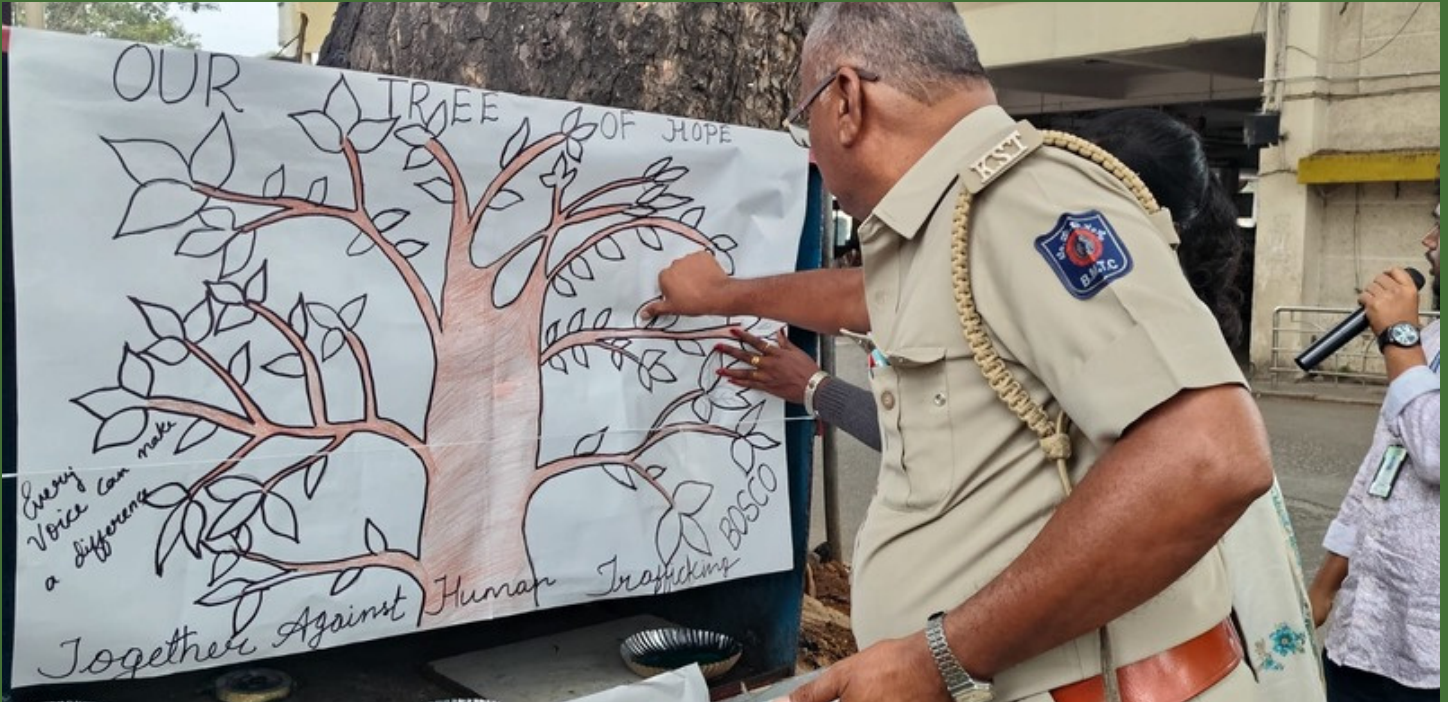


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Together Against Human Trafficking – Protecting Every Child, Preserving Every Dream

Every year, on 30 July, the world observes World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, reminding us that human trafficking remains one of the gravest violations of human rights. It is a crime that steals childhoods, destroys families, and robs individuals of their dignity, freedom, and future.

Children are among the most vulnerable to trafficking. Poverty, migration, family separation, lack of education, disasters, and the growing misuse of digital platforms have increased the risks they face. Traffickers exploit children's hopes for education, employment, and a better life, trapping them in forced labour, domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, forced begging, illegal adoption, and other forms of abuse. Behind every statistic is a child whose dreams have been interrupted and whose voice has often gone unheard.

