the young, we have managed to touch the lives of so many young people who will be making a difference in their lives as well as in the world they are going to build. The YaR theme for last year was “Family is the place I belong”. Dear young friends we know that home is the ideal place for you to live and to grow up. Home is the place where you find security and dignity as children, to those of you, who could not have such a privilege we tried to make it up with making our place a safe one for you. We trust you will grow up as healthy, educated and useful citizens who in turn would make sure that the future world will be a safe place for coming generations of young people.

Glancing through these pages, make us more vigilant, to stand up for Children at Risk. Much more is needed to be done, but we believe that it is possible if we could all say together a Big Yes. Yes, dear staff, well-wishers and young friends we invite you to join to make this wonderful journey, to make every situation an occasion to stand for the dignity and rights of children. Let us say together that Home is the Place where the Children Belong.



MESSAGE

SANTOSH S LAD

MINISTER FOR LABOUR & DHARWAD
DISTRICT IN-CHARGE MINISTER

Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO) has been making a significant impact for the past 40 years by effectively rescuing at risk children and transforming them into responsible individuals and citizens. The vision and mission of BOSCO to serve vulnerable youth and protect their rights through robust rescue and rehabilitation efforts are not just commendable; they are essential.

BOSCO takes a proactive stance in collaboration with State Government agencies, advocating fiercely for the rights of these vulnerable children and youth. The social workers at BOSCO are dedicated to safeguarding children and their rights, rescuing them from harrowing dangers such as child labour, child begging, human trafficking and various other anti-social activities and crimes. BOSCO plays a critical role in supporting the Labour Department to combat the pervasive issue of child labour in Bengaluru.

Congratulations on completing another triumphant year with the children at risk! The experiences gained during this time will undoubtedly empower BOSCO to reach even more needy children, bringing joy and hope to their lives in the future. I extend my sincere wishes all those associated with this remarkable organization!



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MESSAGE

UMASHREE

Former Minister for Women and Child Development,
Empowerment of the Differently-Abled and Senior
Citizens, Kannada Language and Culture, and Actor,
Kannada Film Industry

BOSCO Bengaluru is resolutely dedicated to shaping the minds of children, instilling essential values and principles that have the power to illuminate our world. The organization actively supports at-risk youth in their struggles and journeys, steadfastly guiding them through difficulties, challenges, transitions, and achievements. Since 1980, BOSCO has provided comprehensive assistance—from rescue to rehabilitation, encompassing home placements, education, vocational training, and job placements—ensuring that each child’s unique journey is effectively supported.

At BOSCO, children are molded into responsible members of society through rigorous education and life skills training, while empowering them to advocate for their rights. They tackle critical issues such as child labor and child marriage head-on. Through the establishment of children’s collectives, caring communities, mothers’ and youth groups, and child rights clubs, alongside targeted meetings for adolescent girls, BOSCO actively resolves pressing community issues in collaboration with task forces, stakeholders, corporators, and area leaders. For years, BOSCO has transformed lives and created impactful pathways for thousands of youth.

I commend all the fathers, brothers, and staff members for their unwavering dedication, marked by strategic planning, dynamic discussion, and profound love for those who are less privileged and navigate a life of sacrifice. BOSCO will continue to be a formidable force and a positive presence for the youth, who are undeniably an essential part of our society, bringing joy and hope to us all!

Umashree
29/5/25



MESSAGE

VARADARAJ B

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & MEMBER SECRETARY
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
BENGALURU URBAN

BOSCO Bengaluru is a voluntary social organization that excels in rehabilitating street and runaway children and youth, effectively reintegrating them into mainstream society. This organization has established a robust foundation and is unwavering in its mission to empower disadvantaged young boys and girls, regardless of caste, creed, or region. Established in the year 1980, the organisation in continuing their strive to achieve the Nobel cause of helping children.

BOSCO takes a proactive stance in collaborating with state and government agencies to advocate fiercely for the rights of vulnerable children and youth. The organization is working hard to upholding the rights of children, threats such as human trafficking, child labour, child begging, and various other anti-social activities and crimes.

The Organization has successfully concluded another year of impactful service. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the management, staff, volunteers, and especially the children and youth who have played a crucial role in this remarkable journey. I firmly believe that BOSCO will continue to champion the cause of the marginalized, serve as a sanctuary for homeless children, and shine as a beacon of hope for those who feel hopeless!

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That they may
have life.....
life in all its fullness



PROFILE OF DON BOSCO

BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA,

commonly known as BOSCO, is a registered Non-Profit Charitable Organization under the society's Registration Act of 1960. It was established in 1980 by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB).

VISION

BOSCO aspires for a society that unreservedly cares for its children/youth through preventive and promotional approaches besides standing up for their well-being.

MISSION

BOSCO accompanies the young at risk in their struggles and journeys from the margins to integrate with mainstream society, such that they become responsible citizens.

BOSCO reaches out to the deprived, marginalized and vulnerable children/youth: children on the streets, child labourers, runaways, trafficked, abandoned and orphaned children, victims of all kinds of abuse, rag pickers, child beggars, etc.

OUR SERVICES

24/7Street Presence | Child Rescue Booths | Counselling | Special Juvenile Police Unit | Child Safety Net | Community Development | Child Rights Campaigns and Awareness Creation | Child Rights Clubs | Foster Care | Shelter Homes for Children | Vocational Training | Education | Health Care | Tracing missing children| Supplementary education through activity centres| Re -enrolment of out of school children| Girls empowerment through Adolescent Girl Collectives| Life Orientation Camps| Family Restoration| After -care services| Computer and soft skill trainings| Talent and personality enhancement| Job Placement | Home Placement | Services to Inter-state and Intra-state Migrants| Advocacy | Child Related Campaigns| Research, Documentation and Publication

CENTRES & AREAS OF BOSCO

01

BOSCO YUVODAYA

- Coordinating Office
- Reception Unit
- Child Care Institution for boys

02

BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

- Child Care Institution for boys (12 to 18 years)
- Computer Training
- NIOS Coaching Centre

03

BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

- Child Care Institution for boys (16 to 18 years)
- Vocational Training for boys
- Job Placement

04

BOSCO MANE

- Child Care Institution for boys (7 to 11 years)
- Bridge Education

05

BOSCO VIKAS

- Child Care Institution for boys (12 to 18 years)
- Higher Education

06

BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

- Reception Unit
- Child Care Institution for girls (7 to 18 years)
- Higher school and Higher Education
- Vocational Training
- Job Placement

BOSCO SNEHA BHAVAN

- School Education for Girls (7-11 years)

07

BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

- Child Care Institution for girls (6 to 16 years)
- School Education

08

BOSCO NILAYA

- Drop-in Centre
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment
- Child Rights Clubs and Empowerment Programmes
- Migrant Help Desk

09

BOSCO NIVAS

- Drop-in Centre
- Day Care Centre
- Community Empowerment
- Vocational Training

10

BOSCO YUVA SPANDANA

- Drop-in Centre
- Centre for Youth
- Life Skill and Technical Training
- Career Guidance and Job Placement
- Indoor Sports and Games

11

ST. XAVIER'S SCHOOL, SHIVAJI NAGAR

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WE REACH OUT TO

- 8 Railway Stations
- 8 Bus stands
- 120 BBMP Wards
- 31 Study Centres
- Nelamangala Taluk
- 20 Districts of Karnataka

AREAS OF BOSCO

RAILWAY STATIONS:

- Bangalore Cantonment Railway Station
- Bangalore East Railway Station
- Kengeri Railway Station
- Krishnarajapuram Railway Station
- Yelahanka Railway Station
- Bidadi Railway Station
- SMVT Railway Station

BUS STATIONS:

- Kempegowda (Majestic) Bus Station
- KSRTC Bus Station
- Shivajinagar Bus Station
- KR Market Bus Station
- Kalasipalya Bus Station
- Satellite Bus Station
- Yelahanka Bus Station

COMMUNITIES/CONTACT POINTS:

Gandhinagar

- Anjanappa Garden
- Sangam Construction Area
- Gandhinagar Park

Market Area

- Ramanna Garden I
- Ramanna Garden II
- Vyayamshaale
- Rajgopal Garden
- Vinobhanagar
- Cement Huts
- Gurrappa Garden
- JC Road
- Jolly Moholla
- Bakshi Garden

Magadi Road

- K.P. Agrahara
- Nagammanagar
- Bhuvaneshwarinagar
- Gopalpura
- Mayuri Circle
- Manjunathnagar
- Keshavnagar Bande

Shivajinagar Area

- Ambedkar Huts
- Mackan Compound
- Nehrupuram

Mysore Road

- Janata Colony
- JJR Nagar
- Padarayanapura
- Azadnagar
- Flower Garden
- Bhangi Colony
- Cheluvadipalya
- Velmurugapura

Sumanahalli

- Devaraja Urs Slum
- Sajjepalya Slum

Kengeri Upanagar

- Chikka Basti
- Dodda Basti

Bengaluru Rural

- Nelamangala
- Chikkaballapur
- Doddaballapur
- Anekal

Street Presence

Children on the streets of India often leave their families and homes for various strategic reasons, including urban poverty, dysfunctional family dynamics, or the effects of urbanization. In many cases, a child runs away from home due to issues such as fear of punishment for not attending school or completing homework. Other common triggers include stealing money and conflicts with siblings. Many children end up on the streets because of significant family problems, such as the death of a parent, parental alcoholism, strained relationships with stepparents, parental separation, abuse, or family violence. It is often observed that these children come from communities affected by high illiteracy rates, rampant drug use, and unemployment.



Once on the streets, many children become vulnerable to kidnapping or trafficking, leading to forced begging, theft, or involvement in the sex trade. To address this crisis, BOSCO is present on the streets 24/7 to rescue children through counselling, medical assistance, food and shelter provisions, and by organizing orientation camps and awareness programs. On average, 10-12 children are rescued daily from the streets, with about 80-85% being returned to their homes.

THE UPSWING OF KUMAR G

Ganesh Kumar (Name Changed) has two older brothers, Manjunath and Karthik, who are employed at a bar bending company. He also has three older sisters: Dhanusha, who works as a peon at a school; Divya, who is a tailor and married; and Anjudha, who dropped out of school to take care of the house. His youngest sister, Sharmila, is currently in the sixth grade. Kumar admitted to leading an immoral life from a young age, developing negative attitudes and behaviours. He began lying and smoking as a child and often roamed the streets with a poor peer group, frequently skipping school and disrespecting elders.

Due to his troubling behaviour, his mother sent him to Miracle Manna Children's Home in Yelahanka. He attended Shri Aurobindo Public School from first to sixth grade but stopped going to school during the 2019 pandemic. After losing interest in his studies, he began wandering the streets with friends from the neighbourhood. His older sister Dhanusha, aware of his situation, forced him to continue his education at BOSCO Mane in Chamrajpet. However, he struggled to adapt and was later moved to BOSCO Vikas to complete his studies. He attended Model Govt. School for grades VII to X, but due to his poor behaviour and academic performance, he was expelled from the tenth grade.

To receive additional support, he was sent to BOSCO Sumanahalli for skill training. At the beginning of his training, he displayed a negative attitude and treated others with rudeness and disrespect. Thanks to the encouragement, fatherly love, and support of the centre's director, along with other staff members, Kumar eventually calmed down and began leading a more respectable life. He adjusted his behaviour and developed discipline, which allowed him to transform his life and focus on mastering welding.

He also expressed his talents in football, volleyball, drawing, dancing, and singing. Upon completing his welding training, he was placed in a job at Action Power Solution Welding factory. He takes great pride in being employed and earning a living, stating that he can now empathize with his mother, who is struggling to repay a large loan. Kumar aspires to become a skilled welder and save money to support his family, hoping to provide a better life for them. His primary goal is to settle down and alleviate the burdens his mother has been carrying.

Rescue

The streets are never child-friendly and are far from safe. Children living on the streets often become victims of human predators. Each day, BOSCO conducts rescue operations to help runaway children, child laborers, abandoned and orphaned children, those facing abuse or begging, trafficked children, and those struggling with substance addiction. They also assist migrant children, out-of-school children, victims of child marriage and sexual abuse, and those found in various vulnerable situations, such as railway platforms, bus terminals, factories, hotels, parks, markets, and other public places. BOSCO works closely with essential components such as the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), and the Child Safety Net. These components collaborate with the



police and other government departments to implement crucial interventions, including rescue operations and awareness programmes. During the past year, BOSCO successfully rescued and rehabilitated 3485 children from vulnerable situations.

Statistics of Children rescued by BOSCO during June 2024-May 2025

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Contact Point	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
Railway Station DCPU staffs	248	18	03	00	269
Bus stand BMTC	494	39	08	00	541
Bus stand KSRTC	387	57	05	00	449
BOSCO Yuvodaya	41	00	08	00	49
BOSCO Yuvakendra	35	00	00	00	35
BOSCO Sumanahalli	61	00	00	00	61
BOSCO Mane	08	00	00	00	08
BOSCO Nivas	47	14	00	00	61
BOSCO Nilaya	82	02	02	00	86
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	11	00	00	11
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	29	00	00	29
CSN	160	23	01	00	184
SJPU	73	38	00	00	111
ARSP	1433	151	02	00	1586
Gandhi Nagar	04	01	00	00	05
TOTAL	3073	383	29	00	3485

Final Action Taken

Final Action	Boys	Girls	Total
Referred to BOSCO Centres	116	73	189
Home Placement	2651	208	2859
Admission to Government Homes	303	101	404
Shishu Mandir	01	00	01
Referred to OH	18	00	18
Referred to Hostels	08	01	09
Counselled and Sent/ Went off	02	00	02
Data is not available	03	00	03
TOTAL	3102	383	3485

Counselling

The children rescued from the streets and other dangerous situations often exhibit behavioural patterns such as anxiety, tension, excessive worrying, irritability, distractibility, internal conflicts, uncontrollable avoidance of threatening situations, depression, panic, and phobias. These issues may stem from their exposure to poverty, violence, conflict, lack of parenting, and instances of sexual, physical, or mental abuse. BOSCO's primary goal is to help these children feel valued and capable of living better lives. To achieve this, BOSCO offers counselling services provided by professional counsellors at various stages of intervention, through both individual and group counselling. Counselling is also extended to the parents, guardians, and legal custodians of the rescued children. Over the past year, 4131 rescued children and children of the centres and areas received regular counselling sessions.



AN INSPIRING JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION!

Chandru's (Name Changed) journey began in 2015 when he was rescued by the dedicated staff of BOSCO Nilaya from KR Market. Coming from a financially disadvantaged family, Chandru did not receive the proper care and protection at home. Recognizing his difficult situation, the staff at Nilaya provided him with the nurturing environment and educational opportunities he deserved. Following the Child Welfare Committee's order, Chandru was admitted to BOSCO Mane and later transferred to BOSCO Vikas.

Upon arriving at BOSCO, Chandru faced significant educational challenges as a second-grade dropout. However, the BOSCO staff supported him through a bridge course that helped him catch up on missed educational milestones, allowing him to advance to the third grade. Initially, Chandru struggled to adapt to his new surroundings, but through individual and group counselling sessions, he gradually gained confidence and found his footing.

Despite a challenging start, Chandru's determination and the support he received led to significant improvements in his academic performance. His hard work paid off when he achieved an impressive 57% in his SSLC exams, which showcased his resilience and dedication to learning. Beyond academics, Chandru also discovered a talent for sports, particularly hockey, where he excelled and showcased his skills.

Chandru's success story highlights the transformative power of providing care, counselling and educational opportunities to children in need. His journey from a vulnerable school dropout to a confident student and talented athlete exemplifies the positive impact organizations like BOSCO have in empowering disadvantaged youth to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential. BOSCO not only changed Chandru's life but also provided him with the chance to build a brighter future for himself.

Health Care

The children in BOSCO usually come from the underprivileged sections of society, and have various untreated diseases. This is mostly because of the unhygienic living conditions on the street and lack of knowledge about treatment options and medical facilities. The Health Care team of BOSCO tries its best to give the best medical help to the children in the centres, and in the areas of service. Through first aid, medication, and hospital visits, the team gives immediate attention and care to those who are in need. To minimise the occurrence and spreading of diseases, the team also uses awareness programmes to educate the poor communities and children in the centres about health care. With regular health check-ups, the team diagnoses sicknesses at an early stage, which ensures that children receive treatment at the right time.

The most common medical problems seen in the children are fever, various skin infections such as scabies, wounds and injuries, tuberculosis, fractures, mumps, dental problems, eye problems, heart diseases, epilepsy, psychological problems, dengue, ENT problems, and animal bites. Deworming medication and vitamin supplements were administered to all children a practice to improve nutrient absorption. Besides direct interventions, as many as 69 health and nutrition awareness programmes in the centres and 8 awareness in the communities and areas of intervention, 38 general



health camps including 4 dental camps and eye camps, in the centres were conducted during the year. In the areas 13 Eye camps and 6 general health check-ups and 10 awareness programmes were conducted. TB tests, HIV tests, blood grouping were also taken up for the children residing in the centres. Breast cancer, Personal hygiene, Skin infection and care, Safe touch and unsafe touch, Oral hygiene, Fever management, Menstrual hygiene, Smoking and Substance abuse, HIV, Tuberculosis, Dengue and Typhoid, Diet and Nutrition were some of the topics covered during the awareness programmes.

Statistics of Medical Care provided during June 2024-May 2025

Types of Cases	Numbers
Inpatient	36
Outpatient	750
Other Medical Care	1326
Total	2112

ANUPAM'S DETERMINATION IN HIS RECOVERY...

Anupam (Name Changed) is a 14-year-old boy from the Shivajinagar area. He has one sister and a younger brother. After the death of his father two years ago, the family's financial condition worsened. His mother works as a domestic helper and is currently living with another man. Anupam and his younger brother were initially under the care of their grandmother before being admitted to BOSCO Vikas due to their vulnerable situation.

In January 2025, Anupam was referred to BOSCO Vikas. At the time, he was addicted to smoking and often associated with older boys on the streets. He was rescued by the BOSCO Nivas team and placed at BOSCO Yuvodaya, where he stayed for nearly a month and received initial care and counselling. His background revealed a troubled and neglected childhood, largely shaped by poverty and lack of parental care.

