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EVERY CHILD DESERVES TO BE FOUND

Every year, on May 25, the world observes International Missing Children's Day, a solemn reminder that behind every missing child is a family waiting, a community searching, and a society responsible for ensuring that no child is left behind. It is a day to remember the children who have disappeared, to support their families, and to strengthen our collective commitment to protecting every child's right to safety, care, and dignity. The theme for International Missing Children's Day this year was "Strengthening Parental and Community Care to Prevent Child Disappearance" with the Global Slogan: "Act Fast. Report. Every Second Matters."

Children go missing for many reasons. Poverty, family conflict, trafficking, exploitation, natural disasters, migration, abuse, and the lure of false promises often push children into vulnerable situations. Many end up living on the streets, working in hazardous conditions, or becoming victims of abuse and trafficking. For these children, being "missing" is not merely a physical absence; it is a loss of security, identity, education, and childhood itself.

The responsibility of finding and protecting missing children cannot rest solely with law enforcement agencies. It requires a coordinated effort involving families, communities, schools, civil society organizations, government departments, the media, and every concerned citizen. Early reporting, community vigilance, child-friendly policing, and robust child protection mechanisms can significantly improve the chances of reuniting children with their families and ensuring their rehabilitation.

At BOSCO Bengaluru, the mission to protect children has always extended beyond rescue. Through outreach programmes, railway station interventions, emergency child helplines, family restoration, counselling, rehabilitation, and community awareness initiatives, the organization works tirelessly to ensure that children in distress are identified, protected, and given opportunities to rebuild their lives. Every child rescued and reunited with a caring environment is a testament to the power of compassion and collective action.

International Missing Children's Day is not only a day of remembrance but also a call to action. It challenges us to create communities where children are safe, heard, and valued; where no child is forced to choose the streets over home; and where every missing child is actively searched for until they are found.

As we mark this important day, let us renew our commitment to safeguarding childhood. Let us remain vigilant, report missing children without delay, support child protection initiatives, and work together to build a society where every child can grow up free from fear and exploitation.

Because every child matters, every child has a name, a dream, and a future—and every missing child deserves to be found.

FR. KJ JOSEPH, SDB

STREET PRESENCE

BOSCO NIVAS

The NIOS orientation programme was successfully conducted for the enrolled children, with books distributed by Fr. Devaraj, Director of BOSCO Nivas, on May 4, 2026.



BOSCO NILAYA

On 08-05-2026, CCG follow-up was conducted at Anandpuram. A total of 21 members participated in the session.



BUS STAND

The Bus Stand KSR Team organized a KSRTC Stakeholders' Programme on 29 May 2026. The programme was graced by Mr. Ashok, Divisional Controller (DC), KSRTC, Mrs. Bhagyalaxmi, Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO), and Mrs. Bhagyalaxmi Veta, Assistant Traffic Manager (ATM). Around 35 KSRTC officials and staff members participated in the programme.



MAGADI ROAD

Shop-to-Shop Awareness on child rights, child protection mechanisms and vocational courses at BOSCO Bengaluru, on May 8, 2026.



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

Awareness to 56 Police officials of Upparpet Police Station on May 23, 2026.



COMPONENTS

CSN

The CSN team successfully rescued and rehabilitated children from begging, along with their mothers, in Bengaluru on May 26, 2026.



FOSTER CARE

A Foster Care Awareness Programme was conducted on 6 May 2026 for the police officials at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru South, to enhance their understanding of alternative child care and rehabilitation services for children in need of care and protection.



HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

A Dental Health Check-up Camp was organized at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on 5 May 2026 to promote oral health and hygiene among children. A total of 54 children participated in the programme and underwent dental examinations conducted by the medical professionals.



FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTERCARE

Past Pupils Meeting was organized at BOSCO Mane on May 17, 2026. Fifty-five Past Pupils attended the meeting.



MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

Meeting with Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (KBOCWWB) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Secretary, Mr. Ravi D. Channannavar on May 21, 2026, to discuss the welfare of migrant workers, understand the welfare schemes available through the KBOCWWB and explore possibilities for facilitating labour card enrolment and access to government benefits for migrant workers.



