



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Transforming Lives of Communities through
Education, Environment and Empowerment Initiatives.**

From the Desk of Managing Trustee



Dear **Cosmo Family**,

Stepping into a new year, I am overwhelmed with pride and gratitude for the shared journey of 2023. It was a year marked by collective triumphs, resilience, and an unwavering dedication to making a positive difference. Across 133 villages, the transformative work of Cosmo Foundation touched the lives of 6,50,000 individuals through initiatives in Education, Environment, and Empowerment. At Cosmo, our guiding motto is "to support the lesser privileged and add value to their life," propelling us forward in our mission.

With the addition of six new schools, we've extended our educational outreach, benefiting 13,000 rural students. The surge in attendance and academic progress is a testament to our dedication to providing quality education to those who need it most. Additionally, our commitment to environmental sustainability saw the inauguration of the Largest Biodiversity Hub and the planting of 1,00,000 saplings. Our agroforestry project, water conservation, and sanitation initiatives have left a lasting difference in the communities we serve. This holistic approach not only nurtures academic growth but also enables rural students to sustain and grow in mainstream education, helping them determine their own growth with a higher quality of life.

By spearheading initiatives like Nari Ki Savari, Cosmo Nari Swayampoorna Program, and the Cosmo Udayan Shalini Fellowship Program, we've empowered women and supported the dreams of young girls, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

As we embark on the new year, let's carry forward the spirit of collaboration, compassion, and dedication that defines the Cosmo family. Each one of you has played a pivotal role in our shared success, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated employees, volunteers, and esteemed partners.

In 2024, let's continue to build on the foundation we've laid, creating a brighter and more inclusive future. May this new year bring fresh opportunities, personal growth, and collective triumphs.

**Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful, prosperous, and impactful New Year.
Here's to another year of making a difference!**

Warm regards,

Yamini Jaipuria
Managing Trustee
Cosmo Foundation

OVERVIEW

Cosmo Foundation is a catalyst for community development, education, and empowerment. Initiatives include a vibrant community library, parent-teacher collaborations, donation of desktops, and continuous capacity building of teachers. Environmental efforts like farmers training under the Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive demonstrate a commitment to sustainability. Empowerment programs include four-wheeler driving course for women and building local women as educators. CF's cultural events, film screening, and celebratory activities enrich and engage communities across Karjan and Gangapur block for their growth and development.



EDUCATION

Literary Haven: Cosmo Resource Centre

The Cosmo Foundation has responded to community needs by establishing a vibrant community library at the Cosmo E-service and Resource Centre in the Gram Panchayat, Village: Handod, Karjan. Boasting a collection of over 600 books, desktops with internet facilities, and a plethora of e-resources, this reading haven caters to students, teachers, and community members alike. From short stories and biographies to digital skill acquisition and English language resources, there is something for everyone. The Cosmo Foundation has transformed the E-seva centre into a dynamic hub for learning and discovery, making knowledge accessible to all.



Building Bridges: Nurturing Collaboration and Insights with Parents

Parents are the crucial link for the development and education of children. During this month Parents Meeting held in Sambhoi, Bodka and Kandari village of Karjan and Kagzipura village of Aurangabad. 155 parents participated. Parents and teachers came together to review their children's test papers, witnessing the evident progress since joining Cosmo Gyan Vihar centres – Foundational Literacy Classes. The major discussion was on the role of parents to enhance communication, nutrition, punctuality in classes of their children. These sessions were powerful, strengthening the bond between home and school and emphasizing the positive impact of our educational initiatives in the local community.



Digital Access to Rural Community: Donation of Desktops

Cosmo First Limited is located in the village of Navi Jitharadi in the Karjan block of Vadodara District. Our manufacturing unit has received continuous support from the local village panchayat. With a focus on the development of the local primary school and village panchayat, the Cosmo Foundation has donated three computer desktops, three tables, ten chairs, and three display boards. The initiative aims to contribute to the development of the village and create digital access. The entire population of the village will benefit from this initiative.



Capacity Building of Cosmo Teachers

Cosmo Foundation promotes continuous improvement in teaching quality through regular trainings, workshops, and assessments. Every three months, Balmitra, Computer, and English teachers, along with cluster coordinators, come together to share experiences and innovations. These sessions include insights from the previous term and planning for the next quarter. Collective learning is enhanced with inputs from experts, followed by presentations on learning outcomes. In addition to these sessions, computer teachers undergo training in digital art conducted by a university intern pursuing a master's in communication. Assessments of computer teachers and Balmitras are carried out, and training is provided to strengthen systems for the smooth functioning of the program across both locations.



