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Dear Colleagues/Friends,

We are happy to place before you our in-house Quarterly Newsletter. It sprinkles various activities being undertaken during this quarter viz. assessment of students enrolled in Cosmo Educational Programs, Summer Vacation Computer and English Courses, Summer Camp for young children, philanthropic programs, Educational Counseling, Employee Engagement and initiatives to nurture environment.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS

We have three sustainable programs at Cosmo Foundation - 1) Basic Computer Literacy 2) Basic Reading, Writing, Arithmetic Program 3) Basic English Learning Program. Twice a year performance assessment is conducted with stringent parameters to assess the learning outcomes across the programs. In April 2019 as academic session ends the assessment of 3060 students in Gangapur block of Aurangabad and 5100 students in Karjan block of Vadodara district was conducted.



SUMMER VACATION COURSES



Basic Computer Course:

Three types of Computer course were organized. Basic Computer certificate Course in which the major subjects which are covered includes basic computer operation skill, document typing and formatting, database sorting, data filtration & presentation. Second is an Internet networking course for those who completed basic computer certificate course and focuses on networks, ecommerce & social media. Third is Computer familiarity course for young children which includes games, fun activities, digital art. 462 students participated in Summer Vacation Computer Courses across Karjan and Aurangabad.

English Classes for Young Children:

Cosmo Foundation organized English classes in primary schools in 2 villages of Karjan. 52 young Students participated and enjoyed the classes and were very happy as they are exposed to learn basic English communication apart from their regular curriculum.



SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN



Cosmo Foundation organized very vibrant week long Summer Camps / Bal Shibir across 12 villages across Karjan and Aurangabad. 730 students participated. It covered indoor-outdoor games, science experiments, village rally on child rights, & craft, visit to village institutions like bank, panchayats, dairy etc, tiffin parties, puppet shows, yoga and news reading, mathematical activities on measurements, movie screening, session on constitutional structure from village to country. On the last day parents and villagers were invited to see the camps and it got an overwhelming response. In Karjan children prepared refreshments too and it inculcated sharing & learning. Village leaders and institutions including Balmitras provided voluntary refreshments and exemplary ownership was seen in Karjan. In two villages of Karjan theme based camps on nutrition, environment, swachhta, self awareness were organized with the help of Nutan Balshikshan Sanstha.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF COSMO TEAM

Training of Balmitras

Nai Talim Sangh- a montesori training centre by Gujarat Vidyapeeth had organized 7 days residential training program for Balwadi Teachers at Goraj village in Vadodara. 100 pre-primary school teachers across Gujarat joined this prestigious course. 5 Balmitras from Cosmo Foundation Karjan participated in this course. It focused on pedagogy, teaching, learning process, effective communication with children, puppetry, origami and various creative activities to promote critical thinking, expression, correct values and habits and care for nature. The same training was organized for entire group of 30 Balmitras in Karjan by the ones who attended this course.





Training of Computer Teachers

Computer teacher training on Basic Fundamental, Internet Networking, Social Media and Cyber Security was organized at Aurangabad. Prof. Anirudha Jadhav and Prof. Rahul Jadhav Asst. Computer Science Professors at PES Polytechnic and Engineering College Aurangabad conducted one day training for Cosmo computer teachers. System orientation and revision trainings were done for computer teachers across locations.

Soft Skill Training

Young Indians an affiliated body of CII organized training for Cosmo Karjan team on Soft Skills. The focus was on body language and communication skills of the teacher and SWOT analysis.

PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES:-

Celebration of Ram Navami with The Earth Saviours Foundation:-

Cosmo Foundation in association with 'The Earth Saviours Foundation' celebrated Ram Navami with abandoned senior citizens and disabled inmates of Gurukul, Located at Gurugram. Shri Ashok Jaipuria, Chairman and Managing Director, Cosmo Films limited and its employees helped organize a special lunch (Bhandaro) for around 425 people residing at the facility. Looking at the need 15 air coolers were donated for the inmates.



