



Monthly Newsletter

May - 2024

**Transforming lives of communities through
Education, Environment and Empowerment initiatives**





This month Cosmo Foundation organized series of impactful activities. Our Digital Skill Building Course has reached to diverse participants, ranging from students to homemakers, enabling them to master essential digital skills for everyday tasks. We also facilitated a vibrant summer camp with joy for children from remote villages.

Our English Language Development course saw active participation of rural students, enhancing their language proficiency and confidence. Apart from this, we invested in the capacity building of Cosmo teachers and organized soft skills training with the teachers at Vidya School, which serves underprivileged children in Delhi. Celebrating Biological Diversity Day with our employees and rural children underscored our commitment to creating access, opportunity, and sustainable development for all. During this scorching heat, numerous awareness activities were conducted on how to protect oneself from various illnesses and diseases and how to prevent heatstroke. A mentor meeting was also organized to strengthen our Cosmo Udayan Shalini Fellowship Program.





Digital Skill Building Course

600+
Learners

At Cosmo Computer Centres in rural Gujarat and Maharashtra, we're on a mission to build digitally empowered citizens. From students to homemakers, Aanganwadi and Asha workers, and aspiring youth participated in summer course. Community members and students have participated, mastering diverse digital skills for day-to-day operations. Through our Digital Skill Building Course, we have created access and opportunity for all. The young children of rural schools are transforming their summer holidays into a canvas of Computer Familiarity, Digital art, Games, and online operations. The youth are learning Graphic Design including Practical Applications of the ChatGPT, Internet Networking. They have learnt to make Marks Sheets, Salary Sheets, Calculations of taxes, Effective Power Point Presentations, Posters Design in Canva Software, Signboards, Logo, Visiting Card, Event Card etc. Their skills are simply awe-inspiring.



Digital Warrior

For the first time, I attended summer computer class and it transformed my skills, knowledge and speed.

With personal attention from CF teachers, I learnt typing through verbal dictation, designed posters using various software, and mastered data entry in Excel. I even mentored younger students to teach basic MS Office and it sharpened my Windows operating skills too. Thanks CF for bringing these classes to my village.

Kesha Gohil
12th Std. Village - Dethan, Karjan





English Fluency Development Course

400+
Learners

This summer, enthusiastic students from class 6 to 9 actively participated in our dynamic English Language Development course. They were taught range of topics including Situational Conversations, Parts of Speech; Thought for the Day, value based Stories & Comprehension, Action Words and its Application. This immersive experience not only enhanced their language skills but also boosted their confidence and making the journey of learning English both fun and engaging across the 9 villages of Gujarat and Maharashtra!



Unleashing Creativity Magic of Summer Camp

250+
Children

Our vibrant summer camp at Cosmo Foundation is where education meets creativity and fun, offering rural children a unique opportunity for holistic development beyond traditional classroom learning. With activities ranging from environmental awareness, art, music, and dance to healthy cooking, mathematical puzzles, and village mapping, there was something for every child to enjoy. Children from nine Zila Parishad schools in Gangapur taluka of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district participated in this enriching experience, embracing a world of discovery and joy!



"Cosmo Foundation's initiatives for rural children are truly commendable and promise significant benefits. Their diverse activities from Computer and English classes to Summer camps, contribute to both mental and physical development of the children. It's heartening to witness such impactful work in the interior villages. Thank you, Cosmo Foundation."

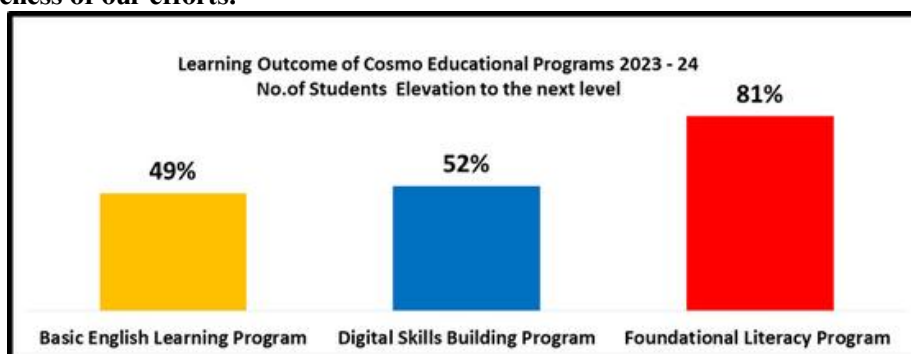
Kishor Santram Kuklare
Parent, Ranjangaon Pol. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

