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EMPOWERING RURAL CHILDREN & YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.

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Dear Colleagues/Friends,

We are happy to present before you the 17th issue of our Quarterly Newsletter. It covers the glimpses of activities that encompass Computer Award Function at Karjan, Inauguration of Computer Lab at Aurangabad, Employee Engagement Program and celebration of international women's day, Assessment of students, installation of waste bins in schools and villages as well as construction of water tank in a village of Aurangabad.

COSMO COMPUTER AWARD TO THE BEST PERFORMERS

The prestigious Cosmo Computer Award function was organized on 23rd February 2018 at Patel J.K. Sarvajanic High school, village: Kandari, Karjan. In the year 2016-17, 16 rural schools 2300 students participated in Computer Literacy Program. Three rounds of competitive exams were conducted by Navrachna University, Vadodara. Five best performer students were awarded laptops and trophy and nine students were awarded Consolation Prize in the form of motivational books.

The chief guest of this event was Mr. Maheshwar Sahu (IAS), Chairperson, Gujarat CSR Authority and Trustee of the Cosmo Foundation. He encouraged students to focus on building skills, appreciated collaborative efforts of local schools, Cosmo Foundation and commitment to CSR of Cosmo Films. Shri Arvind bhai Patel, Member of the Gujarat secondary education board also graced the function and appreciated that mere donation does not work, Cosmo Foundation provides knowledge, skills and builds aspirations of the students.



600 students, parents, principals and teachers from 25 Government schools, Sarpanchs, block magistrate were present.

"Upon winning the computer set, I taught computer operation to my parents and children of neighborhood. Now my parents operate emails efficiently. It was a great help to strengthen my studies as I did 11th, 12th science and at present pursuing my nursing course." - Jinita Patel, ex – Computer Award winner, village: Kandari.

INAUGURATION OF COMPUTER LITERACY PROGRAM AT TURKABAD



On 19th January 2018, Computer Lab Inauguration took place at Zila Parishad High School, Turkabad in Aurangabad District. Mr. Soham Woyal – Regional Officer MIDC Aurangabad was the guest of honor. From Cosmo Films Ltd Mr. Sanjay Chincholikar, Mr. Mahesh Bhale, Mr. Sudhir Shrotre, Mr. Yogesh Khadkikar graced the function. Members of Gram Panchayat and School Management committee, students and parents joined. Cosmo Foundation has set up computer lab with 15 set of computers, furniture, LED Monitor, UPS, Electrification, educational material and full time trained teachers. 700 students from standard 5th to 12th takes benefit of this program.

In its outreach, Cosmo Foundation has set up its 5th Computer Lab in Aurangabad.

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

At Zila Parishad High School, Turkabad Cosmo Foundation invited Ms. Priti Fad, PSI Waluj Police Station on 8th March, International Women's Day. She spoke about her journey from student to PSI and talked on women's safety and education. Girls actively participated in the session. Similarly at Zila Parishad Primary school Limbejalgaon, Ms. Tyba Shaikh, President, Women's Right Association Gangapur was invited. She addressed 5th to 8th class girls and Teachers. She spoke on Women's Rights and issues and how to develop self confidence.

At Cosmo Foundation, Karjan three Balmitras were felicitated for their outstanding performance and community service.



GRADUATE ENGINEER LEARNERS AT COSMO FOUNDATION



A visit to Zila Parishad Primary School, Limbejalgaon was organized for Cosmo Graduate Engineer Learner (GEL's) on 24th March 2018. Seven GEL's have planned sessions for students of various age group to impart importance of fitness, team work and encouraged to boost their creativity. First session initiated for 7th & 8th Std girls on Importance of Fitness in form of Aerobics exercise with goal of improving all elements of fitness. Second activity of balancing of CD's and Balloons for 4th Std students, which highlights on

team work and coordination. Third activity of Cartoon painting held with Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra Students, they have learned creative and different styles of coloring. There was wonderful response from School Teachers and also appreciated Cosmo Foundation for arranging visit to their school.

UNDERGROUND WATER TANK AT SHREE GANESH VIDYALAYA GAJGAON

Cosmo Foundation in partnership with Shree Ganesh Vidyalaya Gajgaon constructed underground water tank of 15,000 liters water storage capacity. 1000 students of Shree Ganesh Vidyalaya and Jr. College of Gajgaon benefits and get drinking water. This is a step forward by Cosmo Foundation to create access for drinking water in acute drought affected village of Maharashtra. Cosmo Foundation received generous donation for this project from Shri Pankaj Poddar, CEO, Cosmo Films.

INSTALLATION OF WASTE BINS

Cosmo Foundation generously contributes to respond the local needs and to support national policies. Under Swachh Bharat Campaign various initiatives are undertaken viz. swachta committees, parameters and module to maintain school cleanliness, construction of sanitation blocks in schools and village based awareness campaigns. In extension to the same CF installed 55 waste bins across schools, at National Highway service roads as well as in Choranda and Kothav villages. It has contributed well to maintain cleanliness. In village Choranda a



safai sevak (sweeper) says that he is able to collect and dispose wastes with little ease and saves his time. Choranda considered to be the most unclean village and many at times during summer gets epidemic. Sarpanch Shri Dhaneshbhai Vasava of this village is inspired and has recruited 3 more safai sevaks. He has appealed villagers to pay taxes regularly which enable to sustain safai sevaks regularly. He has requested Cosmo to expand this project by providing hand gloves, cycle rickshaw and some identity badge or uniform.

ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS



As the academic session is coming to an end, CF as per practice conducts final assessment across the programs. Assessment of 5258 students in Computer Literacy Program, 1056 in Basic English Program and 1250 in Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra done. The focus is to measure conceptual understanding and also their ability for applicability. It includes oral, written, practical test. As narrated by Poonambhai Padhiyar, "It is worth to learn about Assessment system of Cosmo Foundation. Performance of each child is measured with systematic indicators. Oral communication skill in English and Gujarati measured with dialogues, greetings, instructions and oral comprehension. Children in our school have improved

handwritings and communication skills."

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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