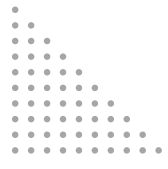


February
2023

 **Monthly Newsletter**

**Transforming Lives of Communities through
Education, Environment and Empowerment Initiatives**



Overview



This was an eventful month as we had board meeting with our trustees of Cosmo Foundation and the CSR committee of Cosmo First Ltd. Honourable Chairman and the board members appreciated the diverse initiatives and impact for the betterment of society and shared valuable inputs for future growth and sustainability.

Cosmo Foundation was honoured with **Global CSR Leadership & Excellence Award 2023** in the category of "**Best Covid-19 Solutions for Community Care**", recognizing our contribution to serving communities across India during the pandemic. An introductory session was held with Bal Vidhya Vihar - a school for the underprivileged at New Delhi by exploring possibilities to implement CF's educational programs.

Under a **Model Heritage Village Project** - CF inaugurated a washing ghat, STP system and did tree plantation in Kagazipura village of Aurangabad district in association with INTACH.

Moving ahead, Cosmo consolidated the programs in the post covid and now focusing all the intervention on **3Es - Education, Empowerment, and Environment** for community betterment.





**Collaboration with
Balvidya Vihar**


Delhi

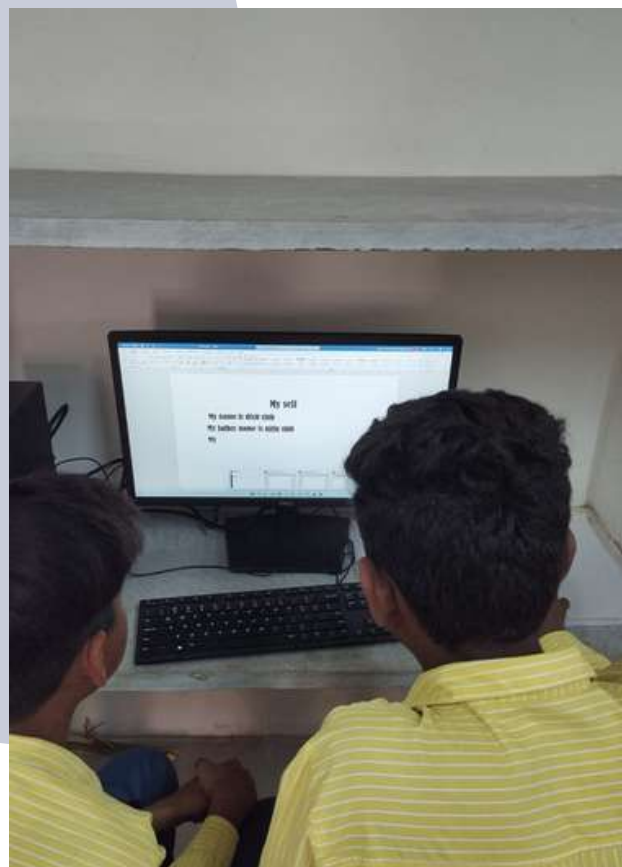
As need expressed by **Bal Vidya Vihar**, a school for underprivileged children a session was organized with primary school students on “Learn English with Fun and Joy “by Pravin Chauhan, Sr. English Faculty, Cosmo Foundation with primary school students with stories. He emphasized building native and English language communication skills, and comprehension skills with live demonstration.

A training of school teachers of Bal Vidya Vihar was organized on how to teach English with phonetics, using the mother tongue to create comfort, video recorded sessions, and stories. A detailed session with the teachers about the Basic English Program at CF with content planning, method of implementation, and outcome mapping of the students. Introduced the **Cosmo Basic English Learning Web Portal**. Received overwhelming response from the school fraternity.



**Computer Literacy Program**

Karjan - As a part of the annual assessment, conducted practical and theory exams of 650 students from 5 rural govt. schools. Simultaneously a pre-test of newly enrolled 663 students was undertaken to map the baseline in Junabajar, Kothav, and Kanbha villages. We have initiated new computer centers at three new villages of Karjan.