Soon after his admission, Anupam began experiencing fever and headaches. He was taken to TCM Hospital for treatment, but after seven days, his symptoms did not improve. The doctors suspected meningitis and referred him to St. Martha's Hospital for further evaluation and care. His condition was found to be serious, and he was admitted to the Paediatric ICU. An MRI scan revealed that Anupam was suffering from Bilateral CSOM (Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media - a chronic infection in both middle ears), Bilateral Mastoiditis (a bacterial infection of the mastoid bone), and Sepsis (a life-threatening bacterial or fungal infection that spreads through the bloodstream).

After nearly one week of treatment at St. Martha's Hospital, he was discharged and now requires follow-up care for his ear infection. He is currently healthy and back at school. His case highlights the urgent need for medical, emotional, and social support for children in vulnerable situations.

Non-Formal Education

BOSCO rescues children who are often school dropouts or have never attended school. The organization prioritizes preparing these children for formal education, provided they have the aptitude and interest in studies. BOSCO's non-formal education system is tailored to meet each child's individual needs and developmental level. It is flexible, participatory, inclusive, and ensures the protection of their right to survival and development. Classes are held in various BOSCO shelter homes to prepare these children for schooling. Additionally, BOSCO offers classes for children beyond school age to help them prepare for open school exams at the 10th



standard level and to equip them with the skills needed to secure employment.

Formal Education

BOSCO is passionately committed to transforming the lives of children who face the greatest barriers to education. These are the children who urgently need love, motivation, and unwavering support from dedicated educators. Enrolled in BOSCO's rehabilitation centres are those from the most challenging backgrounds—street children, abandoned youth, child labourers, those found begging, orphans, semi-orphans, and even children grappling with substance addiction and conflicts with the law. With innovative and inspiring strategies, BOSCO empowers these children to embrace their education and aspire to a brighter future. Its centres—BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Rainbow Home, and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan—are focused on igniting a genuine passion for learning. Meanwhile, BOSCO Sumanahalli opens the doors to higher education, creating pathways for achievement and growth. After completing their schooling,



BOSCO proudly assists these resilient young individuals in enrolling in colleges, industrial training institutes (ITIs), and other vocational programs tailored to their interests and talents. Through BOSCO, hope is rekindled, and futures are transformed.

During the year 248 children were given an academic education.

Statistics of School/College-going Children during June 2024-May 2025

Standard/ PUC/ Diploma/ Degree	BOSCO Mane	BOSCO Vikas	BOSCO Rainbow Home	BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	BOSCO Yuvakendra	Foster Care Pro- gramme	TOTAL
LKG/UKG/ Bridge Course	17	-	1	-	-	-	18
I	1	-	2	-	-	-	03
II	2	-	4	03	-	-	09
III	4	-	4	08	-	1	17
IV	8	-	4	04	-	-	16
V	2	2	8	04	-	-	16
VI	1	8	7	02	-	6	24
VII	-	14	3	02	-	1	20
VIII	-	9	12	03	-	2	26
IX	-	7	5	05	-	3	20
X	-	12	4	03	18	1	38
PUC 1	-	-	-	04	-	-	4
PUC 2	-	-	-	02	-	-	2
Diploma 1	-	-	-	01	-	-	1
Diploma 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
D.C -1	-	-	-	04	-	-	4
D.C -2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Education through After Care Services	-	-	30	-	-	-	30
TOTAL	35	52	84	45	18	14	248

TRANSFORMING RAGS INTO LITERATURE...

Varsha (Name Changed) is a 10-year-old girl from Tamil Nadu who is currently studying in the 4th standard. Her early years were marked by adversity, but her journey through BOSCO Snehabhavan has been pivotal in reshaping her life and future aspirations. Varsha's family life has been difficult due to her parents' unhealthy relationship and her father's health problems, which have placed considerable strain on the family.

These challenges have made it hard for Varsha and her siblings to have a stable and supportive home environment. Earlier Varsha used to spend her days collecting plastic bottles, lids, and wires from the streets, which she sold to make a modest income.

Varsha's life changed significantly when she came to BOSCO Snehabhavan, an organization dedicated to supporting children in need, which provided her with a stable environment, educational support, and a nurturing community. At BOSCO, Varsha began attending formal education regularly, which was a major shift from her previous life where formal education was not a priority.

The structured learning environment helped her develop academic skills and a renewed interest in education. Varsha is making significant strides in her academic journey, with improved engagement in her studies reflecting the positive influence of the supportive environment at BOSCO.

Varsha's journey from a challenging early life to finding hope and new opportunities at BOSCO Snehabhavan is a testament to her resilience and the transformative power of support and education. One of the most significant changes in Varsha's life at BOSCO has been her exposure to various artistic sessions. These sessions allowed her to explore her creative talents, and she discovered new passions such as art and dance. These creative activities became an important part of her daily routine, contributing to her personal development and self-esteem.

Despite her young age, Varsha has a clear and inspiring dream of becoming a soldier. This aspiration reflects her desire to serve her country and contribute positively to society. Her goal is motivated by a sense of duty and a wish to protect and support others.

Bridge Education

Children who are either orphaned or unable to return home and have been rescued from the streets or vulnerable areas of Bengaluru are brought to BOSCO centres. At these centres, they receive essential support, including skill training, non-formal education, creative learning, therapeutic counselling, mentoring, crafts, play, and art. These comprehensive activities are designed to eliminate the deep-rooted negative impacts of street life and address the challenges they face at home due to unavoidable circumstances. The bridge programme is focused on closing the gap between the children's current skills and those required for success in formal education. It ensures that children are enrolled in schools and emphasizes their overall development and reintegration into mainstream society. We are committed to transforming their lives and providing them with the tools they need to thrive.



Vocational Training

BOSCO operates its skill training centre for boys at BOSCO Sumanahalli, which is equipped with the latest machinery and staffed by qualified and experienced professionals. This centre aims to promote a strong work culture among the youth, enabling them to integrate into mainstream society. The training offered includes carpentry, electrical work, two-wheeler mechanics, baking, and welding.

Additionally, tailoring units and beautician courses function at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan.

BOSCO Sumanahalli provides computer education to the youth of the centre and the surrounding communities, covering basics, Microsoft Office, the internet, and Tally. Meanwhile, BOSCO Mane focuses on job-oriented computer training. The computer education course lasts three months, and over the past year, four batches have completed their training in Basic, Tally, and vocational skills. Among the students, 8 individuals aged 18 and above have secured placements in various companies. BOSCO Yuvaspandana also conducts computer classes benefiting children and youth of the surrounding communities of JC Road Bengaluru. 78 completed their training during the year and 16 individuals were successfully placed in jobs.

Computer classes were also initiated at BOSCO Yuvakendra and Nivas, benefiting 72 children and youth residing in



the communities around Magadi Road and Shivaji Nagar, Bengaluru.

To foster a positive attitude among the youth and strengthen their bonds, BOSCO organizes activities such as youth meets, exposure visits, sports, and picnics. Furthermore, life skills camps are arranged, and discussions on topics like self-respect and personality development are held periodically.

Statistics of Youth enrolled for Training during June 2024 – May 2025

Types of Trades	Number of Children
Welding	10
Two-Wheeler Mechanic	27
Bakery	20
Carpentry	10
Electrician	22

Tailoring (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	131
Tailoring (Nivas)	23
Beautician Course (BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan)	54
Driving Training	08
Total	305

PURVI'S JOURNEY FROM ADVERSITY TO ASPIRATION

Purvi (Name Changed), a 17-year-old girl from Bengaluru, comes from a financially struggling family. Her mother, the primary breadwinner, works in a hospital, while her father is a daily wage labourer struggling with alcoholism. Her elder brother works at a printing shop to support the family. They live in a rented house, facing financial hardships. Purvi was not keen on her studies during childhood. She often skipped school to watch television, cartoons, or accompany her mother to temples and social functions. This absenteeism resulted in her falling behind academically, ultimately leading to her dropping out in 10th grade. In her 10th standard, she believed that her frequent illnesses were due to black magic cast by a neighbour, which further affected her ability to continue attending school. Purvi formed friendships that led her into unsafe situations. Along with a friend, she planned a trip to explore Bengaluru city with their boyfriends.

However, the trip took a distressing turn when she encountered painful incidents, including misbehaviour by the boy she trusted. Feeling distressed, he sent some photos to her mother, and she reacted with anger. While roaming the city, Purvi was found by the BOSCO Rescue team, after the necessary procedures, transferred her to BOSCO Vatsalyabhavan. At BOSCO, Purvi found a safe and nurturing environment where she could rebuild her life. The organization provided her with counselling, guidance, and skill development opportunities. She enrolled in a tailoring training program and successfully completed it. Encouraged by her newfound skills, she further pursued learning Aari work design. Today, Purvi is a skilled artisan with aspirations of becoming a fashion designer. She wants to open her own tailoring shop and contributing to her family's financial stability. She is determined to make her parents proud by building a successful career in fashion and design. Purvi's journey exemplifies the transformative impact of BOSCO in empowering vulnerable youth. The intervention not only rescued her from potential dangers but also guided her toward a promising future. She is now confident, and grateful to BOSCO for helping her turn her life around. Purvi's story is a testament to resilience and the power of second chances. Her journey from adversity to ambition highlights the importance of organizations like BOSCO in shaping the lives of at-risk youth and helping them build a brighter future.

Statistics of Youth enrolled for Computer Training during June 2024 – May 2025

Sl. No.	Centre Name	Basic	Tally	Basic and Tally	Total	Job Placement (Above 18)
1	BOSCO Mane	114	16	29	159	08
2	BOSCO Sumanahalli	58	02	-	60	03
3	BOSCO Yuvaspandana	01	14	63	78	16
4	BOSCO Yuvakendra	37	-	-	37	-
5	BOSCO Nivas	35	-	-	35	-
	Total	210	32	92	369	27



APPLYING COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE TO REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS

Many jobs and positions in the corporate sector require basic skills in computers like typing speed, Microsoft Office Management, and Tally. Having these skills can increase job prospects and opportunities. Additionally, Basic computer skills allow individuals to complete tasks more efficiently, saving time and increasing productivity.

Sana (Name Changed) from Kalasipalya, Bengaluru completed her B. Com from First Grade Vijayanagar College, Bengaluru in 2024. After her graduation, she wanted to build a career, but due to her lack of computer knowledge, she was not hired anywhere. Hence, she joined BOSCO Mane Computer Training in August 2024. She completed the Basics and Tally Course and received the certificate. Now she is confident and capable of handling computers with ease. She has developed good documentation and presentation skills and additional knowledge in Tally. After the completion of her course, she applied for a job and was hired by a reputed company.

Job Placement

Many young people come to the city in search of jobs. After receiving counselling at BOSCO Yuvodaya, they are referred to BOSCO Sumanahalli, where they receive assistance and guidance in finding suitable employment. Youth who have completed skill training at BOSCO's various vocational training centres can find jobs in fields such as welding, carpentry, computer data entry, electrical work, mechanics, screen printing, baking, tailoring, and sales. BOSCO maintains ongoing communication with several employers who understand the backgrounds and circumstances of these young individuals and are willing to cooperate by offering them jobs. During the 2024-25 period, 25 youths secured positions in various companies in areas such as welding, driving, electronics, bakeries, two-wheeler mechanics, beauty salons, Garment factories and electrical work. Additionally, 72 youths became self-employed. BOSCO continuously monitors their progress after placement, ensuring they have the support they need until they can manage independently. During 2023-24, 151 youths were job placed in different companies involving screen printing, carpentry, welding, driving, electronics, bakeries, as two-wheeler mechanics, office boys, salesmen, electricians, etc. 71 youths were self-employed. After the placement, their progress is continuously monitored by BOSCO till they can manage on their own.



NO TURNING BACK!

Success is a saga written by one's own consistent hard work and perseverance.

Yes, this is the success story of Mohan Babu (Name Changed) who succeeded in life breaking all sorts of human made barriers.

Hailing from a poor family at Chikkaballapura, lost his father, Lakshminarayana, due to cardiac arrest, at the early age when he needed him most and the entire burden of the family fell on the shoulders of his mother Munirathna. Mohan Babu has his younger brother who is in Boys' Home at Chikkaballapura. His mother resides all alone in a modest rental home in Chikkaballapura.

Mohan Babu failed in the board exam of SSLC and eventually getting out of the school got into bad company of boys got into smoking and drugs. His mother in no way could control him, and as a result he found himself in the boys' home of the district. Spending three months in the boys' home, later he was referred by CWC of the district to BOSCO Bengaluru for skill training. Initially all his effort was to undo all the bad habits he was addicted to. He joined for the electricals and with the daily schedule and the regular activities of the centre gradually he channelized all his talents in learning the skills and games and sports.

The centre director and the staff offered him a great deal of love and affection and encouraged him to enhance his leadership quality and his innate talents and skills. As the months passed by, he appeared to be a very decent, trustworthy, responsible, and hard-working boy. After the completion of the course, presently he is into a job at Sri Ram Electrical Shop, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru, since March 23, 2025.

He is now optimistic about a brighter future and wants to succeed while caring for his mother and younger brother. Additionally, he wants to continue his studies through the distant education. Mohan Babu now is determined to grow and glow in life and says, 'No turning back!'

Statistics of Youth placed in Jobs during June 2024 – May 2025

Sl. No.	Types of Jobs	Number of Job Placed Youth
1	Two-Wheeler Mechanics	04
2	Welding	03
3	Bakery	03
4	Carpentry	00
5	Electrician	05
6	Tailoring	05
7	Beautician	05
8	Self Employed (Tailoring)	62
9	Self Employed (Beautician)	10
10	Computer related	27
	Total	124

IMPRESSIONS

SREEMAN V: As a professional musician, I had an outstanding experience working with the team at the bus stand. It was an honor to be invited to perform at a musical show focused on raising awareness about child rights and empowering children.

Home Placement

Home placement is a key activity of BOSCO. BOSCO Yuvodaya serves as a transit home for approximately 10 to 15 children who are rescued daily from railway stations, bus stands, and various locations on the streets of Bengaluru. The children brought to the centre receive counselling and support to encourage their return to their families. BOSCO's primary goal is to reunite children with their parents, as it strongly believes that the family is the most suitable environment for a child to grow up in. Significant motivation and awareness are provided to both the children and their parents, and based on the recommendations of the CWC, BOSCO facilitates a home placement. In most cases, home placement involves contacting the parents or close relatives



to hand over the children. Occasionally, the children are accompanied back home by BOSCO staff. In the previous year, a total of 2864 children were successfully placed back in their homes by BOSCO.

RETURN TO THE NEST!

Kiran (Name Changed) is a 12-year-old boy from Chikkabommasandra, Bengaluru, currently studying in the 7th grade at Sheshadripuram Public School. After losing both parents in an accident, he is cared for by his grandmother, Mrs. Rajeshwari, who works as a BBMP employee. Kiran has an elder sister studying in the first year of pre-university.

Facing challenges with the school syllabus and fearing his internal exam results, Kiran ran away from home on September 18, 2024, and was found at Yeshwanthpur Railway Station by DCPU staff member. Initially frightened, he was unable to provide any contact information but expressed his struggles.

After his rescue, the DCPU informed the Child Welfare Committee, which arranged for Kiran to receive care at BOSCO Yuvodaya. He was welcomed warmly and soon began participating in activities that helped him feel more secure. The staff supported him through counselling and creative sessions.

Kiran was reunited with his grandmother, who reported that he became regular at school and followed the timetable she set. He expressed happiness about passing all subjects in the FA-01 tests with good marks and shared gratitude for the support provided by BOSCO.

BOSCO'S PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

BOSCO, being a rights-based organization, focused on the holistic development of underprivileged communities to promote child protection. The BOSCO team works closely with slum communities, particularly with women and children, addressing issues such as health, shelter, food, education, and women's empowerment. We offer vocational training opportunities to vulnerable youth through programmes conducted at BOSCO centres. Additionally, Child Rights Clubs established within these communities empower children to pursue education and work to prevent child labour, child marriage, and other forms of child abuse.

During the 2024-25 period, the BOSCO team collaborated with various communities surrounding KR Market, Shivajinagar, Magadi Road, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru South and West, and Bengaluru Rural, ensuring the following:

- ▲ Various campaigns were organized by the teams present on the streets in 24 different locations of the city through door-to-door and shop-to-shop campaign and during which 433 children in need were identified and required help was given to them. 112 youths and 53 women were referred to BOSCO Vocational Skill Training.
- ▲ Surveys were conducted in view of rescue and rehabilitation and 121 children were identified, with 13 receiving services and 45 being rescued. Among those rescued, 3 children were home placed and 42 referred to BOSCO Yuvodaya.
- ▲ The Nilaya team identified 55 needy children and provided them with timely assistance. This includes enrolling them in schools, informing them about available skills training, arranging transportation for some to return home, and sometimes providing meals.
- ▲ Throughout the year, the area teams organized various campaigns in 46 different locations across the city, utilizing door-to-door and shop-to-shop outreach. During these efforts, 8969 pamphlets were distributed.
- ▲ 1080 children who were in need of educational, recreational help and hostel facility were given counselling
- ▲ 697 parents were counselled on various issues related to children. Parents were guided on importance of education
- ▲ 577 children participated in various extracurricular activities including drawing, dance, art and craft, and spoken English with grammar. These sessions helped children discover some of their hidden talents and boosted their confidence.
- ▲ A total of 24 sessions were conducted for 942 participants, focusing on key areas such as moral education, self-esteem, decision making, and problem-solving. The sessions also covered important topics like health awareness, mental health, time management, value of time, self-defence, leadership, safety skills, study skills, and the importance of education. These sessions were designed to build character, improve life skills, and enhance students' overall growth.
- ▲ Digital Classes were conducted and follow up was done for making effective use of technology. Around 500 children were benefitted from these classes.
- ▲ Four stakeholder meetings were conducted with government officials to promote child rights and community safety.
- ▲ BOSCO was a part of SDMC meetings conducted in schools advocating for the children's rights and dignity
- ▲ A total of 364 beneficiaries participated in an awareness programme conducted by BOSCO Nilaya, which focused on labour cards, e-Shram registration, ABHA cards, and various government schemes.
- ▲ 6 health camps were conducted benefiting 1160 individuals, including 117 children who received awareness on health issues such as dengue and nutrition. 3 eye camps organized in Magadi Road and Gandhi Nagar benefitted 258 community people and 15 individuals received free cataract surgery.
- ▲ 27 youths who have completed Computer Training course are working in various fields.
- ▲ 369 students were enrolled successfully completed computer course.
- ▲ 23 students successfully completed tailoring course.
- ▲ Karate classes were conducted at BOSCO Nilaya, Yuvaspandana, Magadi Road Area, Sumanahalli, Nivas and Ramanna Garden. 373 children and youth made use of these classes.
- ▲ 2149 girls participated in 57 Adolescent Girls' Meetings. They were guided about safe and unsafe touch, personal hygiene, and the importance of education.
- ▲ More than thousand participants took part in the SKNN Campaign procession aimed at spreading awareness on the importance of education.
- ▲ National and International Days were observed with 2600 adults and children participating

School and Study Centres

During the academic year, BOSCO achieved 160 enrollments and re-enrollments from underprivileged communities. We successfully provided supplementary education for 927 children from the areas where BOSCO operates through 31 Study centres. Additionally, youth meetings, health awareness programmes, and CRC follow-ups for tuition children through digital classes were conducted. The Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign was a decisive initiative launched in the intervention areas of BOSCO during the last week of May to the first week of June 2024. We united various stakeholders, including government officials, members of the Education Department, SDMC representatives, police officials, and community leaders, to work alongside BOSCO in this crucial effort. Our campaign was focused on enrolling and re-enrolling children across Bengaluru in schools for the upcoming academic year, with the clear objective of achieving zero school dropouts. We reached out to over one thousand individuals, and many committed to supporting the enrollment and re-enrollment of children in their communities.



