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Every Child Deserves a Childhood: Renewing Our Commitment to End Child Labour

Every year, World Day Against Child Labour reminds us that millions of children across the world are still denied their right to a safe and happy childhood. Instead of attending school, playing with friends, and dreaming about their future, they are forced into work that robs them of their education, health, and dignity. This year, World Day Against Child Labour was observed under the theme "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults," emphasizing the urgent need to eliminate child labour, protect children's rights, and promote decent employment opportunities for adults.

According to a CRY report (April 2026), child labour continues to be one of India's most pressing human rights concerns. There are approximately 4.35 million working children in India between 5-14 years (as per the main category of child labour in the Census). However, experts believe the real figure may be far higher.

Although India has witnessed a gradual decline in traditional rural child labour over the past decade, new patterns are emerging. Child labour is increasingly shifting to urban areas and the informal sector, where children remain vulnerable to exploitation and often go unnoticed. Economic hardship, migration, and the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic have forced many children out of school and into work, particularly among marginalized communities.

Gender disparities also persist. Boys are more likely to be engaged in visible and hazardous occupations, while girls are often involved in unpaid domestic work, caregiving, and other hidden forms of labour, making them less likely to be identified and protected.

Ending child labour cannot be achieved through legislation alone. It requires collective action from families, communities, schools, employers, civil society organizations, and government agencies. Every rescued child must be supported with education, rehabilitation, family strengthening, and opportunities for a better future.

At BOSCO Bengaluru, this commitment remains at the heart of our mission. Through rescue operations, rehabilitation, education, family reintegration, awareness campaigns, and collaboration with government departments and community stakeholders. Our participation in campaigns such as "Red Card to Child Labour" reflects our belief that every child deserves protection, education, and the opportunity to thrive.

As responsible citizens, we all have a role to play. Let us remain vigilant, report instances of child labour, support vulnerable families, and ensure that every child is in school—not at work. Together, we can build a society where every child enjoys the right to learn, grow, dream, and live with dignity.

A child belongs in a classroom, not a workplace. Let us work together until child labour becomes a thing of the past.



Fr. KJ Joseph, SDB

BOSCO Nivas

The Child Helpline booth was inaugurated at SMVT by Ms. Meenakshi, DCPO, East Division; Ms. Leena, DCPO, Central Division; GRP and RPF officials; and Nivas Director Fr. Devaraj as the Chief Guest on June 18, 2026.



BOSCO Nilaya

A Study Centre Teachers' Meeting was held at Nilaya on June 18, 2026, with all eight teachers actively participating and discussing the annual plan for the study centres, strategies to strengthen their functioning, the importance of maintaining documents, and providing regular updates to the group.



Bus Stand

On 2 June 2026, the KSR Team conducted a Primary Stakeholders Awareness Programme for the staff of the Train Electrical Machines Unit at Platform No. 4 of KSR Railway Station. A total of 20 participants attended the programme.



Magadi Road

CRC follow-up meeting at Kadapa Swamy Matta Study Centre, on June 23, 2026.



Gandhi Nagar Area

Awareness to the public by distributing informational pamphlets on child protection issues on June 20, 2026.



Components

CSN

The CSN team identified four migrant children from Sumanahalli and the Laggere community, and CWC South ordered their admission to Balya NGO for care, protection, and continued education on June 29, 2026.



Foster Care

On 18 June 2026, BOSCO conducted a Foster Care Awareness Programme for college students at New Port College, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru. The programme aimed to sensitize students to the concept and importance of foster care as a family-based alternative for children in need of care and protection.



Health Care Programme

A General health check-up was organised at BOSCO Yuvodaya on June 28, 2026, benefiting 25 children of the Reception Unit.



Family Restoration and Aftercare

Food Kit distribution for the families of the restored children on June 8, 2026. 34 families received the food kits.



Migrants' Help Desk

On 28 June 2026, the Migrants' Help Desk Team conducted a Health Survey and Check-up in Kodigehalli. A total of 42 migrant community members benefited from the health screening.



Juvenile Advocacy

Juvenile Advocacy team, accompanied by the Director, visited the CWC, DCPU and JJB in Ramanagara and interacted with an orphan child who had been involved in an offence and was staying at the Observation Home for the past three months to explore the possibility of BOSCO Yuvakendra taking responsibility for the child.



RMT

One Axa team organized a meaningful engagement programme at BOSCO Mane and Vikas on June 11, 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 craft classes for Mane and Vikas boys on June 21, 2026.



BOSCO Rainbow Home

A General health check-up was organised at BOSCO Rainbow Home on June 21, 2026, benefiting 50 girl children of the centre.



BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan

Visit of the Government, RPF, GRP and CWC officials to the Skill Training unit on June 12, 2026.