Aurangabad - Annual assessment was conducted in 5 rural govt schools. A total of 530 students appeared for the exam and results are awaited. Implemented cloud-based learning systems and mobile learning platforms in computer classes to provide improved learning opportunities to rural students. Consistent monitoring, coaching and assessment is a regular process with cutting-edge technology to enhance their learning experience.

Computer operation and digital skill building provides opportunities to rural students to explore the new pathway in the era of technology. By learning basic computer operation, students upgrade skills and knowledge of accessing digital resources.

7250 Students

24 Labs

Basic English Learning Program



In February 2023, rigorous revision classes were conducted to prepare high school students for their board exams. These classes included surprise oral and written tests, exercises from video modules, summary compilation, paper setting, and marking sheets.



In govt primary schools, CF focused on measuring basic reading, writing and speaking ability of students. 533 students from 5 schools in Karjan and 368 students from 2 schools in Aurangabad are undergoing assessment. The program covers topics such as conversation, telling time, phonics sound revision, word construction, colors, shapes, , articles, singular - plural etc. Functional grammer and letter writing are being covered in the 10th-class. Additionally, balmitras and high school students are given the opportunity to access video modules through online portals. The progress of the students is tracked regularly to ensure they are getting the most out of the program with encouraging results.



The BEP program has been highly successful in teaching rural government school students the English language. It has made learning enjoyable and engaging for them, enabling them to pick up the language quickly and gain confidence in their own abilities. This has resulted in improved educational outcomes, and students have been able to communicate better with their peers and bridge the gap between rural and urban areas. Ultimately, the program has been a great boon to rural communities and has helped students gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life.

5852 Students

17 Schools

Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra



CGVK – Foundational Literacy and Numeracy program is essential to bridge the education gap between rural and urban students and ensure that all children have access to quality education.

February is a month of expansion for CF in this program, as the organization has responded to the request from various govt schools and expanded the program in three villages. The focus was on developing fluency in reading, writing and speaking native language, arithmetic, life skills and basic calculations with activity based learning.



The Foundational Literacy & Numeracy (FLN) and CGVK program is providing rural school students with an opportunity to gain essential skills for reading, writing, and numeracy. This has enabled students to enjoy learning and build a strong foundation for their educational journey. This has significantly helped students to set and pursue educational goals.

Coaching for Competitive Exams



CF organized special coaching for students to appear for the competitive exam to get admission in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya - A residential school for rural students, has been set up by the government of India. Proud moment for Cosmo that our 6 students got qualified and enrolled in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya from Lilod, Khandha, Kanbha, and Bodka villages of Karjan block. The coaching was organized in close coordination with parents and rural govt schools of Karjan. In the current year this coaching has been started across the villages for students by engaging special tutor of Mathematics.

2367 Students

40 Classes

Cosmo Udayan Shalini Fellowship & Mentorship Program



Three workshops were organized this month for rural girls (Shalinis). Through these workshops, the girls had the opportunity to learn skills like **Zumba Fitness, Clothes and Paper Bag Making, Problem-solving, and Conflict Management**. CF's mentor attended the program and helped the girls gain a better understanding of these topics. A total of **40 girls** attended the workshops and benefited from the knowledge shared. In the Problem-solving and Conflict Management workshop, the girls learned how to keep themselves and their environment safe. These workshops had a great impact on the lives of the girls, as they now have the knowledge and confidence to make better decisions in their lives. The need for these workshops was to empower the girls and equip them with the necessary skills to have a bright future.



