

Monthly Newsletter

June 2023



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

Overview



Welcome to our **June 2023** newsletter, filled with exciting updates on CSR of Cosmo First.

We are delighted to share that our summer camps and vacation batches successfully catered to **1000+ rural students and youth**, providing them with opportunities to acquire proficiency in English communication, digital skills, problem-solving, and creativity along with engagement in joyful activities.

The new academic year began on June 15th, with our teachers' embracing students with enthusiasm and dedication. We remain committed to nurturing our educators with consistent training and inputs to acquire best learning outcome.

Dedicated to environmental preservation, we actively celebrated "Environment Day" on June 5th and did pre-readiness for expanding Cosmo Tree Plantation drive in monsoon.

Expanding our impact, we embarked on a transformative women's empowerment project with livelihood support in Chhindwara, a tribal district of **Madhya Pradesh (MP)**. We have planned to start livelihood skill-building and income generation support for **270 women** initially. Thus, expanding our footprints in the new state.



EDUCATION

Production of Digitized English Learning Content for Maharashtra

Cosmo Foundation's groundbreaking initiative, the Cosmo English Tutor- YouTube channel has been making waves in Gujarat, where students and teachers from Govt and private schools and parents have witnessed significant improvements in English subject and gradually acquiring communication skill.



Considering the response from Gujarat now CF has translated the content and recording the video lectures for Marathi medium learners. English faculty from CF, Satish Jagtap under the guidance of Senior English Faculty Mr. Pravin Chauhan at Cosmo Foundation and other team members this project of knowledge resource production began. We have successfully recorded and finalized 30 video sessions from planned 90 lessons, aim to revolutionize English education for students in Maharashtra.

Our goal is to provide accessible and engaging resources that will enhance English language skills and academic achievement.

School Enrolment Drive – Embracing a New Academic Session

At the onset of new academic session, dedicated team of Cosmo Balmitras and Computer- English teachers in close collaboration with schools warmly welcomed the students, setting the stage for an extraordinary academic term. With vibrant signboards, captivating photo booths, decoration of classrooms and engaging activities, they created an atmosphere brimming with enthusiasm





At Karjan, Cosmo actively Collaborated with local Govt schools in the Shala Parvesh Utsav, a School Enrolment Drive organized by the Government of Gujarat. During 12th to 14th June the programs were organized across schools. Senior Govt officials, MP & MLA, schoolteachers, parents and community leaders and Cosmo team together welcomed and enrolled young students in Class 1 and Bal Vatika in 20 Cosmo affiliated villages of Karjan. Motivational gifts were presented to 375 students. Dedicated efforts of Cosmo Foundation to strengthen knowledge and exposure at grassroot by setting up computer labs, constructing school sanitation blocks and organizing computer, English and Foundational Literacy programs were highly appreciated and acknowledged. Cosmo Foundation Balmitras were felicitated for their dedicated services to revolutionize education across villages

Upskilling Cosmo Teachers

Exposure Visits of Aurangabad Teachers At Karjan



Cosmo Foundation organized consistent training and skill enhancement sessions on pedagogy, content delivery, observation and collective reflections, production of teaching learning material and in house study circles were organized during summer break. Extended this endeavor by organizing exposure visit of CF Aurangabad teachers to Karjan, Vadodara.

They visited CF educational programs in Cosmo affiliated schools, Cosmo Resource Center, and E-service center, interacted with Cosmo and schoolteachers. They learnt about Teaching Material, diverse teaching methods, Curriculum on Early Child Care Education, Management of educational resources and library, documentation process and mapping learning outcomes. This interaction fostered collaboration and shared learning.

Seeing is Believing



Pratiksha Todkar

Balmitra and English Trainee Teacher,
Cosmo Foundation, Aurangabad.

Our visit to Gujarat was truly inspiring. I learnt how to do analysis of assessment results and accordingly do lesson planning, gathered innovative ideas for teaching materials. I was astonished by Sonal Vasava, an English trainee teacher from Karjan. She is 10th pass but she has mastered English videos, built conceptual clarity so well and guides many English teachers like me who have done formally B.Ed. The efficient use of Excel program by Balmitras at Karjan and hands-on experience in video shooting added to our learning. I myself gave demo lecture on camera and it has opened my eyes towards perfection and self-improvement. Sangeeta Patel, a Balmitra who is physically challenged runs classes with extraordinary zeal and takes care of knowledge documentation, dissemination and induction of new Balmitras. The strong teacher-student bond in Gujarat left an indelible impression on us and we need to walk extra miles to enhance the output.

