



Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



Transforming lives of communities through
Education, Environment and Empowerment initiatives

OVERVIEW

The month of March marked the end of the fiscal year with a strong focus on assessment, empowerment, and awareness. Across Gujarat and Maharashtra, around **11,536 students** participated in Post-Test Assessments under the Computer Operation and Digital Skill Building Program, Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendras, and Basic English Learning Programs successfully conducted both written and oral assessment.



On International Women's Day (8th March), the Cosmo Foundation team took the lead to donate for one of the female students who had a very critical accident and supported towards her medical treatment. We had an annual meeting of the board of trustees Cosmo Foundation and CSR committee-Cosmo First, on 27th March. They reviewed major key achievements and the progress of Cosmo Foundation across the locations. The Committee has emphasized the major focus on learning outcomes and its outreach



Cosmo Foundation's initiatives actively support the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, aiming to inspire the next generation to embrace cleanliness as a way of life and promote a healthier, cleaner environment. As part of this effort, we provide every year cleaning materials for the maintenance of toilets and other good-housekeeping activities every year. Throughout the month, the Foundation also observed Holi, World Sparrow Day, World Water Day, World TB Day, and organized an Iftar Celebration, weaving cultural unity as social responsibility. Cosmo Foundation's activities during March were primarily centred on delivering quality education, empowering lives, and fostering holistic community development.





RECOGNITION

Leading with Purpose: Yamini Jaipuria's Visionary Leadership



Open Avenue featured Yamini Jaipuria, Whole-time Director of Cosmo First & Managing Trustee of Cosmo Foundation, who was applauded for her visionary leadership. She was instrumental in creating an impact on rural education, animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and women's empowerment. This diverse participation reflects her unwavering dedication to driving meaningful change.

CSR NETWORKING

Cosmo Foundation actively engages in CSR networking to create sustainable solutions that empower education and community development. Through collaboration with CSR leaders and policymakers, we drive meaningful change for a brighter future. Key Highlights of Our Networking & Partnerships:

- Antyodaya CSR Summit – Engaged with 70+ leaders, NGOs, and policymakers, moderated by Dr. Hemang Joshi, MP, to discuss strategies for inclusive growth.
- Meetings with District Development Officers (DDOs) in Vadodara & Aurangabad – Exploring ways to expand Cosmo English Tutor and create impactful educational interventions.
- VM Connect by Vadodara International Marathon – Connecting with changemakers to promote social responsibility and community-driven initiatives.
- Unified Growth Foundation & Times of India – Strengthening partnerships to amplify the reach of social impact projects.
- NGO Fair at MSU, Vadodara – Showcasing our initiatives, learning from fellow organizations, and fostering synergies for greater change.



EDUCATION

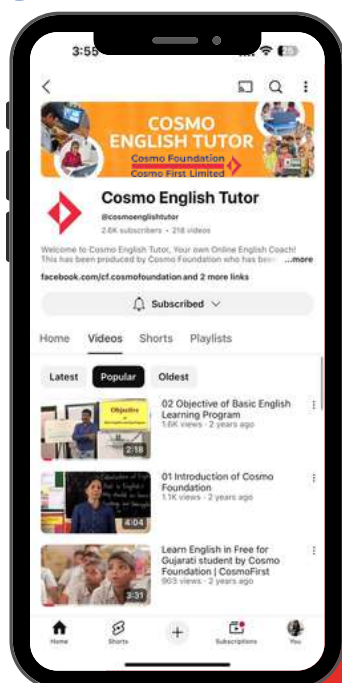
Bridging Gaps: Assessing Rural Students Growth and Skills

Cosmo Foundation empowers rural students through quality education and regular assessments, bridging the gap with their urban peers. We recently conducted an assessment to enhance learning outcomes in the Digital Skill Building and English Learning Programs. Total **9,366 students** from various locations appeared for the post-test assessment. The evaluation focused on practical and theoretical knowledge, conceptual understanding, and confidence-building. A unique feature of our assessment is its integration of both practical and theoretical components. More than 70% of students excelled in computer skills and English fluency. Principals from different schools praised the assessment, highlighting its significant and positive impact on students' learning journeys.