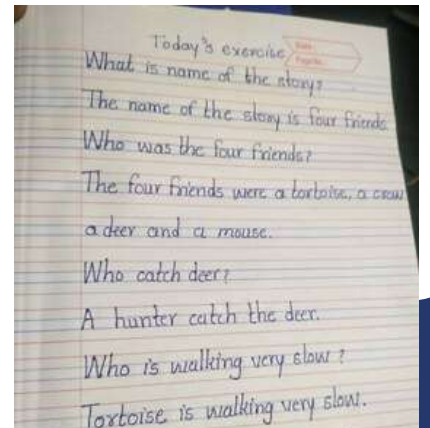
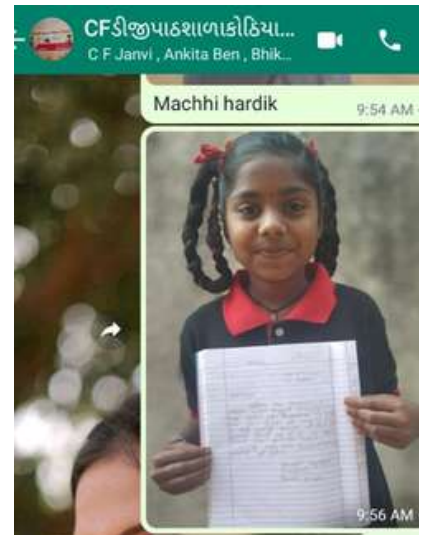
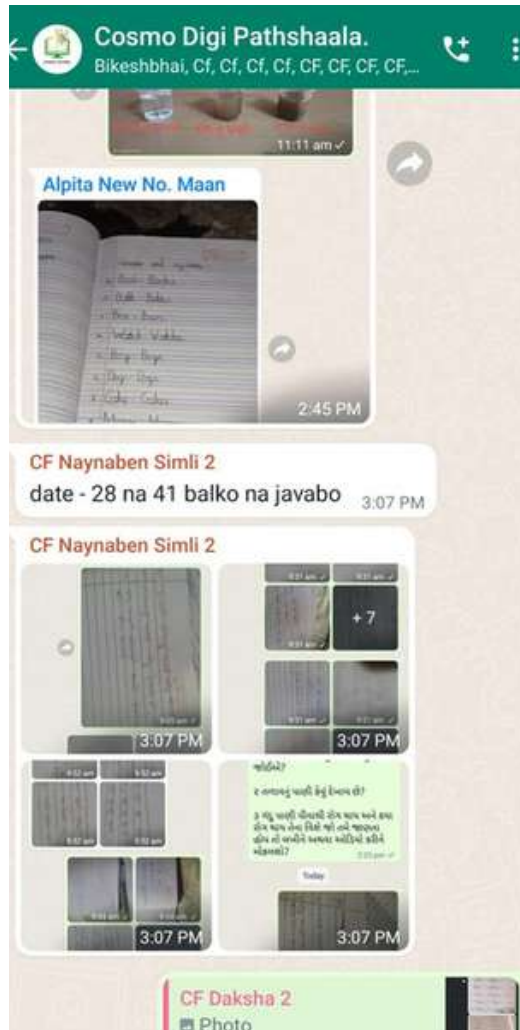
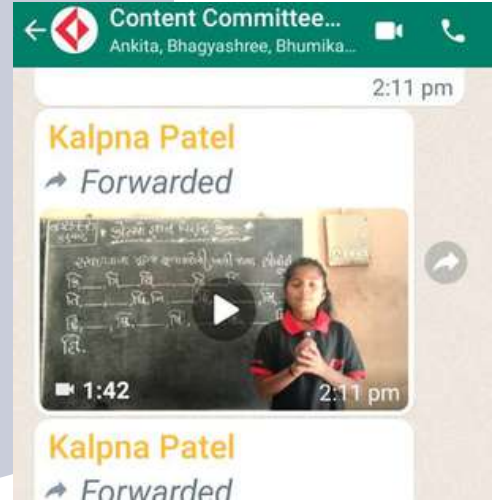
Miss Urmila Pradhan is a motivated, hardworking student who has excelled in her 10th grade studies and is now in her 11th grade in an English medium school. Despite the challenge of fitting in with her peers in this new environment and now she is moving ahead with confidence. CF mentor has also recognized her hidden talent of art. With the help of CF's English class and other resources, she has seen great improvement in her English skills and was recently awarded by the Maharashtra State Examination Committee for her exemplary performance. We at CF are extremely proud of her achievements and wish her the best in her future endeavours.