Statistics of Children attending the Study Centres during June 2024-May 2025

Sl. No.	Name of the Study Centre	No. of Children
1	Phillahalli Study Centre	37
2	Chikkabasti (Doddabasthi)	30
3	Veerabhadra gudda	40
4	Devaraja Arasu	45
5	Sajjepalya	30
6	Annamma Colony	25
7	MCTC-quarters - 1	27
8	MCTC-quarters - 2	30
9	Tungabhadra Colony	20
10	Magadi Road -1 BBMP School (First Grade college)	35
11	BOSCO Study Centre	25
12	Kadapa Swamy Math School (HPS)	40
13	Giripuram	28
14	Ranashing Pete -High school	38
15	Ranashing Pete -Primary school	30

16	Anadapuram 1	38
17	Anadapuram 2	30
18	Ganesha School	25
19	Ramanna Garden	43
20	Vyayaam Shaale	20
21	Vinobha Nagar	34
22	Rajagopal Garden	20
23	Anjenappa Garden	22
24	Ambedkar Nagar (Nela-managala)	40
25	Sagayapuram	25
26	Rajiv Gandhi Colony	30
27	Ambedkar Huts	25
28	St. Xavier's School-Boys	25
29	St. Xavier's School-Girls	25
30	DJ Halli	25
31	Mackan Road	20
	Total	927

CRISP

The Child Rights and Integrated Services Programme (CRISP) was implemented in the Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts. Major activities included the training, formation, and follow-up of Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) and Child Protection Committees (CPCs). The programme also involved organizing stakeholder meetings, training programmes for teachers and students, meetings with adolescent girls, and gatherings with parents. Additionally, it included Taluk advisory board meetings, networking with various departments, efforts to re-enroll school dropouts, and campaigns such as Shaale Kade Nanna Nade.

The initiative recognized important days of national and international significance, including the World Day Against Child Labour, Child Rights Week, and Children's Day. A notable highlight was the participation of 1,879 children



in 13 Makkala Grama Sabhas, where they discussed strategies to promote education and healthcare within their communities. This included organizing awareness campaigns and advocating for improved facilities. The discussions also focused on establishing child-friendly governance structures that allow children to participate in decision-making processes and ensure the allocation of resources and budgets to support child-centred programming and initiatives.

Advocacy and Networking

BOSCO actively engages with underprivileged communities to ensure that their basic rights are upheld. The organization conducts field visits to assess the needs of communities in crisis and advocate for their essential requirements. Through various awareness programmes focused on the well-being of these communities, BOSCO promotes knowledge about child rights, healthcare, women empowerment, and other vital issues. The outreach team working in the Gandhi Nagar area organized a meeting of the Caring Community Group (CCG) at BOSCO Yuvodaya on February 15, 2025. The meeting resolved to form a Child Safety Community Force, comprising individuals from various sectors, to establish a child-friendly setting in the Gandhi Nagar area.



With over forty-five years of experience in both grassroots work and policy-making, BOSCO has positively impacted countless children living on the streets. The organization has strengthened its network by collaborating with Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs), Special Juvenile Police Units (SJPU), Child Welfare Committees (CWC), the

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), and the Labour Department.

As a result of these collaborations, BOSCO has been included in key committees such as the SAATHI Committee, the Child Labour Eradication Task Force, UNICEF, and ENFOLD, which enhances coordinated child protection initiatives. The diversion principle developed by BOSCO has received high recognition, with the High Court of Madhya Pradesh seeking guidance from the organization through ENFOLD and UNICEF to replicate its model across the state. Additionally, best practices have been shared with organizations like KHPT, KCRO, and the DCP platform, fostering cross-learning and collaboration.

Women's Empowerment

Women have a major role to play in any society. Very often it is the women who run the family with their meagre income, shouldering the burden of sick parents and young children since the men are alcoholics, have deserted the families or are no more. Against this socio-economic background, BOSCO started intervention among women in underprivileged communities. The major objective of BOSCO is to empower women to educate their children and through them bring about transformation which will enable them to lead respectful lives in society. BOSCO has strengthened 236 Mother's groups with 4032

mothers across 20 districts of Karnataka through Foster Care Programme.

BOSCO conducted programmes for women on International Women's Day. They were given information about child rights, child rights violations, and the importance of education. They were motivated to lead the community through strengthening SHG Groups, and to bring about a positive change in society for children. 154 women from the communities were referred for the tailoring course and 54 for the Beautician Course in order to give them a chance at becoming self-reliant.



WOMEN ARE LEADING THE WAY!

Leela's (Name Changed) journey is a testament to the transformative power of education and skill development. At 23, she dreams of making her mark in the fashion industry, despite growing up in a financially constrained environment in Mysore, Karnataka. Her father's role as the sole breadwinner and the heart-breaking loss of a sister to brain cancer have only fuelled her determination to rise above her circumstances.

A turning point in her life occurred when a friend introduced her to the BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan (BVB) Skill Training Centre, where she learned tailoring, stitching, and embroidery alongside her sister Shivaranjani. The centre not only provided essential skills but also a supportive community of friends with similar aspirations.

Through her training at BVB, Leela became skilled at various techniques, driving her to envision a future where she could support her family financially. Despite working with an old sewing machine, she found joy in creating clothes for her family, especially for her sister's baby.

Leela dreams of becoming a renowned fashion entrepreneur and aims to inspire other young women from her community. Her passion for learning and community empowerment drives her ambitions. Her story is a powerful reminder of how access to skill training and education can change lives, enabling women to break the cycle of poverty and reach their full potential.

BOSCO'S VENTURES FOR THE YOUNG AT RISK

Foster Care

BOSCO has led the Foster Care programme in Karnataka since 2012. BOSCO consistently collaborates with government and NGOs to expand this alternative family-based care, addressing the growing number of abandoned and destitute children each year. Foster care places a child in another family temporarily or long-term, with regular visits from the child's biological parents, before potential reunification. In India's environment of close-knit families, foster care often takes the form of kinship care, where relatives, supported financially, are encouraged to care for children needing protection.



In Karnataka, BOSCO has spearheaded advocacy for legalizing the Foster Care programme. The project's second phase targets grassroots advocacy by reinforcing and supporting governmental and non-governmental systems for children.

By partnering with key organizations in 20 districts, the BOSCO Foster Care project has raised awareness, identified prospective foster parents and children, and placed them with families. During the project, 244428 public, 100445 community members and stakeholders learned about foster care and its benefits for children deprived of parental care. Advocacy efforts reached 2685 individuals. 137 Potential children and 430 Prospective parents were identified as a result of the various awareness programs and training activities conducted in the 20 districts, and 64 parents submitted applications to the DCPO to initiate the process for foster care placement. The project placed 29 children in 14 districts and monitored 63 children during the year. 875 parents were guided through the Adoption Process.

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF FOSTER CARE!

Fifteen-year-old Salim's (Name Changed) story is one of resilience and the transformative power of foster care. His young life was marked by difficulties when his mother passed away when he was just four. His father was unable to take care of him so he handed over the child to another family of Mohammed Alis in Kolar but tragically this placement brought further hardship in which Salim endured both physical and mental abuse. His plight came to light in 2024 when Kolar Child line intervened and rescued him from the abusive environment and placed him in a government boys' home.

When foster care staff organized an awareness program in Kolar seeking to expand the reach of their work. Among those attending was Masthan Sab and Amajaan, a couple whose hearts were touched by the idea of offering a loving home to a child in need. Inspired by the concept of foster care they submitted an application to the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO). BOSCO staff conducted home enquiries and carefully assessed the suitability of Masthan Sab and Amajaan's home environment. The Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) then submitted their report to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) who reviewed the information. They also interacted directly with Salim and the prospective foster parents for ensuring a good match and considering Salim's needs and preferences.

In 2024, Salim found a loving and stable home with Masthan Sab and Amajaan. Today he is receiving the love and care of a home and excelling in school. Salim's story is a testament to the life-changing impact of foster care and the dedication of those working to create brighter futures for vulnerable children.

FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER CARE

BOSCO has launched a program called the Family Restoration Program aimed at children who have been reintegrated into their families from BOSCO's Child Care Institutions (CCIs). Children stay in these institutions when their home environments are not suitable for their well-being through referrals from the Child Welfare Committee, based on official orders. When a family reaches a point where they can provide a safe and nurturing environment, the Child Welfare Committee can facilitate the return of the child to their family. The Family Restoration Program focuses on children under the age of 18. Prior to restoration, a thorough assessment of the family situation is conducted to ensure it is conducive for the child's growth. After the reintegration, BOSCO staff follow up with these families to ensure ongoing support. To effectively implement the Family Restoration Program, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were established outlining all the steps involved in the family restoration process, the follow-up procedures post-restoration, and the responsibilities of those involved in the program. During the year nutrition support was provided to 35

such children and their families and 28 children were given educational support.

Aftercare children are those who are above 18 years old and have moved out of Child Care Institutions (CCIs). As per the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, aftercare support can continue until the age of 21. Most children leaving BOSCO centres after turning 18 either struggle to complete their education or find decent employment. In this context, BOSCO is implementing Aftercare programme aimed at supporting children who complete 18 years and have no suitable family to return to. This program allows for continued support until the age of 21, giving these individuals adequate time to prepare for reintegration into mainstream society. The SOP for aftercare has been prepared to provide follow-up procedures for children leaving our CCIs at the age of 18. During the year support was given to 15 care leavers (support includes accommodation, food, self-care, etc. for one year). Each care leavers received ₹ 4000 per month. The programme also included regular family visits, phone follow ups and counselling to these children.



REBUILDING BONDS THROUGH FAMILY RESTORATION!

Yogesh (name changed) is an exceptionally bright young boy from Badravathi, hailing from the Lambani community. From a young age, he has faced significant challenges, particularly after his father abandoned the family, leaving his mother to raise him alone without any support from relatives. Despite her best efforts, it became increasingly difficult for her to provide the care and resources he needed while working at Rainbow Home. Recognizing the urgency of securing a better future for her son, she made the decisive choice to enroll him at BOSCO Mane, where he began a bridge course in March 2022.

At BOSCO Mane, Yogesh received individualized counseling and motivational classes that were instrumental in helping him navigate his circumstances and boost his self-esteem. As he adapted to this supportive environment, his natural aptitude for learning shone through. He consistently achieved top rankings in his classes and actively engaged in extracurricular activities, including sports and the arts.

Acknowledging his potential, BOSCO Mane took the initiative to facilitate his transfer to St. Joseph School for enhanced educational opportunities. After two years at BOSCO Mane, where he received both education and shelter, his mother secured a job in their hometown and confidently brought him back home. Yogesh is now excelling in the 5th standard at Karnataka Public School in Domlur. With BOSCO Mane firmly committed to his success, they are prepared to provide additional support through their Family Restoration Programme, ensuring Yogesh has a bright and promising future ahead.

BOSCO Yuvodaya Reception Unit

BOSCO Yuvodaya serves as an open shelter, available both day and night. It also functions as a transit home for approximately 15 children daily, who are rescued and brought in from railway stations, bus stands, and various contact points around the city, often with assistance from the police and the public. Children arriving at the shelter from different parts of the city receive counselling and care while their individual issues are addressed. Efforts are made to trace their families through the police or with help from the MCB, anganwadis, and the Panchayat, encouraging the children to return to their homes. Follow-up calls are made in four rounds after the children are placed back in their families.

The Reception Unit at BOSCO Yuvodaya caters to children in need of care and protection, including beggars, street and working children, rag pickers, orphans, deserted and trafficked children, children of sex workers, pavement dwellers, and especially those without homes or family ties, as they are more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. The project provides various services, including shelter, nutrition, healthcare, sanitation and hygiene, safe drinking water, education, recreational facilities, protection against abuse and exploitation,



enrollment in schools, vocational training and placement, and initiatives to reduce drug and substance abuse as well as HIV/AIDS among street children.

Between June 2024 and May 2025, BOSCO successfully rescued 2337 children and brought to Yuvodaya for shelter. 1246 children were rescued by the ARSP team, 791 by Bus Stand team, 135 by the CSN team, 73 by the BOSCO Nilaya team, and 34 by BOSCO Nivas team. Moreover, shelter was provided to 294 children referred by the police and public and 17 children who came directly to the centre.

Child Safety Net (CSN)

BOSCO's Child Safety Net (CSN) program is dedicated to protecting vulnerable children in the streets of Bengaluru, providing unwavering round-the-clock (24/7) care and safeguarding against any dangers. Our commitment is demonstrated through the physical presence of staff in high-risk areas and proactive vehicle patrols. Our patrol vehicles comprehensively cover critical locations, including the satellite bus station, metro stations, markets, underprivileged communities, main streets, crowded areas, cinemas, parking lots, and prominent traffic signals, ensuring we reach every child in need of support. Our primary focus areas are the South and West divisions of Bengaluru, encompassing 18 police stations each.

The CSN team actively collaborates with city police to assist children who come into conflict with the law and are in their custody, ensuring they receive the protection and care they deserve. We are also at the forefront of raising awareness, advocating with various government departments, and cultivating supportive communities.

Over the past year, we successfully rescued 184 children involved in child labour, begging, rag picking, street living, and those who had run away. Our efforts included both mass operations and targeted rescues, leading to 39 cases of child labour filed against employers. Majority



of the children rescued from small scale Industries like, bag factories, saree colouring, garage workshops, glass cutting shops, steal chair manufacturing factories, paper factory, timber factory, welding shop, bakery, plastic pipe factory, car service centre, scooter caver stitching shop, general store, blouse embroider shop, chips and mixture shop and hotels.

Furthermore, the CSN team oversees three study centres in Veerabhadra Gudda, Chikka Basti, and Dodda Basti, providing essential education to 120 children and following up on their progress throughout the year. We are resolute in our mission to protect and empower these children.

Breaking free from the chains of child labour!

Karthik (Name Changed) is a 16-year-old boy from Bengaluru district in Karnataka who took a significant step by dropping out of school after completing the 10th standard at Raghvendra High School. His parents, who are rag pickers, abandoned him and ran away with his younger sister, who is in 3rd standard, seven months ago. Determined to survive, Karthik found work in a rag-picking shop in Panchasheela Nagar, where he put in 7 hours a day (from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM and from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM). However, he faced exploitation, as the shop owner refused to pay him a proper salary. Instead, he was only given small amounts of money on demand. On November 19, 2024, the CSN Team intervened and rescued him from this situation, referring him to BOSCO Yuvodaya for counselling and necessary support. The Child Welfare Committee (CWC) took swift action by ordering that a formal complaint be filed against the shop owner for employing child labour. They mandated that the shop owner deposit Karthik's unpaid salary into his bank account and transfer him to a Government Boys Home for his safety and well-being. As a result, the shop owner was compelled to deposit 1,20,000 rupees (10,000 rupees per month for 12 months) into Karthik's bank account, which the CSN team had established. Karthik will have access to this money when he turns 18 years old. On December 12, 2024, Karthik was decisively transferred to the Government Boys Home in Hombegowda Nagar, Bengaluru, where he will receive the care and support, he deserves.

Special Juvenile Police Unit and Juvenile Advocacy

BOSCO, through the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), assists police in handling child-related cases in the South and West divisions of Bengaluru. BOSCO has established a network with 54 police stations, including 39 law and order and 15 traffic stations. To enhance capacity, two orientation programmes were conducted for 55 police officials, focusing on the Juvenile Justice Act and BOSCO's interventions.

In total, BOSCO supported 115 cases involving children in conflict with the law and those needing care, facilitating rehabilitation through the Juvenile Justice Board and the Child Welfare Committee. Additionally, 101 home visits were made to support CICL's families, and referrals to educational and vocational programs were provided.

BOSCO organized 12 community meetings for 402 participants on crime prevention and child rights, reducing petty offenses like underage driving. Gender sensitization sessions in 21 schools reached 1,628 boys, 1,228 girls, and 101 teachers. Six open house programmes brought together 180 children, 11 teachers, and 32 police personnel to build trust between youth and law enforcement.

With the closure of the SJPU programme, BOSCO has evolved with the Juvenile Advocacy Project covering South and West divisions of Bengaluru focussing on crime prevention awareness drive in the crime prone areas, working closely with District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), DCPU and ICPS and advocating for policy changes in strengthening the child rights and services.



A SECOND CHANCE!