BOSCO Sumanahalli

Arts and Crafts Session conducted by the students of Dayanand Sagar University for the trainees of the centre on June 26, 2026.



BOSCO Yuvakendra

A Yuvakendra Boy was admitted to an ITI course at Hassan Don Bosco College on June 19, 2026.



BOSCO Yuvodaya

Awareness to the parents of the Reception Unit children on child rights, child laws and child-related issues on June 25, 2026.



World Environment Day Celebrations at BOSCO

BOSCO Vikas, Mane, Sumanahalli, Nivas, Nilaya, Vatsalya Bhavan, Rainbow Home, Yuvakendra, Yuvodaya, Bus Stand Team, Juvenile Advocacy and Magadi Road Projects celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2026, on the theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." The Directors of the concerned centres inaugurated the programmes and addressed the participants on the significance of World Environment Day. They emphasized the vital role each individual plays in protecting the environment and encouraged children and youth to become responsible stewards of the earth. They urged them to adopt environmentally friendly practices and develop greater sensitivity towards nature.

The children presented cultural programmes highlighting the importance of environmental conservation. Posters and slogans carrying messages on environmental protection were displayed, and saplings were planted to help children understand the importance of preserving Mother Earth. The participants pledged to protect and care for the environment in their daily lives.



The programmes witnessed the participation of centre and tuition children, students of St. Xavier's School, staff of DCPU, KSR Railway officials, Observation Home staff, police personnel, government school staff and students, members of the USIRU Foundation, Anganwadi children, as well as BOSCO staff and volunteers across the various centres, schools and intervention areas.

Parents' Meeting for Restored Children



The BOSCO Family Restoration and After-Care Project organized a meeting for the parents and children restored to their families at BOSCO Mane on June 8, 2026.

Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, created awareness among both parents and children on the importance of love, trust and mutual understanding within the family. He emphasized that nurturing love and trust among family members helps build strong and healthy relationships. He encouraged children to identify and develop their talents and skills and reminded them that responsibility towards the family is essential. He also stressed the need for maintaining a positive attitude and concern for the well-being of family members.

The meeting provided an opportunity for parents to actively participate in an open discussion, during which they shared their experiences, challenges and suggestions. The parents appreciated the support extended by BOSCO and expressed their commitment to cooperating in ensuring the well-being and development of their children.

Nutrition kits were distributed to the participating families. A total of 34 parents and children participated in the programme.

Shaale Kade Nanna Nade

BOSCO Nilaya, Nivas, CSN, Yuvakendra, and Magadi Projects organized the Shaale Kade Nanna Nade campaign in their areas of intervention during the last week of May and the first week of June 2026. The campaign included awareness rallies, door-to-door outreach, and community awareness by children. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi SDB, Director BOSCO Yuvakendra, exhorted the children to be regular to school, be disciplined and lead a good life. Mr. Raghu Kumar, the Police Personnel of KP Agrahara, highlighting the importance of education, informed the children to call up the toll-free number-112 whenever they face problems.

Rallies and Street Play were taken out in Nagammanagar, Vinoba Nagar, Anandapuram, Sagayapuram, Mackan Road, VKO GOVT School, Bangarappa Gudde School, Krishnappa Layout and Lulu Mall. The programme received a positive response from parents, teachers, and community members, who appreciated its message. Many said the children's slogans were powerful and inspired them to prioritize education. Local leaders also pledged support for future awareness activities. The area police personnel, children, HMs and teachers of the Government schools and St. Xavier School, Anganwadi Workers, tuition teachers and staff of BOSCO were involved in the awareness campaigns. More than one thousand people who were reached out to during the campaign pledged their support in enrolling and re-enrolling the children in their communities into schools.



Certification Ceremonies held at BOSCO Mane and Vatsalya Bhavan Skill Training Unit

The BOSCO Mane Computer Programme organized a certification ceremony to recognize and celebrate the successful completion of the computer training course by its students at BOSCO Mane on June 6, 2026. Certificates were distributed to 27 students who had completed the Computer Training Course conducted between March 2025 and May 2026. The programme was attended by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO; Fr. K. J. Jose, Director, BOSCO Mane; Neema Tangachan, Programme Manager; and Ms. Priya P.

Addressing the gathering, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram highlighted the importance of computer knowledge and skills in today's world and emphasized the value of the certificates being awarded.



A second certification ceremony was held on June 12, 2026, for students who had completed the Tailoring and Beautician Training Courses at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan. Twenty trainees who completed the Tailoring Course, and ten trainees who completed the Beautician Course were given certificates.