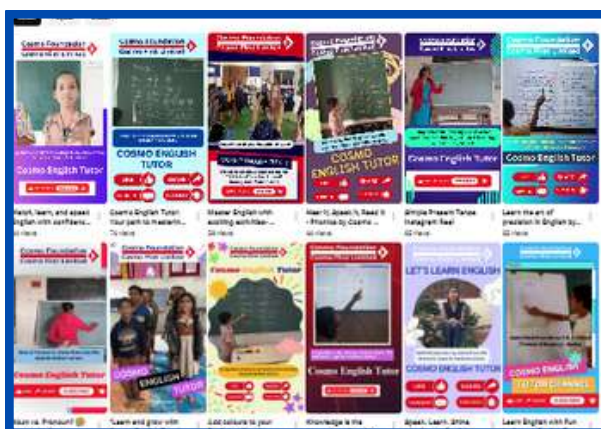
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Cosmo English Tutor: a Virtual Platform



Cosmo English Tutor, a YouTube channel, is transforming rural education by making English learning accessible for all. Under the guidance of Cosmo teachers, students have showcased their confidence in pronunciation and fluency through short, creative reels. With over 30 reels uploaded last month, this initiative celebrates the hidden talent of rural learners. It empowers students to express themselves with clarity, confidence, and creativity.



From Hesitation to Confidence Story of Ankita Kadubal

Ankita Kadubal Patekar, a 5th-grade student of Z.P. High School Turkabad, once struggled with speaking and writing, often sitting quietly at the back of the class due to a lack of confidence. However, with continuous encouragement and support from her Cosmo Teacher, Ankita's curiosity was ignited, and she gradually began to improve. She learned to write the English alphabet, vowels, consonants, articles, and self-introductions. She acquired the ability to write neatly in a four-line notebook. As her skills grew, she began actively participating in classroom activities. Today, Ankita is an active student, proudly contributing to lessons. Her parents are happy with her progress. Her journey is a testament to the power of motivation and the right guidance in unlocking a child's potential by Cosmo teacher.



Kanchana Vilas Borade
Turkabad, CHS

From Hesitation to Confidence Story of Kanchana Vilas Borade

Orphaned and withdrawn, Kanchana Vilas Borade once struggled to read, write, or active in class. Her low self-esteem and academic gaps made her passive. Everything changed when she joined the free CGVK class by the Cosmo Foundation. With one guidance from her Balmitra, Kanchana began learning step by step—from the alphabet to solving math problems. Today, she reads confidently, writes neatly, and attends school with pride. The Cosmo Foundation has turned her silent struggle into a story of strength and transformation.



EMPOWERMENT

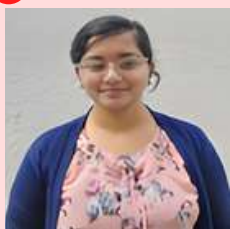


Celebrating Women's Strength and Resilience

Women's empowerment has been a key focus area for Cosmo Foundation over the past two years. This month, we centered our efforts on women's rights and celebrating the journeys of successful women. As part of this initiative, we also came together to support Bhavya Vankar, a female student from Village: Kothav, Karjan, who unfortunately met with an accident while returning from school in Gujarat. In response, we mobilized funds from the community to ensure she received the necessary treatment. This act of solidarity reflects our commitment to empowering women and supporting them through challenges.



Bhavya Vankar
Village: Kothav, Karjan



Anushka Vaidya from
Aurangabad

Driving Towards Independence: A Story of Anushka

I'm Anushka Vaidya from Aurangabad, a proud participant of the 2-month Women Empowerment Skilling Program by ISIEINDIA, supported by Cosmo Foundation and JMA Marketing Ltd. Through hands-on training in EV assembly and auto electricals, I even retrofitted a petrol bike into an electric one! Alongside, soft skills sessions boosted my confidence and communication. After clearing a virtual interview with Skoda Volkswagen, I'm now successfully employed. This program has empowered me financially and laid a strong foundation for my future. I'm truly grateful for this life-changing opportunity!



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Sunita Chandravanshi

Lighting the Path of Independence a story from Tribal District Chindwara

I'm Sunita Chandravanshi, and with the support of Cosmo Foundation, I mastered the skill of Agarbatti-making, which has truly transformed my life. Today, **I confidently produce 25 kgs of Agarbatti sticks daily, earning a profit of ₹175 per day in just a few hours.** This opportunity has empowered me with **financial independence, self-worth**, and the ability to build a **sustainable livelihood**. I'm proud to stand on my own feet and inspire others to do the same.



ENVIRONMENT



Nurturing Nature: for a Greener Planet

On International Day of Forests, Cosmo Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to sustainability through a **massive Tree Plantation Drive, planting 1,11,000+ saplings across 169.5 acres nationwide.** In collaboration with Prayas Youth Foundation, key projects like Biodiversity Hubs and Miyawaki Forests were developed in Delhi, Gurugram, and Chh. Sambhaji Nagar. This green initiative is **set to generate 61 tons of oxygen and reduce 1,167 tons of carbon annually.** Together, we're nurturing forests today for a greener, healthier tomorrow!

