

Monthly Newsletter

October - 2023



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

Overview



Mid Term Assessment Process

We are happy to present insightful updates for October 2023. During this month our focus was on conducting assessments across our educational programs and mapping the learning outcome. We also continued special coaching for Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalaya competitive exam by arranging tutorials.

Beyond education, the foundation actively engaged in environmental initiatives, including planting mango saplings and promoting sustainable agriculture.



**Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive
Agroforestry Aurangabad**

Under the aegis of women's empowerment domain we began with livelihood skill building for tribal women in Chhindwara district of MP and four-wheeler driving course with urban women in Vadodara, Gujarat.

We always encourage employee volunteering from Cosmo First. During this month employees passionately lead the "Dann Utsav".

Thus, Cosmo Foundation's holistic approach encompasses education, environmental sustainability, empowerment, and community engagement, significantly impacting the lives of rural children and their communities in which they live in.



Dann Utsav

Education

Cosmo Foundation has always placed a strong emphasis on education as a fundamental component of our mission. Since our organization's inception, we have been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for rural children and youth with education support. Our focus is on equipping individuals with essential digital skills and computer operation, fostering a solid foundation in literacy and numeracy, and providing a gateway for basic English language learning. Our commitment to education remains unwavering, as we believe that knowledge and skills are the keys to unlocking brighter futures for the communities we serve.



Mid-Term Assessment

In sync with the beginning of the academic sessions in June, orchestrated the Midterm assessments to gauge the learning progress of our students and evaluated the performance of learning objectives

Our assessment system serves as a valuable tool for gaining insights into students' learning journeys, addressing any hidden obstacles they may face, and enabling us to refine our teaching methods. This, in turn, allows us to optimize the learning outcomes for the future.

These Midterm assessments were systematically conducted across various programs at both Karjan and Aurangabad locations, underlining our commitment to continuous improvement and ensuring the best educational experience for our students.

Name of the Program	Karjan, Vadodara No of students	Gangapur, Aurangabad No of students	Total
Computer literacy program	2683	4120	6803
Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra	1595	756	2351
Basic English Learning Program	1490	413	1903
Total	5768	5189	10957

Education

Assessment Process

Our assessment system is both unique and innovative, tailored to align with the New Education Policy and consider the rural backgrounds of our students. In our Computer Operation program, we carry out a blend of practical and theoretical assessments. For the Foundational Literacy and English program, we've implemented a combination of written and oral tests.























The Internal Assessment Committee at Cosmo comprises of teachers. They are responsible for tracking and evaluating course coverage at each center, and subsequently, they consolidate the content summary.

Our ongoing focus is on developing program-specific indicators and parameters to enhance the assessment process across the board. This comprehensive approach ensures the quality and consistency of assessments throughout our programs. This is followed by designing of oral and written test papers with pictorials and also conducted practical and oral tests.



To maintain subject accuracy, we have created model answer sheets for examiners. Furthermore, our teachers receive training on the marking system, and we coordinate with examiners from different locations for internal exams.

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I got an opportunity to participate in the assessment process is unique, child-friendly and has clear goal. It is done in a very corrective manner and all the recording part is perfectly managed. It helps to examine the abilities and potentialities of the students and helps teachers for further planning. The co-curricular activities should be conducted at different intervals such as sports week as this will act as a booster for students to come to school and participate actively



**Prabjyot Kaur, Intern, MHRM Program,
MS University, Vadodara.**

Special Coaching for Competitive Exam

The Indian government, through Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, empowers talented children for a successful future by offering free education and residential facilities from grade 6 onward in every state. Cosmo Foundation extends support by providing coaching for students preparing for the competitive entrance exams at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya.

Our coaching has proven beneficial to many students in the past, and we're excited to continue this support for the upcoming entrance test in February 2024. We offer both offline classes on weekends and daily online sessions, catering to 56 students from primary schools in Karjan. Our expert faculty covers all subjects, including math, logical reasoning, and language comprehension sheets, study material, and periodic tests are provided to students. Together, let's empower our rural children to shine and build a brighter future.