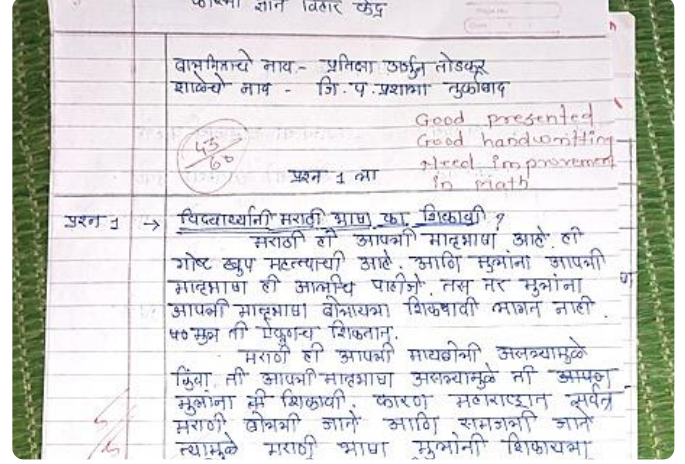
Application of AI and Google tools



A comprehensive "Computer Training Program" for CF Balmitras was organized at Aurangabad. Through targeted sessions covering technical skills, content writing, AI tools, basic computer skills, and Google Tools, we empowered our teachers to create engaging and interactive learning environments.

Competency Mapping of Cosmo Teachers:

An Intensive assessment of Balmitra's, Computer, and English teachers was organized before the beginning of the new academic session. Systematic skill gaps identified from each individual teachers and planned their sessions of skill enhancement



"Empowering Education: Cosmo Foundation's Impact on Rural Students' Academic Success"

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શ્રી રંગ અવધૂત શાળા પરિવાર તરફથી આપશ્રીને નમસ્કાર.

આપશ્રીની સંસ્થાની શિક્ષણ પ્રત્યેની અભિરુચિને ખૂબ ખૂબ ધન્યવાદ. વર્ષ-2022-23 દરમિયાન આપશ્રીની સંસ્થા તરફથી ધો-10 ના ગરીબ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને અભ્યાસની પૂરક સામગ્રી (નવનીત) સખાવત રૂપે આપેલ તેના કારણે સમગ્ર વર્ષ દરમિયાન વિદ્યાર્થીઓ અધ્યાગ પરિશ્રમ કરી શક્યાં હતા જેનું પરિણામ ફળદાયી રહ્યું હતું. (શાળાનું પરિણામ 93.33%) આપશ્રીની સંસ્થા તરફથી અત્રેની શાળા માટે ફાળવેલ શિક્ષિકાબેન ભાગ્યશ્રીબેને ધો.9 અને 10 અંગેજી વિષયમાં મૂળભૂત શિક્ષણ આપી. શાળાના પરિણામમાં મદદરૂપ થયેલ છે. શાળા પરિવાર આપે કરેલ મદદને બિરદાવે છે. આપ થકી શિક્ષણનો આ યજ્ઞ પ્રજ્જ્વલિત થતો રહે તેવી શુભકામના પાઠવીએ છે.

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"Thanks to Cosmo Foundation for catering educational resources and imparting English language learning in our school. During the **year 2022-23**, CF provided supplementary study materials (Navneet) to our rural students of 10th class. Along with it imparted English Literacy t 9th and 10th class students. As a result, school **scored 63.33%** in the board examination. It has helped students to update their knowledge with remarkable performance. All the students and school committee appreciate CF's kind efforts and we are grateful for it. Thank You!"

Jagdish Patel,
Principal, Pachiyapura Karjan

Empowerment

"Empowering Shalini's: Expanding Horizons with Basic Computer Certificate Course"

Cosmo Foundation in collaboration with USF organized Basic Computer Certificate Course for Shalini's in Gajgaon, Turkabad, and Ambelohal, villages of Gangapur block. The first day saw an impressive turnout of 24 enthusiastic Shalini's eager to acquire computer skills at Cosmo Computer Labs in Govt school of their own village. Cosmo teachers enthusiastically imparting coaching to these aspiring Shalini's. We believe this program will empower these young women, unlocking a world of opportunities for their future. Stay tuned for more updates on their progress throughout the course!