This month, our **Cosmo Digi Pathshala** reached **3941 students** in rural areas of Karjan and Aurangabad. Through multiple WhatsApp groups, we created and circulated e-contents on Maths, native language skills, English communication, Computer, logical reasoning, motivational stories, general knowledge, creative activities health and hygiene awareness etc. It is a platform to provide information about current affairs, values and opportunity to learn digital skills to students. This program has had a great impact on the students, teaching them the importance of hygiene and healthy eating habits to lead a healthy lifestyle with systemic study schedule.

The impact of this program has been great among the students, as they have been able to learn and understand the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. The students responded enthusiastically to the e-content and upgrading knowledge to their lives. The program has been successful in teaching the students the **value of personal hygiene** and healthy eating habits, which will serve them well in the future.





Community Engagement Dialogue with Parents

Parents are the significant link to connect students into the educational process. CF teachers and balmitras regularly conduct home visits and parents meeting in hybrid mode. In February, CF conducted an offline meeting in four villages of Karjan and Aurangabad. Major discussion on nutrition of students, role of parents in education, student's academic performance, enrollment in competitive exams etc were discussed.





Model Heritage Village "Kagazipura"

**"Towards sustainability of a
700 Years old legacy!"**

In Association with **INTACH**, we have constructed a **chemical-free water filtration plant with Dhobi Ghats** to provide clean water to the villagers of Kagazipura. Coconut trees were planted through govt. school students near a Handmade paper factory. Senior officials of INTACH and Cosmo Foundation, the Sarpanch of Kagazipura, and villagers joined actively to keep the village and pond clean. The commitment of all to create a clean and green environment was a successful effort!



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Garden Maintenance under Karjan Highway



Garden Maintenance under Karjan Highway- Nurturing with water supply, regular cleaning, replacement of the 720 new saplings, and maintenance is done in the garden under the Karjan National Highway no: 8.

Cosmo Tree plantation Dive



Training on scientific methods of nurturing saplings was organized in Vemar & Bodka villages of Karjan by an expert from Prayas Youth Foundation. Live field training with guidance was given on subjects viz. the importance of mulching mango plants, removing useless strains, cutting the stem for better growth, appropriate watering, and nurturing of the saplings.

In Aurangabad, Over the last month, we have made 10+ joint visits with the Prayas foundation to farmers in order to understand their problems, guide them for better crop conditions, and to assure them that they will get good yields through suggested farming techniques. We also provided guidance from the subject experts to the farmers on how to keep their plants in good condition, without any disease affecting the crop.



Rain Water Harvesting

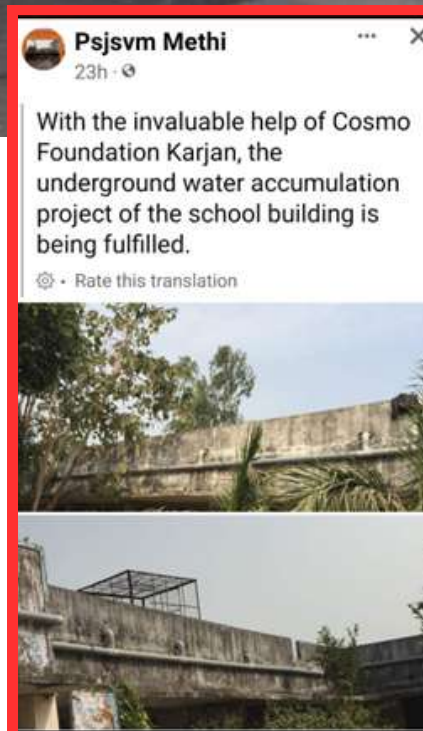
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11 Schools

Proposals were developed and onsite planning for Rainwater Harvesting Project in **11 rural government schools at Karjan and Aurangabad** locations. 95% of the work is completed with recharge borewell and pipeline installation.