Building the future of rural children with special coaching

"My son Ishan is in class five studying in primary school, village Khandha. The school principal enrolled my son in the "Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya competitive exam". We have no idea about this. Cosmo Foundation special workshops were organized about the assessment process and benefits. My son is learning to solve mental ability tests, Mathematics, and language comprehension. Online classes help us also to participate. This is a significant coaching that will take rural students ahead. THANK YOU, Cosmo Foundation, for arranging a coaching facility with experts for rural students".

Mohshinbhai Diwan
Parent, Village- Khandha, Karjan

Education

“Cosmo English tutor”- Easy to learn English



Unlock a World of Learning:
Cosmo English Tutor

The newly redesigned Cosmo English Tutor webpage, courtesy of the Cosmo Foundation, now offers an enhanced and user-friendly interface, making it even more accessible for learners and ensuring a seamless educational experience. Children, Youth, and Professionals from any field can explore the site to discover the improved features and resources for English language education on Cosmo Foundation website as well as on YouTube channel.



[Click here for YouTube Channel](#)

Journey of an English Teacher

I am a mother of two kids joined CF 10 years back as a Balmitra in the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Program. I was awarded as the best teacher and upgraded as English trainee teacher with intensive training by Cosmo Foundation. I am being trained to teach English to the students of classes 1 to 5. The Cosmo English tutor became my best guide and I train myself to teach basic concepts plus English grammar and comprehension to students of classes 6 to 8. My daughter learnt English grammar from Cosmo English Tutor and received highest marks.

I could pursue my childhood passion to acquire English language skills. My dream came true with Cosmo English Tutor the invaluable platform that grants me the opportunity to acquire English knowledge and skills. Today I look back and I see my childhood self as every child I meet and teach them English. No rural children should be deprived an access to correct English Fluency Development.



Sonal Vasava, Trainee English teacher, Cosmo Foundation, Karjan

Environment

Plantation of Mango Saplings



In Karjan, we embarked on the remarkable endeavor of Mango sapling replantation last year during the Monsoon season. Partnering with a select group of farmers, we initiated this project. Over this month, we've achieved our goal by successfully planting a total of 9000 saplings and completed the target of 15000 mango saplings. What is even more encouraging is the addition of 31 new farmers to our initiative, expanding our reach and impact. This effort is a collaborative venture with our esteemed technical partner, the Prayas Youth Foundation, and together, we are making a significant difference in the region.



Bhaveshreeben Patel, Farmer
Village : Sandarna, Karjan.

Journey from cash crop to mango orchard

Till now we used to plant, vegetables and cotton. For the first time, we got an opportunity to make a Mango orchard with the support of the Cosmo Foundation. The Cosmo Foundation provides very good quality saplings free of cost and also continuous training and guidance. I have a tiny piece of land; mango saplings are very expensive and we could never do these in the past on our own. Thank you, Cosmo Foundation, it is a big livelihood support for me and my family and the forthcoming generation.

Environment

Fruit Tree Plantation Aurangabad



In 2020-2021, we initiated planting 5,000 fruit saplings in collaboration with nine farmers. Fast forward to this year, and we're witnessing the delightful results of our efforts. Sweet lemons (Mosambi) and Custard apples are flourishing on their farms, bringing joy and substantial returns to these dedicated cultivators. It's truly heartwarming to witness the success and happiness stemming from our collective cultivation endeavors.

Model Farm development under Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive

Mr. Ashok Kaduba Kalvane, hailing from Gajgaon, has partnered with the Cosmo Foundation and Prayas Youth Foundation in 2021 to nurture 700 Custard Apple saplings. His dedicated care routine ensures these plants thrive. In addition to Custard Apples, he cultivates short-duration crops like onions and cabbage, embracing diversification. Actively engaged in training sessions by both foundations, he utilizes vermicompost beds for organic farming and recently achieved a remarkable zero mortality rate, overcoming water scarcity and wildlife challenges. Mr. Kalvane exemplifies commitment to continuous learning and sustainable agriculture.