Jai's (Name Changed) story illustrates the importance of awareness, guidance, and early intervention in preventing juvenile delinquency. At 14 years old and in the 9th grade, Jai lives with his father, a tailor; his mother, a play school caretaker; and his younger sister. The family has no criminal records and is law-abiding. One day, Jai and his cousin attended a local temple festival. What began as a joyful occasion turned violent when a clash occurred between their group and another boy. Jai's cousin, in a fit of anger, fatally stabbed the boy, and Jai was involved in the physical altercation. The police arrested Jai while his cousin fled the scene. The police contacted the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) at BOSCO Bengaluru, where a social worker was assigned to counsel Jai. He admitted to hitting the boy but not using the knife. The social worker explained the seriousness of the situation and the need for moral guidance to prevent future incidents. Jai was presented before the Juvenile Justice Board, which sent him to a juvenile Observation Home. Unaware of the gravity of his actions, Jai's involvement stemmed from peer pressure. After his release, the social worker conducted follow-up calls every three months to monitor Jai's progress in school and ensure he stayed focused on his education. Since then, Jai has been dedicated to his studies and expressed gratitude for the support received, helping him stay on the right path and away from negative influences.

Youth Parliament and Child Rights Clubs

Youth Parliament is a gathering of residents from various centres, led by the youth themselves. During these meetings, office bearers are elected. The meetings take place once a month, where members address issues concerning the centre and their lives there. This initiative fosters a sense of ownership and belonging among the participants. Over the past year, 12 meetings were held at the Yuvakendra, Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Rainbow Home centres.

BOSCO established 39 Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) in schools, study centres and communities throughout both Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural during the year. 793 children are active members of these clubs. Club

members meet monthly with their animators to discuss current issues related to children's rights, particularly those affecting their education and schools.

As part of the CRC formation, 793 children received training in three levels in Bengaluru Urban, and 250 children were trained in Bengaluru Rural. Additionally, 585 CRC members underwent Leadership training in Bengaluru Urban and Rural. 5 Child Protection Committees were formed in Rural District, with 116 members receiving training. Six workshops for teachers and students were organized, engaging 232 participants. Furthermore, 4 stakeholders' meetings were conducted, involving 147 stakeholders.



Adolescent Girls' Collectives



2149 girls were empowered during the year through the Adolescent Girls' Collectives established in the Shivajinagar, KR Market and Bengaluru Rural areas. Through various strategies, the girls were empowered and educated on various topics such as drug abuse, prevention of suicide, importance of life, changes in adolescence, being alert, decision making, education, child abuse, child rights violations, managing emotions, safety measures, personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, responsibilities of being a girl, POCSO Act, right to education, women achievers etc.

Karate Clubs

Karate classes began in December 2017 and take place every Saturday afternoon at BOSCO Nilaya, as well as in Nivas, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Magadi Road and Ramanna Garden. Currently, 383 children from these areas regularly benefit from karate coaching. Additionally, self-defence sessions have been conducted during the summer and Dasara camps at BOSCO Nivas and BOSCO Nilaya. These karate classes have not only helped children learn self-discipline and teamwork but have also served as an effective stress reliever. Furthermore, they have contributed to improved flexibility and concentration among the participants.

BOSCO Alumni Association

The people who have been a part of BOSCO's interventions and training programmes and have had a fresh start in life as a result, come back as volunteers, by choice, and help out in various areas like accompanying the fresh children in home visits, taking care of the centre at night, organizing Life Skill sessions, and motivating the youths to continue education by presenting their own examples. Every year, BOSCO celebrates Republic Day as Past Pupils' Day on January 26. All the youth associated with BOSCO get together on that day, some along with their families, and share their present lives and thank their mentors for what they are today. Last year, they have registered a 'Past Pupils' Sangha' and want to take up social activities through the association. BOSCO has initiated the process of maintaining a central database of past pupils which will stand in good stead for the organization in the long run.

IMPRESSIONS

IQLAS AHMED SHARIFF: I am Iqlas Ahmed Shariff, pursuing a B. Com at National College, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. My friend Sathish informed me about the Computer Training course at BOSCO Mane, and I seized the opportunity to enroll. I earned a certificate in Computer Basics and Tally. Although my academic schedule made regular attendance challenging, the instructor accommodated my needs by offering flexible and convenient time slots, ultimately enabling me to complete the course successfully. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to BOSCO for providing these valuable opportunities at affordable fees in a supportive learning environment.

DUNIYA VIJAY (FILM ACTOR): I want to commend the BOSCO team for their exceptional work at the bus stands. They are making a significant impact by rescuing and rehabilitating children and youth in need. Their honesty, commitment, and dedication to supporting vulnerable children are truly admirable. Keep up the phenomenal work!



During the year, a gathering was organized for the alumni of BOSCO Mane, Vikas, Rainbow Home, Nivas

and Sumanahalli at the respective centres during the first week of December, 2024. Several alumni recounted how their time at BOSCO positively impacted their lives. The past pupils of Don Bosco visited BVB to celebrate Christmas with the children. They organized a festive event filled with joy and laughter, including party games and entertainment programmes. As a gesture of kindness, they distributed thoughtful gifts such as hoodies, sleeping mats, snacks, toiletries, and stationery items.

BOSCO Bengaluru organized the gathering of past pupils at BOSCO Mane on February 16, 2025. Mr. Adithya from

Bus Stand Rescue Booths

Recognizing the urgent need for intervention, BOSCO established its first Rescue Booth in 1999 at KSRTC Bus Stand, Platform No. 5. This booth became a vital contact point for identifying and assisting at-risk children. In 2015, a second Rescue Booth was set up at BMTC Bus Stand, Platform No. 4, expanding the reach of rescue operations. Alongside these booths, BOSCO launched several supportive initiatives such as child identification, counselling, referral services, awareness campaigns, and street plays—each aimed at encouraging children to leave street life and reclaim a safer, more hopeful future.

The staffs are actively present in the area from 5:00 am to 9:00 pm. They contact children who are in need of care and protection. During the year, the team has reached out to 1,087 children, out of which 990 were successfully rescued and rehabilitated.

Azim Premji Foundation reflected on his personal journey, stating that he felt at home with the group as he, too, had risen in life after facing similar challenges. Rev. Fr. Siju, Director, Don Bosco Mysore inspired the gathering by sharing stories of famous personalities, illustrating how each individual's life serves as a motivation for others. Following the sharing session, suggestions were collected from the past pupils, fostering a spirit of collaboration and continuous improvement. They were awarded certificates in recognition of their participation. Directors of BOSCO and hundred and twenty-five past pupils participated in the event.



The team working in Bus Stand area conducted 8 stakeholder awareness programmes, including 4 sessions specifically for government officials benefitting 2,450 officials and stakeholders. 50,029 public got benefitted from 65 awareness programmes.

Gowri's Story of Rescue and Reconnection!

Gowri (Name Changed) is a 14-year-old female student originally from West Bengal, currently residing in Ramagondanahalli, Yelahanka, Karnataka. She is enrolled in the 8th standard at a government primary school in Yelahanka. Gowri's family comprises four members: her father, mother, younger sister, and herself. She began her education in the 1st standard in West Bengal before relocating to Bengaluru with her family.

In January 2025, Gowri was found at the Majestic bus stand in the company of her friends. Upon inquiry, she stated her intention to visit her grandmother in West Bengal. Gowri expressed feelings of emotional neglect, indicating that she does not receive adequate love and care from her parents. Recently, she endured physical abuse from her father, resulting in significant pain and a two-day hospitalization following a chest X-ray.

Feeling mentally distressed by her circumstances, Gowri resolved to leave her home. She confided in her boyfriend, Akash, a 15-year-old classmate from Bihar, with whom she has maintained a relationship for two years. She intended to travel to her grandmother's house in West Bengal accompanied by Akash and his 16-year-old friend, Ajay. Prior to her departure, Gowri took with her the sum of INR 2,93,500 and a quantity of gold jewelry.

While at the Majestic bus stand, the three individuals were identified and subsequently rescued by staff from BOSCO. They reported Gowri's situation to Child Welfare Committee (CWC-02) who instructed that Gowri be presented before the committee and be placed at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for care and protection until a formal meeting with the CWC-02 could occur.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan successfully located Gowri's parents, who had filed a missing person's report at the Yelahanka New Town police station. Gowri was subsequently presented to the CWC-02 committee, where she acknowledged her error and sought forgiveness from her parents, expressing her desire to return home. She is currently reunited with her family.

Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP)

The Adjacent Railway Street Presence (ARSP) covering Cantonment, East and K.R.Puram, commenced on October 1, 2015. The purpose of the project is to rescue and rehabilitate marginalized children from vulnerable conditions, propagate awareness among children as well as the public about child rights, child protection and the helpline number 1098, network with various government officials and stakeholders in neighbouring platforms to facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation process, and to do advocacy with railway officials concerning children's issues.

The BOSCO team is now present in the Cantonment, East, Kengeri, Bidadi, Yelahanka and SMVT railway stations, and the Satellite and Yelahanka bus stands of Bengaluru, identifying children at risk and in need of care and protection. The team carries out awareness programmes in the adjacent areas of the railway stations and bus stands in Satellite and Yelahanka, in the railway and bus station platforms, nearby schools, and moving trains, educating the stakeholders, public, and children about child rights, child protection mechanisms, Child Helpline -1098/112.

A total number of 1588 of children (1438 Boys and 150 Girls) were rescued by the staff and stake holders from



June 2024 to May 2025. 36 awareness programmes were conducted for public in Cantonment, Yelahanka, KR Puram and SMVT railway stations. Around 4,217 people got benefitted from the same. 36 awareness programmes in moving trains were conducted for the public in Cantonment, Yelahanka and Kengeri stations with around 3201 people benefiting from it. 14 programmes were implemented for different stakeholders such as Coolie porters (52 members), Shop keepers (120 members), Auto and taxi drivers (130 members), Cleaning staff (107 members), KSRTC officials and home guard (20 members).

Three study centres were established in the intervention areas to provide supplementary education for the children from the areas with 77 children attending the tuition classes.

In Search of a Safe Abode!

Preethi (Name Changed) comes from a middle-class family facing significant challenges. Her father abandoned them due to alcoholism, and her mother, also a coolie, struggled to provide for the family. They deal with the complexities of an inter-caste marriage, as the father is Muslim and the mother Hindu.

After taking her 8th standard midterm exam at the government school in Krishnarajapuram, Preethi discontinued her studies when her father left. Unable to pay rent, they ended up on the streets. After a brief stay with a family friend, they returned to living on the streets, spending their days as daily wage laborers and their nights in the ladies' waiting hall at the railway station.

ARSP team rescued her from the Krishnarajapuram railway station and recognizing her as someone in need of help, spoke with her and her mother about their situation. The girl expressed her struggles with living conditions and requested shelter to continue her education.

The team informed the Government Railway Police (GRP), who confirmed her story, and then contacted the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for further action. Following discussions with her mother, she was encouraged to seek counselling. Ultimately, Preethi was produced before the CWC, where she received counselling and was admitted to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan for her education.

Migrants Help Desk

In August 2024, BOSCO Bengaluru proudly launched the Migrants Help Desk programme, a proactive initiative aimed at supporting the migrant population both within and between states. This programme is dedicated to

ensuring that migrants have access to essential amenities and social entitlements needed for a stable livelihood. To date, BOSCO has engaged with 63 migrant communities across 24 locations, representing individuals from Bihar,

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, the North East, and the Raichur, Gulbarga, Yadagiri, and Bellary districts of Karnataka.

BOSCO's efforts have focused on the diverse occupations of these migrants, including construction work, carpentry, daily wage labour, assistance roles, driving, rag-picking, and employment with BWSSB and BBMP. The team have visited 1,031 individual families and successfully conducted awareness programmes that benefited 1,767 migrants. Additionally, it organized recreational programmes for 982 children in migrant families, fostering community engagement and well-being.

The team also prioritized health services by providing medical check-ups and eye camps, serving 121 beneficiaries. Emergency support was offered to 10 individuals in need. Its distribution efforts included 139 ration kits and 460 healthcare items, ensuring that essential resources reached those who required them. Furthermore, a special awareness campaign



on government schemes engaged 496 migrants and empowered them with knowledge about available support.

108 migrants received ABHA cards, and 41 successfully obtained e-SHRAM cards, further integrating them into essential social safety nets. In total, the team's comprehensive approach has benefited 3,554 migrant adults and 1,937 migrant children, significantly enhancing their access to vital services and improving their quality of life. Through these collective efforts, BOSCO is committed to creating a more supportive and inclusive environment for migrants in the communities.

EMPOWERMENT AND RESOLUTION: SEEMA'S FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AS A DOMESTIC WORKER

Seema (Name Changed), a migrant worker from Sundargarh, Odisha, was employed as a domestic worker at Brigade Global Triangle Apartment for seven months. When she announced her intention to resign, the owner of flat unlawfully detained her, refusing to release her from her employment and unlawfully withholding her personal belongings. Additionally, the owner threatened to discard her luggage, causing her significant emotional distress.

In response, the Migrant Help Desk team engaged in discussions with the associate and manager to resolve this issue promptly and fairly. They also prepared to take legal action if necessary, to assert her rights.

Thanks to the decisive intervention of Karnataka Inter/Intra State Migrants Alliance for Transformation (KISMAT), initiated by BOSCO, the owner of flat was compelled to return Seema's documents and personal belongings. The owner also issued an apology for the delay and committed to ensuring timely payments to all employees moving forward.

Magadi Road Area

The BOSCO Yuvakendra in the Magadi Road area began its operations as part of BOSCO's outreach programmes for street and marginalized children. The mission is to identify, rescue, educate, and empower vulnerable children and youth, while fostering a caring and aware community. The regions served include Magadi Road, BBMP School, Nagammanagara, Gopalpuram, and K.P. Agrahara.

The team regularly conducted outreach visits, tuition classes, awareness rallies, medical camps, and stakeholder meetings. Community leaders, parents, and children actively participated in events and decision-making processes. Three Parents Meetings were held, with 70 participants in attendance. Two eye camps were organized, benefiting 182 community members, and 15 individuals received free cataract surgery. Additionally, the team successfully re-enrolled 26 children who had dropped out of school during the year. Furthermore, 37 community youths were mobilized to undergo computer training at Yuvakendra centre.



Gandhi Nagar Area



The outreach team in Gandhi Nagar maintains a strong street presence to effectively identify and rescue vulnerable children. It is committed to raising awareness among the public and stakeholders about the critical issues facing at-risk youth and the necessary protection mechanisms in place. The team actively collaborates with various government agencies and stakeholders, engaging in impactful advocacy efforts.

This year, it formed a Child Safety Caring Community Force by bringing together all relevant stakeholders in the area, demonstrating BOSCO's dedication to community partnership. The team is taking definitive steps to establish Gandhi Nagar as a 'Child Labour Free' Zone, starting with a comprehensive survey involving officials from the labour department.

In the past year, the team identified 28 at-risk youth and successfully rescued 5 children. It also re-enrolled 10 school and college dropouts and referred 5 youths to BOSCO for skill training. The outreach efforts reached 249 school children and teachers, engaged 1,000 stakeholders, and connected with 1,685 members of the public through robust awareness programmes.

The team conducted diligent follow-ups with 18 children attending tuition classes and held 5 productive meetings with parents. Additionally, the medical camp provided assistance to 21 children and 59 adults, while the eye screening camp benefitted 76 community members. The team is making tangible progress and will continue to advocate for the well-being of children and families in the community.

IMPRESSIONS

MAGDALENE: Before joining BOSCO, I earned my degree in psychology, driven by a strong commitment to raise awareness about mental health and its critical role in society. Working at BOSCO has empowered me to make a tangible impact on children at every stage of their journey—from rescue and assessment to placement in a Child Care Institution (CCI) and their successful reintegration with their families. This experience has significantly enhanced my patience, resilience, and effectiveness as a counselor, while also allowing me to champion mental health awareness. Each day presents new opportunities for growth, and I am proud to be part of a team dedicated to transforming young lives. Moving forward, I will continue to support and empower children, promote mental health awareness, and ensure they feel safe, valued, and have the opportunity to build a brighter future.

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KRITHIKA: I am Krithika from Majestic Annamma Colony, Bengaluru. I have successfully completed my B. Com from St. Theresa's College for Women, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. The BOSCO team working in Gandhi Nagar motivated me to enroll in the computer course at BOSCO Mane. I finished the Computer Basics course. The teaching strategy employed here is outstanding, and I gained comprehensive knowledge of all course content. The faculty delivers lessons in a clear and engaging manner, fostering an enriching atmosphere for learning and personal development.

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I am **KIRAN**, and I have had the pleasure of working at the BOSCO Yuvodaya Centre for the past nine months. It is an inspiring workplace where I have grown both personally and professionally. I started my journey as a counsellor, and after three months, I was promoted to Centre Coordinator, which has allowed me to take on more responsibilities and make a greater impact.

During my time at BOSCO, I have acquired valuable skills in interacting with various types of children and understanding their unique needs. I contribute to the team by preparing monthly reports and addressing matters related to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). I have become well-versed in BOSCO's systems, child welfare issues, and CWC procedures, and I take pride in being part of such an NGO dedicated to helping children.

MAJOR EVENTS & PROGRAMMES 2024-2025

World Environment Day Celebrated

BOSCO Vikas, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Yuvakendra, CSN, and CRISP Project celebrated World Environment Day on the theme, "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" at their centres and areas on June 5, 2024. The concerned Directors inaugurated the programme at the respective centers and spoke about the importance of the day and highlighted the crucial role we play in protecting the earth. The children and the youth were told, 'Grow trees and save the Earth'. They were exhorted to be more nature friendly and sensitive.

Children staged programmes showcasing the importance of the day. Posters and slogans were displayed, and

saplings were planted to help children realize the importance of protecting mother earth. The children and youth were told about the necessary steps to be taken towards preserving nature and greenery. Children pledged to take care of nature in their daily life. Centre and Study Centre children, St. Xavier School children, Government schools' staff and children, the staff and the students at Padma Law College, Bengaluru, police personnel along with BOSCO staff and volunteers participated in the programme in the different centres, areas and schools.



International Youth Day and National Youth Day

International Youth Day was celebrated in BOSO Nilaya, Nivas, Sumanahalli and Yuvakendra on August 12, 2024 at their respective centres. During the celebrations the staff spoke about developing good values and habits and becoming responsible youths in society. Cultural programmes were organized. There were discussions on sustainable living, acquiring life skills and staying focused towards reaching the goals set forth. All the children and youths of the centres participated in the programme.