The programme was graced by Dr. Sneha C. V., Director of Child Protection, Karnataka; Ms. Asha H. R., DCPO, South Urban, Bengaluru; Ms. Leena Kallammanavar, DCPO, Central Urban, Bengaluru; Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO; and Ms. Sheeba Thomas, Director, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan who spoken on the occasion.

Five students shared their experiences at BOSCO and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the organization for the support, guidance, and opportunities provided to them.



World Day Against Child Labour



BOSCO Bengaluru observed World Day Against Child Labour on June 12, 2026, by participating in the state-level campaign organized by the Department of Labour under the theme "Red Card to Child Labour: Fair Play for Children, Decent Work for Adults" at the Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium. The programme was inaugurated by senior government officials and dignitaries, including Ms. Michiko Miamoto, Director, International Labour Organization, New Delhi, Mr. H.N. Gopal Krishna, IAS, Commissioner of Labour, Government of Karnataka and Smt. Salma K Fahim, Secretary to Government. The programme featured an oath-taking ceremony, cultural performances, and a rally to Cubbon Park, raising awareness on eliminating child labour.



Led by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, staff and children extended the awareness rally to Freedom Park, advocating for child rights and encouraging the public to report child labour through helpline numbers 1098 and 112. BOSCO Yuvakendra's children staged a mime show on the occasion.



Around 200 children and 50 staff and volunteers participated in the main campaign. Across Bengaluru, BOSCO projects organized rallies, awareness sessions, signature campaigns, and public outreach programmes at railway stations, bus terminals, schools, hospitals, and communities, sensitizing hundreds of children and members of the public on child rights, education, and the prevention of child labour.



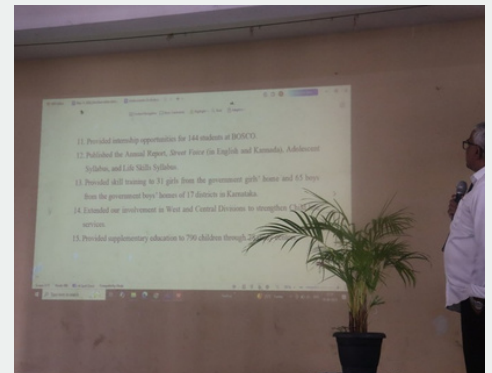
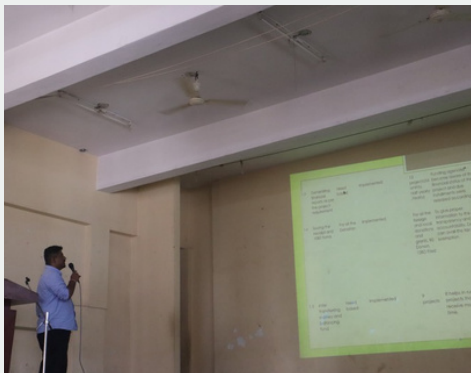
Coordination Meeting at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan



A coordination meeting was held at BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan on June 12, 2026, in collaboration with the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Railway Protection Force (RPF), Government Railway Police (GRP), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, and the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Bengaluru Urban South. Senior officials from these departments, including Dr. Shreyans Chinchwade, Senior Divisional Security Commissioner; Mr. K. V. Venkatesha, Inspector; Ms. Asha H.K., DCPO, Bengaluru Urban South; Mr. K. N. Raju, ASI, Cyber Cell; Mr. Shiv Shankar, ASI, DST; Ms. Somlatha, WHC, DST; Ms. Shilpa, Constable, DST; Ms. Yuvarani, Constable, DST; Mr. Nataraj M.G., Sub-Inspector; and Mr. Venkatesh Murthy, Assistant Sub-Inspector along with Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, participated in the meeting. Other esteemed participants included Smt. Soumya G.L., Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee, Bengaluru Urban South and Mr. Lakmeesha C.R., Member, Child Welfare Committee.

The participants discussed child protection issues, monitoring mechanisms, and strategies to strengthen inter-agency coordination for the timely care and protection of vulnerable children. The officials appreciated BOSCO's child welfare services, and reaffirmed their commitment to continued collaboration in safeguarding children.

Annual Evaluation at BOSCO



The Annual Evaluation of BOSCO Bengaluru was held at St. Xavier's School, Shivajinagar, on June 16 and 17, 2026. During the inaugural session, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, said, "Annual Evaluation is a celebration, reflection, and participation. Let us celebrate it as a family by reviewing our work during the year, reflecting on our achievements and failures, and moving forward with a focused approach." He encouraged everyone to participate actively and contribute to the organisation's growth.

Fr. Arogya Raj, Manager of St. Xavier's School, quoting a Greek philosopher, said, "An unexamined life is not worth living." He emphasised the importance of reflecting on the past, understanding the present, and planning for the future as essential elements in an organisation's development. He described evaluation as a mirror that helps assess and improve oneself.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram presented the major achievements of BOSCO during the period from June 2025 to May 2026 and welcomed the new staff members to the BOSCO family. The activities of the organisation's twenty-eight departments were evaluated based on the reports presented. The participants also planned the major events, campaigns, and activities for the coming year and discussed the way forward for the organisation.

