

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Transforming lives of communities
through Education, Environment
and Empowerment initiatives

Overview

February 2026 proved to be a landmark month for Cosmo Foundation, characterized by prestigious national recognition and a deepening of our commitment to social transformation. We are immensely proud to announce that the Foundation was **honored with the Global CSR Excellence and Leadership Award 2026**. Complementing this achievement, our **Managing Trustee was recognized as a "Future Forward Leader" by Fortune India**, a distinction that celebrates a visionary approach to impactful community development and serves as an inspiration for our entire organization to continue cross the boundaries of social change.

At the grassroots level, our dedication to digital inclusion was showcased through the grand celebration of the **1st Cosmo Computer Award in the Gangapur block of Maharashtra**. This initiative, alongside vibrant **Cyber Security awareness sessions** and rigorous academic assessments, has significantly strengthened digital literacy and improved learning outcomes across our target communities.

Furthermore, we emphasized the vital role of education and identity by celebrating **International Mother Language Day**, where students and teachers explored the importance of the mother tongue in fostering personal confidence. To further bridge the gap between education and employment, focused English learning sessions were conducted for ITI students, equipping them with the essential communication skills required for the modern workforce

The month also saw a significant push toward women's empowerment and environmental sustainability. Through the **Business Wellness Program** at Karjan and specialized **Nail Paint Workshops**, we created tangible opportunities for skill development and economic self-reliance among women.

Simultaneously, our environmental stewardship was highlighted by a successful **single-use plastic waste collection drive** led by school students, alongside ongoing agroforestry initiatives that continue to revitalize the livelihoods of local farmers. Supported by the active participation of our employees, these diverse efforts reflect Cosmo Foundation's holistic philosophy of blending education, digital power, and sustainable development to build resilient communities and empower lives one individual at a time.



Award and Recognition

Global CSR Excellence and Leadership Award 2026

We are proud to announce that Cosmo Foundation, the CSR arm of Cosmo First Limited, has been honored with the “**Global CSR Excellence & Leadership Award 2026**” at the 15th Edition of World CSR Day in Mumbai, certified by the World Federation of CSR Professionals under the category “**Outstanding Contribution to Social Consciousness.**” This prestigious recognition reaffirms our unwavering mission to uplift rural and marginalized communities through sustainable interventions in Education, Environment, and Empowerment. We dedicate this milestone to our committed on-ground teams, visionary leadership, and the inspiring communities we serve as we continue building a more equitable and socially conscious society.



Honoring Future Forward Leader by Fortune India

A proud moment for all of us at **Cosmo First Limited, Cosmo Foundation, and Zigly Foundation** as Ms. **Yamini Kumar Jaipuria**, Managing Trustee, Cosmo Foundation and Whole-time Director (Corporate Strategy, ESG & CSR), Cosmo First Limited, has been recognized as a “**Future Forward Leader**” by Fortune India. Her empathy-driven, purpose-led leadership continues to create meaningful impact across social development, sustainability, and animal welfare—powerfully demonstrating how visionary leadership can shape a better tomorrow.



Celebrating the Cosmo Computer Award - Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar

For the first time, the **Cosmo Computer Award** was held in the **Gangapur Block of Chh. Sambhajinagar** district, marking a significant milestone in Cosmo Foundation's mission to bridge the digital divide. Inspired by the visionary leadership of the Chairman of Cosmo First Limited, the event brought together **over 500 students, teachers, and community members** to celebrate rural excellence through impactful **skits on Cyber Security and the "Das Sutri" initiative**.

Cosmo Foundation educators exhibited specialized Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) developed for our Computer Literacy, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), and English Fluency Development programs. Complementing these, the talented students of Z P School, Asegaon exhibited an impressive array of science projects and art and craft work, showcasing the holistic development fostered by Cosmo Foundation and School's efforts.