BOSCO Nivas and Yuvakendra celebrated National Youth Day as a part of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary at their centres on January 12, 2025. The Coordinator,

BOSCO Nivas and Counsellor, BOSCO Yuvakendra briefed about the significance of National Youth Day. They narrated the childhood story of Swami Vivekananda and his quotes on youth. The staff raised awareness on the need to ensure the participation of youth in the modern world and in Nation-building while upholding their values. They highlighted the importance of yoga and meditation. A signature campaign was organized in St. Joseph's College to enlighten the youth about their roles and responsibilities. All the students of St. Joseph's College and twenty-two boys of Yuvakendra attended the celebrations.



Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day was celebrated at the centres, areas and the study centres of BOSCO between August 12 and 17, 2024. Independence Day celebration was organized to create awareness about the significance of the day. Dances, songs, fancy dress, and speeches were performed by the children during the cultural programmes. All the Directors of BOSCO, children and trainees of the centres, computer trainees, area children, and children attending study centre classes participated in the celebrations.



IMPRESSIONS

PRIYANKA: For the past three and a half years, I have been fortunate to work at BOSCO organization as a Data Processor. Initially, I knew little about NGOs, but my experiences here have significantly broadened my understanding of the various categories of children we support. In addition to our rescue operations, we provide vital vocational training and job placement services for youth. Through my involvement in numerous projects, I have developed a deep appreciation for the work we do, and I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such meaningful initiatives.

As a tuition teacher for the past four years, I have focused on supporting migrant children. BOSCO has created a nurturing and engaging learning environment for them. Approximately 20 children actively participate in our educational and cultural activities, gaining essential skills and knowledge. It is rewarding to witness their happiness and growth, and I am honored to be part of their educational journey.

BOSCO Yuvakendra Celebrates 40th Anniversary

BOSCO Yuvakendra opened in 1985, serving youth above 15 years old who require support to secure employment or apprenticeship or to acquire a vocational skill leading to job placement, celebrated its 40th year of inception in the presence of Fr. Fabio Attard, SDB, Extra Ordinary Visitor from Rome, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. KJ Joseph, Director BOSCO Mane, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Philip, Fr. Mathew Vadakel, staff, centre youth and study centre children on September 4, 2024. A new Computer Lab was inaugurated on the occasion.



Anniversary Celebration at BOSCO Nilaya

BOSCO Nilaya celebrated its eighth anniversary with the Director and staff of Nilaya, CRISP Project, BOSCO Yuvaspandana and Migrant Help Desk on September 21, 2024. Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya exhorted the staff to continue serving the poor and underprivileged children and youth and make a difference in their lives for the better.



Teachers' Day Celebrations

Children from BOSCO Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Nivas, Nilaya, Vikas, Mane, Vatsalya Bhavan, and Yuvakendra areas celebrated Teacher's Day at the respective centres on September 5 and 6, 2024. Children performed skits, dances, and songs, and did drawings and paintings. Children and youth spoke about the importance of Teacher's Day and about Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Children also organized various activities and games for the teachers and staff of the centres.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, addressing the children, appreciated the teachers at the centres. The Directors of the centres exhorted the children to honor their teachers and follow their good example. It provided an opportunity for the children and the youth at the centres to appreciate and acknowledge the contribution of their teachers and other staff. Children from the centres and areas participated in the Teacher's Day celebrations.



Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Nivas, Yuvakendra and the team working in Magadi Road area celebrated the 155th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2024 at the BOSCO Centres and areas. The staff spoke about the life of Mahatma Gandhi. The Directors garlanded the photos of Gandhiji and gave a message to the children. The celebration concluded with the National Anthem. Cultural programmes were organized by the children. School bags were distributed to the study centre children. Children of St. Xavier's School took up shramadaan and an awareness rally around the school premises. Shri. BTS. Nagaraj, Councillor; Mr. Devendran and Mr. Dayalan,



Well-wishers of BOSCO were felicitated on the occasion. Centre, area and St. Xavier's School children participated in the celebration.

BOSCO Bengaluru Celebrated International Day of the Girl Child

BOSCO, Bengaluru organized a programme on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child at BOSCO Rainbow Home, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, on October 11, 2024. The celebration was centered on the theme, "Elevating Girls' Voices for Sustainable Development".

Govt. Model Primary School, Wilson Garden spoke on the occasion. The inaugural programme was followed by cultural programmes by the children and a concluding programme. Around two hundred and twenty-five children from the various centres and areas of BOSCO participated in the event.

The programme included a rally creating awareness with a signature campaign, from Hopcoms, Lalbagh Gate. The children staged a skit signifying the importance of girl child. Flagging off the rally, the Chief Guest, Smt. Priyanka Upendra, Actress, Kannada film industry said, "Even though the world is heading towards growth and development, crime against women and girls are still on the rise. I request all the girls to lay emphasis on mind, body and soul, become strong and concentrate on your future. Education is the powerful tool through which you gain knowledge, confidence, reach your goals and financial freedom." Delivering the keynote address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram exhorted that everyone strives towards gender equality and ensure justice to girl children. Shri. Siddaraju, Asst. Sub Inspector, Traffic Police Station, Shri Ambareesh, RTI, BBMP Advisor, Ms. Manjula Ullal, City Desk Coordinator, and Smt. Sumangala, Asst. Principal,

Bus Stand, ARSP, CSN, Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, Nilaya, Nivas, CRISP and SJPU teams celebrated International Day of the Girl Child programme at Majestic, KSRTC and BMTC service roads, Krishnarajapuram Railway station, Vijayanagar, Moodalapalya, Nagarbhavi, Magadi Road, KR Market, St. Basilica Church, Shivaji Nagar areas and Nelamangala by distributing pamphlets to the railway officials, SMR, GRP, RPF, TTE, shop keepers, cleaning staffs, auto drivers, Pourakarmikas, public and children. An oath on protection of girls' rights was taken by everyone. All the teams conducted a signature campaign. Mr. Manjunath, Head Constable, City Market Police Station, Ms. Vanilla, Home Guard, City Market Police Station, KP Agrahara Police Officials, Vijayanagar Police Officials, railway officials, TTE, coolie porters, shop keepers, maintenance staff and auto drivers were present in the programme.



World Food Day Celebrated

To raise awareness about global food security and sustainable agriculture and to promote healthy food habits and nutritious food BOSCO Yuvodaya celebrated World Food Day with the children on October 16, 2024, on the theme, 'Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future'. World Food Day, celebrated on October 16th, marks the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945 and emphasizes the global commitment to eradicate hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya engaged children in a meaningful discussion about importance of food and the harsh realities of hunger faced by many around the world. Through interactive discussions, he encouraged the children to think about their favourite foods and what they would do if they encountered someone in



need. Their responses showed a willingness to help, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a role in fighting hunger. The session concluded with a powerful reminder that everyone has the right to food, and it is a collective responsibility to ensure no one goes hungry. Eighteen children were a part of the celebration.

Diwali Celebrations

Diwali was celebrated in the centres and areas of BOSCO on October 31, 2024, with great pomp and show. The celebrations began with a thorough cleaning of the centres to prepare for the Diwali celebrations. The children and youths eagerly took part in arranging the lamps and lighting them. They also helped the staff decorate the place with hand-made decorative pieces, flowers and lights. The Directors of the centres shared a short message emphasizing the importance of Diwali and encouraged everyone to spread light, just as the lamps do. They also spoke about the significance of festivals like Diwali in bringing people together. The celebrations continued with rangoli competition, dancing and singing and the firework display. The evening concluded with a festive dinner and distribution of sweets. All the children of the centres and areas took part in the celebrations.



IMPRESSIONS

GAYATHRI: I have a unique perspective as a former resident of the BOSCO Rainbow Home, where I lived from the age of nine until completing my 10th standard. For my further studies, I transitioned to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, where I successfully completed my Pre-University Course (PUC) at St. Theresa's College for Women with an impressive 85% score. Being recognized as the college topper and receiving a laptop was an unforgettable moment for me. I also achieved a 90% score in my degree program while living in Vatsalya Bhavan.

BOSCO has played a crucial role in shaping my discipline, personality, and future. The transition from institutional care to independent living was made easier with their guidance and support. Currently, I am employed at BOSCO Mane as a receptionist and am furthering my education by pursuing an MBA. Throughout my journey, BOSCO has consistently been there to guide and support me, helping me stay on the right path. I am truly proud to be associated with such a transformative organization.

Kannada Rajyotsava

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Rainbow Home, Yuvodaya and Nivas celebrated Kannada Rajyotsava with the centre children and BMTC officials and Police Officials at Shivaji Nagar Bus Stand on November 1, 2024. The day started with garlanding the photos of the famous Kannada poets who were Jnanapeeth Awardees and prominent Kannada leaders and actors. Karnataka flag was hoisted. Directors' message for the children included the importance of learning Kannada language and embracing the culture and language of Karnataka. After the message, the Karnataka State Anthem was sung, followed by the National Anthem. Sweets were distributed to the children.



Children's Day Celebration at BOSCO Bengaluru

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Day celebration at BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on November 17, 2024. This year's Children's Day celebration was based on the theme, 'Family is Where I Belong'.

Smt. Umashree, Former Minister for Women and Child Development, Empowerment of the Differently-abled and Senior Citizens, Kannada Language and Culture, and Actor, Kannada Film Industry, addressing the children said, "BOSCO is working for the welfare underprivileged children for more than forty years. I salute the management and the staff for their unwavering service for the young at risk". The Annual Report -2023-24 and BOSCO Brochure were released on the occasion by Smt. Umashree and other dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, Sri. Shamid Basha, Assistant Commissioner of Police, VV Puram Sub Division, Bengaluru exhorted the children to make best use of the opportunities provided to them to become successful individuals. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru in his keynote address said this was the day to celebrate and enjoy. As adults everyone has the responsibility of empowering children by addressing the issues related to children like child labour, child trafficking, child marriage etc. Smt. Sulochana, Sub Inspector, Upparpet Police Station and Smt. Ramya, Sub Inspector, Kamakshipalya Police Station were present on the occasion.

Chance games and theme-based cultural programmes were organized during the event. Stakeholders who have been identified by BOSCO for their contribution 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. Around nine hundred children from the various centres of BOSCO and localities of service participated in the event.

IMPRESSIONS

MERCYNA PAMEI: I am a second-year MSW student at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Guwahati, Assam. During my 24 days of fieldwork at BOSCO Bengaluru in 2024, I had the invaluable opportunity to explore various centers. I observed an impressive range of impactful opportunities being offered, from education to vocational training programmes. Experiencing these programmes firsthand has greatly enhanced my personal and professional development, particularly in my interactions with children. The staff at BOSCO demonstrate exceptional dedication and commitment to the welfare of the children they serve, and their passion is truly inspiring.

Celebration of the Indian Constitution Day

The Constitution Day also known as “National Law Day”, was celebrated on November 26, 2024, with the participation of children from BOSCO Mane and Vikas to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. Mallikarjun, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas enlightened the children on the Constitution of India, its importance, when was it drafted and by whom and when was it adopted. On November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted to the Constitution of India, and it came

into effect on January 26, 1950. He also spoke about Dr. BR Ambedkar, the Father of the Indian Constitution who played a pivotal role in the drafting of the constitution. Previously this day was celebrated as National Law Day. November 26 was chosen to spread the importance of the constitution and to spread thoughts and ideas of Ambedkar. Children of BOSCO Mane and Vikas participated in the celebration.



Christmas Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Bengaluru celebrated Christmas with staff and volunteers, at BOSCO Mane, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on December 18, 2024. Fr. Deepu Mathew, Director, Nilaya and Yuvaspandana, welcoming the gathering said that it was the celebration of the BOSCO family of the directors and the staff. Prashanth Murthy, HR Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru briefed about the importance of Christmas and preparation of the crib. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra quoted the bible verses. The Directors inaugurated the crib. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram quoting that Jesus loved the lost, the least and the last, exhorted everyone to share the love of God with the children. The programme included carols, dances, sharing gifts, and exchanging season's greetings with each other. Devaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO

CRISP Project, proposed the vote of thanks. All the staff, study centre teachers, and management participated in the Christmas celebrations.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Nilaya, Nivas, Rainbow Home, Mane, Vikas, Sumanahalli, CRISP and CSN projects organized Christmas Celebrations with children and youth from December 15 to 23, 2024 at their respective centres and areas.

The celebrations began with the inauguration of the crib by the Directors. The importance and value of Christmas was made known to the children and youth. The story of the birth of Jesus was narrated. A message on selfless love and helping the need was given. The children danced and sang songs. Few games were conducted for the children

and surprise gifts were given. Sweets, cakes and meals were given to all those gathered. All the Directors, Ms. Nagaveni, DCPO, Bengaluru South, Ms. Asha, DCPO, Bengaluru West, Fr. George PS, Executive Director, BREADS Bengaluru, APF team, Aditya Birla Team, Corporate sectors and various other stake holders were present in the celebrations at various centres. All the centres' children, children attending study centre classes, school children, parents, and guardians were a part of the celebrations.



New Year Celebration at BOSCO

On the occasion of the New Year, Officials of Chamarajpet Police Station visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and celebrated the New Year with children on January 1, 2025. KP Agrahara Police Personnel and Taj Restaurant Management celebrated the New Year with BOSCO Yuvakendra children. They thanked BOSCO for allowing the officials to celebrate the new year with children. Wilson Garden Traffic Police Station Officials visited Rainbow Home and celebrated New Year with the centre children. Ms. Shashikala, S.P., ACP, Traffic Central Subdivision and Ms. Kathyayini, Traffic Police Inspector encouraged the children to achieve academic success in order to have a brighter future. BOSCO Vikas and Mane celebrated New Year with the symbolic burning of the “Old Man” of 2024, bidding the farewell to the past year and the welcoming of 2025. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane and Vikas emphasized the importance of



letting go of negative feelings and thoughts, encouraging everyone to embrace the new opportunities that come with the upcoming year. The celebrations included cutting of the cake and sharing sweets with the children, along with entertainment programmes. All the centre children participated in the celebrations.

Republic Day Celebration at BOSCO Bengaluru

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with flag hoisting in the premises of BOSCO Mane on January 26, 2025. Fr. KJ Joseph was welcomed by a band. Mallikarjun, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas welcomed the gathering. Fr. KJ Joseph, Director BOSCO Mane and Vikas presided over the function and hoisted the flag. Speaking on the occasion, he explained about the history and importance of the day. He said that the constitution has given us everything. He exhorted that the children read the constitution to grow as responsible citizens in the society. The programme concluded by distributing sweets to everyone and thanking them. Eighty children along with the staff participated in the flag hoisting.



Inauguration of Don Bosco's Month

Don Bosco's month celebrated as “Yuva Premi Masostava” was inaugurated at all the centres of BOSCO, in the presence of children and youth, from January 2 to 6, 2025. The representatives of each centre and area along with their directors garlanded the statue of the saint. The directors of the centres enlightened the children on the life of the priest, founder, father and teacher of the youth, St. John Bosco. All the centre and area children and youth participated in the event.



BOSCO Annual Quiz Contest 2025

Don Bosco Annual Quiz competition for the children of BOSCO was held at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 18, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Jude Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli, and Child Representatives inaugurated the program.

Teams representing High School Children and Primary School Children of different centres and areas of BOSCO participated in the competition. The quiz masters Br. Ajay and Br. Akhil, BOSCO, Bengaluru conducted the program. The quiz comprised eight rounds. The rounds included general rounds, individual rounds, puzzle round, hold the flag round, buzzer round, rapid fire round and find me round. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan emerged as the winners and runners-up were children from BOSCO Vikas in the High School category. Children from BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan/Sneha Bhavan obtained



first place and BOSCO Mane Children secured second place in the Primary School category. All the participants were appreciated for their participation.

Children's Sports Day

BOSCO Bengaluru organized Children's Sports Day at BOSCO Sumanahalli on January 19, 2025. Addressing the children, the chief guest, Shri. Somashekar, Police inspector Kamakshipalya Bengaluru, said, "Winning or losing is not important, but participation is". The Olympic Torch was borne and lit by the leaders representing the centres and areas that BOSCO is associated with. Children and staff took oath during the programme under the leadership of Shivu Naik, Team Member, BOSCO Yuvakendra.

Various sports events like running races (100mts, 200mts, 400mts and relay), long jump, tug of war, shot-put, musical chair, sack race, frog race, lemon and spoon race, etc. were organized for sub juniors, juniors and seniors. The winners were awarded medals and certificates by the Directors and staff. Over four hundred children from the centres and areas of intervention of BOSCO participated in the sports meet.



IMPRESSIONS

RAJU BURMAN: I could no longer tolerate the mistreatment from my stepfather, so I made the courageous decision to run away from home. Thanks to the dedicated staff at BOSCO CHILDLINE, I was rescued from the Majestic Railway Station and admitted to BOSCO Vikas. There, I took charge of my future by receiving a quality education and comprehensive training in sports.

In just two years, I not only caught up academically but also excelled, completing the 6th grade and confidently transitioning to 7th grade at St. Joseph's School. With the strong support and guidance of my mentors, I actively engaged in various school activities and quickly established myself as a leader among my peers. I showcased my athletic abilities, competing in Kho Kho and football at the division level, and I reached the state level in hockey. Additionally, I earned a gold medal in Taekwondo. I am profoundly grateful to BOSCO and its staff for empowering me to become a responsible and accomplished individual.

Inter-Centre Cultural Competitions

The Inter-Centre Cultural Competition for children was held at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru, on January 26, 2025. Smt. Malati Mysore, TV and Film Actor, Kannada Film Industry, the Special Guest expressed that God appeared in the form of BOSCO to take care of such children. The competitions included group dances, mimes, and fancy dress for the junior and senior boys and girls respectively. All the Directors were present for the event. Over a hundred children participated in the competitions.



Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest

BOSCO, Bengaluru organized the Grand Finale of Children's Cultural Fest at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on January 26, 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the presidential address. Mr. Mime Gopi, South Indian Cine Star appreciated BOSCO and the performances of the children. Rev Fr. George Kannanthanam, Sumanahalli Society, Bengaluru, Fr. Philip were present on the occasion.



A month-long celebration that included quiz competition, children's sports day and inter-centre cultural competitions for the children culminated with the feast of Don Bosco. The winners of the competitions were awarded during the valedictory

function. The results of the BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition were announced during the programme. Around five hundred children, friends and well-wishers of BOSCO gathered on the occasion.