On the occasion, BOSCO at a Glance (June 2025–May 2026) and the May 2026 edition of the monthly newsletter, E-Street Voice, were released. Research studies titled Needs Assessment for the Establishment of a Care Leavers Desk and Status of the Impact Study – Past Pupils were also presented. The programme concluded with a renewed commitment from the management and staff to strengthen BOSCO's mission of caring for and protecting children and young people in need.

Youth Parliament



BOSCO Yuvakendra organized Youth Parliament for the youth residing at the centre on June 18, 2026. The youth representative greeted the staff and the fellow mates. Fr. Joseph Dandavathi, Centre Director, exhorted the youth to develop self-identity, follow the path of righteousness, cultivate discipline, and have coordination within the group. He also spoke about the importance of NIOS. The youth expressed happiness over the activities organized during the month, like outings, outdoor sports, sessions on leadership development, etc. PN Basavaraj, Coordinator, BOSCO Yuvakendra, facilitated the programme. Sixteen participated in the Youth Parliament.

Planning and Monitoring Meeting for 20 District Partners



Foster Care, BOSCO Bengaluru, organized a Planning and Monitoring Meeting on June 20, 2026, at BOSCO Yuvodaya, bringing together 39 participants from 19 districts, with district partners including directors and project staff. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. P.S. George, Director of BISS, Fr. Deepu, Project Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Regi, Director, Don Bosco Centre, Davangere and other NGO Directors were present.

The meeting reviewed the programme's achievements, pending child placements, implementation challenges, and future plans to strengthen foster care services. Speakers emphasized the importance of placing children in family-based care, strengthening coordination with government stakeholders, and ensuring proactive child-parent matching.

The programme also presented the Foster Care project's impact, annual statistics, key activities, and recommendations for strengthening foster care in Karnataka. District partners shared field experiences, challenges, and suggestions to enhance collaboration and improve programme implementation.

International Yoga Day



BOSCO centres and areas organized International Yoga Day for the children and youth at their respective centres on June 21, 2026. The coordinators explained to them the importance, benefits, and advantages of practicing yoga on a daily basis. The youth were told that yoga could be considered a disciplined method for attaining a goal, and a method for mastering the body and the mind through meditation.



It is the path to gaining mental and physical fitness. They were taught a few asanas, simple yet effective. Youth learned the physical and mental benefits of yoga, such as increased flexibility, strength, stamina, improved body alignment, stress reduction, body awareness, better sleep balance, relaxation, and improved self-confidence. Children and youth of the centres and Study Centres attended the sessions.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



BOSCO Nivas and Sumanahalli organized awareness programmes on 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' to create awareness about drug abuse, illegal trafficking, child rights, child protection, and prevention of child labour for the children, public and different stakeholders at St. Xavier's High School and Sumanahalli Centre on June 26 and 30, 2026. The theme was "World drug problem: persisting issues, new challenges, innovative responses". Nivas team and Sumanahalli team explained the harmful effects of drug abuse, signs of drug abuse, the role of parents and teachers, and how they must be vigilant towards the behaviour of the children. The event emphasized the collective responsibility of society in combating drug abuse and illicit trafficking. Overall, the programme contributed to fostering awareness, responsibility, and commitment towards a drug-free society. Police Officials were present on the occasion. Schoolchildren, teachers, and trainees of Sumanahalli attended the awareness programme.

BOSCO HOMELINK MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	108	45	153
Service provided	52	20	72
Grand Total	160	65	225

New Children Data of Contact Center/Area

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	06	01	00	00	07
Bus stand BMTC	20	00	00	00	20
Bus stand KSRTC	07	04	01	00	12
BOSCO KSR	31	05	01	00	37
BOSCO Yuvakendra	00	00	03	00	03
BOSCO Sumanahalli	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Mane	02	00	01	00	03
BOSCO Nivas	15	07	00	00	22
BOSCO SMVT	01	06	00	00	07
BOSCO BNC	03	00	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	05	03	00	00	08
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	07	00	00	07
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	05	00	00	05
CSN	08	07	00	00	15
Juvenile Advocacy	01	00	00	00	01
TOTAL	102	45	06	00	153

Final Action Taken

Placement	Male	Female	Total
Under follow-up in BOSCO Centres	48	16	64
Home Placement (CWC R)	36	09	45
Direct Home Placement	15	05	20
Admission to Gov't Homes	03	05	08
Referred to other institution	06	10	16
TOTAL	108	45	153

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