"From Labor to Literacy: Empowering Children through Cosmo Foundation"

Story Of Simple Patel -

During the COVID-19 crisis, as schools were closed and parents sought work outside the villages, due to economic crisis. children were left behind, vulnerable to labor, and limited access to education. Many children were engaged in selling household utilities, vegetables, working on farms etc. Simple Patel a Balmitra from Karjan took proactive measures, conducting home visits, engaging in consistent dialogues, and providing personal coaching and counselling.



Through heartfelt stories of triumph, emotional support, and practical guidance, She motivated children and parents to rearrange their schedules and prioritize education. The results have been extraordinary—20 children who were previously engaged in labor have been reintegrated into the education system, and five students successfully passed their 10th board exams with exceptional results in 2023.

Cosmo Foundation's unwavering commitment to addressing the root causes of child labor has paved the way for a brighter future. On this World Day Against Child Labor, let us unite in raising awareness and advocating for change.

Environment

World Environment Day: Cultivating a Greener Future

On 5th June World Environment Day, Cosmo Foundation organized a Tree Plantation Drive at Asegaon and Ranjangaon schools in rural Aurangabad with the support of Prayas Youth Foundation. Teachers, dignitaries, and community members united with the Cosmo team, sharing a vision of environmental stewardship. Students cleaned their surroundings, nurtured saplings, and took a pledge to protect Mother Earth.

In Karjan, Gujarat, Cosmo Foundation in collaboration with the Forest department planted 150 trees in Kurali village, along with a village rally where young children and parents actively participated.

Our rural children and youth expressed their excitement through artistic posters, highlighting the importance of nurturing our planet.



Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive: Expanding Horizons

Cosmo First our parent company is committed to ensuring environmental sustainability by enhancing green coverage. To accomplish this vision Cosmo Foundation with a technical partnership of Prayas Youth Foundation has initiated monumental journey in Aurangabad to establish Maharashtra's largest biodiversity park on Army land by planting 40,000 native saplings.

The groundwork, including leveling the land, fencing, pits for plantation is completed. This initiative goes beyond tree planting—it signifies a profound commitment to ecological restoration, enriching biodiversity, and creating a sanctuary for countless species. Together, let's nurture and protect our natural heritage, sowing the seeds of a greener, more sustainable future.



"Conquering Adversity: Sustaining Plantations Amidst Challenging Climates"

Against scorching heat and the fury of Cyclone Biparjoy, Cosmo Foundation remained resolute in its mission to nurture and preserve thriving plantations of **55,000 trees** across Delhi, Aurangabad, and Karjan. Through meticulous planning and timely interventions, we overcame these adversities, minimizing losses and maximizing survival of plants and yields for our beneficiary farmers. The unwavering guidance and training provided by Prayas Youth Foundation, empowered farmers to navigate challenging climates and safeguard their plantations.

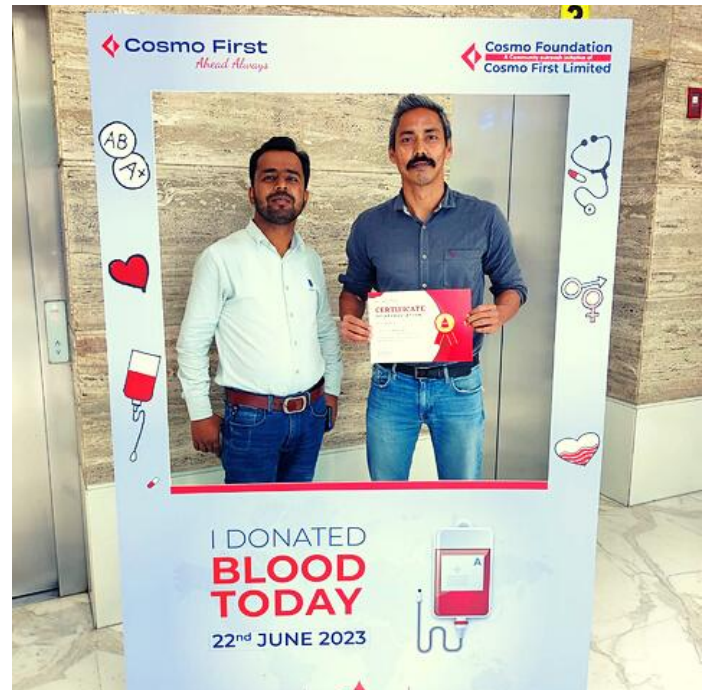


Special Initiatives

"Lifesaving Impact: Blood Donation Camp at Cosmo First LTD"

Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with the Rotary Blood Bank, organized Blood Donation Camp at Cosmo First, New Delhi. This impactful event aimed to save lives by collecting voluntary blood donations, and the response from employees, corporate entities, and individuals was truly remarkable.