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Tackling Waste Together: Plastic waste Collection and Washing Ghat Cleanliness

Cosmo Foundation, in partnership with Z.P. Urdu School Kagzipura, is driving change through weekly Single-Use Plastic waste Collection and Washing Ghat Cleanliness Drives. With four impactful drives and a key meeting with the Swacchta Samiti, the school is now totally plastic-free. Students, empowered by Cosmo teachers, are leading the mission for a cleaner, greener tomorrow. Their dedication is sparking village-wide awareness and inspiring households to embrace cleanliness. Together, we're cultivating responsibility towards environmental transformation.



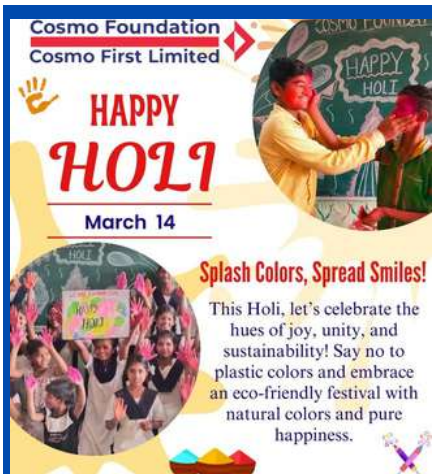
Empowering Farmers for a Sustainable Future

Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with Prayas Youth Foundation, is empowering farmers in Gangapur Block through its Agroforestry Project. By supporting 49 farmers with fruit plantations like guava, custard apple, and sweet lemon, we're promoting sustainable agriculture. In just two seasons, 7 farmers earned ₹7.36 lakhs, proving the power of green livelihoods. This initiative is not just boosting income—it's transforming social status to live the life with the dignity.

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EVENTS



Holi – A Celebration of Colours, Joy & Unity

This Holi, Cosmo Foundation celebrates the spirit of unity, spreading the colours of education, empowerment, and sustainability. Let's paint the world with kindness, knowledge, and hope—where every life shines in its truest shade.



World Sparrow Day

On World Sparrow Day, Cosmo Foundation engaged 1,500+ children across 30 centers in a hands-on bird conservation drive. Through nest-making and eco-friendly activities, they learned the importance of protecting endangered birds like sparrows.



Knowledge is the Cure: TB Awareness Drive

On World TB Day, Cosmo Foundation ignited awareness across villages with rallies, video screenings, and interactive sessions on TB prevention and treatment. Students led the way, chanting "TB Harega, Desh Jitega!", inspiring community action. ASHA workers and health experts shared vital insights on early detection, empowering rural youth to fight against TB.



World Water Day

On World Water Day, Cosmo Foundation engaged 1,472 children across 31 centers in hands-on activities to promote water conservation. From glacier preservation to groundwater protection, students learned the value of every drop.



Protecting the Wild

On World Wildlife Day, rural students from Z.P. schools experienced the gripping documentary Fighting to Survive: Wild Nature, deepening their understanding of conservation. This immersive journey inspired a sense of responsibility to protect our planet.



Forests for the Future Needs

On Forest Day, Cosmo Foundation exposed its children in nature, fostering awareness about forests and tree conservation. Amid lush greenery, they watered trees, created impactful posters, explored the environment, and gathered tamarind and berries—cultivating a lifelong connection with nature.



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Iftar Together: Celebrating Unity and Compassion During Ramadan

Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with Z.P. Primary Urdu School, Kagzipura, Primary School, Kanbha, Madarsa, Choranda, celebrated the spirit of unity and culture by hosting Iftar at rural schools in Gujarat and Maharashtra, bringing together 330+ students and teachers. Principal Asma Baig highlighted the values of Ramzan—compassion, self-discipline, and generosity. Thoughtfully prepared Iftar packs and heartfelt moments made this celebration truly special!



World Consumer Rights Day

On Consumer Rights Day, Cosmo Foundation empowered 1,450 students across 30 centers with practical knowledge on smart purchasing. Through video screenings and shop visits, children learned to read labels, check expiry dates, and understand their rights as consumers. This initiative leads the buyer to be conscious in their day-to-day pattern of consumption.



Promoting Safety Awareness through Creativity

On National Safety Day, Cosmo First and Cosmo Foundation organized a drawing competition on Safety and Well-being: Crucial for Vikshit Bharat. Rural school students showcased their creativity through impactful posters promoting safety awareness, inspiring a culture of vigilance and care.