Blood Donation Camp:-

Cosmo Foundation organized a Blood Donation Camp with the support of Rotary Blood Bank at Cosmo Films New Delhi. Employees of Cosmo Films and many other enterprises at Jasola District Centre participated. The camp was inaugurated by Dr. Vivek Nangia, HOD & Director (Pulmunology), Fortis - Rajan Dhall Hospital, New Delhi.. A whopping number of 90 people from all corporate offices donated blood to the Rotary Blood Bank.

Film Screening with Needy Children:-

Bhartiya Samaj Seva Kendra, Aurangabad offers care and protection to vulnerable orphan and destitute children. Cosmo Foundation screened a film 'I am Kalam' with these children. 55 children participated in this program followed by discussions and refreshments.



EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT:-

Mr. Sunil Wani, Cosmo Films, Karjan interacted with summer batch students at village Choranda, Karjan. He had dialogues with students on how to select career, importance of knowledge and skills. Mrs. Swati Wani, wife of Mr. Wani AGM, Karjan visited summer camp. She interacted with students, reviewed curriculum and teaching methods of

Basic Literacy program. She guided Balmitras for preparing worksheets, subscribing publications to support the existing teaching sessions. As part of induction program new joiners at Cosmo Films, Karjan visited to Cosmo Foundation program and interacted with students. Engaging employees in social responsibility and gradually creating an environment for "commitment to society and lesser privileged amongst us".



EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING

Education Counseling sessions were planned in two schools in Karjan where 80 students and 12 parents participated. Shri J.N.Parmar, a retired Employment Officer, Gujarat guided them how to select courses after 10th and 12th. Parents approached him to get information about colleges and courses available and how to prepare students who could not pass board exam on first trial. At Aurangabad a film "Poorna" was screened with summer batch students and had a discussion on importance of setting goals in life and how to achieve it.

CELEBRATION OF ENVIRONMENT DAY:-

World Environment day was celebrated in collaboration with Karjan Municipality. Cosmo Foundation organized traditional Folk (Puppet show) on Environmental cleanliness and small acts on cleanliness which gives big results. Cosmo Foundation felicitated 55 "Safai Sevaks" (sweepers) who are engaged in collection and segregation of waste and drivers of the van which carries this waste. They are the key players to prevent



epidemics and keep surrounding clean. Cosmo Foundation

handed over 30 wastebins (separate bins for dry and wet waste) to Karjan Municipality. Along with it plantation was done at the waste segregation site of the Karjan Municipality. More than 250 people attended the function including community leaders of Karjan Town, members of Municipality and entire staff of sanitation department.



CRICKET TOURNAMENT FOR YOUTH:-

Cricket Match was organized at Z.P.School,Turkabad where students enrolled in summer computer course across 5 villages participated. It was a great fun for youth and promoted intercommunity engagement. Mr. Satish Jamkhedkar, Sr. Manager and active player of Cosmo Films Cricket team guided and boosted the teams. Ms. Vandna Pawar, President, SMC,Turkabad gave her special presence to motivate the team.



COMPUTER ASSESSMENT AT SHRAM MANDIR TRUST:-



Shram Mandir Trust, Vadodara runs Computer training centre for the children of parents affected by leprosy and children enrolled in primary school of Shram Mandir. Upon their humble invitation Cosmo Foundation did evaluation of their Computer Literacy Program. It was a very enriching experience to share our expertise and extend the teaching learning process.

EXPOSURE VISIT OF RURAL STUDENTS:-

Diya Patel, a recipient of Bronze Medal in the 2nd India Open International Teakwondo Championship, Jaipur in 2017 and many other medals and achievements in her Life at the age of 9 years. First sports biopic to be made in Gujarati, a movie will capture the journey of a sub junior martial arts gold medal winner at the national level. The movie that will capture the journey of Diya Patel, will also have the sports star playing herself. 210 students and 30 parents of Cosmo Foundation Karjan participated in a movie shoot of "Diya The Wonder Girl". It was a valuable experience for students, parents and cosmo teachers to see live shoot, seek inspiration from life of Diya and to understand the employment opportunities available in film industry. Cosmo Foundation felicitated Diya for her glorious victory and success.



Humble Appeal

We appeal you to contribute through your knowledge, expertise and resources in the continuing journey of building life of lesser privileged amongst us through quality education, which will enable development of civilization as a whole.

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