Representatives from various organizations, including Cosmo First, Cosmo Films, Ziggy, and other enterprises in the Bani, Jasola district, actively participated in this noble cause. Their selfless contributions have the power to provide hope and save the lives of individuals facing critical medical conditions.



Renewing Kagazipura's Legacy: Growing Together for a Cleaner Future

Kagazipura, the custodian of a rich 700-year-old Hand Made paper-making tradition, continues its transformative journey. With support of CF, INTACH planted 40 coconut trees Near the pond and paper mill. Empowered by passionate women volunteers, our Swachata Committee is driving awareness on vital issues such as the proper use of washing ghat and keep pond water clean. Computer and English Education with young children is in full swing and enhancing academic skills. With collaborative efforts of INTACH, Cosmo Foundation, School Management Committee and Gram Panchayat marching to build model heritage village.



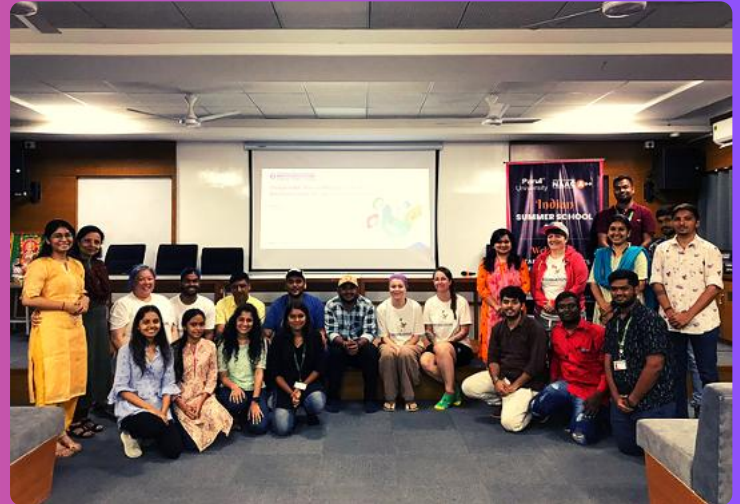
CSR presentation to students at Humber University.

Driving Social Innovation:

Cosmo Foundation Inspires Social Work Students at Parul University"

Parul University in Vadodara partnered with Humber University, Canada and organized Summer School Program focused on "Social Innovation." The program aimed to equip Social Work students with the necessary tools to make a lasting impact in their communities.

During the program, Ms. Mamta Baxi, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Cosmo Foundation, delivered an enlightening session on "Corporate Social Responsibility: An Overview of Indian Corporates." She shared valuable insights on CSR regulations, program planning, strategic interventions, monitoring, and documentation while showcasing the remarkable CSR initiatives of Cosmo First. A documentary film of Cosmo Foundation was screened. The students were highly enthusiastic to learn about CSR practices in India and commended the unique activities of the Cosmo Foundation.



Events

"From Labor to Literacy: World Day Against Child Labor"

On World Day Against Child Labor, Cosmo Foundation celebrated the inspiring journey of rural students from labor to literacy. Through exhibitions, testimonials, and discussions, we raised awareness on highlighting our commitment to eradicating child labor and empowering every child with education and opportunities.



"Child labor perpetuates poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, population growth and other social problems, our education interventions combat child labor and uplift communities."

"Igniting Wellness: Celebration of International Yoga Day"



Cosmo Foundation celebrated International Yoga Day on June 21st, considering this year's theme, "**Vasudev Kutumbakam**", uniting communities through invigorating yoga and meditation sessions. Our dedicated teachers embraced the transformative power of Yoga. Collaborations with local schools and centers amplified the impact on hybrid mode and enabled participation of 2,350 students.



"Celebrating Father's Day: A Tribute to Dads"

Cosmo Foundation in Aurangabad and Karjan commemorated Father's Day. Students engaged in activities such as making greeting cards and expressing their heartfelt sentiments through essays and speeches about their fathers. The event on 18th June 2023 provided an opportunity to honor and appreciate the special role of father in their lives.



"The Joy of Reading: Celebrating National Reading Day"



Cosmo Foundation joyfully observed National Reading Day on June 19th, 2023. Students from our centers enthusiastically participated in engaging activities such as story-reading, newspaper reading, and book-reading sessions. The active involvement of both teachers and students made this celebration a resounding success.