The objective is **to provide a sustainable water supply** to the schools and the surrounding communities. The project will help reduce dependence on external water sources. The project will also help reduce water stress in the area, as well as protect the environment by **preventing contamination of the groundwater**.



The impact of this project will be far-reaching. By providing a reliable source of water, the project will help to improve the health and well-being of the students in the area. Finally, it will help to protect the environment, preventing contamination of the groundwater.

This project is a step in the right direction for combating water stress in the area and will help to create a more **sustainable water supply**.

Recycled Utility Items



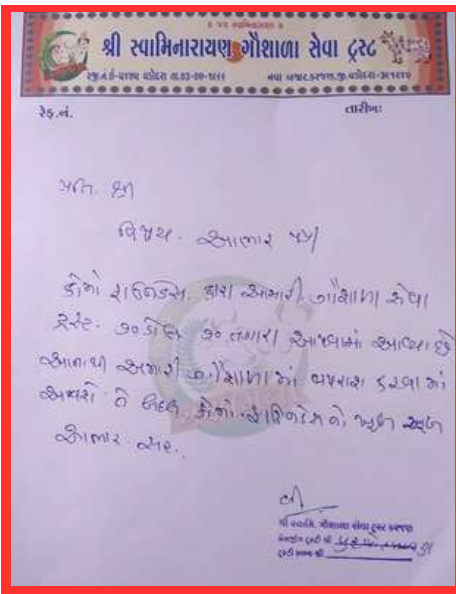
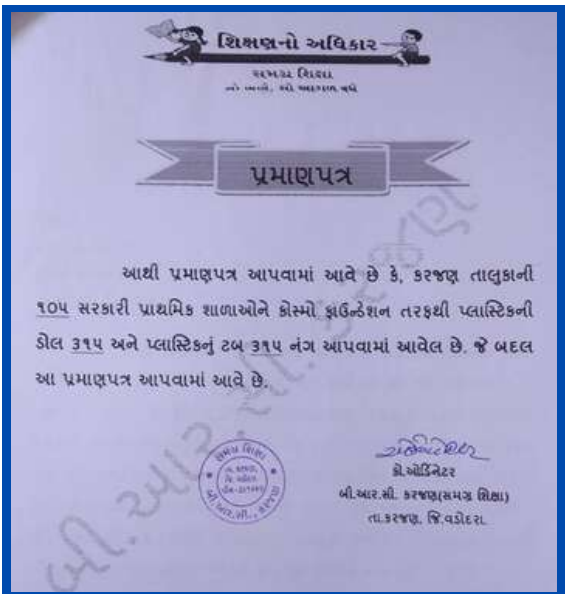
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Cosmo First Ltd. Aurangabad donated **34000 recycled utility items** (tubs, buckets and chairs) to Cosmo Foundation and it was distributed to **431 rural institutes** (which includes - Anganwadis, Govt. schools, Primary Health Centres, Mid-day meal centers, Ashrams etc) of Karjan and Aurangabad. **63000 people benefitted** across the locations. This effort has provided the community with access to necessary utilities, allowing them to lead a more comfortable life.



Recognitions from Community





Rural Health & Hygiene initiative is an innovative program focused on improving health and hygiene in rural communities. Through the establishment of Cleaning Committees, Swachhta Meetings, the program has been able to create awareness and understanding of the importance of cleanliness and proper hygiene practices.



The initiative has also provided **sessions on hand cleaning**, the importance of using water in toilets, the proportion of water used for cleaning, maintenance of cleanliness materials, the importance of using bathroom sleepers, taking leadership to fill-up checklists, and maintaining lock and keys of the toilets. Through these initiatives, the program has been able to make a **positive impact on the lives of people in rural communities** and has demonstrated the need for such initiatives to be implemented in other rural communities.