Combating trafficking requires more than rescue operations. It calls for prevention through awareness, stronger community vigilance, child-friendly systems, effective law enforcement, and comprehensive rehabilitation that restores dignity and hope. Governments, civil society organisations, schools, families, law enforcement agencies, and citizens all have a shared responsibility to create environments where children are protected and empowered.

As we mark this important day, let us reaffirm our commitment to building communities where every child is safe, every missing child is searched for, every vulnerable family is supported, and every survivor is treated with compassion and respect. Let us remain vigilant, report suspected cases, and ensure that no child is left invisible to exploitation.

The fight against human trafficking is ultimately a fight for justice, dignity, and the right of every person to live in freedom. Together, we can transform awareness into action and hope into lasting change.

FR. KJ JOSEPH, SDB

Street Presence

BOSCO NIVAS

BOSCO Nivas team conducted Adolescent Girls' Awareness Programme on Personal Hygiene at GHS, Cox Town on July 20, 2026, benefiting 95 High School Girls.



BOSCO NILAYA

BOSCO Nilaya team successfully inaugurated the Aari Work Training Centre at BOSCO Yuvaspandana and distributed certificates to the students who completed the Computer Course and AI with Python Course on July 25, 2026.



MAJESTIC AREA

KSR Child Helpline Team conducted coolie porters' awareness programme at the 4th platform covering child rights, child labour, child marriage, missing children and runaway children and also the child helpline no 1098/112 on July 28, 2026. 15 members participated in the programme.



MAGADI ROAD

The Outreach Team organized a Child Rights Awareness Programme in GHPHS, Magadi Road on July 7, 2026. 39 boys and 31 girls attended the programme.



GANDHI NAGAR AREA

A Mothers Group Meeting was organized at Annamma Colony, Gandhi Nagar on July 25, 2026. The meeting was attended by 15 mothers.



Components

CSN

On July 17, 2026, in collaboration with the Labour Department, the CSN Team conducted an awareness programme in Cheluvadipalya, Bengaluru, where the team explained the provisions of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act.



FOSTER CARE

Visits were made to Need Base India, BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan, SOS Arunodaya, and Abhayashrama organizations operating under the jurisdiction of the Bengaluru Urban DCPUs. Children eligible for the foster care scheme were identified at these institutions.



HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME

A general health check-up was organized at BOSCO Nilaya on July 16, 2026, in collaboration with the Medical Team from TCS Royan Hospital and SVYM Team



FAMILY RESTORATION AND AFTER-CARE

Distribution of Ration Kits to the families of the children restored to their families during the parents' meetings.



MIGRANTS' HELP DESK

The Migrants' Help Desk Team distributed Ration Kits to the migrant families in Horamavu Agara on July 14, 2026. A total of 57 migrant families benefited.



JUVENILE ADVOCACY

Juvenile Advocacy team organized an awareness programme on World Day Against Human Trafficking in collaboration with the Magadi Road Team at BBMP School, Magadi Road on July 30, 2026.



RMT

Accenture CSR activity at BOSCO Mane was held on July 4, 2026. The team was happy to interact with the centre children and know their stories.



Child Care Institutions

BOSCO MANE AND BOSCO VIKAS

BOSCO Mane and Vikas observed World Population Day on July 11, 2026, raising awareness about population-related issues and their impact on society. 62 children attended the session.



BOSCO RAINBOW HOME

BOSCO Rainbow Home, along with the Bengaluru Central Child Help Volunteers Team, conducted public awareness on CHILDLINE 1098/112, child marriage, child labour, street children, and school dropout children to the neighbouring communities on July 18, 2026.



BOSCO VATSALYA BHAVAN

Art and Craft Activities conducted for the children of the Reception Unit.



BOSCO SUMANAHALLI

Life Skill Session on Self-Esteem was conducted for the trainees of the centre to help them build a positive self-image and boost their confidence on July 24, 2026.



BOSCO YUVAKENDRA

The youth of BOSCO Yuvakendra were taken for an outing to Don Bosco Ajjanahalli on July 24, 2026.



BOSCO YUVODAYA

BOSCO Yuvodaya has a meeting with the DCPU South and CWC at BOSCO Mane on July 9, 2026.



