

Monthly Newsletter

September - 2023



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

Cosmo Foundation has always believed in the power of education at the grassroots. It is an exceptional medium to empower people and foster social change and development. Thus, Quality Education for the lesser privileged around the company's manufacturing locations has been its pioneering initiatives. In the last 15 years since inception, the educational programs have all evolved, grown and impacted more than 65,000 students, 52 government schools across 32 villages. Every year organization is able to impact around 12000 students' lives.

Our tireless efforts towards each program, whether on virtual platform or on hybrid mode, have reaped dividends in creating a generation of children, parents and communities who are more aware about the importance of education, their rights and entitlements, confident and their aspirational needs.

During this month we celebrated "Teacher's Day" and "Literacy Day". Along with it we also organized exposé visit of rural students at manufacturing facility of Cosmo First Ltd.

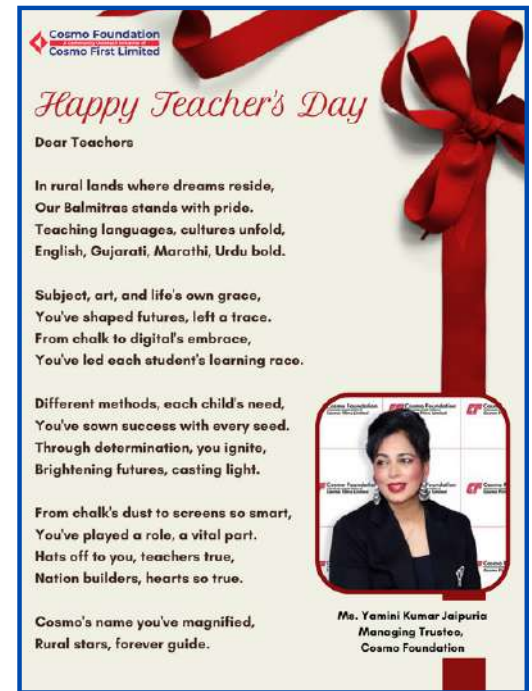
We also supported flood-affected villagers in Karjan with donation of "grocery kit".

The Plantation of fruit trees are also taken care of in monsoon with local farmers.



Teachers are the eternal influencers in children's lives and flagbearers of societal change. They deserve to be celebrated and cherished each day, but especially to be honored on Teachers' Day, which is celebrated in memory of one of the greatest teachers, Sh. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary.

Cosmo teachers' contribution and unwavering commitment were recognized and appreciated through a grand event at all our locations. Each teacher was presented with gift coupons as well special lunch was organized in their honour. 80 community-based teachers from Karjan and Gangapur and 20 teachers from Bal Vidya Vihar, Delhi. **Mrs. Yamini Jaipuria, Managing Trustee, Cosmo Foundation honored all the Cosmo teachers for their dedicated services to build the lives of marginalized children with personalized best wishes and gift. This overwhelming gesture surely was a great motivator for our barefoot soldiers.**



"The role of a teacher in giving direction to the society is unparalleled. I consider myself lucky to have got this opportunity through CF. The honor and appreciation that has been bestowed upon us through gifts and a thoughtful card by Yamini Jaipuria ma'am for our work is very valuable to us and motivates us to give our best!" – Kashi Beldar, Balmitra-Karjan

On this day a play conducted by Balmitras was showcased. The play revealed their inspiring journeys and as changemakers (teachers), earning a respectable position in their villages over and above shouldering responsibility in their homes.





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A Journey from Homemaker to Computer Teacher

I had a diploma in Teacher Education but couldn't work due to family responsibilities. CF offered me a job as a Balmitra at the village school as part timer. Balancing both was tough, but I learned a lot, including child-centric teaching, teamwork, and communication skills. I pursued further education and became a Computer teacher. My identity built in a village as a teacher and family also recognizes my confidence, knowledge and financial gain. - Sandhya Tarak, Computer Teacher Cosmo Foundation, Aurangabad



Cosmo English Tutor- Opportunity at the Doorstep

The Basic English classes conducted at our school by CF have been very effective in improving students' basic English. Their writing skills such as signature, spelling, writing within four lines, etc. have seen a marked improvement.

Children have started speaking short sentences in English with clear pronunciations. Their interest in the language has increased. They have become quite proficient with Self-introduction, alphabet recognition, date-time, articles, phonic words, and basic grammar. The role of the English video module prepared by CF is also instrumental in contributing their knowledge journey. The videos are extremely useful to our teachers too in imparting a clearer conceptual understanding to the students.



Ms. Hetal M Dekivadia,
English teacher,
Govt. Primary School,
Village Sambhoi. Taluka: Karjan

From an ambitious student to a motivating young teacher

Girdhari, originally from Madhya Pradesh, moved to a resettlement site in Karjan due to the Sardar Sarovar dam project. He attended a government school locally and later lived in a tribal residential school in Methi, Karjan. His interest in computers was sparked when Cosmo First (CF) ran a computer literacy program at his school. He was inspired to excel after witnessing the Cosmo Computer Award event, where younger students received laptops as prizes.