Learning Outcome of Cosmo Educational Programs – 2023 - 24

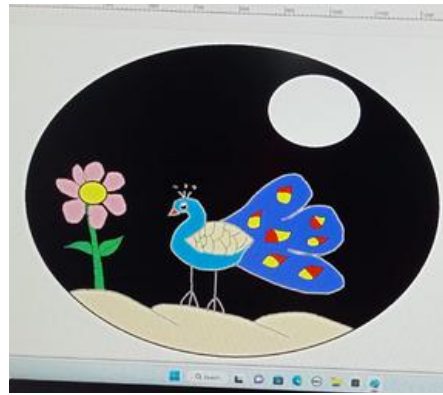
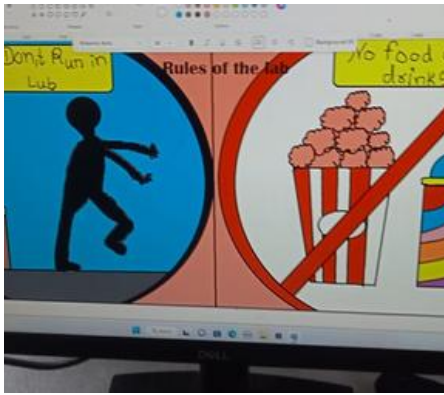
Digital Skill Building Program : CF maintains **25 computer labs** and imparted digital skills to **8477 students during the year 2023-24**. Young students are equipped with basic computer operations, digital art, web search; you tube channel search and app operations. Practical training on basic excel, power point, designs, cyber security, chat GPT is given to youth. **52% of students are upgraded to the next level in the Digital Skill Building.**

Basic English Learning Program: The English program has created rippling momentum among the group of learners through YouTube Channel in Gujarat. Rigorous offline and online education is imparted to rural children and youth and built cadre of teachers. **1000+ direct viewership per month** and number of schools are using for classroom education. **5000+ students are engaged.** It has tangibly impacted exam results, **49% of students are upgraded to the next level.**

Foundational Literacy – The program was operational in **46 classes with 4196 students and 39 community-based teachers (Balmitras)**. This year, students have enhanced their performance in academic skills, increasing school attendance and productivity. CF aligned the curriculum with the National Education Policy (NEP) and conducted several training sessions for Balmitras covering essential subjects under academic syllabus. Parental engagement was prioritized through regular meetings, home visits, and on-call dialogues. As a result, an impressive **81% of students progressed to the next level post-midterm assessment, highlighting the effectiveness of our efforts.**



Glimpsis of Summer Camps



Unlocking the Potential of young Rural Children in Summer Break- Cosmo Foundation Initiative

From Computer Operation Skills to English Language Development, from Native Language to Arithmetic and Life Skills we've curated a diverse range of activities to cater to every child's interests and learning needs. It's heartening to see the enthusiasm of students and parents as they eagerly join the collaborative venture of school and Cosmo Foundation. 100+ young rural students from class 4 to 8 attend this program every day in village Kanbha, the interior village of Vadodara District. It was all possible with the consistent motivation and support from the **Primary School principal, MR. Riyaz Makarani** and tireless efforts of Balmitras and teachers of Cosmo Foundation.

Capacity Building of Cosmo Teachers



Core Competency Workshop: Literacy and Numeracy

Education is a lifelong journey and educators must equip children with top-notch learning experiences, tailored to their needs and preferences.

Cosmo Foundation organized 30 hours long training sessions with the Balmitras of Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra, Karjan. The focus was to enhance skills and knowledge of Balmitras on fundamentals of language, arithmetic, and life skills. Subjects like patterns, comparisons, fractions, and practical calculations to language skills like proverbs, idioms, poetries, stories, and comprehensions were covered. The program emphasized on holistic development, fostering personalities, understanding children's needs, and gathering insights into their learning journeys. With 27 enthusiastic participants, the recent training program facilitated the creation of educational resources.