Visit of the California Team to BOSCO Mane and Vikas



On 07 July 2026, BOSCO Mane and Vikas had the privilege of welcoming a 25-member delegation from California. The visit was organized to provide the children with an opportunity to interact with international guests, promote cultural exchange, and encourage joyful learning through recreational and sports activities.

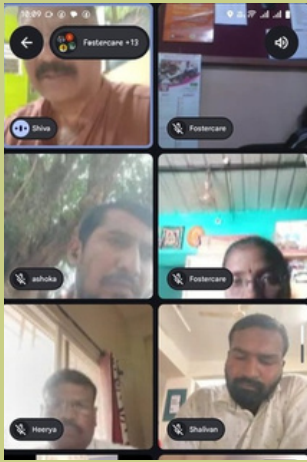
The programme included a variety of cultural performances and recreational activities. The children confidently showcased their talents through singing, solo dance performances, and group dancing, which were greatly appreciated by the visiting team. The California team actively encouraged and applauded the children's efforts, making them feel valued and confident.

The visitors also joined the children in outdoor sports and games like volleyball, football and fun games, making the experience enjoyable and memorable for everyone. Around 75 children enthusiastically participated in the event. The visitors spent quality time with the children, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere filled with laughter, excitement, and meaningful interaction.

Virtual Meeting with Directors and Social Mobilizers of Foster Care Programme

A virtual meeting of the Directors and Social Mobilizers from 14 districts under the Foster Care Programme was held via Google Meet on July 9, 2026, at BOSCO Mane.

The first session was led by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, who outlined the Foster Care activities and action plan for the next six months. Fr. John Peter, Administrator, BOSCO Bengaluru, briefed the participants on accounts and financial procedures. Fr. Deepu, Project Manager, BOSCO Bengaluru, discussed travel guidelines, documentation requirements, and reporting procedures.



The meeting also included discussions on maintaining the programme checklist, ensuring proper documentation, executing MoUs with Directors, and preparing the LFA reports.

The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Shivamallu, Coordinator, and concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Obalesh, Social Mobilizer. A total of 26 participants attended the virtual meeting.

Higher Education Students' Meeting



BOSCO Mane organised a meeting for higher education students on July 11, 2026, on the theme "The Role of Youth in Society." The programme was attended by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru; Fr. K. J. Joseph, Director, BOSCO Mane; and Mr. Mallikarjuna, Coordinator, BOSCO Vikas.

The session focused on preparing students for a responsible and self-reliant future. Fr. K. J. Joseph encouraged the students to learn from failures, become financially independent, and uphold the values instilled by BOSCO. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram urged them to reflect on the opportunities they had received and their responsibilities towards society and the institution. Mr. Mallikarjuna facilitated an interactive presentation on career planning and government welfare schemes.

The discussions covered skill development, continuous learning, financial responsibility, goal setting, decision-making, gratitude towards the institution, and the importance of giving back to society. Students were encouraged to develop technical and soft skills, make prudent financial decisions, pursue higher education, and actively contribute to the welfare of younger children and the growth of BOSCO. They were also advised to remain connected with the institution and make effective use of government scholarships and educational assistance schemes.

The programme concluded with a feedback session, during which students shared their reflections and reaffirmed their commitment to becoming responsible citizens. A vote of thanks marked the end of the meeting.

Migrant Community Leaders' Stakeholders Programme

The Migrant Community Leaders' Stakeholders Programme was organized by the BOSCO Migrant Help Desk (MHD) on 12 July 2026 at Bosco Mane, Bengaluru. The programme brought together migrant community leaders representing both intra-state and inter-state migrant communities residing in Bengaluru



A total of 64 participants (15 men and 49 women) from different labour sectors, including construction workers, domestic workers, daily wage labourers and cow handlers, attended the programme.

The programme was graced by Rev. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO, Rev. Fr. Deepu Matthew, Director of BOSCO Migrant Help Desk and Rev. Fr. K. J. Joseph, Director of BOSCO Mane. The event served as a platform to strengthen collaboration with migrant leaders and understand the challenges faced by migrant communities.