Determined, Girdhari worked hard and won the top prize the following year, earning his own laptop. He went on to graduate in commerce from Maharaja Sayajirao University. Recognizing his talent and computer skills, CF offered him a job as a computer educator. Girdhari is excited to teach computer literacy and continue his own IT journey, aiming for success in his chosen field.

First observed by UNESCO in 1968, this day is celebrated each year to signify the role of literacy and education as a fundamental human right and a tool for personal development and societal progress. In alignment with this year's theme 'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies', a Reading Campaign was organized to enhance the reading and comprehension skills of young minds across 23 villages with 2700 children of Karjan and Gangapur blocks. Storybook exhibitions were held and distributed to children across schools to inculcate the habit of regular reading and make them realize the importance of reading in igniting their minds, expanding exposure, and building dreams.



Providing Impetus to write: Notebook Distribution

16000 notebooks were distributed across 43 government schools in Karjan and Gangapur blocks during the current academic session. Children were given notebooks such as four-line, double-line, and single-line ones. It is gratifying to see children cross these different stages of writing skills in the formative years that they are under CF's nurturing wings.

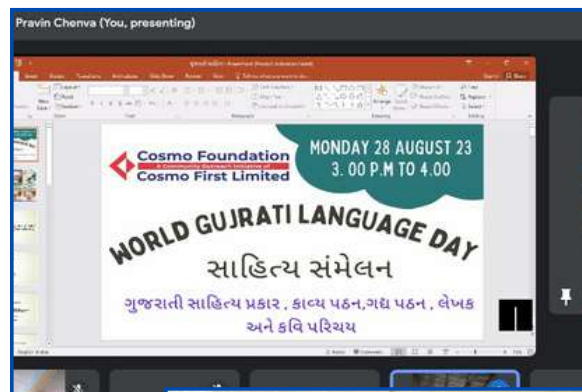


Language is the primary tool for expression and communication, its proficiency thus being of paramount importance. Gujarati and Hindi language days were both celebrated on 24 August and 14 September respectively.

This year the teachers celebrated 'Gujarati Language Week'. On this occasion, students and teachers enthusiastically collected information on various facets of the language and shared in the groups. On this day, 'Sahitya Sammelan' was conducted on the digital platform. The history of Gujarati language and literature, different types of literature and poetry, renowned authors and poets, and their compositions were showcased. Teachers also read out stories, recited poems, and expressed their pride in being Gujarati. This event served as a valuable opportunity to promote and cherish the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of Gujarat, attracting the participation of around 2,500 students.



Hindi Diwas is celebrated each year to signify the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949. More than 2600 children from 19 villages of Karjan and Gangapur blocks participated in various events. CF organized quizzes, debates, reading, and comprehension in Hindi. It was emphasized through these activities how this language influenced to bridge gaps, connect, and unify people across different states, cultures, and languages of the country.



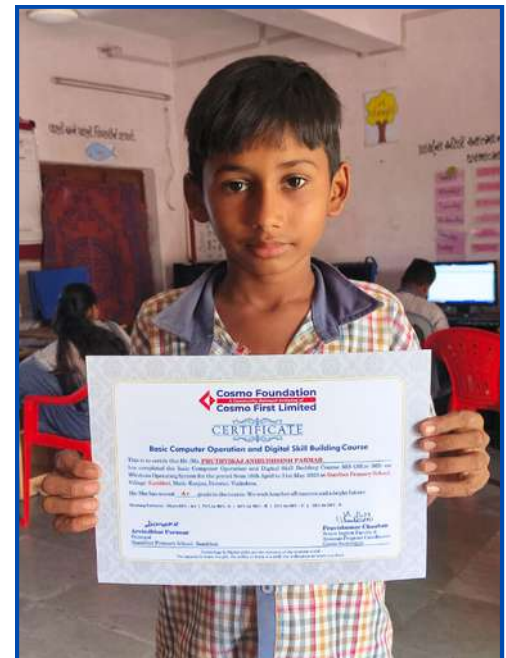
Employee Volunteering – Career Awareness sessions in rural schools.



Two young employees of Cosmo First, Karjan. Pranav Fartale and Mit Parikh conducted an educational and career counseling session with 9th to 11th grade students of Kurali and Methi high schools in Karjan block. 160 students from humanities and commerce streams participated, showing great interest in exploring their future career paths. The volunteering spirit of the Cosmo First employees is appreciable and it has always helped rural students get insights about academics, work, career, and other aspects for personal and professional development.

Becoming future-ready with Basic Computer Course

A Basic Computer Certificate course was organized by CF during the summer break in the Karjan and Gangapur blocks. It received an overwhelming response from the village youth at both locations. 400 students participated in the course. Upon clearing the exams certificates were awarded to these well-deserving candidates.



Rural students at Cosmo First Karjan Plant

In alignment with the Honorable Chairman's vision to expose rural children to technology, industry, and necessary life skills, exposure visits are conducted each year for students of High Schools in the vicinity of the manufacturing unit of Cosmo First Limited. This year, 10 students of grade 9/10 along with a teacher of Shriji Krupa Public School, village Koliyad and 2 cosmo teachers visited the premises. Children were exposed to the various processes involved in making films from raw materials. In the process, they learnt valuable lessons on safety, teamwork, cleanliness, discipline as well as the importance of higher education to be eligible for such jobs. Officials at each division interacted with the students and are motivated them to acquire skills.