JUVENILE ADVOCACY

An exposure visit was organized on May 18, 2026, to provide the Kolar Child Help Desk team with an opportunity to understand the functioning of the Government Observation Home, Madiwala, and to gain practical insights into rehabilitation, counseling, educational support, and the coordination among stakeholders involved in the Juvenile Justice system



RMT

Accenture organized a meaningful engagement programme at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on May 16, 2026, where they interacted with the children through a range of educational, recreational, and motivational activities aimed at promoting learning, teamwork, and personal development.



CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS

BOSCO MANE AND BOSCO VIKAS

Organized a Summer Camp, Summer Shining for the children of Mane and Vikas at BOSCO Sumanahalli from May 25 to 31, 2026.



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

On May 1, 2026, BOSCO Rainbow Home children participated in a football match and got the third prize.



BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

26 younger children of BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan were taken to the Bangalore Aquarium at Cubbon Park on May 26, 2026, where they enjoyed observing the colourful fish.



BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

BOSCO Sumanahalli observed International Labour Day on May 1, 2026, with enthusiasm and respect, recognizing the dignity of labour and the valuable role played by workers in society.



BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

One-day outing of the centre youth to Cubbon Park on April 3, 2026



BOSCO YUVODAYA

Awareness to the parents of the Reception Unit children on child rights, child laws and child-related issues on May 5, 2026.



FOSTER CARE PARENTS, CHILDREN MEETING AND OUTING

The Foster Care Team organized a Parents–Children Meeting and Outing at Ruppi’s Resort on May 6, 2026. The programme began with a silent prayer and self-introductions by the participants.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of family as a foundation for love, growth, learning, and belongingness. He also emphasized the role of foster parents in sacrifice, understanding, guidance, and community building.



The children participated in games and water rides, providing an opportunity for parents and children to relax, interact, and strengthen their bonding. Mr. Obalesh welcomed the gathering, and Mr. Raghavendra proposed the vote of thanks. A total of 39 parents and children participated in the programme.

MIGRANT YOUTH SPORTS DAY

Migrants Help Desk Team organized a Migrant Youth Sports Day cricket tournament at Sumanahalli on May 12, 2026, with the objective of promoting leadership, training, teamwork, and interaction among migrant youth from different communities. The programme provided a platform for youth to come together, build relationships, and strengthen their confidence through sports activities.



The event created an atmosphere of enthusiasm, unity, and healthy competition among the participants. The programme was graced by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Anand, Director, BOSCO Sumanahalli and Mr. Abhi Surya, a Past Pupil who encouraged the youth and appreciated their active participation. The event was successfully conducted with the support of BOSCO Sumanahalli. A total of 49 youth participants took part in the tournament, forming four teams.

EXPOSURE VISIT TO BANNERGHATTA BIOLOGICAL PARK



The exposure visit to Bannerghatta Biological Park was successfully organized for the Study centres' children and teachers on May 13, 2026. Children strolled around the park enjoying the greenery, watching different animals, birds, reptiles and insects.

The children learnt about the wild and domestic animals, their habitats, the importance of protecting them in order to maintain the ecosystem and their responsibility as human beings in protecting the flora and fauna. The visit provided the children with an enjoyable learning experience and an opportunity to spend a day filled with fun, happiness, and recreation.

The programme was completed smoothly with the support and coordination of the BOSCO Bengaluru Management, Advocacy Team, and Bus Stand Team. Sixty-three children and five teachers were part of the outing.

AWARENESS FOR THE BMTC OFFICIALS



The Outreach Team of Bus Stand organized an awareness programme for BMTC officials in collaboration with the Child Safety Net (CSN) Project at the BMTC PRO Office on May 14, 2026. The main objective of the programme was to create awareness among BMTC officials about the work and services of BOSCO Bengaluru.

Mr. Ramaswamy provided information on the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act 2015, Child Welfare Committee (CWC) procedures, children in conflict with law, and the role of BOSCO in supporting children in need on the streets. He also highlighted the services provided through the BOSCO Assistance Centre at bus stands.

Ms. Nayana and Mr. Natraj urged the officials to remain attentive towards children in need at bus stands and assured their continued support to BOSCO's initiatives. Around 35 officials participated in the programme.