Fr. Varghese Pallipuram addressed the participants on the importance of migrant community leadership and BOSCO's commitment to the welfare of migrants, especially women and children. He also explained BOSCO's various programmes, social security initiatives and support in obtaining essential documents. Mr. Papaiah from BOSCO Migrant Help Desk conducted a session on the roles and responsibilities of migrant leaders. He discussed government welfare schemes, social entitlements, health and hygiene practices and the importance of ensuring education for migrant children.

An open discussion followed, where participants shared the challenges faced by their communities. The major concerns raised included inadequate toilet facilities, shortage of drinking water, irregular electricity supply, educational support for children and employment opportunities for migrant youth. BOSCO Migrant Help Desk documented these issues and assured participants of guidance and support in accessing relevant services and government schemes.

The programme strengthened the partnership between BOSCO Migrant Help Desk and migrant communities while enhancing awareness of welfare schemes, social entitlements, and community leadership.



CCG Follow-up Meeting



The Juvenile Advocacy team conducted a Caring Community Group (CCG) follow-up meeting at Valmiki Nagar, with the participation of 12 members on July 16, 2026. Mr. Shekar, CSN Coordinator, introduced the activities of BOSCO and highlighted the current challenges faced by children. He stressed the importance of collective community action in safeguarding children's rights and ensuring their overall well-being.

Ms. Vijaya, Coordinator, BOSCO Juvenile Advocacy Programme, addressed the members on issues relating to Children in Conflict with the Law (CCL), explaining how negative peer influence often contributes to school dropouts and increases children's vulnerability. She encouraged the members to identify at-risk children early and support their education and development.

Mr. Md. Haneef, CCG Head, appreciated the efforts of the Juvenile Advocacy team and assured his continued support for initiatives aimed at the welfare and protection of children. The meeting concluded with one-to-one interactions, during which CCG members shared suggestions on supporting children in need and proposed organising a health camp for the community. The programme ended on a positive and encouraging note.

Orientation Programme



An Orientation and Exposure Visit was conducted for the students of St. Joseph's University on 17th July 2026 at BOSCO Bengaluru. A total of 51 participants, including 50 students and 1 faculty member, attended the programme as part of their academic exposure and field learning.

The orientation session was conducted by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director, BOSCO Bengaluru. He introduced the participants to the history of BOSCO, its Vision and Mission, and the various programmes and projects implemented for the care, protection, rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances. A PowerPoint presentation was used to explain the organization's services and interventions in detail.

The session aimed to provide the participants with a comprehensive understanding of BOSCO's work and its role in child protection and social development. The students actively participated in the session and gained valuable insights into the organization's functioning.

Following the orientation, the students visited the children at the centre and interacted with them. This interaction provided the participants with practical exposure to the day-to-day functioning of the organization and helped them understand the importance of building positive relationships with children in institutional care. The programme enhanced their understanding of child care services, organizational functioning, and community-based interventions carried out by BOSCO Bengaluru.

DB4M Orientation Programme – "Many States, One Mission"

The BOSCO Migrant Help Desk, Bangalore (INK), participated in the DB4M Orientation Programme – "Many States, One Mission" held on 17–18 July 2026 at the Don Bosco Media Academy, Manikandam, Trichy. The two-day orientation programme brought together representatives from various Don Bosco Migrants for Migration (DB4M) centres across India to strengthen collaboration, build capacity and enhance coordinated responses to the needs of migrant workers.



The programme commenced with the release of the book "The Invincible Workforce" – A Comprehensive Study of Migration, Vulnerability and Discrimination among Brick Kiln, Textile and Waste Picking Labour in India, highlighting the challenges faced by migrant workers and emphasizing the need for coordinated interventions.

The sessions were facilitated by Rev. Fr. Francis Bosco (DB4M), Rev. Fr. Rathna, Dr. Anand, Dr. Vijay, Mrs. Geetha, and Fr. Arokiadoss. The programme covered a wide range of topics, including migration research findings and the release of the Management Information System (MIS), understanding migration trends and the labour landscape in India, labour rights, legal frameworks and government welfare schemes, the role of trade unions in protecting migrant workers, organizing brick kiln and garment workers, Migrant Helpline operations and case management, source–destination coordination for effective migrant assistance, advocacy strategies, action planning and strengthening the DB4M network.