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Shalinis at Cosmo First -Shendra Plant



19 young aspiring Shalinis from the Udayan Shalini Fellowship Program, Aurangabad visited manufacturing unit of Cosmo First Ltd. at Shendra. These girls are pursuing their B.Tech and BE. The visit proved to be an incredibly enriching experience for the Shalinis.

Mr. Rajesh Gupta and Mr. Ganesh Girdhari from Cosmo First played pivotal roles in guiding the girls about the manufacturing process and functions of different departments of Cosmo First. Their curious insights made the visit all the more informative and engaging for the Shalinis. Overall, the trip to Cosmo manufacturing unit offered these young women a unique opportunity to acquire valuable knowledge and gain a deeper understanding of the company.

Recent floods in river Narmada devastated the lives of villagers residing near the bank of Narmada. Cosmo Foundation joined hands with Karjan block administration and MLA Shri Akshay Patel and distributed grocery kits (wheat flour, rice, oil, cooking ingredients) across Pura, Nani Koral, and Lilipura villages. Serving humanity in calamities and crises is the prime concern of the Cosmo Foundation.



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Model Heritage Village: Kagzipura

A seminar, in collaboration with INTACH, Gram Panchayat, and Kagzipura Zilla Parishad School, focused on the importance of village cleanliness, optimal use of washing ghats, and their role in preserving pond water and ecosystems. Participants included 80+ village women, Aanganwadi workers, gram panchayat members, teachers, and students. The seminar encouraged behavioral change, emphasizing the use of washing ghats over pond water for clothes washing and addressing pond pollution. A play performed by 7th-grade girls conveyed the message effectively. Suggestions and concerns of women were discussed, and Ecosatva facilitated the process with live demonstrations. The CF team members held a detailed discussion on seminar highlights for further action.



Replantation of Mango Saplings at Karjan



Learning by doing : Eco-friendly Celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi

Cosmo Foundation organized eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi workshops at multiple locations in Karjan and Aurangabad blocks. The primary objective of this initiative was to impart valuable lessons to students regarding the significance of eco-friendly Ganesh idols and Ganesh visarjan. 5,240 enthusiastic students participated across 25 different centers.

14 of these students at Karjan block were chosen to visit Bal Bhavan, Vadodara where they honed their skills in crafting eco-friendly Ganesh idols. They were felicitated with certificates, for their artistic creativity and acknowledging their contribution to a more environmentally sustainable society.



કોસ્મો ફાઉન્ડેશન દ્વારા પૂર અસરગ્રસ્તોને રેશન કીટ વિતરણ

(બદલતા ભારત દૈનિક) સ્મોર્થ

ઉપરવાસ માં અતિ ભારે વરસાદનાં કારણે નર્મદામાં પૂર આવતા કરજણ તાલુકાના નર્મદા કિનારે આવેલ અનેક

સમયમાં સ્થાનિક રહીશોને તાલુકા વહીવટી તંત્ર નાં સંપૂર્ણ સહયોગ થી કોસ્મો ફાઉન્ડેશન ધ્વારા રેશન કીટ (દાળ, ચોખા, તેલ, મસાલા, લોટ) જેવી જીવન જરૂરી ચીજ



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Employees of Cosmo First are invited to participate and contribute to CSR activities in the following events on virtual and online platform

6th October 2023
International Smile Day

Collage of Smiley emojis
CGVK Bodaka- Karjan
9:30 to 10:30 am

Collage of Smiley emojis
CGVK Turkabad - Aurangabad
9:30 to 10:30 am

8th to 18th October
Dan Utsav

Dan Utsav - Aurangabad, Delhi and Karjan
Donation of utility items from the Employees of Cosmo First

10th October 2023
Mental Health Day

Techniques for mental wellness among students
Kuruli highschool -Karjan
2:00 to 3:00 pm

Techniques for mental wellness among students
Waluj highschool - Aurangabad
2:00 to 3:00 pm

11th October 2023
International Girl Child Day

Celebrating leadership of girls
Video release of the Cosmo female students - Karjan

celebrating leadership of girls
Video release of the Cosmo female students- Aurangabad

15th October 2023
Global Handwashing Day

Video screening on benifits of handwashing
Primary school Khandha & Handod - Karjan
2:00 to 3:00 pm

Video screening on benifits of handwashing Primary school Limbejalgav -Aurangabad
2:00 to 3:00 pm

5th to 12th October 2023
Basic English Program

Assessment of students
Primary school
Choranda & Methi
11:30 to 4:30

Assessment of students Z. P
Primary school
Turkabad, Jikthan, Kagzipura
11:30 to 4:30

15th to 25th October 2023
Foundational Literacy

Assessment of students
Primary schools
20 villages
8:00 to 10:30 am

Assessment of students
Primary schools
7 villages
8:00 to 10:30 am

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