CHILD-FRIENDLY CITY INITIATIVE AMONG BOSCO STAKEHOLDERS AND NGOS

BOSCO Bengaluru organized a capacity-building training programme at BOSCO Yuvodaya with the support of the Don Bosco YaR Forum Homelink Programme under the theme “Child Friendly City Initiative for Children & Young People” On May 16, 2026. The programme brought together stakeholders, coordinators, social workers, and NGO representatives to strengthen their understanding of child protection, adolescent development, governance, collaboration, and child-friendly practices.



The sessions focused on counselling skills, adolescent developmental changes, child protection laws and government schemes, BOSCO Homelink documentation, child-friendly environment planning, collaboration between Government and NGOs and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP Act). Resource persons included Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Mr. Shivamallu, Mr. John Joshua Nirmal, Fr. Johnson, and Mr. Obalesh.

Participants appreciated the training's informative and practical nature and expressed their commitment to applying the lessons in their respective fields. The programme concluded with feedback sessions and a vote of thanks.

PAST PUPILS' GATHERING

The BOSCO Family Restoration and After-Care Project organized a Past Pupils' Gathering at BOSCO Mane on May 17, 2026, to create awareness about after-care support for care leavers.

Mr. Adithya, APF motivated the participants to believe in their dreams, support one another, and participate in positive programmes. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, explained the purpose of the meeting and highlighted the values, discipline, and life skills learned at Don Bosco. He also spoke about the challenges faced by care leavers and informed them about the planned Care Leaver Help Desk and government support schemes available after 18 years of age.



Fr. KG Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane, explained the importance of education, vocational opportunities, responsibility, counselling, community awareness, documentation, welfare schemes, life skills, and talent development. Mr. Girish from the Neravu Team inspired the youth through his personal life story, stressing the value of education and hard work. The programme was successfully coordinated by Mr. Balaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO Family Restoration and After-Care Project, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, BOSCO Foster Care Project. Past pupils shared their success stories and achievements after leaving the institution. A total of 55 past pupils participated in the gathering.

EXPOSURE VISIT TO GOVERNMENT OBSERVATION HOME, MADIWALA

An exposure visit to the Government Observation Home, Madiwala was organized on May 18, 2026, for the Kolar Child Help Desk Team to understand the functioning of the institution and gain practical exposure to rehabilitation, counselling, educational support, and coordination within the Juvenile Justice system.



The visit focused on rehabilitation services for Children in Conflict with the law, stakeholder coordination, child protection mechanisms, and future collaborative activities. Participants learned about institutional care, counselling support, educational and recreational activities, and the importance of coordinated interventions for effective rehabilitation.

Interactive activities conducted by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram created a joyful atmosphere among the children and encouraged active participation. Team members appreciated the opportunity to interact with professionals and children directly and expressed interest in implementing similar child-friendly initiatives in their areas.

The programme was attended by Mrs. Leema, DCPO (Central), Superintendent, Observation Home, Mrs. Kavitha, Mrs. Amaidi Devaraj, Project In-charge, National School, Juvenile Advocacy team members, NIMHANS doctors, Madiwala police personnel, NGO representatives, and Kolar Help Desk staff.

FOSTER CARE STATE-LEVEL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Under the auspices of BOSCO Bengaluru, a State-Level Foster Care Partners' Meeting was organized at Don Bosco Child Labour Mission, Davangere, to strengthen family-based foster care for children in need of care and protection on May 19, 2026. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director BOSCO Bengaluru, emphasized that every child deserves the love, care, and security of a family, highlighting family-based foster care as a better support system for holistic child development than institutional care. Fr. Reji Jacob, Director of Don Bosco, Davangere, gave a brief introduction to the institution.



The meeting was attended by key officials, including Mrs. Manjula M., Chairperson of the Davangere District Child Welfare Committee; Mrs. Kavitha T.N., District Child Protection Officer; Mr. Vinay, Child Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care) from Haveri; and Mrs. Rekha, Child Protection Officer (Non-Institutional Care) from Chitradurga. They shared their valuable suggestions regarding the implementation of the foster care scheme, its challenges, and future strategies. A total of 51 foster care partners, staff members, and parents from Davangere, Haveri, and Chitradurga participated and resolved to work together to strengthen family-based care and protect children's rights.