Women's Day Celebration at the BOSCO Centres

BOSCO Nivas, Nilaya and Yuvaspandana celebrated International Women's Day on March 15 and 18, 2025 at their respective centres. The celebration included cake cutting, fun games and motivational talks by the guests. Course completion certificates were distributed to the youths who completed their computer course at BOSCO Yuvaspandana. Prizes were distributed to the

winners. All participating women were given gifts as a token of appreciation. The event was filled with joy, encouragement, and community spirit. Mrs. Anuradha, Revenue Inspector, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Arogya Raj, Director, BOSCO Nivas, Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvaspandana, mothers of children attending study centre classes and anganwadi teachers graced the occasion.



Workshop on Homelink Data Intelligence for Global Interface (DIGI)

A three-day workshop on HOMELINK - DIGI, a digital platform for scientific data collection was organized by the National YaR Forum, New Delhi at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Bengaluru from July 24 to 26, 2024. The sessions threw light on YaR and Homelink network, comparison of Homelink Child MISS and Homelink DIGI and module-wise presentations.



Training for Child Welfare Police Officers

Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) Project, BOSCO Bengaluru in collaboration with DCPU South Division organized training for the Child Welfare Police Officers (CWPOs), West and South Division, Bengaluru at B.S Venkataram Kala Bhavana Chamrajpet and Hanumantha Nagar Police Station on July 9 and 11, 2024. Sixty CWPOs and Assisting Writers from the West Division and sixty-five CWPOs from the South Division attended the training.



Training on Don Bosco Preventive System of Education

A training on Don Bosco Preventive system was conducted for the staff at BOSCO Sumanahalli by Fr. Anthayya and Fr. Jude Anand on August 22, 2024. Around fifteen staff were part of the training.



Healing Connections

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a counselling training session for the staff at BOSCO Sumanahalli on October 1, 2024. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Fr. Joe Konkell, SDB, Psychologist and Ms. Rashmi, Therapist conducted the counselling session-Healing Connections. Twenty staff were participated in the training programme.



Refresher Training Programme

A Refresher Training Programme was conducted at BOSCO Yuvodaya for the staff of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) of BOSCO on October 31, 2024. The programme aimed at enhancing the skills and knowledge of staff members involved child care and support. Thirty-three staff of the CCIs attended the training.



Training for School Teachers

Training was organized for the primary school teachers at BRC Centre, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural on December 21, 2024 and January 11, 2025 to make them aware of foster care concept and alternative family care for those children deprived of a family. PDOs, DDPIs and hundred and thirty-seven primary school teachers attended the training.



Staff Induction Training

Human Resource Department, BOSCO Bengaluru organized an Induction Training for the newly recruited staff on January 17, 2025. Twenty-eight new staff participated in the training.



Training on Emotional Freedom Techniques

Enhance Emotions – Empower Lives, an Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) Training was held on January 24, 2025 at BOSCO Yuvodaya for the Child Care Givers of BOSCO. Thirty-four staff including Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Yuvodaya participated in the training.



Child Rights Club Leadership Trainings

BOSCO CRISP Project conducted Child Rights Club (CRC) Leadership Trainings at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Boys' Hostel, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Thyamagondalu and Bairanayakanahalli Boys Government Hostels Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural during the year for more than five hundred enthusiastic children from different schools and CRC members.



BOSCO CSN Project conducted a training session on Leadership for the members of the CRCs at BOSCO Mane on May 27, 2025. Forty children attended the training.



Empowering Migrant Construction Workers: Workshop on Substance Abuse

The Labour Migration Unit of the Indian Social Institute (ISI), Bengaluru, in collaboration with MAX Organization and BOSCO Bengaluru conducted a workshop for migrant construction workers at the Shriram Property building site in Bengaluru on February 6, 2025. More than 100 migrant workers from Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Uttar Pradesh participated in this insightful session.



Study Centre Teachers Training Programme

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a capacity building programme for the Study Centre teachers at BOSCO Yuvodaya on March 15, 2025 which aimed at capacitating the teachers on basic teaching skills. A total of 26 tuition teachers benefited from this training programme



CAMPAIGNS

Breaking the Chains

World Day Against Child Labour with the theme, 'Let's act on our commitments: End Child Labour' was observed by BOSCO Bengaluru by participating in the programme organized by the Department of Labour on June 12, 2024 at MG Road, Bengaluru. The programme included a formal inauguration by Mr. Santosh Lad, Minister, Labour Department, Government of Karnataka, a skit on child labour, and a rally which was flagged off by Ms. Ragini Dwivedi, Actor, Kannada Film Industry. The rally took off from MG Road and culminated at KR Circle. The children and staff of BOSCO further continued the rally to the Freedom Park, shouting the slogans against child labour and creating awareness to the public on child labour. A Signature Campaign was organized where the public and the participants pledged to eradicate child labour. Government officials, college students, Scouts and

Guides children, Directors from BOSCO were present in the campaign. Hundred and ten children from BOSCO Child Care Centres and areas, ninety staff and volunteers under the leadership of Fr. Johnson, Director, BOSCO Bengaluru participated in the campaign.

On the occasion, BOSCO SJPU Project conducted an essay writing competition on the theme in SLN Public School, Kalasipalya. Fifty-two children children wrote the essays on child labour. BOSCO CSN organized an awareness programme for the shop keepers and the public at Kalasipalya and Sumanahalli areas. The team gave awareness through announcements, shouting slogans and conducting signature campaign. Smt. Anupama, Senior Labour Inspector was present on the occasion. Around hundred people were reached out to by way of distributing pamphlets.



International Tiger Day

BOSCO Vikas and Mane observed the International Tiger Day along with the children of the centre on July 29, 2024. Mohana Mulepatlu, Naturalist, Kahna Reserve Forest, Madhya Pradesh addressed the children and highlighted the significance of tiger conservation and the international action to save these amazing animals. He spoke about tiger being the National Animal of India, its habitat, behaviour and food, and the alarming decline in the population of tigers both in India and worldwide. He also highlighted the role of Jim Corbett in safeguarding and nurturing tigers in India. As part of the event the children created and displayed their tiger themed



artwork. There was a video presentation on Tigers. Eight-four children were a part of this event.

International Day Against Trafficking in Persons

BOSCO Bengaluru stood united with the global community in observing the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, 2024 through various components and centres, and along with the Government Departments based on the theme, “Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking”. The teams were involved in creating awareness in the CCIs, schools, communities, public places. The children were shown short video clips on the aspect of trafficking. Poster making, drawing and other competitions were held to gain deeper understanding of the significance of the day. Signature campaign was held in front of Vidhana Soudha where the public pledged their support towards the cause.

BOSCO Bengaluru was a part of the event organized by the Department of Women and Child Welfare in collaboration with the District Administrations, District Panchayat and District Law Service Authority on account of International Day Against Trafficking in Persons at Sambhrama Auditorium, Women and Child Welfare Department, Bengaluru on July 30, 2024. The programme saw the presence of Mr. ML Raghunath,



District Magistrate, Mr. Siddeshwar, Director, ICPS, Mr. Krishnamurthy, Asst District Collector, Mr. William Christopher, Staff, IGM, NGOs, ASHA Workers and other stakeholders.

National YaR Day Campaign

The closing of the National YaR Campaign of 2022-2023 - “Healthy Mind, Healthy Life” and launch of “Family is Where I Belong.”, the online launch of the campaign 2023-2024, were held on August 31, 2024. The Campaign Poster was released.

On the occasion of YaR day, BOSCO Yuvodaya, BOSCO Yuvakendra, BOSCO Nilaya, BOSCO Nivas, BOSCO

Yuvaspandana, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane and BOSCO Vikas organized sessions with children and staff on the theme. Drawing, painting, speech, essay competitions, and signature campaigns were organized for the children to mark the occasion. The staff and children of the centres attended the online meet and took part in the launch of the YaR Day Campaign.



Child Rights Week Organized

BOSCO CSN project, BOSCO CRISP project, BOSCO Bus Stand Team, BOSCO ARSP, Nilaya, Nivas, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Sumanahalli, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Vikas, and Mane, began the Child Rights Week with the celebration of Children’s Day at their respective areas and centres on November 14, 2024. The Centre Directors, Department Officials, stakeholders, and staff members participated in the programme. The team gave awareness about Children’s Day, UNCRC, child rights, acts, and laws.



During the week from November 14 to 20, 2024, awareness campaigns were held in public places, bus stands, communities, schools, Government Boys Home, etc., and stakeholders’ meetings, adolescent girls’ meetings, parents’ meetings, mime show at Orion Mall, Mantri Mall; rallies, tying of child rights bands to the BMTC and KSRTC Officials, Police Officials, other stakeholders and children and distribution of pamphlets to the public were also conducted. Children were given Nehru caps in memory of Chacha Nehru. The week-long programme included group discussions, essay, drawing, speech, pick and speak, dance, and quiz competitions based on the theme, ‘Family is Where I Belong’. Children of BOSCO Yuvodaya were given note books with their

respective photos on them. As a culmination of Child Rights Week, BOSCO Nivas team organized a signature campaign at Vishweshwaraiah Museum on November 20, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, and Mr. Sajoo Bhaskaran, ED, Vishweshwaraiah Museum, kick-started the event with their assent. More than 1500 children from various schools all across Karnataka were given awareness on the RIGHTS concerning them.

Mr. Kotresh, Police Inspector, Banashankari Police Station, BMTC officials were present during the campaigns. Around two thousand children, Government Officials, Stakeholders, and the public were reached out to through the week-long programme.

Human Rights Day

BOSCO Yuvakendra and CRISP team organized Human Rights Day for the youth of the centre and school children in their centre and areas respectively on December 10, 2024. The children and youth were given awareness about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly which ensures rights, that everyone is entitled to, as a human being, regardless of his/her race, colour, religion, sex, language, political, nationality, origin, and birth. Possible interventions in promoting Child Rights/Human Rights were discussed. A group activity was organized for the participants based on the theme. Forty study centre children from GPHS, Magadi Road, twenty



youths from Yuvakendra and around hundred children from GHS, Juganahalli, Rajajinagar participated in the event.

International Migrants Day

The Migrant Help Desk, BOSCO Bengaluru along with DB4M, Karnataka (Karnataka intra/interstate Migrants Alliance for Transformation -KISMAT) observed International Migrants Day on December 18, 2024, at Thanisandra, Saraipalya, Bengaluru. This special event was a testament to KISMAT's commitment to supporting and empowering migrant workers in Karnataka. The event aimed at appreciating the tireless efforts and invaluable contributions of migrant workers to society. The program was designed to promote a sense of community, exclusivity, and recognition among migrant workers.

The participants engaged in a range of recreational activities and games to foster sense of sharing and joy. The participants were also treated with refreshments and



prizes, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. To ensure maximum participation and engagement, the program was conducted in Hindi, facilitating better understanding and interaction among the migrant workers. Around 43 migrant workers, primarily hailing from Bihar and West Bengal, skilled in various trades such as carpentry, painting, and polishing, working in construction and infrastructure development participated in the event.

Revisiting the Commercial Establishments in Gandhi Nagar

A campaign to make Gandhi Nagar area 'Child Labour Free' zone was undertaken during the last year. The team working in Gandhi Nagar area revisited the commercial establishments in the area to assess the conditions before and after the campaign involving 15-20 staff members on April 15 and 16, 2025 in the presence of Mr. Gangadhar, Senior Labour Inspector of Gandhi Nagar. During the survey, no instances of child labour were found in any shops or hotels and many shops were aware of the Child Labour Act. The shopkeepers expressed strong support for BOSCO's initiatives and assured the team that they do not employ children. Many of them appreciated BOSCO's ongoing efforts to protect children's rights and actively discouraged child labour while also committing



to report any such cases in the future. The revisit survey concluded positively, with a total of 2,190 shops covered, reaffirming the collective responsibility of the community and BOSCO in creating a safe, child-friendly environment in Gandhinagar.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

BOSCO CRISP, Nilaya, Nivas, ARSP, CSN, Gandhi Nagar area and Yuvakendra, organized Shaale Kade Nanna Nade Campaign in the surrounding communities of their areas of work including KR Market, Shivajinagar, Magadi Road, Nelamangala, Pillahalli, Veerabhadharanagar Gudde, Gandhi Nagar and MCTC Quarters, to ensure that all the children

are enrolled in the school, during the last week of May and first week of June, 2025. The directors and staff spoke about the importance of education and the right of every child to be in school. They explained the need of the hour to educate the children, the worth and value received through schooling, and the govt facilities which ensure free and



compulsory education. They stressed that education is an asset that cannot be taken away by anyone. The team held a rally in the areas creating awareness about enrolment and re-enrolment to school. Mr. Shivkumar, BRC, Nelamangala, Fr. Johnson, Director, ARSP Project, Head Masters, and

teachers of the school were present in the rally along with the children. More than five hundred children took part in the rallies. 160 children were enrolled and re-enrolled to schools as a result of this campaign.

International Missing Children’s Day

BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre, Sumanahalli observed International Missing Children’s Day at the centre on May 25, 2024. An awareness regarding missing children was given to the trainees. They were told about the Child Helpline 1098/112 in case of finding a child in distress. The trainees pledged to help out children in distress at all times and do their bit in reducing the number of missing children. The session was facilitated by Mr. Antony Dass, Staff, BOSCO Sumanahalli. Thirty-one trainees and the staff of the centre were part of this activity.

The team working in Magadi Road area conducted awareness programmes on International Missing Children’s Day for the children in Nagammanagar and at BOSCO Yuvakendra on May 25, 2024. The team explained about the rights of children, the issues they face, the importance of education, how to choose good company and follow a disciplined life. They were informed about the child helpline. Twenty-five children from Nagammanagar and seventeen children from other areas of Magadi Road participated in the sessions.



Dasara Camps



Dasara Camps were organized for the children at the BOSCO centres and areas on the theme, 'Family is Where I Belong', during the second and third week of October 2024. The children were engaged in various activities so that they could use their time constructively and hone their skills during the Dasara vacations. Children were taught action songs and dance. Children were engaged in various activities such as meditation, yoga, music, singing, drawing, painting, quiz, craft, aari work, floral art, clay models, pick and act, pick and speak, tabloid formation, trash to treasure, night Olympics, sports, indoor and outdoor games, party games and fun games. Competitions were held. Children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken to "Friend in Need Society's Home" for the elderly at Shivajinagar. Children visited Bamul Bengaluru Co-operative Milk Union LTD at Nandhini Milk Product Complex in Kanakapura. They went to the ETA Mall to watch a movie. Youths of BOSCO Sumanahalli

watched Martin movie. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending study centre classes attended the camp.

Fr. Abhilash SDB, Br. Ajay, Sacred Heart Brothers, Directors and staff of the respective centres and areas were the resource persons for the camps. Mr. Prakash, HM, GHPS, Jakkasandra, Gowramma, Anganwadi School Teacher, Savitri Bai, SDMC, Member, Mr. Rajesh, Labour Officer, Mr. Shivakumar ASI and Mr. Nagesh, Head Constable, Girinagar Police Station, were present on the occasion.

The camp helped the children acquire social responsibility, good manners, punctuality, leadership, team spirit, cleanliness and participation. Appreciation medals were given to the winners. Prizes were distributed to all the teams by the dignitaries.

Summer Camp Organized

The summer camps were organized for the children and youths of BOSCO Yuvakendra, Sumanahalli, Yuvaspandana, Nilaya, and Nivas at the respective centres and St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru and for the children attending the study centre classes in Ambedkar School Nelamagala, Pillahalli study centre, Chikka Basti study centre, Tungabhadra Colony study centre, MCTC quarters I and II during April 2025. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Mr. Surendra, Teacher, Siddalingeshwara School and Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Director, BOSCO Yuvakendra, Mr. Basvaraj, PDO, Pillahalli Gram Panchayat and Ramaswamy, Area

Leader, Pillahalli, Mr. Shivanna, SDMC Member, GHPS Pillahalli, Mr. Jack, Comedy Actor, Kannada Industry and Area leader, Vinobhanagar and MR Mariswamy Chairman of KCPCR, Mr. Basavaraj, Member, Migrant Desk and Fr. Arogya Raj, Director, BOSCO Nivas were the chief guests for the summer camps.

'Fun with Sun' a summer camp, was organized for the girls of BOSCO Rainbow Home at Don Bosco, Davangere, to provide opportunities for children to learn new things from April 11 to May 5, 2025. BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan organized a four-day summer camp for the transit home

children and fresh children at the centre and for the senior children at Maria Nivas, the Destitutes' Home, Electronic City, Bengaluru from May 5 to 9, 2025. 3-day summer camp at BOSCO Yuvakendra was filled with fun, learning, and joyful experiences during the first week of May 2025. BOSCO Vikas organized 'Summer Splash' – a summer camp for the children of the centre at Don Bosco Centre, Davangere from May 2 to 22, 2025.

The activities included sessions on goal setting, time management, discipline, understanding life helping them to discover their talents, life skill classes, indoor and outdoor sports, handicrafts, story-telling, painting, sessions on food and nutrition, hygiene, motivational talks, child friendly games, dance, Zumba dance, drawing sessions, action songs, making greeting cards, wall hangings, flower making, basic embroidery, stitching, gardening, exploring the nature, supporting the senior citizens in their chores, camp fire, quizzes, visiting mall and resorts, speech competitions, skit competitions, night Olympics and meditation .

The activities helped the children to work in a team, learn discipline, leadership skills, team spirit, cooperation, and mental and physical strength, develop confidence, and identify hidden talents. The camps also helped in enhancing the talents of children and in making constructive use of the time during the summer vacation. All the children and youth of the centres and the children attending the study centre classes participated in the summer camps.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Certificate Distribution

BOSCO Computer Training Project, BOSCO Mane, Yuvaspandana, organized a certificate distribution program for the students who completed the three-month of Basics and Tally training course from the centre, during the year. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, and Fr. Deepu, Director BOSCO Yuvaspandana shared insights about BOSCO with the trainees highlighting its mission of empowering marginalized youth through skill development. They cited the achievements and success stories of past trainees who have benefited from the computer training. Hundred and forty-five students completed the computer course were awarded the course completion certificates.

22nd Batch of Beautician trainees completed their course and awarded with the completion certificates on August 28, 2024 by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director,



BOSCO Bengaluru. Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Ms. Roopa, Ms. Shruthi, and Ms. Deepika, Lakme Salon Team were present for the event. Thirty trainees of the Tailoring Unit and ten of Beautician Course were awarded with the certificates on the successful completion of the course at the Vocational Training centre of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on October 30, 2024. A total of 18 trainees successfully completed the tailoring course and received their course completion certificates in recognition of their dedication and hard work on February 6, 2025.