The orientation significantly enhanced the knowledge and skills of the BOSCO Migrant Help Desk team. Participants gained practical insights into migrant rights, labour laws, welfare schemes and coordinated service delivery. The programme also strengthened their understanding of helpline management, documentation through MIS and advocacy mechanisms. At the end of the programme, all participants received certificates recognizing their successful participation.

Distribution of Course Completion Certificates



BOSCO Nivas celebrated the successful completion of its Computer and Tailoring Skill Training Programmes by distributing course completion certificates to 20 outgoing students (9 Computer and 11 Tailoring students) at the centre on July 18, 2026.



The programme was graced by Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, Fr. Devaraj SDB, Director of BOSCO Nivas, and Ms. Afreen Khan, Congress Leader. The event began with a prayer service and the ceremonial watering of a plant, symbolising growth and new beginnings.

In his address, Fr. Varghese Pallipuram congratulated the students and encouraged them to use their newly acquired skills to build a bright future while remaining grateful to those who supported them. Students shared their learning experiences, followed by vibrant cultural performances of songs and dances.

The highlight of the programme was the distribution of certificates to all the students who completed their training. Several students expressed their gratitude to BOSCO, sharing that the free skill training had helped them secure employment and become more confident and self-reliant.

The programme concluded, marking a joyful celebration of learning, achievement, and new opportunities.

Moving Train Passengers Awareness Programme



The BOSCO Majestic Outreach team conducted a Moving Train Passengers Awareness Programme aboard the Kurla Express at Platform No. 4 of KSR Bengaluru Railway Station on July 20, 2026.

During the awareness drive, the team educated passengers on important child protection issues, including child labour, missing children, child marriage, and runaway children.

Passengers were also informed about the emergency child protection helplines 1098 and 112, encouraging them to report children in need of care and protection without delay.

As part of the campaign, 114 awareness pamphlets were distributed to passengers, helping spread vital information on safeguarding children's rights and promoting community responsibility in child protection.



DB4M INK Leaders Meet – "Walking with the Migrants"

On 23 July 2026, the BOSCO Migrant Help Desk, Bangalore (INK) participated in the DB4M INK Leaders Meet – "Walking with the Migrants" held at the Don Bosco Provincial House, Bangalore. The programme brought together leaders and coordinators from the Don Bosco Migrants for Migration (DB4M) network to strengthen collaboration, share experiences and develop a common strategy for migrant-focused interventions across the INK Province.



The sessions were facilitated by Rev. Fr. Abhilash Palachudiyil (DB4M Coordinator, INK), Rev. Fr. Rathna Neelam (National Coordinator, DB4M), Rev. Fr. Francis Bosco, Rev. Fr. Devasy Chirackal (Rector, Don Bosco Provincial House), Rev. Fr. Shalbin Kalanchery (Vice Provincial, INK) and other resource persons.

The key topics discussed included Migrant-Focused and Worker-Inclusive Approach, Two Models, One Connected System, Source Intervention Pathway, Problem Logic Across the Migration Cycle, Operational Methodology, Destination Methodology and National Footprint of DB4M.

The Leaders Meet enhanced participants' understanding of the DB4M operational framework and strengthened their capacity to provide comprehensive support to migrant workers. The sessions reinforced the importance of adopting a migrant-focused and worker-inclusive approach while strengthening the coordination between source and destination centres. The programme provided practical tools, operational strategies and a shared vision for promoting the dignity, rights and well-being of migrant workers.

Makkala Sabha



BOSCO Mane organised a Makkala Sabha for the resident children on July 28, 2026, providing them with a platform to express their views, concerns, and suggestions regarding academics, daily routines, and centre facilities.

During the meeting, several children shared that they faced difficulties in subjects such as English, Hindi, Mathematics, and Science. It was decided that additional academic support and periodic assessments would be provided to help improve their learning outcomes.

The children also reported faulty electrical switches in the Centre. The committee assured them that these maintenance issues would be immediately brought to the attention of the concerned staff for necessary repairs.

Suggestions were made to introduce computer classes and revise the class and games timetable. These recommendations were discussed and will be reviewed by the management for implementation.

The children expressed that they were happy staying at the home and appreciated the care and support they receive. The meeting concluded with an assurance that all concerns and suggestions would be addressed to further enhance the children's academic progress, safety, and overall well-being. A total of 24 children participated in the Makkala Sabha.