Ceremony was graced by eminent **dignitaries from the education department, social and development organization, academia and Cosmo First Limited**, the celebration highlighted the interventions of foundation's Digital Literacy Program, **currently benefiting 3,800 students across 11 schools**. **Participants** who underwent a rigorous **three-stage assessment**—Online Written, Practical, and Interview—**five winners were awarded laptops, trophies, and Certificates of Excellence, while five runner-ups received consolation prizes** to encourage their continued learning journey, This function marking yet another milestone in bridging the digital divide and nurturing confident digital citizens.



Celebrating the Cosmo Computer Award - Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

Top 5 winners were honoured with laptop, trophy, and Certificate of Excellence



Dnyaneshwari K. Kurhade*



Samrudhi S. Kshirsagar



Chetan M. Dolas



Pallavi K. Landge



Kalyani S. Jethé

5 runner-up students were awarded consolation prize



[▶ Inspirational Address by Dr. Sojwal Jain, Program Officer, Zilla Parishad, Chh. Sambhajnagar](#)

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*As the first awardee was unable to attend due to examinations, the award was received by her sister on her behalf

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A student-led awareness under Maharashtra's Dashsutri program and street play on safe digital practices, responsible internet use, and cyber safety.



Exhibition of Teacher-Developed TLM and Student Projects on Computer Literacy, FLN, Basic English, Science, Art, and Craft



When Achievement Reaches Home: A Cosmo Computer Award Story

A Cosmo Computer Award winner proudly shared his newly awarded laptop with his family, turning the moment into a celebration of learning and opportunity. Surrounded by loved ones, the student demonstrated how digital tools are shaping his educational journey. This proud family moment reflects the transformative impact of Cosmo Foundation's commitment to empowering rural students through technology.



Education

Celebrating the Power of Mother Language in Early Learning

On **International Mother Language Day**, Cosmo Foundation reaffirmed its belief that a child's first language is the cornerstone of learning, identity, and self-expression. Aligned with the vision of the **National Education Policy 2020** and **Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE)**, we champion mother tongue-based learning to enhance comprehension, cognitive development, and active classroom engagement. Across our foundational literacy centers, children learn comfortably in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi, Urdu, and English—ensuring education remains inclusive, meaningful, and deeply rooted in culture and context.



Strengthening Cyber Awareness and Safe Internet Practices at the Grassroots

Strengthening digital responsibility at the grassroots, Cosmo Foundation, in partnership with **Nath School of Business & Technology (NSBT)**, conducted a **Training of Trainers (ToT)** program to **equip teachers** with knowledge on **Cyber Security and Mobile & Internet Safety**. Following the training, these **teachers led awareness sessions** across **11 schools** in Gangapur Block, Chh. Sambhajinagar, and Karjan, Gujarat, reaching **over 1200 students**. Through interactive discussions and demonstrations, students gained practical insights into cybersecurity basics, online frauds and scams, social media privacy, two-step verification, data protection, relevant cyber laws, and safe mobile practices to navigate today's fast-evolving digital landscape responsibly.

This cascading model of teacher-led sessions has not only strengthened digital literacy among students but also sparked a wider movement toward cyber awareness within school communities. Schools have also expressed interest in extending such sessions to parents and educators, fostering a more alert, informed, and cyber-safe society.



“ The Cosmo Foundation team conducted a highly relevant and well-structured session on Mobile and Internet Safety, helping our students understand the importance of using digital devices responsibly while staying safe online. The session was informative, practical, and engaging, providing students with valuable insights and awareness to navigate the digital world securely and confidently. We sincerely appreciate this meaningful initiative and look forward to organizing similar sessions for parents and teachers in the future to strengthen a more cyber-aware community. ”



Vikramsinh Gohil
Principal, Shriji Krupa Sarvajanik High School, Village Koliyad, Karjan

Preparing ITI Students for Industry Through Structured English Fluency Training

Cosmo Foundation, in partnership with **Industrial Training Institute – Karjan & Gotri**, conducted an intensive **English Fluency Program** to support students in preparing for the 12th standard English subject examination. Our in-house teachers delivered **32 hours** of structured training over **16 days**, focusing on building confidence and strengthening fundamental English language skills. Around **250 students** who completed their 10th standard and enrolled in trades such as Fitter, Welder, and Electrician participated in the program. By passing this examination, students become eligible to pursue graduation and other higher education opportunities, while also improving their English communication skills for future career pathways.