Ashok Kalyane, farmer
Village : Gajgaon (Aurangabad)

Trainings

Training of Teachers - Language Skill Development

In today's context, the cornerstone of language skill development lies in "Comprehension." We have dedicated substantial training to both Picture Comprehension and Story Comprehension to our Balmitra, computer, and English teachers, and Cluster coordinators. These sessions have delved into diverse aspects of language, including synonyms, antonyms, rhyming words, creative thinking, punctuation usage, and reading with precise pronunciation. We aim to foster a well-rounded understanding of language and boost comprehension skills.



Training with farmers



Under the "Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive," a farmer's training on was organized by Implementation Partner Prayas Youth Founfation in Gajgaon village. The primary objectives of this training were to address various issues faced by farmers in the context of tree plantation drive, how to manage the current drought-prone situation, and the best practices to adopt during adverse conditions, with a specific focus on the cultivation of sweet lemon and custard apples. Farmers from various villages within our project area participated in this interactive training session.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Nari Ki Savari - Four-wheeler Driving Course for Women

Cosmo Foundation has proudly extended its support to Maharani Chimnabai Stree Udyogalay, felicitating training for 20 women in a four-wheeler driving course. We're thrilled to report that these women have now begun their training, utilizing the driving simulator. Witnessing their determination and empowerment as they take the wheel, we see these women proudly holding their heads high.



Cosmo Nari Swayampurna program

Cosmo Foundation has partnered with a Self-Help Group of women in the tribal district of Chhindwara to launch a program. We've set up five Dona Patta (Paper plates/bowls) machines, and we're thrilled to announce that these women are actively participating in training to operate the machines, manage raw materials, and access the market. Similarly, we have provided Insane making machines in ... villages. Thus, Women's empowerment through livelihood support and skill building became operational in ... villages and ... women are actively engaged in the production process. The joy is palpable as these women have commenced production, marking the beginning of a promising journey.



Click on each picture to get more detail

Events & Celebrations



Gandhi Jayanti



Oral Hygiene Awareness and Dental Checkup.



World Animal Welfare Day



World Smiley Day.



World Dictionary Day.



International Girl Child Day.

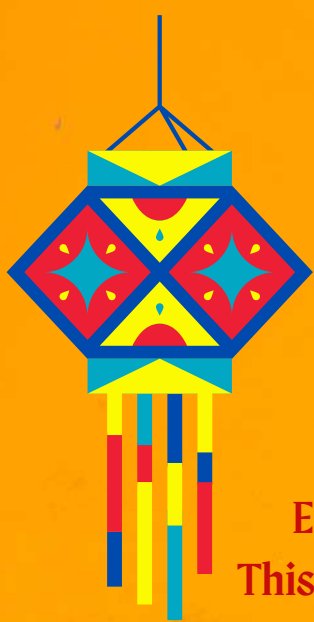


Navratri on Digital Canvas

Click on each picture to get more detail on the event

Get Involved

Days	Location :Karjan	Location : Aurangabad
6th Nov Diya Making and Candle Making Workshop	Handod & Mangrol 10:00 to 12:00	Gajgav, Limbejalgav 10:00 to 12:00
11th Nov National Education Day	Online Study Circle on the book Totto Chan Online 10:30 to 12:30	Online Study Circle on the book Totto Chand Online 10:30 to 12:30
14th Nov Children's Day	Screening of Film on Digishala "COCO"	Screening of Film on Digishala "COCO"
19th Nov World Toilet Day	Online Quiz on Health and Hygiene	Online Poster making on Health and Hygiene
20th Nov to 30th Nov Special Course on digital literacy	Kandari , Handod 8:30 to 10:30	Turkabad , Kagzipura 8:30 to 10:30
20th Nov to 30th Nov English for Beginners	Methi, Dethan 11:00 to 01:00	Gajgav, Limbejalgav 11:00 to 01:00
26th Nov Constitution Day	Online Awareness on the four Pillars of the Indian Constitution 02:30 to 04:00 pm	Online Awareness on the four Pillars of the Indian Constitution 02:30 to 04:00 pm



शुभ दीपावली

Embrace the light of Diwali with Cosmo Foundation!
This festival of lights is a memento of our commitment to education, a cleaner environment, and empowering women.

With the shining of diyas and the echoes of the chants, may prosperity and happiness of this festival of lights fill our lives.



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