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CHILD RIGHTS CLUB LEADERS

The BOSCO CSN Project organized a training programme for the leaders of the Child Rights Clubs (CRCs) at BOSCO Yuvodaya on May 27, 2026. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, delivered the introductory address, highlighting the importance of child protection, the various child protection mechanisms available, and the role of CRC leaders in safeguarding children's rights.



The chief guest, Mr. Rajendraprasad, PSI, VV Puram Police Station, conducted a session on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, child marriage, child labour, and the role of the police in ensuring the safety and protection of children. Mr. Manjunath, PSI, Market Traffic Police Station, emphasized the significance of education and regular school attendance in shaping a child's future.

Mr. Ramaswamy, Coordinator of BOSCO Yuvodaya, spoke on child rights and the qualities and responsibilities of effective CRC leaders. Mr. Shivamallu, State Coordinator of the Foster Care Programme, facilitated a session on important child-related laws. In the concluding session, Fr. Johnson discussed the way forward for the Child Rights Clubs and motivated the participants through practical examples, encouraging them to become active advocates for children's rights within their communities.

Following the training, the participants undertook an exposure visit to VV Puram Police Station through a rally. During the visit, police officials provided an overview of the police station's organizational structure, demonstrated the equipment and resources used in crime prevention, and explained the procedures followed in cases involving children in conflict with the law. A total of 40 CRC leaders, comprising 20 boys and 20 girls from the community Child Rights Clubs, participated in the programme and benefited from the training and exposure visit.

SUMMER CAMPS PROMOTE LEARNING, CREATIVITY AND LIFE SKILLS

BOSCO organized summer camps for the children and youth of BOSCO Rainbow Home, BOSCO Sumanahalli, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, BOSCO Mane, BOSCO Vikas, and the BOSCO CSN Project during May 2026 at their respective centres and intervention areas. The Executive Director, Directors of the centres, Mrs. Manjula Ullah (RFI), Mr. Murugaraj (Sports for Change), Mr. Shivanna (SDMC Member, GHPS Pillahalli), and Mrs. Surekha (Anganwadi Teacher) were present during the camps.

BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan conducted its camp from May 10–22, 2026; BOSCO Rainbow Home organized Fun with Sun from April 8–May 3; BOSCO Vikas conducted Summer Shining at BOSCO Sumanahalli from May 25–31; and BOSCO Sumanahalli organized Summer Smiles on May 1–2, 2026.



The camps included sessions on goal setting, time management, discipline, life skills, mental health, languages, motivational talks, sports, arts and crafts, storytelling, dance, drama, quizzes, campfires, tailoring, embroidery, beautician training, science experiments, fashion designing, vegetable carving, cultural presentations, educational visits, and Sports for Change coaching.



These activities helped children and youth develop confidence, discipline, leadership, teamwork, cooperation, physical and mental well-being, and discover hidden talents while making constructive use of their summer vacation. All children and youth from the centres and study centres actively participated in the camps.

BOSCO HOMELINK MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	91	40	131
Service provided	48	14	62
Grand Total	139	54	193

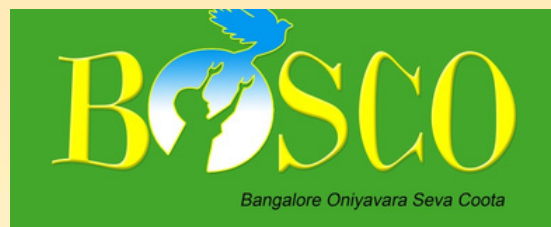
New Children Data of Contact Center/Area

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	13	05	00	00	18
Bus stand BMTC	09	03	00	00	12
Bus stand KSRTC	09	02	01	00	12
BOSCO KSR	21	00	00	00	21
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	04	00	00	00	04
BOSCO Nivas	02	02	00	00	04
BOSCO SMVT	14	04	00	00	18
BOSCO BNC	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	05	00	00	00	05
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	13	00	00	13
CSN	09	11	00	00	20
TOTAL	90	40	01	00	131

Final Action based on Contact date

Placement	Male	Female	Total
Under follow-up in BOSCO Centres	28	14	42
Home Placement (CWC R)	20	09	29
Direct Home Placement	06	02	08
Admission to Gov't Homes	23	03	26
Referred to other institutions	14	12	26
TOTAL	91	40	131

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