Strengthening Partnerships with Educational Administration



Reinforcing its commitment to enhancing quality education, Cosmo Foundation's CSR Head, **Mamta Baxi**, and Senior English Faculty & Associate Program Coordinator, **Pravin Chauhan**, held a fruitful meeting with **Mr. Ankit, CEO, Z. P. Chh. Sambhajinagar**, to discuss collaborative efforts in strengthening rural education. The discussion highlighted how Cosmo Foundation is consistently working at the grassroots level across Gujarat and Maharashtra to improve learning outcomes through innovative English and digital education initiatives. The meeting marked a significant step toward deeper institutional collaboration aimed at creating sustainable and measurable impact in the lives of rural students.

Case Story: A Journey from Hesitation to Confidence

“ At Cosmo Foundation's Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra, Gayatri Sunil Kurhade, a Class 7 student from Loknete Sahebrao Patil Dongavkar School, once struggled with unclear and uneven handwriting that affected her confidence. Through daily practice, patient guidance, and constant encouragement in the slow learner support class, she gradually improved her posture, focus, and letter formation—starting with simple lines and shapes and moving toward structured writing.

Within weeks, her handwriting transformed into neat, straight, and readable script, and today Gayatri proudly showcases her notebook with a smile—proving that with love, patience, and consistent effort, every child can progress; her parents have expressed heartfelt gratitude to Cosmo Foundation and the Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra team for this meaningful change. ”

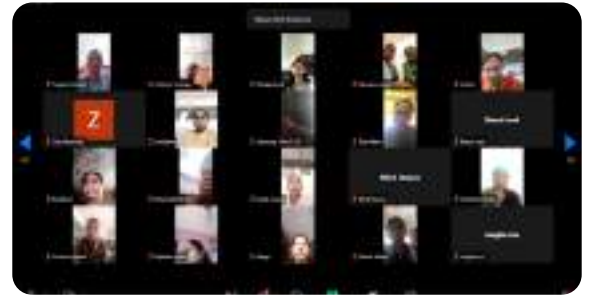


Gayatri Sunil Kurhade
Student Class 7, Loknete Sahebrao Patil Dongavkar School

Empowerment

From Home-Based Work to Thriving Enterprises

In continuation of the **Business Wellness Program**, Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with **Kaarigar Clinic**, conducted 2 online sessions for women entrepreneurs from Karjan Taluka. Mentors Dr. Nilesh and Ms. Noopur introduced key business concepts, guiding participants on identifying the right customer segments, effective marketing approaches, and maintaining discipline and strong ethics in business operations. With continuous handholding by the team of Kaarigar Clinic, the women have started developing their own logos, flyers, and product advertising materials, while also gaining clarity about their business vision and goals. The ongoing support is helping them gradually strengthen their entrepreneurial journey and move toward sustainable livelihoods.



Enhancing Livelihood Skills Through Creative Nail Art Workshop

Promoting skill-based empowerment as a best practice in livelihood development, Cosmo Foundation organized a **6-day (15-hour) Nail Art Workshop** for **over 100 B.A. and B.Com students of Shrimati H.C. Patel Arts and Commerce College, Karjan..** Certified trainers **Damini Bhatt** and **Bhavana Limbachiya** from Krishna Nail Art delivered hands-on, industry-relevant training, equipping young women with practical skills aligned to emerging market opportunities. The enthusiastic response from students and the active participation of **three women employees from Cosmo First Limited, Karjan,** were observed.



Empowered by Skills, Elevated by Opportunity

“ Preeti Shinde, who comes from a humble agricultural family where her father is a farmer and her mother is a homemaker, aspired to build a stable career and support her family during her ITI studies. To strengthen her technical capabilities, she enrolled in the Auto Electrical and EV Assembly Technician program of ISIE-India, supported by Cosmo Foundation and JMA Motors, where industry-relevant knowledge and practical exposure were provided.