World Bicycle Day

Cosmo Foundation joyously celebrated **World Bicycle Day** with the participation of 435 children and Balmitra in 10 villages of Karjan Taluka. The event aimed to promote the importance of cycling and its benefits for health and the environment. Children, along with the Balmitra, actively engaged in cycling activities, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. The celebration fostered a sense of community and encouraged sustainable transportation practices. Children shared their photographs and videos on our digital platform Cosmo Digi path Shala on "Happy cycling"



Media Coverages

કુરાલી ગામે તારીખ 5 જૂને પર્યાવરણ જાગૃતિ અને વૃક્ષારોપણ કાર્યક્રમ યોજાયો



કરજણ. 5 જૂન વિશ્વ પર્યાવરણ દિવસ નિમિત્તે કોસ્મો ફાઉન્ડેશન કરજણ દ્વારા કુરાલી ગામની નવી નગરી વિસ્તારમાં પર્યાવરણ જાગૃતિ રેલી યોજાવા સાથે સ્થાનિક વિસ્તારનાં ગ્રામ્યજનોને છોડવાઓનું વિતરણ કરાયું હતું. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં બાળકો અને કોસ્મો ફાઉન્ડેશનનાં કાર્યકરોએ પર્યાવરણ જતન, ડિસ્પોઝેબલ પ્લાસ્ટિકના ઉપયોગની જગ્યાએ કાગળની થેલી, સુતરાઉ થેલીના મહત્તમ ઉપયોગ કરવા સાથે સ્વચ્છતાનો સંદેશ પાઠવ્યો હતો. વૃક્ષારોપણ માટે કરજણ વન વિભાગ તરફથી 150 છોડવાં આપ્યાં હતાં. જેનું સ્થાનિક ગ્રામજનો અને બાળકોએ ઘર આંગણા, રસ્તાની આસપાસ રોપણ કર્યું હતું.



New Delhi, 23rd June 2023. Cosmo Foundation, the community outreach initiative of Cosmo First organized a Blood Donation Drive on 22nd June 2023. This drive was held between 10 AM to 4 PM at the Reception Area of Corporate One Baani Building, Jasola District Centre, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from the local corporates & community members. This 100% voluntary blood donation is a first-of-its-kind initiative aimed to inspire individuals to follow the spirit and rich tradition of Seva and Sahyog.

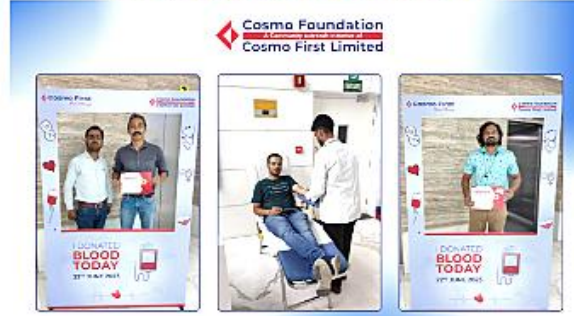
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Ahead Always

Saving Lives, One Donation at a Time: Cosmo Foundation's Blood Drive Creates Ripples of Compassion

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As a part of their care outreach, the Foundation also distributed 4,000 blankets and ready-to-eat meals across different hospitals in Delhi namely Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Delhi State Cancer Institute, National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases, Safdarjung Hospital, and Shree Aggarwal International Hospital. Cosmo Foundation has also planted more than 50,000 trees across India under its "Go Green Initiative". Additionally, Cosmo Foundation has invested approximately 1.12 CR in its efforts to provide clean and accessible water to communities in four different states, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, and Delhi which have impacted the lives of over 100,000 community members. Through these activities, Cosmo Foundation is devoted to transforming the lives of people via its various efforts across education, health, and environmental initiatives.



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Get Involved

National Doctor's Day

1st July

Felicitation of doctors in
Karjan and Gangapur.

Guru Purnima

3rd July

Felicitation of teachers
Motivational talk

World Population Day

11th July

Understanding on population
of India with video lecture.

Malala Day

12nd July

Acknowledgment of Women
educators.
Recording "Stories of Change"

World Youth Skills Day

15th July

Training of "Chat GPT" and
Canva Software.

Expert Sessions

16th to 20th July 2023

Team Building on English Video
Modules

National Parent's Day

22nd July

An online session on –
"Gratitude to parents"

World Nature Conservation Day

28th July

Documentary screening on
"Nature Conservation"

Trainings

29th July

Carrier Counselling Sessions
with Senior Employees of
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