Swachhta Meetings were conducted with **216 students** of swachta samities representing **15 schools** and balmitras of each center.



Social Internship



Five interns from MHRM, BSW and MSW courses as well as high school student of Cygnus world school are engaged in Cosmo Foundation for their social internship. They have been actively engaged in conducting teachers training sessions, assessments and teaching-learning sessions with students across the programs. It has helped us to get the third-party view with constructive comments.

Recently we conducted a **training for our community-based teachers** on effective photography and videography skills, post-editing of videos from different tools, magnitude, and image settings. This was accompanied by a live demonstration and practical exercises, our new interns shared useful and helpful tips and conducted excellent demo sessions for our teachers.





Internet Safety Day – 7th February 2023

Across the villages a session on how to secure our personal information like QR Code, OTP, Password, FB, Email, Bank accounts, etc. were conducted with primary school students of Karjan & Aurangabad.

World Cancer Day – 4th February

Cancer day was marked with the slogan "Close the care gap", and the call to unite our voices and take action. CF spread awareness by video screening on causes, symptoms, precautions, and remedies on Cancer with rural govt students of Aurangabad. 4,258 students were benefitted. Further, in Kagazipura organised a health check-up camp, benefitting 180 students, teachers, and villagers. To spread awareness, our students created beautiful posters on cancer day.



International Mother Language Day – 21st February

Shared posters and information about World Mother Language Day in Digi path Shala. CF organized a competition for making a dictionary on Gujarati word vocabulary where the compilation of 1000+ new words was done by students.

National Science Day – 28th February

CF organized a live training session on simple science experiments in collaboration with Agastya Foundation and implemented it in CGVK classes. Students came up with an exciting science model and representation of theories.





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CF has provided vital support to migrant laborers, covid affected people, shelter less people, health care providers, students, and teachers, with ration support, medical support, vaccines, and knowledge-building. On **18th February 2023, Ms. Mamta Baxi – Head CSR**, accepted the award on behalf of Cosmo Foundation at Taj Lands' End, Mumbai.

Pride of Cosmo



COSMO ACHIEVERS

Cosmo students from std. 6 qualifies and enrolled in Jawahar Navoday Vidhyalaya



Jawahar Navodaya Vidhyalay



Rudra Machhi Lilod



Prince Machhi Lilod



Arya Patel Lilod



Sagar Gohil Bodka



Navya Parmar Kanbha



Rutvik Parmar Khandha



Date	Program / Days Celebration	Locations
8th March	Women's Day Celebration	Aurangabad
9th March	Women's Day Celebration – Interaction with women engineers of Cosmo First Ltd with rural girls	Karjan
10th March	Webinar On “Empowering women by Bridging Digital Divide – Embrace Equity” In collaboration with MS University Baroda	Aurangabad / Karjan
15th March	World Day of Social Justice – Awareness Documentary film show to rural students	Aurangabad / Karjan
15th March	Road and Fire Safety Awareness by Employee of Cosmo First Ltd.	Karjan
17th March	Personal Safety workshop for Shalini's of Gangapur Block	Aurangabad
22nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Water Day Celebration with rural govt. students. • Drawing competition on the theme – Save Water • Water audit in rural govt. schools 	Aurangabad / Karjan
	Capacity Building of community based teachers on – Importance of Embracing Technology and Financial Literacy with YI CII On hybrid mode	Aurangabad / Karjan
27th March	Industrial Visit of the high school students at Manufacturing unit of Cosmo First Ltd.	Karjan
29th March	Dialogue with parents whose children are appearing for competitive exams with HR Manager – Cosmo First Ltd	Karjan
30th March	International Earth Day – Host a virtual event to raise awareness about climate change and the importance of sustainability.	Aurangabad / Karjan

Annual Assessment of the students will continue from 25th March to 15th April 2023

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