Through intensive hands-on training in electric vehicles and real-time workshop practices, her technical skills were strengthened and the confidence to handle professional responsibilities independently was developed. As a result of this training and dedication, she has been placed as a Quality Engineer Trainee at Tata Gotion, Pune, earning ₹17,500 per month—marking a proud milestone for her family and a promising beginning to her professional journey. ”



Preeti Shinde,
Former EV Technician Beneficiary & Quality Engineer Trainee, TATA Gotion, Pune

From Saplings to Self-Reliance: Transforming Livelihoods Through Mango Cultivation

From tiny saplings to a blossoming mango revolution, Cosmo Foundation is empowering Patel Niteshkumar Kantilal and 66 **fellow farmers in Karjan**, Vadodara, with **40,000** high-quality grafted mango saplings and scientific training to build environmentally sustainable and economically resilient livelihoods. Despite heavy rains impacting other crops, these mango plantations are thriving—demonstrating the power of technical guidance, climate-smart practices, and collective determination. This initiative is not just about cultivation, but about nurturing self-reliance and transforming farmers into truly “Atmanirbhar” champions of rural prosperity.



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Young Eco-Warriors in Action

In a meaningful step toward environmental stewardship, Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with **Z. P. Urdu Primary School, Kagzipura**, organized a **Plastic Waste Collection Drive** to cultivate responsibility among young learners. With active student participation, approximately 5 kilograms of plastic waste are being collected every month, reflecting their growing awareness and commitment to maintaining a clean and healthy campus. Beyond improving the school environment, this ongoing initiative is fostering a culture of sustainability and collective action—while also inspiring villagers to join the movement toward a cleaner, greener community.



Cosmo Foundation Powers Rural Schools with Clean Solar Energy

Cosmo Foundation has installed **solar power systems** in **four schools** across Karjan block - Shree C & Z.J. Patel (Tralsa) Vidhyalay, village: Bodka; Shree Kanam Vidhyamandir, village: Choranda; Smt. N. R. Patel Sarvajanic Vidhyalay, village: Hanadod; and Shreejkrupa Sarvajanic Vidhyalay, village: Koliyad. With a **total capacity of 19 KV**, the initiative ensures reliable electricity for computer labs, digital classrooms, and water pumps, benefiting **over 900 students annually**. By reducing electricity costs and promoting clean energy, schools can redirect savings toward strengthening educational resources. Widely appreciated by school leaders and communities, the initiative also encourages environmental awareness among students while creating greener and more sustainable learning environments.



Employee Engagement

Employees of Cosmo First Inspire Young Students at Cosmo Computer Award

The Cosmo Computer Award was organized by Cosmo Foundation at Z. P. School, Asegaon, Chh. Sambhajinagar, celebrating digital excellence among rural students. The event was graced by the active participation of **Mr. Sanjay Chincholkar, Sr. VP**, and **Mr. Ganesh Girdhari, Plant Head of Cosmo First Limited**, whose presence inspired students to aim higher in their digital learning journey. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Yogesh Khadkikar for his dedicated efforts in inviting esteemed guests and contributing to the grand success of the program.



“ Education is a fundamental pillar for individual growth and social progress, and it is essential that every individual understands its true value and purpose. Schooling plays a transformative role in shaping young minds, and through inspiring stories and learning experiences, students gain a deeper understanding of how education can guide their aspirations and help them build a brighter future. Cosmo Foundation remains committed to strengthening quality education in rural communities through impactful initiatives that empower students, enhance learning opportunities, and nurture their overall development. ”



Sanjay Chincholkar
Sr. VP, Cosmo First Ltd

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Employees Supporting Emerging Talent

Demonstrating meaningful employee engagement in action, Cosmo First Limited actively participated in the 6-day **Nail Art Workshop** organized for students of Shrimati H.C. Patel Arts and Commerce College, Karjan by Cosmo Foundation. **Three women employees, Bhakti Patel, Shreya Mishra, and N. Sanjukta Behera from Cosmo First, Karjan** engaged with the students, sharing valuable insights on balancing personal and professional life while inspiring them to pursue their ambitions with confidence. Their presence not only strengthened the spirit of mentorship and corporate-community connect but also reinforced the organization's commitment to women's empowerment beyond the workplace.