GLIMPSES

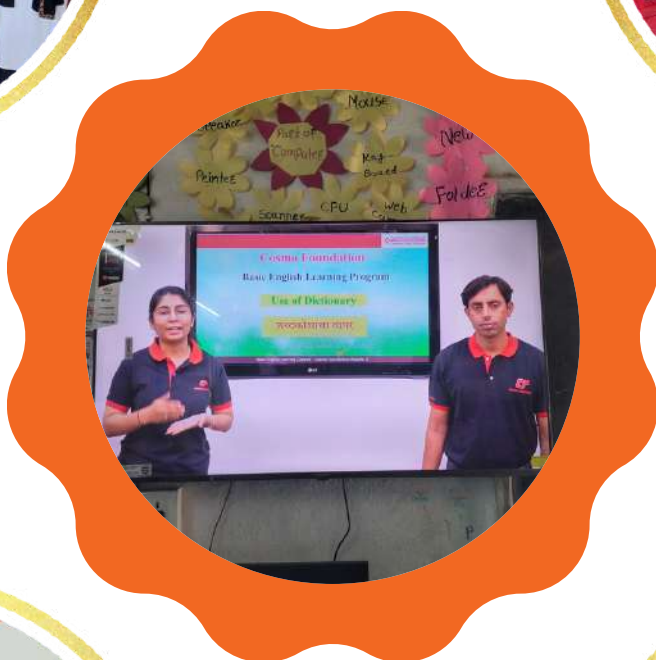


GET INVOLVED

Date/Event	Program Plan-Karjan	Program Plan – Chh. Sambhajinagar
1 st April 2025 Summer Vacation Batch	Digital Skill Building Certificate Course for youth Time: 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Venue: Vemar, Koliyad, Kandari, Handod, Choranda, Dethan, Karjan	Digital Skill Building Certificate Course for youth Time: 8.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Venue: Jikthan, Puri, Dhoregaon, Waluj, Asegaon, Gajgaon, Ranjangaon Pol
	English Fluency Development Course for youth Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Venue: Dethan, Koliyad, Kandari, Handod, Choranda, Vemar, Karjan	English Fluency Development Course for youth Time: 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Venue: Turkabd, Jikthan, Ranjangaon Pol, Kagzipura.
5 th April to 10 th April 2025 Annual Academic Assessment	Annual Academic Assessment of Foundational Literacy students. Time: 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Venue: All CGVK Centres	Annual Academic Assessment of Foundational Literacy students. Time: 8.00 am to 2.00 pm Venue: All CGVK Centres
7 th April 2025 World Health Day	Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures. Health Check Up & Camp in collaboration with District AYUSH department. Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Venue: Jalaramnagar, Karjan	Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures. Health Check Up Camp Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Venue: Z P School, Puri
11 th April 2025 Pet Care Day	Pets my Best Friend Video making and sharing on Digi pathshala	Pets my Best Friend Video making and sharing on Digi pathshaala
April 18, 2025 World Heritage Day	Video Screening of the heritage site of Gujarat. Video making and sharing on Digi pathshaala Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Video Screening of the heritage site of Maharashtra Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Venue: Z P School Kagzipura
19 April 2025 Best Performance Award Assessment	Best Performance Award Assessment Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm Venue: Karjan, Kandari, Sambhoi, Handod, Kurali, Vemar, Choranda, Methi, Dethan, Koliyad	Best Performance Award Assessment Time: 10.00 am to 12.00 pm Venue: Gajgaon, Ranjnagoan, Puri, Waluj, Jikthna, Limbe Jagaon, Ambelohal, kagzipura, Asegaon
22 nd April 2025 World Earth Day	Eco-friendly practices and sustainability in the workplace – Wall Painting and Pledge on “Our Power, Our Planet” Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Venue: Primary School, Juna Bazar, Karjan	Employee Engagement Activity at Biodiversity Hub Venue: Biodiversity Hub, Tisgaon Phata. Time: 8:30 am to 9:30 am
23 nd April 2025 English Language Day	Vocabulary Quiz on Phonics with Summer batch Students Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.20 p.m. Venue: Dethan, Koliyad, Kandari, Handod, Choranda, Vemar, Karjan	Vocabulary Quiz on Phonics with Summer batch Students Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.20 p.m. Venue: Turkabad & Ranjangaon Pol
25 th April 2025 National Panchayat Day	Exposure visit of Local Village Panchayat Office and Sarpanch Talk with Students. All Cosmo Centre Karjan Block.	Exposure visit of Local Village Panchayat Office and Sarpanch Talk with Students. All Cosmo Centre Gangapur Block
25 th April 2025 World Malaria Day	Health Check up and Awareness Camps in Govt PHC. Time: 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Venue: Koliyad	Innovate to Eradicate – Malaria Awareness & Action Workshop Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am Venue: Z P School Jikthan, Kagzipura



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