Extra Ordinary Visitation at BOSCO Bengaluru

Fr. Fabio Attard was on a three-day visit to BOSCO Bengaluru and interacted with the children, staff, and Directors regarding the different programs, components, and activities carried out by the organization for the welfare of the underprivileged children from September 3 to 4, 2024.



Staff Picnic to Uttara Kannada

BOSCO, Bengaluru organized two-day picnic to Gokarna, Murudeshwar, Yana and nearby places for the staff in two batches during the third and fourth week of November 2024. Away from the busy work schedule, the staff had a chance to relax and enjoy to their heart's content at the beaches, green stretches in Yana, temples at Gokarna and Murudeshwar, Mangroves, etc. There were boating, party

games, camp fire, entertainment activities, etc. arranged for the staff. Irrespective of the age, professional hierarchy or experiences, the mood of recreation was contagious. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, Fr. KJ Joseph, Fr. Johnson, Fr. John Peter, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi and Fr. Abhilash, Directors, BOSCO Bengaluru, were present for the picnic.



NGO Networking Meeting for Civil Society Organizations

BOSCO Bengaluru organized an NGO Networking Meeting for the Civil Society Organizations at BOSCO Yuvodaya on December 17, 2024. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru spoke about networking and its importance, areas of networking and potential partners, benefits and challenges of networking and how networking could help NGOs in advocacy efforts. Mrs. Ramya, We Live Foundation, focused on After Care and the challenges faced in transitioning youth after 18 years. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care explained the foster care system for children in need care and protection, especially those over six years old or separated from their parents for over a year. Mr. John Joshua, Coordinator, BOSCO HomeLink, presented an overview of the Homelink DIGI system, its working, mobile app, features, and its importance for NGOs in managing documentation.



Challenges faced by the NGOs regarding receiving funds from the Government, excessive restrictions, rules and demands by the DCPU, difficulty in renewal of CCI registration, lack of proper documentation for children referred by CWC, making it hard to admit children to CCIs, bribe demands during police verification, etc. were discussed. Way forward was put forth based on the suggestions for improving collaboration and coordination. Twenty-four representatives from seventeen NGOs participated in the networking meeting.

Karate Colour Belt Grading Exam

Karate Belt Grading Exam was organized by Marlinga at BOSCO Yuvaspandana, January 5, 2025. Ms. Bindu, Coordinator, BOSCO Nilaya, welcomed the gathering. Fr. Deepu, Director, BOSCO Nilaya and Yuvaspandana spoke about self-defence, humility, and hard work. He said, 'Hard work always pays. Karate is mainly to empower the girl children to fight for their rights.' Karate Instructors and students performed inspiring Karate demo. Children performed exercises and warm-up katas in the group. Belt exam was conducted in the presence of Marlinga,

Ningappa, Kavya, Gagan, Likith and Rakshith, Karate Instructors.

Belts and certificates were distributed to all. Sixty-one children were promoted to yellow belt. Forty children were given the orange belt, twenty-one were promoted to green belt and one child was given the blue belt. Around hundred and twenty-five children from BOSCO Nilaya, Rainbow Home, Vatsalya Bhavan, Yuvakendra and JC Road participated in the exam.



Makkala Grama Sabhas

BOSCO CRISP Project participated in nine Makkala Grama Sabhas organized by Grama Panchayats in Nelamanagala and Bengaluru Urban during January 2025. These sabhas

are aimed at providing children with a platform to express themselves, help build their confidence, self-esteem, and leadership skills. Children discussed ways to promote



education and healthcare in their community, including organizing awareness campaigns and advocating for better facilities, building partnerships with local authorities to address child-related issues and promoting community development. These Grama Sabhas helped in promoting child participation, fostering community engagement and social responsibility, addressing pressing issues affecting

children’s lives and well-being and empowering them to become active agents of change in their communities.

The Makkala Grama Sabhas saw the participation of the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Panchayat Development Officers (PDO) of Grama Panchayats, school HMs and school and community children.

BOSCO Nivas Centre Inauguration

The new centre of BOSCO Nivas, Bengaluru situated on the premises of St. Xavier’s School, was inaugurated on January 31, 2025 in the august presence of Rev. Fr. Jose Koyickal SDB, Provincial, Bangalore Province, Rev. Fr. Jayanathan, Vice President and Secretary, ABE, Rev. Fr. Martin Kumar, Chancellor and Parish Priest, St. Mary’s Basilica, Rev. Fr. Rayappa, Secretary, ABE, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, and Directors of BOSCO Bengaluru. Fr. Jose Koyickal blessed the centre by reciting the Bible verses. Fr. Jayanathan, in his keynote address, appreciated BOSCO for its unwavering commitment to the welfare of children and community people of Shivajinagar. Fr. Martin congratulated BOSCO for starting the new centre and remembered his association with it in the past years. Fr. Rayappa and Fr. Varghese Pallipuram spoke on the occasion. Fathers on the dais were felicitated. Fr. Arogya

Raj, Director, BOSCO Nivas welcomed the gathering and Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Programme proposed the vote of thanks. Fr. Mathew Vadakkal, Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Sisters, HMs, and Teachers of St. Theresa’s Schools and staff of BOSCO Bengaluru were present on the occasion.



Carpentry Unit and Computer Unit Inaugurated at BOSCO Sumanahalli

The Carpentry Unit at BOSCO Sumanahalli has been revitalized to provide improved working conditions for the trainees. The inauguration ceremony took place on April 20 and May 16, 2025, in the esteemed presence

of Fr. George Kannandanam, Director of the Sumanahalli Society; Fr. Tomy, Director of SUPPORT; Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru; and the directors of all the BOSCO centres.



BOSCO Annual Essay Writing Competition

Every year, BOSCO Bengaluru hosts an essay writing competition for college and university students, running from October to January. Approximately 150 colleges and universities from across India were contacted, inviting undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students from various disciplines—including management, social work, sociology, journalism, economics, engineering, law, commerce, psychology, and life sciences—to participate. The purpose of this competition is to raise awareness among students about social issues relevant to contemporary society and provide them with a platform highlighting some important yet seldom-discussed issues that need more attention in today's educational, social, and cultural environments. The theme for this year was "Family is Where I Belong." Four significant social issues

related to family were at the forefront of the competition: **The right of a child to be with his/her family; Children in at-risk families; Children's rights in alternative care settings; Ensuring quality care and The role of the family in promoting the rights of the child.**

The essays were judged by a panel of three external judges based on the criteria of originality of content, creativity, clarity of expression, adherence to the theme, and writing style. The first prize was awarded to Ms. Keertana Deepak from Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi, Kerala. The second place went to Ms. Neysa Gayleen Pinto from St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore, while the third prize was secured by Ms. Alka Maria Varkey of Christ University, Bengaluru.

Winners' Reflections...

1. Keerthana Deepak

"I participated in the essay competition conducted by BOSCO to challenge myself to think critically about social issues and express my thoughts clearly. The topic "Role of Family in the Promotion of the Rights of Child" resonated with me, and I felt compelled to address the alarming reality that millions of children worldwide are denied their basic rights, often within their own families. The severity of this issue cannot be overstated, as it has far-reaching consequences for a child's physical, emotional, and psychological well-being. Through the process of researching and writing the essay, I gained a deeper understanding of the complexities of family dynamics and developed my critical thinking, research, and writing

skills. Winning the competition has been an honour, and I plan to use this experience to continue exploring the intersection of family, justice, and human rights, and potentially pursue a career in advocacy or policy-making, with the goal of making a positive impact on the lives of children and families through my writing and advocacy skills."



Keerthana Deepak is a BSc first year student of the Department of Psychology, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi.

2. Neysa Gayleen Pinto

"I participated in this competition because I enjoy research and writing. I chose "Roots of Rights: The Family's Role in Nurturing and Protecting Children's Rights" because I firmly believe that a child's future is shaped by their upbringing. Families play a crucial role in ensuring a child's emotional, educational, and social development, and I wanted to highlight the responsibilities of parents and society in safeguarding children's rights. The issue of children's rights is significant, as many children face challenges such as neglect, abuse, lack of education, and poor healthcare due to family and societal shortcomings affecting their well-being and future opportunities, making it a pressing concern that needs continuous attention.

Writing this essay helped me refine my research skills, enhance my ability to structure arguments effectively, and deepen my understanding of legal and ethical aspects related to children's rights. In the future, I hope to contribute to policies, social programmes, or corporate social responsibility projects that focus on child rights and well-being."



Neya Gayleen Pinto is a third year B.COM student studying in St. Aloysius Deemed to be University, Mangalore.

3. Alka Maria Varkey

"BOSCO Bengaluru has been very close to my heart, and I have had the opportunity to visit their facilities as well as other organizations in and around Bengaluru that focus on child safety and welfare. Writing on this topic was not only an opportunity to contribute to an important conversation but also an encouragement to explore my passion for advocacy through writing.

During my internships and fieldwork visits to various child care facilities, I observed the strengths and gaps of children's quality of care within the alternative care settings. Many children lack access to essential services, emotional support, and opportunities for holistic development highlighting the need for stronger policies, better oversight, and more dedicated support

systems for children in these environments. Much more needs to be done at a systemic level.

Writing this essay allowed me to dive deeper into the issue, explore relevant statistics, and gain a clearer understanding of the scope and severity of the problem, while reinforcing my belief that writing can be a powerful tool for advocacy."



Alka Maria Varkey is doing her Masters in Social Work from Christ University, Bengaluru.

BOSCO Cup 2K25

'BOSCO Cup 2K25', a Staff Sports Day and Cultural Programme for BOSCO staff was organized at BOSCO Sumanahalli, Bengaluru on March 8, 2025. The event took off with lighting the lamp. The Olympic Torch was borne and lit by the Vice-captains representing the four teams. Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, wished the women staff a Very Happy Women's Day. He mentioned the theme - "For All Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.," emphasizing the urgency to expedite progress toward gender parity. This theme called for swift, decisive measures to address the rights, opportunities and power/ empowerment of women in various spheres. Talking about the event, he said, "It is a special day for the staff of BOSCO as they come together,



spend time with each other, and know each other. It is also an opportunity for the staff to showcase their talents and skills. It is not about winning or losing, exhibiting sportsmanship is important."

The staffs were divided into four groups - BOSCO Lions, BOSCO Cheetahs, BOSCO Bulls and BOSCO Panthers. The morning session included dance competition, a 4X100 mts relay, 200 mts running race, throw ball for the female staff, and volleyball for the male staff. In the afternoon, cricket for the male staff, bombing the city, filling the water bottles, and tug of war for both groups

were organized. The day concluded with the distribution of prizes. The referees for the sports events were felicitated. Ms. Usha Nayak, Coordinator, BOSCO Mane welcomed the gathering and Fr. KJ Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane proposed the vote of thanks. The directors and around hundred staff of BOSCO participated in the event.

Visit of the Head of Bavaria State, Germany, along with Delegates to BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Bengaluru

On April 15, 2025, Dr. Florian Hermann, the Honorable Minister for Federal Affairs and Head of the State Chancellery of the Free State of Bavaria, Germany, visited BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, Bengaluru. He was accompanied by a team of delegates from his government. Under the leadership of Honorable Minister-President Dr. Markus Söder, the Bavarian government currently partially

locations. He toured the Skill Training unit of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, which offers Tailoring and Beautician trades designed to equip unskilled individuals living in the underprivileged communities.

As a token of gratitude, a painting done by the children was presented to him. In return, he gifted school bags to



supports programmes aimed at assisting underprivileged children in need of care and protection in the state of Karnataka.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Florian Hermann expressed his happiness about being in this centre and described his visit to BOSCO's girl centre as the most meaningful and heart-warming programme of his visit to various

the children and encouraged all of them to attend school regularly and score highly in all the examinations. Fr. George P.S., Executive Director of BREADS Bengaluru, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, other directors, children of the centre, children from BOSCO Mane, staff were present during the visit.

Research and Documentation

BOSCO's National Research and Documentation (BNRD) was instituted to undertake systematic data collection, scientific documentation, and research and publication of the materials of BOSCO. Reports and photos of the activities and events from all the centers, areas, and programmes are collected periodically and maintained

in BNRD. The department also has well-maintained information on child data from the last four and a half decades.

BNRD manages the BOSCO website, updates and uploads reports on social media, and coordinates the publication of the quarterly newsletter 'Street Voice', the

monthly newsletter 'E-Street Voice', 'BOSCO at a Glance' and 'the Annual Report', which brings visibility to the organization and highlights BOSCO's expertise in Young At-Risk activities. The activities undertaken in BNRD include the systematic documentation of the Child Care Process, which is done on a daily basis, training programmes for DIGI, and compiling the activity reports, monthly and other periodic reports of the different areas and centres of BOSCO. The Child Rescue Report Tracking is circulated daily to in-house and government email IDs, along with the daily rescue reports, which are updated on the website, providing information to stakeholders about the rescued children and missing children complaints. It

has a library where books, journals, research papers, case studies, and other private circulations on child-related articles are maintained for reference.

During the year, BOSCO published four quarterly newsletters – Street Voice, twelve monthly e-newsletters – E-Street Voice, researches on "Are We Failing our Girl Children...? A Qualitative Study of Runaway Cases to Bengaluru and 'A Second Chance! Restoring Hope for Children in Conflict with the Law'. The "BOSCO at a Glance – June 2024 to May 2025" poster, the Year Planner for 2025, and organized the National Level Essay Writing Competition.

BOSCO and YaR

Don Bosco National Forum for the Young at Risk, also known as DB YaR Forum, situated in New Delhi, is the all-India network of Don Bosco institutions and organizations committed to the safety, growth, development and rights of at-risk, vulnerable, marginalized children and young adults. It works to energize Salesian Young at Risk ministry, and motivate individuals, communities and like-minded groups, to involve in settings where young persons are at risk, to advocate for appropriate social and legal systems and to work towards effective safeguards to prevent neglect, exploitation and denial of rights of children and

young persons. Thereby, it accompanies the Young at Risk, and provides them care and protection, conducive spaces to live, assists in developing environments of rights, participation and dignity. YaR Partners reach out to 92 cities and towns to serve the marginalized children and youth.

BOSCO Bengaluru is appointed as the Nodal Agency by the Don Bosco YaR network in implementing the Child MISS programme in Karnataka and Kerala. The data is systematically documented and maintained in BOSCO, Bengaluru.

Volunteering

Through its department of Human Resource, BOSCO, Bengaluru has taken up a 'Volunteer Management' programme where it receives volunteers from corporates, educational institutions, religious institutions and foreign countries. During the reporting period BOSCO's Human Resource department provided opportunities to 486 volunteers to get involved in BOSCO's activities. These volunteers were involved in early intervention surveys, street presence programmes, public awareness programmes, fund-raising, and other support programmes.

The volunteering experience in BOSCO gave them a more comprehensive understanding of the issues faced by children, contributed to their personal development, and gave them a sense of fulfillment. BOSCO would like to thank the schools, colleges, religious congregations and individual volunteers for teaming up with us for the cause of changing the society.

Religious Volunteers-23

Student Volunteers-157

Orientation for Student Volunteers-306



Prathibha Puraskara Awardees

Every year during the Children's Day celebration, children excelling in cultural, social, sports, and educational fields are awarded the Prathibha Puraskara Award. This year, five outstanding children from different centres of BOSCO received the honors.

1. MALATESH: A resident of BOSCO Yuvakendra, Malatesh achieved a commendable 65% in his 10th grade, overcoming various struggles and obstacles he faced as a child.



2. ANUSHKA R: A lovable child and a resident of BOSCO Rainbow Home, Anushka is currently in the 9th grade.



She stands out with her exceptional accomplishments in education, sports, and cultural activities. A recipient of several medals and accolades, she has been selected for the National Level Rope Skipping Competition and captained her school's Kabaddi tournament.

3. CHANDRU: From BOSCO Vikas, Chandru excels in studies, sports, arts and crafts, and cultural activities.



He has won multiple accolades for his outstanding performances in football, volleyball, and athletics at both Taluka and District levels.

4. SHARANYA: An in-contact child of BOSCO Nilaya, Sharanya has overcome significant challenges to excel in education, dance, and music. She made the most of the opportunities provided by study centre classes and performed excellently in her 10th grade.



5. AKASH: An orphan, Akash is a 6th-grade student who has adapted well at the centre despite his troubled past. With the guidance received at BOSCO Mane, he has developed numerous talents, excelling in dance, karate, and taekwondo. He represented at the district level and aims to compete in the state-level taekwondo competition. Additionally, he has been selected for the divisional level sports in 2024.



Makkala Mitra Awardees

It is a customary practice in BOSCO to identify and felicitate the stakeholders in contact with the organization for their contribution to the protection and promotion of child rights at the centres and areas of its service with the Makkala Mitra Award. This year five select stakeholders were given the Makkala Mitra Awards.

1. Fr. Deepak Joseph:

Fr. Deepak Joseph is currently the Manager of St. Joseph's High School and the Director of St. Joseph's Skill Training College, Bengaluru. His association with BOSCO is more than ten years. He has not only helped the children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan and Vikas to secure seats in the school with reduced fees and college



but also has ensured that the children are given the best of opportunities to come out as successful, competent individuals. Over the ten years he is responsible for creating employment for fifteen children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan in hotel management, nursing, beautician and other trades.

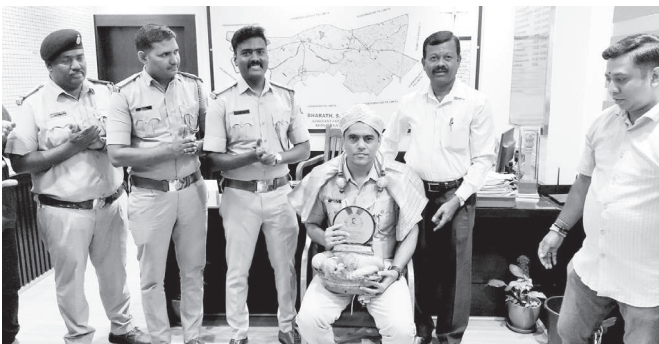
2. Mr. Roubel:

An industrialist in Bengaluru, Roubel shows keen interest in creating jobs for the poor. Associated with BOSCO for a long time, he has helped twenty trainees of BOSCO Sumanahalli secure jobs in various trades like bakery, electrical, welding and carpentry.