Networking and Partnership

The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Cosmo Foundation participated in the **NGO Fair** organized by the **Faculty of Social Work at The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara**. The event provides a platform for NGOs and CSR organizations from across Gujarat to interact, share experiences, and explore collaboration opportunities. Representing Cosmo Foundation, Mr. Pravin Chenva and Ms. Ankita Patel showcased key initiatives in education, environmental sustainability, and women empowerment.

The Foundation highlighted its programs including computer education, English learning modules, reading–writing–numeracy initiatives, and the Beautiful Creation project. Visitors showed keen interest in the English Module and women empowerment initiatives. The fair enabled Cosmo Foundation to exchange ideas with other organizations and build new professional connections for potential future collaborations.



District Education Office, Vadodara

Mr. Pravin Chauhan and Mr. Pravin Chenva from Cosmo Foundation visited the Office of the **District Education Officer, District Panchayat, Vadodara**, to **strengthen institutional collaboration** and explore opportunities to expand English education in government schools. An introductory discussion was held with the **District Education Officer** and **Deputy District Education Officer** where Cosmo Foundation's education initiatives and the Cosmo English Tutor platform were presented. Demo videos were also showcased, highlighting simple English learning through the mother tongue. Officials appreciated the initiative and suggested teacher training, pilot implementation, and wider digital outreach.



District AYUSH Society, Vadodara

Cosmo Foundation continues its engagement with public institutions through representation in the District AYUSH Society, Vadodara. Mr. Chandrkant Panchal attended the **Governing Board meeting** as a **board member** on behalf of Cosmo Foundation, where discussions were held on reviewing activities of FY 2025–26 and planning future initiatives for FY 2026–27 to strengthen AYUSH-based healthcare awareness and outreach.



Get Involved

Date / Event	Program Plan Karjan	Program Plan Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
4 th March 2026 Holi / National Grammar Day	Holi Celebration Time: 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Venue: Across GCVK Centers	Teachers' Talk on the Importance of Grammar in Communication Time: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Venue: Across GCVK Centers
5 th March 2026	Initiation of Annual Assessment for Digital Literacy and English Fluency Development Time: 12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Venue: Across CLP & BEP Centers	
9 th March 2026 National Safety Week	Awareness session on Fire and Road Safety Time: 12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Venue: ITI, Seva Sadan, Karjan	Screening of National Safety Awareness Video Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Venue: Shri Ganesh Vidyalaya, Village: Gajgaon
7 th March 2026 International Women's Day	Women's Day Celebration with Community based Teachers Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Venue: Cosmo First Limited, Karjan	Women's Day Celebration with Kagzipura women Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Venue: Z P Urdu School, Village: Kagzipura
15 th March 2026 World Consumer Rights Day	Consumer Awareness Video Screening on World Consumer Rights Day Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Venue: Z J Patel Nutan High School, Village: Kurali	Consumer Awareness Video Screening on World Consumer Rights Day Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Venue: LSPD Vidyalaya, Village: Ranjangaon
20 March 2026 World Sparrow Day	Nest-Making Workshop Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Venue: Pujya Shree Jasuba Swami Vidyamandir, Village: Methi	Nest-Making Workshop Time: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Venue: Z P School, Village :Limbe Jalgaon
22 March 2026 World Water Day	Save Water Awareness: Drawing Competition for Students Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Venue: Primary School, Village: Khandha	Har Ghar Swachh Jal Campaign: Inauguration of Water ATM Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Venue: Village: Kagzipura

Employees of Cosmo First are invited to participate and contribute to the above-mentioned CSR activities, either in person or through the virtual platform

Employees across locations interested in volunteering are encouraged to connect with the respective location coordinators

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