ENVIRONMENT

National Farmer's Day – Training of Farmers on scientific Agriculture Practices

The Cosmo Foundation is actively engaged with 115 farmers across Karjan and Aurangabad under the project - Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive. We have planted 40,000 fruit saplings to strengthen farmers' livelihoods and promote environmental sustainability. With the support of our implementation partner, Prayas Youth Foundation, we organized guidance sessions on scientific farming practices, correct methods of intercropping, and how to enhance returns on harvest. This event, held at Ganpatpura village in Karjan and Gajgav village in Aurangabad on 23rd December, coincided with Farmer's Day. During the sessions, farmers received insights into the role of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and other relevant topics. Farmers also had the opportunity to share best practices they have adopted. Together, we are empowering our agricultural backbone for a sustainable and thriving future.



Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive- An Overview

During this month, we reviewed Agro Forestry projects, Miyawaki, and the Biodiversity hub. Thus far, we have planted 96,000 trees, and the survival rate is 89%. It is heartening to witness a blooming forest in Delhi, the Biodiversity hub encouraging various species and strengthening the ecosystem. The Agro Forestry project has resulted in an enriched harvest of fruits, and the intercropping of cereals and wheat is contributing to food security.



EMPOWERMENT

Nari ki Savari four-wheeler driving course

Cosmo Foundation supports "Nari ki Savari" – a motor driving course for women launched by Maharani Chimnabai Stree Udyogalay. Twenty women have enthusiastically enrolled, with eight already holding learning licenses. Now, these empowered women are stepping up to become entrepreneurs, joining as drivers for school vans and extending the cycle of empowerment. The initiative imparts driving skills as well as training on soft skills and safety. "Nari ki Savari" is a beacon of empowerment, challenging stereotypes, and promoting gender equality. Kudos to the organizers and participants for driving positive change!



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Journey of an English Language Teacher



Honored as the Best Teacher in 2020 by Cosmo Foundation, I underwent intensive training, transitioning from a Balmitra to an English teacher for classes 5 to 7. Juggling home, kids, and work initially posed challenges, but the Foundation's diverse programs improved my time management skills, positively impacting my personal life. Fulfilling my childhood dream of becoming a teacher, the Cosmo English Tutor platform has not only enhanced my English proficiency but also honed my teaching skills through tutorial videos. Now, creating over 150 teaching-learning materials (TLMs) and 200 E-contents for the English subject, I find immense satisfaction in benefiting my students and fostering dynamic learning.

Pratiksha Todkar, (English Teacher) Cosmo Foundation, Aurangabad

Empowerment Unveiled: 'Diya the Wonder Girl' A Cinematic Experience

Cosmo Foundation marked a momentous occasion with the premiere of the empowering film, "Diya the Wonder Girl," on Door Darshan. Encouraging rural communities to watch, we organized screenings at public places and witnessed parents embracing valuable lessons on fostering opportunities for their daughters. The film sparked discussions on recognizing the strength of girls, instilling confidence, teaching self-defense, and breaking societal norms. The event served as a beacon of inspiration, bringing together students, parents, teachers, and community members. It was more than a screening; it was a celebration of empowerment, resonating throughout communities and motivating students to embrace their potential. Join us at Cosmo Foundation on this journey of empowerment as we continue to inspire change and bridge divides across villages in Karjan and Gangapur block.



Mentors meet for Empowering Shalinis

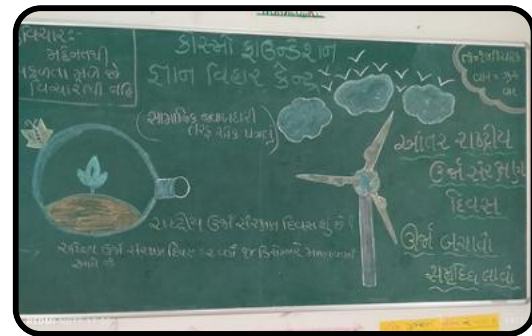
Senior employees of Cosmo First are mentoring Cosmo-Shalinis from Gangapur block, Aurangabad. A power-packed brainstorming session was held at Cosmo First, Waluj, where Cosmo mentors and the USF-Cosmo Foundation team participated. They focused on improving workshop attendance for Shalinis, enhancing academic inputs, and refining grooming practices. USF mentors brought fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the table. Together, we're building bridges and creating a network of support that extends beyond boundaries! It's heartening to see the Cosmo mentors investing their time and energy into the personal and academic growth of our girls. There was not just a meeting; it was a gathering of mentors fueled by the desire to make a positive impact on young lives.



EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Energy Conservation Day

National Energy Conservation Day on 28th July took on a vibrant and educational tone as 1109 enthusiastic students from 29 centers actively participated in the celebration. The focus of the event was the creation of eye-catching posters that conveyed powerful messages about the importance of energy conservation. Through their artistic expressions, these young minds showcased their creativity and demonstrated a keen understanding of sustainable practices. The posters served as colorful reminders of the practical steps we can take to save energy and contribute to a greener future.



World Computer Literacy Day

Cosmo Foundation has been a catalyst for computer literacy, establishing 25 labs in rural schools in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Beyond infrastructure, we've donated 400+ desktops to schools and laptops to high-achieving students and trained local youth as computer teachers. On the eve of Computer Literacy Day on 2nd Dec., we organized a webinar on "Best Practices in Computer Education" and an exhibition on digital gadgets.

Cosmo Foundation
A Community Outreach Initiative of
Cosmo First Limited

World Computer Literacy Day

A session on Best Practices in Cosmo Computer Education

on
Google Meet

8 December 2023
10.00 A.M.

Digital Skills Learning & Support

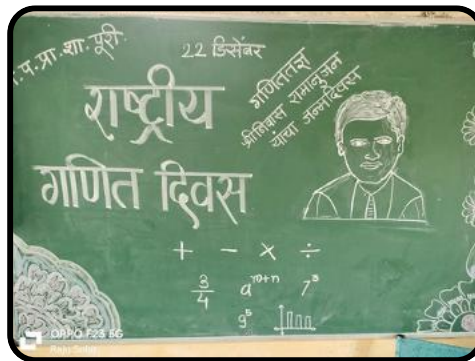
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Join Webinar :- <https://meet.google.com/VUU-VCGV->



Mathematics Day

Cosmo Foundation celebrated National Mathematics Day in honor of Srinivasa Ramanujan by organizing a unique event, "Meters, Liters, Grams: The Triple Threat of Measurement," at primary schools in Sambhoi and Kurali in Karjan. Enthusiastic students engaged in hands-on activities, making learning about measurement in meters, liters, and grams both educational and enjoyable. In Aurangabad, a captivating screen-sharing session delved into Ramanujan's life, inspiring students with his mathematical genius. The event, attended by 5420+ students across 34+ rural government schools, blended education with celebration, fostering a deeper appreciation for mathematics and commemorating Ramanujan's legacy. Exhibitions on various mathematical concepts further enriched the learning experience.



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Christmas Celebration

Christmas joy echoed through Karjan and Aurangabad as festive celebrations took place at multiple locations. Students were delighted with sweet treats, receiving chocolates to mark the occasion. The festive spirit was alive as the young ones showcased their creativity, crafting Christmas cards, adorning trees, and singing jingles together. It was a heartwarming celebration, spreading joy and creating lasting memories for all involved.



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

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**1st January
Global Family Day**

Karjan & Aurangabad on Cosmo Digi Pathshala (Virtual Platform)

Essay writing on My Family - My Strength.

**11th - 17th January
National Road Safety Week**

11th January - Kurali High School, Karjan and Zila Parishad School, Kagzipura Time : 2:00 to 4:00 pm
17th January - Kandari High School, Karjan and Turkabad High School, Kagzipura

- Awareness on traffic rules
- Awareness on process of acquiring driving license.

**10th January
World Hindi Day
World Laughter Day**

Choranda High School, Karjan and Nutan Kanya Vidyalay, Waluj

Stand Up Comedy competition in Hindi.

**12th January
National Youth Day**

Choranda High School, Karjan Zila Parishad School, Turkabad Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Role of youth in "Nation Building".

**13th January
Makar Sankranti**

Primary School, Khandha-Karajan
Zila Parishad School, Jikthan - Aurangabad
Time: 11:00 to 1:00 pm

Kite making and flying activities.

**24th January
National Girl Child Day**

Handod High School, Karjan and Zila Parishad School, Gajgaon - Aurangabad
Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Workshop for girls on health and hygiene.
Webinar on Empowering girl child.

**25th January
National Tourism Day**

Karjan & Aurangabad
Time: 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Webinar on career opportunity in tourism.

**26th January
Republic Day**

Karjan and Aurangabad on virtual Platform

Essay Competition on "MY India Developed India".

**28th January
Data Privacy Day**

Karjan & Aurangabad
Time: 11:00 to 1:00 pm

A session on cyber-security and data privacy on virtual platform.

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