3. Mr. Jeevan R:

A fearless cop, Jeevan R, Inspector, Byatarayanapura Police Station, has collaborated with BOSCO Child Safety Net team in rescuing and rehabilitating more than 100 child labourers in two years.



4. Ms. Sulochana:

Committed police personnel and a very caring personality, Ms. Sulochana, Sub Inspector, Upparpet Police Station,



is present in support of BOSCO at every beck and call. Being associated with BOSCO for nearly ten years, her contribution towards the rescue and rehabilitation of several trafficked children, especially girls, child labourers, children into begging is enormous.

5. Ms. Shabana Begum:

Serving as Head Constable at Wilson Garden Police Station, Ms. Shabana Begum is pivotal in maintaining law and order in the area. She identifies the poor and the oppressed children, mainly girls, gives them in-depth



counselling and rehabilitates them. She also involved in uniting the missing children with their families. She actively participates in the activities of BOSCO Rainbow Home and is responsible for creating awareness on important matters such as child rights, POCSO Act, JJ Act, child.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sl. No.	Award/Recognition	Year
1	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director of BOSCO, was honored in August 1990 by Rotary Bengaluru, for his noble work	1990
2	Special Police Officer's Badge: The Special Police Officer's Badge (1992) to 5 staff members of BOSCO, appointment of an A.C.P. at the Police Commissioner's office, and Sub Inspectors (1991) in all the police stations, to deal with cases pertaining to street children, as a result of BOSCO's collaboration with the Police Department	1992
3	Bheedhi Bhagya Award: Fr. George Kolassany was honored with the Bheedhi Bhagya Award by the Karnataka Government in 1992	1992
4	Bravery Award: Master Santhosh received the Bravery Award in 1994 from Mr. Kurshid Alam Khan, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka	1994
5	Rotary Community Service Award: Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, the Executive Director, was honored in August 1998, for his noble work, by Rotary Bengaluru, Vijayanagar, with a Community Service Award and a Citation	1998
6	Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi Award: The State Award, Makkala Kalyana Rajya Prashasthi, was received from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka, for being the best NGO in the State for child welfare activities	2000
7	Best Child Artist Award: BOSCO child Manjunath received the Best Child Artist Award (2001)	2001
8	Makkala Mitra Award: BOSCO received the Makkala Mitra Award from the Women and Child Welfare Department of Karnataka for the year 2004 and 2005	2004 and 2005
9	Kempe Gowda Award: The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Pallike (BBMP) recognized BOSCO for its immense service towards street children and child labourers in Bengaluru Metro, by awarding the Kempe Gowda Award to the organization	2007
10	Rotary Award: for the Service of Excellence	2009
11	Kempe Gowda Award: For Best Social Worker	2011
12	Special Recognition: from the Department of Women and Child Development, for initiating begging child survey and rescue mission in collaboration with the Police Department and networking NGOs	2012
13	Namma Bengaluru Award (Finalist)	2012
14	Global Achievers Foundation Award 2013 for the outstanding achievements, services, and contributions of the organization	2013
15	Best National Child Welfare Organization Award by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India	2015
16	Mother Teresa Memorial National Award 2017	2017
17	Bengaluru NGOs Leadership Award	2017
18	Outstanding Homelink Node Award	2017
19	'Inspire Awards 2018-19' for Social Significance by The BRITT WORLD WIDE (BWW) in collaboration with Parivartan Global Success Foundation, Mumbai	2019
20	Certificate of Appreciation for the services BOSCO has rendered for the betterment of schools in South-2, Bengaluru, by Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru Urban, and Department of Public Instruction, Government of Karnataka	2019
21	'Paramapoojya Dr. Sri. Sri. Sri. Shivakumar Swamiji' Award by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for BOSCO's services towards society on the occasion of the 508th birthday celebrations of Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda	2019
22	'Stree Suraksha Chakra' Award given to Ms. Vinnarasi, Cluster Coordinator, ECCE Programme, BOSCO Bengaluru, for her service in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation, on the occasion of International Women's Day	2020
23	YaR Awards for: Best HUB coordinator to John Joshua; Best Organization in the Bangalore Province and an Award of appreciation to Ms. Vinnarasi in the field of Child Rescue and Rehabilitation	2021
24	YaR Alumni Award conferred to HT Prasanna (Past Pupil)	2022
25	YaR Award for: Homelink service of excellence - 'Best Node Award,' was given to BOSCO Bengaluru	2022 and 2023
26	a. BOSCO Life Skill Training Centre was recognized for Gold Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified children/ youths with special needs in their CCI.	2023
	b. BOSCO Rainbow Home was for Silver Category support by the PACT India in the year 2023-24 for the interventional needs of the identified girls with special needs in their CCI.	2023
27	"Best Social Worker-Child Rights and Welfare" award by the Police Officials, Byatarayanapura Police Station, Bengaluru on 14-11-2023 to Mr. Basavaraju P N, CSN Project Coordinator BOSCO Bengaluru for rescuing around 200 Child Labourers and Children in need of care and protection and leading them to safe environment in the past year.	2023
28	"Athyuthama Makkala Rakshaka" award by Mr. Kiran, Labour Officer Division -3, Labour Department, Government of Karnataka on 09-02-2024 to Mr. Basavaraju P N, CSN Project Coordinator BOSCO Bengaluru	2024
29	"Child Friendly and People Friendly Social Worker' Award by the SDMC of Pillahalli Government High School on January 30, 2025 to Mr. Basavaraju P N, CSN Project Coordinator BOSCO Bengaluru	2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

BANGALORE ONIYAVARA SEVA COOTA (BOSCO)
BOSCO Yuvakendra, D 12, 1st Street, Magadi Road, Bengaluru- 560 023

Consolidated Society Account

Receipt and Payment account for the year 31.03.2025

Particulars	Receipts	Payments
Foreign Contributions	7,60,790.00	
Local Contributions	59,35,429.00	
Foreign Projects Grants	3,38,70,225.00	
Local Projects Grants	2,68,51,900.00	
Bank Interest	15,39,611.00	
Street Presence: Child Assistance and Rescue		25,14,589.00
Vocational Training to the Underprivileged Youth, Job Placement, After Care Programme		25,13,701.00
Supplementary Education and Community Involvement		21,36,112.00
Awareness Creation on Child Rights in the School/ Colleges/Public Places, etc		25,69,843.00
Higher Education of the Rescued Children		26,12,362.00
Maintenance of Land, Building, Vehicles, etc		96,51,455.00
Health Care		25,45,698.00
Staff Salary, Capacity Building and Welfare		3,16,01,908.00
Early Childhood Care & Education		34,01,268.00
Picnic, Camps, Sports, Entertainment and Functions, etc		15,41,261.00
Food for Children		96,37,296.00
Travel and Conveyance		15,45,212.00
Clothes for Children		14,56,212.00
Family Reunification and Follow up		16,54,123.00
Opening/Closing Balance	94,05,893.00	29,82,808.00
Grand Total	7,83,63,848.00	7,83,63,848.00
For Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota (BOSCO)		

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO

SI No	Name
1	Aamir Shabbir Hakim
2	Aishwarya.S
3	Ajithesh G Hegde
4	Amalya
5	Annapoorni.C
6	Anthony
7	APCO Concrete Blocks and Allied Products
8	Arun Kumar
9	Arvind.M
10	Ashwini Krishnamurthy
11	Athilaya Biju
12	Ayanveer / Shree Kanika
13	B.Mohan
14	BM. Rishikesh/ Mohan
15	BR.Vishwanath
16	BS.Pushpavathi
17	Chandra Shekar O
18	Chinnu
19	Congregation of our lady of the mission
20	Deepa Joy
21	Deepa Reddy
22	Deepika Darshan
23	Dr. BC Srinivas
24	Dr.Niveditha
25	Dr.Rajjnikanth
26	Dr.Sharavi
27	Dr.Usha Devi.GN
28	Elizabeth Bernard
29	Ensure Its Solutions Pvt.Ltd
30	Esskay poultery Marketing Agency
31	Fedral Bank Hormis Memorial Foundation
32	Franco George/ Angelina George
33	Gangadharayya
34	Grace Antony Joseph
35	Guru Prasad
36	Haribabu
37	Henry Thomas Nathan
38	Ishrat
39	Jalaja
40	James

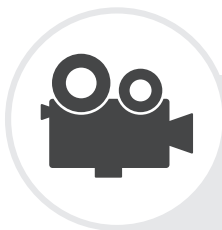
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42	Jaya Simha.D
43	Jesu Raj
44	John / Vijayetha.SG
45	Jyothi. N
46	K K Educational & Charitable Trust
47	K.Ramaswamy
48	Karl Cardoza
49	Karthik Ayappan Chetty
50	Kaveri Kuttappa
51	KPMG assurance and consulting services LLP
52	Krishnan Y.N
53	M.Dinesh
54	M.Vijay
55	Madavi Latha
56	Madhu Gowda.KP
57	Mahalaksmi
58	Mamata
59	Maria Simonetla Da Conceicao
60	Maria Teresa Hoover
61	Maruthi Molagavalli
62	Mercy Stella Bose
63	Mitajeeth BS
64	Music Broadcast pvt ltd
65	Ms.Kanchan Inc
66	MVS Prasad
67	N. Achuta Rao
68	Nagarathna.B
69	National Restaurant Association of India
70	online giving Foundation
71	Pallavi Ferrao
72	Pari Devi
73	Philip Prem Alphonse
74	Pranav.P
75	Praveen D Silva
76	Puneeth Kumar Nahar
77	Rachitha Shekar
78	Regina. L
79	Rishab
80	Robert Kennady
81	Rosalee Hoover/Lydia Hoover
82	Sagaya Mary

83	Savitha V Kumar
84	Shailaja / Rathnakar
85	SK.Dhanarajan
86	SM Shiva Kumar
87	St.Joseph University
88	St.Mary's Convent
89	Subhashini Devi.KR
90	Suganya James
91	Sujatha Mary
92	Supriya.N
93	Sushma Godbole

94	The Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society
95	The Hyderabad Don Bosco Society
96	The South Indian Salesians Society
97	Usha Ramesh
98	Vishwanath Shetty
99	XL Health Corporation India Pvt Ltd
100	XL India Business Services Pvt Ltd
101	Yadav.MV
102	Yeduguri Sandinti Bharathi R
103	Yogesh. PS
104	Manoj Sebastian

PUBLICATIONS OF BOSCO

Glow in the Horizon
Madilu Serida Hoogalu (Kannada)
Buddhivantha
Foster Family –Renewed Hope and a New Life
Working with Children at Risk
Street Presence
Contemporary Perspective of Children in Conflict with Law
Quest for Change – A glance at the Reality of Runaway Children
Young at Risk – Experiences of BOSCO in the City of Bengaluru
Foster Care – An Alternative Family Care for Children without Families (A National Consultation and Research by BOSCO Bengaluru)
40 Diamonds -A Candid Portrayal of the Lives of Risk-Takers of Our Times (Kannada and English)
Glow in the Horizon- Revised Version
Child Matters
Are We Failing our Girl Children...? - Elopement of Adolescent Girls. A Qualitative Study of Runaway Cases to Bengaluru
A Second Chance! Restoring Hope for Children in Conflict with the Law
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the Child Care Institutions (CCI)
Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Family Restoration and After Care
Brochure on BOSCO Bengaluru
BOSCO at a Glance – 2024-25 -Poster



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- A PLACE IN YOUR HEART
- THIS IS ME
- BOSCO A GLANCE



Br. Ajay
SDB



Fr. Phillip
SDB



Br. Ashley
SDB

Adieu

It is time to thank **Fr. Phillip, Br. Ashley and Br. Ajay** who have rendered their valuable services to the organization. We wish them all the best!

HEARTY Welcome



Fr. Devaraj
SDB



Fr. Augustine
SDB



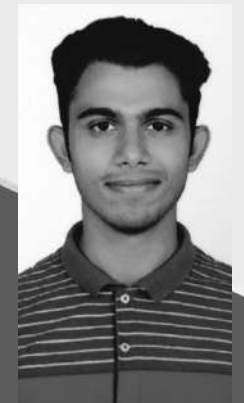
Br. Sam Robin
SDB



Br. Christy Josin
Thomas SDB



Br. Jubin
Sebastian



Br. Amal KJ

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Devaraj, SDB, will take on the role of Director for BOSCO Nivas and CRISP in Bengaluru, guiding our initiatives with his leadership. We also extend a warm welcome to Fr. Augustine, SDB, who is advancing his education by pursuing a PhD in Education. Furthermore, we are excited to welcome Brothers Sam Robin, Christy Josin Thomas, Jubin Sebastian and Amal KJ to our community, where their contributions will undoubtedly enrich our mission.

BOSCO STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

Year	No. of Children		Total Number	Home Placement	Room Placement	Job Placement	Sent to Child Care Institutions (including BOSCO Centres)		Vocational Training	Health Care	
	Old	Fresh					BOSCO	OI		IP & OP	OMC
1980-2005	18847	34781	53628	19398	407	2148	6705	669	2390	5164	32591
2005-15	4919	56841	61760	38788	334	981	20161	8209	1692	3709	21559
2015-16	295	6644	6939	5248	10	66	316	1953	119	795	1662
2016-17	298	6856	7154	5495	03	154	69	1192	375	741	1456
2017-18	074	6622	6696	4356	01	195	237	0866	252	652	1435
2018-19	041	4788	4829	1321	04	167	132	1698	479	556	1043
2019-20	030	4689	4719	1260	01	80	079	098	330	617	1000
2020-21	017	1059	1076	752	02	43	075	037	291	608	806
2021-22	020	3108	3128	2315	00	104	045	055	288	356	1350
2022-23	027	4285	4312	3641	00	86	119	121	258	531	1612
2023-24	031	4446	4477	3653	00	151	222	574	276	544	1540
2024-25	029	3456	3485	2864	00	124	189	432	674	786	1326
Total	24628	137575	162203	89091	762	v4299	28349	15904	7424	15059	67380



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BOSCO NEWS



Children's Day celebration at BOSCO

ರಾಂಚಿಗಾರದಲ್ಲೊಂದು ನಾಮಾಲಕ ಕಲಾಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಮೋಜು

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವರ್ತಮೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸುಗಮವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯವನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸುವ ಅವಕಾಶವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ

ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆ ನೀಡುವುದು ಅವರ ದೈಹಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮನೋಧರ್ಮಿಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



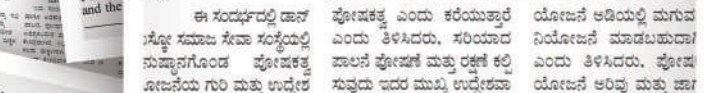
ಎಸ್.ಎಚ್.ಬಿ. ಸದಸ್ಯೆಯರಿಗೆ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿ

ಪ್ರವಿಣತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮರ್ಥತೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ ಸದಸ್ಯೆಯರನ್ನು ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವುದು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯೆಯರು ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕ

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಳವಡಿಸುವುದು ಅವರ ದೈಹಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮನೋಧರ್ಮಿಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಾಂಚ್ಚುತಿಕ ಉತ್ಸವದ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಫಿವಾಲಿ

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಾಂಚ್ಚುತಿಕ ಉತ್ಸವದ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಫಿವಾಲಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸುವುದು ಅವರ ದೈಹಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮನೋಧರ್ಮಿಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸರಿಯಾದ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತೆಯರಿಗೆ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿ

ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತೆಯರನ್ನು ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿ ನೀಡುವುದು ಅವರ ದೈಹಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಮನೋಧರ್ಮಿಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತೆಯರು ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ತರಬೇತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.



ಶಾಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಉತ್ಸವದ ಗ್ರಾಂಟ್ ಫಿವಾಲಿ

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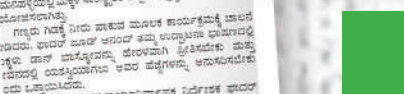
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ಮನರಹ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪಾಲನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪೋಷಣೆ ಸೇವೆ: ನಾಗರಾಜ ಮಾನಸಗರ್



ಇಂದು ಸಂಜೆ

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ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೋಷಕತ್ವ ಯೋಜನೆ

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We reach out to

- 6 Railway Stations,
- 7 Bus Stands,
- 10 BOSCO Centres,
- 120 BBMP Wards

We serve children on the streets, Unaccompanied children, Children into substance abuse, Child labourers, Child Marriage victims, Out-of-school children, Trafficked children, Missing children, Physically/sexually abused children, Children in conflict with Law, Orphan children, Children from dysfunctional families and of the Incapacitated parents, etc.

→ Educational Support

Children given academic education - 248
Out of school children enrolled in schools - 160
Children given supplementary education through 31 study centres - 927
Youth given after-care services - 28

→ Children's Empowerment

Girls empowered through 57 Adolescent Girls' Meetings - 2149
Children empowered through 6 Karate Clubs - 383
Children empowered through 39 Child Rights Clubs - 793

→ Services to Migrants

Migrant Adults (Social Entitlements, Health Services, Government Schemes, etc.) - 2916
Migrant Children (Health Services, Education, skill Training, etc.) - 1709

→ Rescue and Rehabilitation

Missing children traced - 27
Children home placed - 2864
Children rescued and rehabilitated - 3485
Children given shelter in BOSCO CCIs - 2998
Children placed in Government Homes and Hostels - 432
Children of BOSCO CCIs restored to their families - 35
Children placed in foster care in 21 districts of Karnataka - 29

→ Counselling and Health Services

Service provided to children (counselling services in areas, travel support, etc.) - 354
Children given counselling service in BOSCO Centres - 4131
Children supported with health care - 2112

→ Vocational Training

Youth provided with vocational training - 674
Youth job placed - 124



BOOK RELEASES

Release of

**'Are We Failing Our Girl Children...?' - Elopement of Adolescent Girls.
A Qualitative Study of Runaway Cases to Bengaluru**

during the Monthly Evaluation held at BOSCO Mane on May 12, 2025

Release of

**'A Second Chance! Restoring Hope for Children
in Conflict with the Law'**

during the Annual Evaluation held at BOSCO Mane on June 19 and 20, 2025





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