Training on AI Tools and Machine Learning

We recently organized training programs on AI tools and Machine Learning, led by expert Mr. Bhavesh Parmar. This comprehensive training was attended by 30 enthusiastic Computer teachers and Cluster Coordinators. The training has covered range of topics including AI fundamentals, Generative AI, and hands-on Machine Learning practicals. Teachers gained invaluable insights and practical skills, enhancing their tech-savvy capabilities. This training not only broadened their technological horizons but also equipped them to inspire and educate their students with innovative methods and cutting-edge knowledge.



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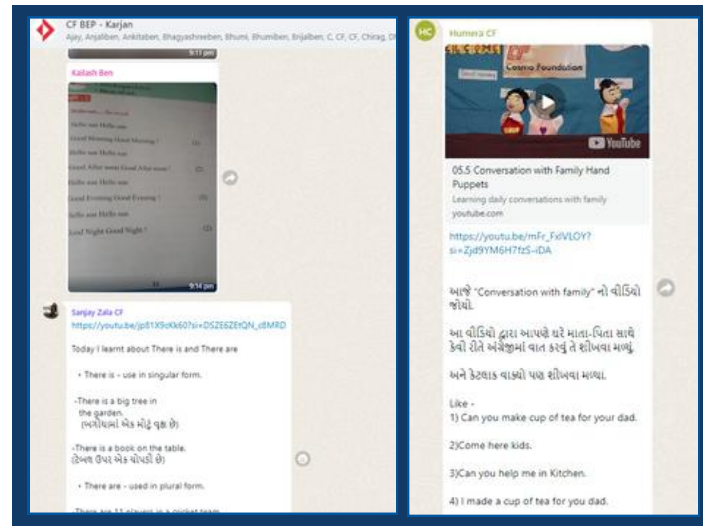
Soft Skill Training of Vidya Teachers



We recently held a transformative four-day soft skills workshop led by the renowned trainers Ms. Nandini Khanna and Ms. Manisha Nagrath from Delhi. This training was attended by all the teachers of Bal Vidya-Delhi the school for underprivileged children. The sessions covered Emotional Intelligence, Appearance Management & Classroom Strategies, Effective Communication, Work-Life Balance and Teamwork. It has equipped the educators with invaluable skills.

Training on Cosmo English Tutor

Our Cosmo Teachers have acquired English proficiency through a self-learning approach using the Cosmo English Tutor. They have completed the first two modules, which cover topics such as skill of correct pronunciation, skill of writing, words, sentence formation, phonics sounds, telling time, know your body, etc. They also learnt practical teaching methods and classroom management skills. With these foundational and practical skills, they are equipped to become English teachers for the upcoming academic session.



Training on Monitoring and data Management

Chandrakant Panchal, a Cluster Coordinator from Cosmo Foundation Karjan, made an impactful visit to Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar. During his visit, he developed a detailed work plan with all the Cluster Coordinators of Sambhajanagar, focusing on data management methods, inventory maintenance, conducting efficient parent meetings, team-building exercises, and taking ownership of the program. He also emphasised on how to enhance our output by getting engaged with children and students. He also demonstrated the documentation process, impactful case studies, and video documentation of all the projects and programs.





Bio-Diversity Day



Cosmo Foundation
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22 May 2024

International Day of Biodiversity

Be The Part of Plan

**Nurturing
Maharashtra's largest
biodiversity hub,
planting 40,000
native saplings for a
sustainable future.**

"Planting today, for a greener tomorrow.
Join us in creating a resilient future!"



On the eve of International Day of Biodiversity – 22nd May 2024, Cosmo Foundation Celebrated the impact of Cosmo Biodiversity hub which is one of the biggest in Maharashtra. By nurturing native saplings we're ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.



From Seedlings to Success

A visionary farmer Deepak Phulchand Folane from Rajura, whose dedication is transforming agriculture. With the support of Cosmo Foundation and Prayas Youth Foundation, he planted 500 sweet lemon seedlings in 2021.

