



EMPOWERING RURAL CHILDREN & YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.

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Dear Colleagues/Friends,

We are happy to place before you our 19th issue of In-house Quarterly Newsletter. It bring you various activities we initiated that includes expansion of Gyan Vihar program, celebration of national days, providing relief material for the flood affected families of Kerala, educational counseling by employees of Cosmo Films, capability building of Cosmo teachers and awareness programs with parents.

GREEN INITIATIVES:

Tree Plantation was done at Zila Parishad School, village: Limbejalgav, Aurangabad with the support of students and school management committee. Saplings and Tree guards were provided followed by water arrangement and planning for their maintenance. On the eve of environment day, an awareness campaign was organized in five villages of Gangapur block.



COSMO GYAN VIHAR CENTRE- URDU MEDIUM:



We believe children have right to acquire Basic Fundamental Literacy richness in native regional language. In Aurangabad District, we had substantial Muslim population. Government schools are also in Urdu Medium. Respecting their need, Cosmo Foundation launched Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic Program in Urdu medium. With wholehearted support from local teachers and Madressa, we could set up this program successfully. At present this CGVK program has been initiated in two villages. Merely 134 students are enrolled.

FLOOD RELIEF FOR KERALA:

Balmitras (community based teachers) of Cosmo Foundation, Karjan initiated a drive to collect relief material for flood affected people of Kerala. 250 Sarees, 150 pants, 300 T-shirts, 200 suits, 250 pairs for children, 50 mattresses for children, 150 foot wares, utensils were collected under fair condition, segregated and packed. Government school teachers, village leaders and mothers of the students joined with us. About 60 bags of material were handed over to National Service Scheme of M.S.University, Vadodara. It was in turn was disbursed at the rural belt of Kerala.



EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT:



Abhilash Tyagi, Production officer at Cosmo Films, Karjan conducted a session with 10th class students of Kandari high school on educational opportunities after 10th class. He spoke on various courses after 12th viz. arts, commerce and science stream and the computer. Similarly Harshit Khattar, HR Executive from Cosmo Films, Delhi conducted a session with 10th to 12th class students of Bodka High school in Karjan on various HR courses after 12th, role of HR professionals across industries and scope of employability in this sector. The session was chaired by school Principal and Gujarat State Higher Secondary Board Member Shri Arvindbhai Patel.

NANHI AWAZ- A CAMPAIGN ON CLEANLINESS:

Nanhi aawaz- a campaign was launched in Karjan on 8th September literacy day. Local school children and youth were trained on their letter writing skill.

Children and youth were encouraged to write letters on swachta work carried out in their school and village. They wrote post cards to Sarpanch, Talati, Collector, on the work done by Swachta committees, how they use toilets and waste bins given by Cosmo, what Gram Panchayat is doing to keep the village clean and still they need to do, how students manage personal hygiene chart etc. Students had written more than 1000 post cards.

On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, marked as Swachta Day, a team of students and teachers met MS. Shalini Agarwal(IAS), District Collector, Vadodara. They handed over post cards. She asked various questions on cleanliness of their village, cleanliness habits, reasons of illness and students responded so well. The same team also met Mr. Kiran Zaveri (IAS) DDO, Vadodara. He appreciated the efforts of Cosmo to train young children. He told students to train adults in their families and village and to change their bad habits. He assured to visit these schools and villages. He asked us to document and circulate this model widely.



FELICITATION OF COSMO TEACHERS:



Teachers who work today build the future of tomorrow. They are the backbone of education system. They are the one who brings out best in students. They are igniting the love for a life long learning. On the eve of teacher's day on 5th September, Cosmo Foundation felicitated their teachers. At Cosmo Foundation, Balmitras are the young mothers. They are systematically trained, groomed and placed as teachers in villages across Karjan and Gangapur to transform lives of rural children. One of the Crusader of Education:

Rukshana Ghachi, a Balmitra with Cosmo Foundation for past eight years. She is the first Muslim woman joined from her village to work outside home. She takes Cosmo Gyan Vihar classes in her village to strengthen Gujarati and Maths, does parents counseling and awareness programs. She has convinced Maulavi in Madressa and started Literacy classes in Madressa too. Her husband is a vegetable vendor. She joined Cosmo Education Program to support education of her children. Her daughter is a Mechanical Engineer -first girl child from the village who did engineering and a role model for many girls of the village. She was felicitated by District Panchayat member.

AWARENESS PROGRAM WITH ADOLESCENT GIRLS:

A training program on menstrual hygiene and reproductive health was organized with girls of Standard 8 and 9 of Shri Kanam Vidhya Mandir, Village: Choranda with the help of Vatsalya Foundation, Vadodara. Girl students have received scientific information from experts.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF COSMO TEACHERS:



Vaibhav Puranik, lead software developer from Smart Connect Technologies Pvt Ltd, Mumbai conducted training of local youth on Information Technology Today and Tomorrow, qualities and skills required in IT professionals, role of teachers and students. 55 participants from Karjan in 2 days workshop participated. In this 2-day training, thorough understanding was given in a simple language on the subjects of new developments in the different fields of information technology, qualification for professional job, Internet of things, robotics, business intelligence, dark data, artificial intelligence etc. In addition, computer teachers were given theoretical training and practical demonstration on what is formatting and how to do formatting in different programs.

Pravin Chauhan, Associate Program Coordinator , Cosmo Foundation conducted a training with CF Aurangabad team on vision and objectives of the organization, role of Computer Teachers and Balmitras. Responsibilities that we owe to self and society, methods of rapport building with schools, students and community, importance of health and hygiene and cleanliness within school premises and class rooms.

Divyesh Trivedi, Founder Director, Duduz House, Vadodara, a leading organization to promote education through creativity conducted a session with computer teachers in Karjan on efficient work plan, time management and career commitment.



: Happy Diwali :

Festival Wishes to all our readers.

May the Festival of Light bring Peace, Happiness and Enlightenment

Humble Appeal

We appeal you to contribute through your knowledge, expertise and resources in the continuing journey of building life of lesser privileged amongst us through quality education, which will enable development of civilization as a whole.

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