Parents' Meeting of the Family Restored Children



Family Restoration and After Care Programme Coordinator, Mr. Balraj, along with the CCI Social Mobiliser team, organised parents' meetings aimed at strengthening family bonds and promoting positive parenting at BOSCO Sumanahalli and Rainbow Home on July 17 and 24, 2026.

In his keynote address, Rev. Fr. Jude Anand inspired the students and parents to utilise the opportunities provided through BOSCO and its partner organisations. The awareness session focused on preventing child marriage and covered its meaning and definition, the legal age of marriage in India, the health risks associated with early pregnancy, the impact of child marriage on education and future opportunities, children's rights, and the legal consequences of child marriage.

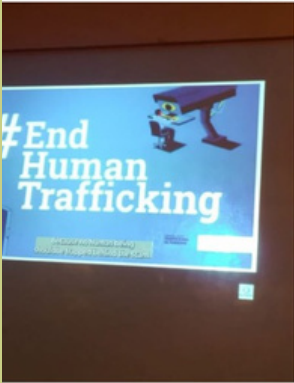


Parents were also sensitised to their crucial role, along with teachers and the community, in preventing child marriage and ensuring that children, especially girls, continue their education and achieve their aspirations.

Mr. Balraj also highlighted the support extended to former BOSCO children pursuing higher education, ITI courses, vocational training, and other educational opportunities, encouraging them to make the best use of these facilities to build a secure future.

Following the meeting, ration kits were distributed to seven beneficiary families as part of the support extended through the programme. A total of 7 parents of Rainbow Home children and 12 parents of Sumanahalli youth participated in the programme.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons



On the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, BOSCO Sumanahalli, Yuvakendra, Nivas, Nilaya, Mane, Vikas and the Juvenile Advocacy team organized a series of awareness campaigns across the centres and various intervention areas on 30 July 2026.

The Directors and staff conducted informative sessions highlighting the meaning and different forms of human trafficking, including child labour, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, organ trafficking and other exploitative practices. Participants were educated on how traffickers target vulnerable individuals and the importance of awareness, education and community vigilance in preventing trafficking.

The campaign reached children, students, community members and the general public through awareness sessions in CCIs, schools, communities and public spaces. A Thumb Impression campaign held in Shivaji Nagar encouraged members of the public to pledge their commitment to combating human trafficking and protecting vulnerable children.

The initiative significantly enhanced awareness among children, stakeholders and the public about the dangers of human trafficking. It equipped participants with practical knowledge to recognize risks, protect themselves and respond appropriately, while also reinforcing the responsibility of caregivers and communities in safeguarding children. More than 1,500 children and members of the public benefited from the campaign.

BOSCO HOMELINK MONTHLY REPORT

	Male	Female	Total
Children rescued	146	49	195
Service provided	97	28	125
Grand Total	243	77	320

1. New Children Data of Contact Center/Area

Contact Point	Fresh		Repeated		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Railway Station DCPU staffs	03	03	00	00	06
Bus Stand BMTC	20	08	02	00	30
Bus Stand K&RTC	17	05	00	00	22
BOSCO K&R	31	08	00	00	39
BOSCO Yuvodaya	06	00	00	00	06
BOSCO Yuvakendra	01	00	00	00	01
BOSCO Sumanahalli	02	00	00	00	02
BOSCO Nivasa	12	05	00	00	17
BOSCO SMVT	23	07	00	00	30
BOSCO BNC	02	01	00	00	03
BOSCO Nilaya	10	01	00	00	11
BOSCO Rainbow Home	00	03	00	00	03
BOSCO Vatsalya Bhavan	00	04	00	00	04
C&N	08	02	01	00	11
Gandhi Nagar	06	01	00	00	07
Magadi Road	02	01	00	00	03
TOTAL	143	49	03	00	195

Final Action Taken:

Placement	Male	Female	Total
Under follow-up in BOSCO Centres	36	12	48
Home Placement (CWC R)	56	21	77
Direct Home Placement	13	08	21
Admission to Govt Homes	36	06	42
Shishumandir	01	00	01
Referred to other Institution	04	02	06
TOTAL	146	49	195



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