Deepak's farm is not just about growing plants; it's a testament to family dedication and sustainable farming practices. Together, they've nurtured these plants with love and care, ensuring they reach their full potential. From meticulous watering to protecting against pests and diseases, Deepak's commitment shines through in every aspect of his farming journey. His farm isn't just thriving; it's a beacon of sustainable agriculture for the community.

Empowerment

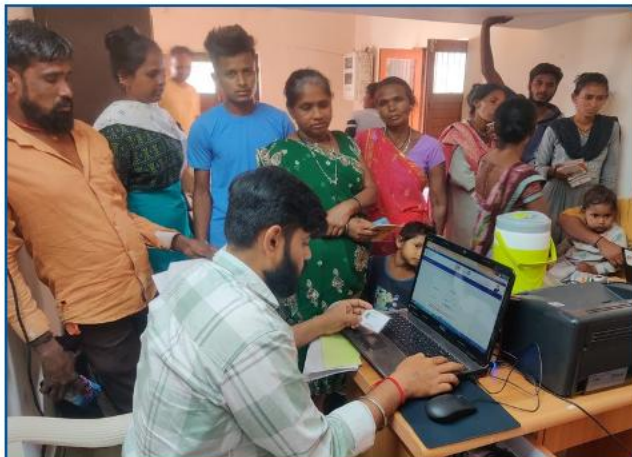


Cosmo Nari Swayampurna Program

This program aims to empower women's Self-Help Groups in the tribal district of Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, through skill-building and livelihood support. Following the successful implementation of livelihood activities last year, we expanded the initiative by donating 51 additional machines, including Sewing & Embroidery machines and mushroom dryers, to enhance livelihood opportunities. As a result of this expansion, over 700 women across seven tribal blocks now benefit, earning an average monthly income of 12,000 to 15,000 rupees. These women are actively engaged in production and are progressing towards self-reliance.



Empowering Communities with E-Services



Cosmo Foundation has revolutionized rural access by offering over 120+ E-services. This month, our centers have been buzzing with activity as locals flock in to check board exam results, fill out admission and college application forms, correct Aadhar and PAN card details, create professional resumes, submit Provident Fund withdrawal forms, and book appointment for learner's licenses – all completely free of charge. This leads to transformation and community empowerment !

Digital Warrior

Kalyani Sesha Rao, I live in Assegaon. I am studying in class 10th. I have completed my education from 1st to 8th grade in G.P.P. School Assegaon. When I was in 3rd class, a computer class was organized by the Cosmo Foundation in my school. I had never seen a computer before Cosmo Foundation came to my school. I studied computer here for six consecutive years. I got the complete knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Internet, Social Media platforms. I extensively studied Computer Theory and Practical. Because of my computer proficiency I got an opportunity to participate in a rocket launch training at ISRO. Today I got a lot of knowledge in IT field only and only because of the Cosmo Foundation. This year I passed MS-CIT with 95% marks. Because I studied all my MS-CIT course in Cosmo Foundation. I am determined to pursue my career in the IT field.

I am thankful to Cosmo Foundation from the bottom of my heart.



Employee Engagement



Guiding Stars: Mentoring Rural Shalinis

Employees of Cosmo Films are engaged in voluntary mentorship for young aspiring Shalinis. At recent mentors meeting at Cosmo Films, USF launched several key initiatives to boost our mentorship program: mandatory monthly mentor-mentee interactions, prompt responses to Shalini, quarterly collaboration meetings, essential monthly workshops in Gangapur. Mandatory home visits for deeper understanding, and active participation in key annual events. These efforts aim to create a more supportive, collaborative, and impactful environment for our mentees. Together, we're enhancing the mentorship experience and making a significant difference!



Seminar on Financial Literacy



Seminar was conducted at Gajgoun, Gangapur block, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, by Mr. Sunil Maniyar, Deputy Manager, Finance and Accounts at Cosmo First Limited. The seminar witnessed active participation from 35 students and 7 teachers. Through this session, attendees gained valuable insights into financial management, budgeting, and investment strategies. Mr. Maniyar's expertise and guidance equipped participants with essential knowledge and skills to make informed financial decisions, fostering financial empowerment within the community.

