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EMPOWERING RURAL CHILDREN & YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.

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Dear Colleagues/Friends,

Wish you all a very happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful 2019.

We are happy to present before you our 20th issue of in-house Quarterly Newsletter covering the period of October to December, 2018. It covers the glimpses of developments in our core programs viz. Computer, English and Gyan vihar classes, Training of Cosmo teachers, exposure visit of students, celebration of festivals and national days, Swachh School competition in Karjan, Infrastructure support to the schools in Aurangabad and representation at CSR conclave.

SWACHH SCHOOL COMPETITION:

Swachh School Competition was a value add initiative in Karjan to strengthen Swachh School campaign of Cosmo Foundation. It was a step forward to build healthy environment and cleanliness habits among the students. 25 schools participated in the competition where CF programs are functional.

Schools participated with enthusiasm, cosmo teachers walked extra mile beyond their academic work to make it a success. Posters, audio-video clips were circulated to build the momentum. Jury comprised of experienced experts in area of environment, solar energy and education visited schools. They had intensive dialogues with principals and students and indicator based assessment was done.



COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM:



During this quarter, mid-term assessment of all the students enrolled in Computer Literacy program was done across Karjan and Aurangabad. 4900 students participated. Apart from this, final round of assessment of students who were shortlisted for the Cosmo Computer Awards was done in Karjan by Navrachna University.

COSMO GYAN VIHAR KENDRA:

A program to strengthen reading, writing, arithmetic skills across Karjan and Aurangabad was conducted for 1600 students as midterm assessment. During this quarter, program is expanded in two villages viz. Sadarna and Kandari in Karjan. Apart from this Govt of Gujarat had announced Mission Vidya project for two months with an objective to upgrade reading, writing skills of under performers. Balmitras helped schools to execute this program beyond their classes in four schools and it was duly acknowledged and appreciated by education department.

LITERACY TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Looking at the success of the Cosmo Gyan Vihar centers, the principal of Kanam Vidya Mandir, village: Choranda, requested to help to upgrade literacy skill of 9th class students. Balmitra with the support of school principal conducted Basic literacy classes for 50 students for two months. 25 students acquired fluent skills and rest 25 has improved and still continuing.

BASIC ENGLISH PROGRAM:

Apart from our regular english program in six primary schools for students of class 4th to 8th, now in two additional villages BEP program started in evening with students who have acquired reading, writing skills in Gujarati and now enrolled for English classes. 80 students are enrolled. We have also started recording of the English teaching sessions for the students and Teachers, 70% of recording is done with Mr. Pravin Chouhan, Senior English Faculty of CF.



UNDER GROUND WATER TANK FACILITY FOR RURAL SCHOOLS:

There has always been a water crisis in Aurangabad. For the last two years Cosmo Foundation has been constructing the underground water tank in schools. This enable the schools to manage the daily needs like drinking water for students, water for mid-day meal kitchen and toilets. This year CF has organized construction of water tanks in three schools and had an inauguration at Z.P Primary School Village: Asegaon, Block: Gangapur, Aurangabad.



PRESENTATION AT CSR SUMMIT 2018:

Cosmo Foundation participated in the Gujarat CSR Summit 2018, which had a gathering of 600+ like minded professionals in practical solutions for reaching the marginalized sections of the society through CSR. Ms. Mamta Baxi, program coordinator of Cosmo Foundation delivered a presentation on "Educating Rural Children, Empowering Rural Communities", which covered philanthropic vision of Cosmo Films, its initiatives and outcomes.



TRAINING OF RURAL GIRLS ON MENSTRUAL HYGIENE:



With support of CII- Young Indians organized a much needed program on "Menstrual Health- Hygiene- Nutrition" with 9th to 12th class girls at Pujya Shree Jashuba Swami Vidya Mandir-Village Methi,Karjan. 80 girls, 5 cosmo teacher and 3 interns participated in this training. Dr. Sushmaben Dalal, Sr. Gynecologist, Vadodara addressed issues with all patience and passion. Cosmo Foundation Balmitras very actively participated and they took lead to take this issue forward. Later on follow up meeting was done with mothers. Couple of girls went for clinical

examination and started treatment, many of them made modifications in their diet and started demanding right food.

MEDICAL SUPPORT TO NEEDY STUDENT:

Sakshi Dhokane is a student of class 4th from Z.P school, village; Kumbhelpal, neighboring village from CFL, Shendra,Aurangabad. Her family belongs to the category of below poverty line. Sakshi got eye infection and Consequently she slowly lost her vision in both eyes. She needed help for her eye operation and Education Board brought this to Cosmo Foundation.

As CF primarily focuses on education, Mr. Murli Rao, Sr.Manager, Cosmo Films initiated a drive for individual donation for her treatment. He started with a contribution and this was further supported by Mr. Sanjay Chincholikar,VP, CFL, from Cosmo Films Employees Credit Cooperative Society, Mr. Prashant Joshi, Alok Kulkarni, Shreyashri Mukharji from CFL Aurangabad and Arun Mhaske from CF Aurangabad. In Last week of November, she was operated at Dr. L.V Prasad Eye Institution, Hyderabad by. Dr. Parasad. Gradually now she is improving her eye vision and she can see the world. How grateful and happy is her family!



CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS & NATIONAL DAYS:

Cosmo Foundation in partnership with government schools celebrated festivals and national days with a view to promote respect across diverse faiths and culture, inculcate values and strengthen national spirits. We

celebrated Diwali and Christmas across location with students as well as with Cosmo teams with songs, dance, rangoli, sweets, cakes and greetings.

We celebrated Children's day and Mathematics day at Karjan and Aurangabad. Awareness programs on Child right and Child labor were conducted. Similarly on Mathematics day we talked about work of renowned mathematicians and also did joyful games and puzzles on Maths.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF COSMO TEACHERS:

A. Workshop on "Good Touch - Bad Touch"

Government has initiated a drive with Police department and local civil society groups to build awareness on The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. In this context training program launched on "Good Touch - Bad Touch". Young Indians, Vadodara conducted training of Cosmo Foundation Teachers-Karjan.



B. English Communication Training to Balmitras

With growing demands from local schools and community for English learning, it is inevitable to train more facilitators to teach English communication. In this regard series of trainings conducted for the 12 Balmitras of Cosmo Foundation, Karjan by Mr. Pravin Chauhan, Senior English Faculty with the support of interns from Masters in Extension & Communication, M.S.University, Vadodara.



C. Training of Balmitra on Arithmetics

We had one day training program on various methodologies of arithmetics with Balmitras at Aurangabad. They got to know different kind of teaching methods, tools, games and basics. 11 balmitras participated in the training program and the resource person was Mr.Vinod Bansode, District Coordinator, Pratham.

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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