Igniting young minds with Academic Internship

My name is Runit Shah, and I am a first-year B.Tech Computer Science student at PDEU Gujarat. I recently completed a two-week social internship with the Cosmo Foundation. During my internship, I taught rural students in three villages of Karjan Taluka—Methi, Dethan, and Kanbha. I focused how to make effective presentations, what is Python Programming and daily conversation practice in English. As a passionate artist, I also conducted art workshops with young children in the Kothav and Kanbha villages. It was a great privilege to be an intern with Cosmo Foundation, where I had the opportunity to teach and support rural children and youth. Furthermore, I conducted career guidance sessions, informing students about various opportunities in higher education, particularly in IT and Computer Science.

This experience allowed me to learn how CSR initiatives can educate and transform the lives of rural communities. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to such meaningful work.





Events



A Heartfelt Tribute: Mother's Day



On the eve of Mother's Day 13th May 2024, Cosmo Foundation was a hive of activity as young students poured their hearts into honouring the remarkable women in their lives. With boundless creativity, they crafted intricate greeting cards, each one a labour of love dedicated to their mothers. Amidst the colourful chaos, heartfelt poems blossomed, expressing gratitude for the unconditional love and support these women provided. But the celebration didn't end there. The children also turned their appreciation towards their Bal Mitras, recognizing their invaluable guidance and nurturing. They conveyed their gratitude for the profound impact these mentors had on their lives.

National Technology Day

Gujarat and Maharashtra Day

Rural children across Cosmo Foundation Karjan and Gangapur celebrated this day on 1st May to commemorate the existence of the state. Multiple activities like video screenings, poster designs, and talks on the culture, traditions, language, food, and enriched heritage of the states were organized. Children shared their creative expressions to recognize their distinctive identities and contributions.



Cosmo Foundation celebrated National Technology Day on 11th May with rural community. Organization is proud to empower rural children and youth through technology, collaborating with Rural Gov. Schools to ensure digital literacy for all. Our Cosmo English Tutor YouTube Channel breaks language barriers, while Cosmo Digi Pathshala, our virtual learning platform, opens doors to knowledge and exposure. Reaching over 13,000 rural students annually with a hybrid approach, we lead in digital e-services and cutting-edge AI and Machine Learning training. Our dedicated community-based teachers and passionate youth leaders guide learners towards a tech-savvy future. Together, we harness technology to create meaningful change and boost employability.



Activity Calendar June 2024

Employees of Cosmo First are invited to participate and contribute to CSR activities in the following events on virtual and online platform

Events

Program plan- Karjan

Program plan- Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

3rd June 2024
World Bicycle Day

Importance of Cycling and Bicycle Rally
Venue: Dethan Highschool
Time: 11 to 12 am

Video Screening on Cycling for fitness
Venue: Z.P School, Turkabad
Time: 11 to 12 am

5th June 2024
World Environment Day

Art Workshop
Venue: Kanbha Primary School, Vemar high school
Time: 11 to 12 am

Employee engagement and Plantation at Biodiversity hub, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
Time: 9 to 10 am

9th to 14th June 2024
Training of Cosmo English Teachers

Assessment of Teachers & training on Communication Practice
Time: 9 am to 4 pm

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Capacity Building of Cosmo Computer Teachers

Assessment of Teachers Training
Time: 9 am to 4 pm

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14th June 2024
Blood Donation Day

Blood donation camp
Cosmo First - Delhi, Waluj, Karjan
Time: 11am to 4 pm

18th June 2024
International Father's Day

Essay Writing & Video Screening on Father's Day
Venue: Kanam Vidyamandir, Choranda
Time: 10 to 12 am

Essay Writing & Video Screening on Father's Day
Venue: Z.P.School, Kagzipura
Time: 11 to 12 am

19th June 2024
National Reading Day

English and Gujarati Story reading
Venue: Handod Primary School
Time: 11 to 12 am

English and Gujarati Story reading
Venue: Z.P.School, Ambelhol
Time: 11 to 12 am

21st June 2024
International Day of Yoga

Yog Sibir
Venue: Om Shanti Udhyan, Karjan
Time: 9 to 10 am

Yog Sibir
Venue: Z.P. School, Puri
Time: 9 to 10 am