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EMPOWERING RURAL CHILDREN & YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION.

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Dear Colleagues / Friends,

We are happy to present you our Quarterly News Letter for the period from April to June, 2016.

It was the time of summer vacation for the students wherein Cosmo Foundation in partnership with local government schools organized skill building courses. After reopen of Schools, Cosmo participated in school enrolment programs and restart of the centers.

BASIC COMPUTER CERTIFICATE COURSE

Like every year, Cosmo Foundation organized Basic Computer Certificate for rural youth in Kurali and Choranda villages. 30 students participated. The major subjects covered were computer operation, document formatting, data base sorting, data filtrations, presentation, English Gujarati typing.

For the young children of Primary Schools, teaching with fun in computer learning was organized in three villages. 79 students participated in the class. The aim was to create interest in technology, make them familiar with computer operation as well as to sustain their interest in education. The subjects taught to young children were computer games, digital arts, calculation, WordPad, note pad. Worksheets, etc..



INTERNET NETWORKING CERTIFICATE COURSE



This course was organized with the help of an expert from the students, who had already completed basic computer course. 25 students participated in this course. The theoretical understanding and practical skill training were given to students on web search, application finding and downloading, Google map, Wikipedia, twitter blog, ecommerce, RTO forms, online form for the jobs and education. The majority of the students were from 11th and 12th commerce. They found it very useful future education in BCA, BBA, etc.

ENGLISH FLUENCY DEVELOPMENT COURSE

This year, the very popular course of CF on English Fluency Development was organized at Kurali village from 15th April to 1st June, 2016. 90 students representing from 23 villages participated in this course. The course was conducted by Senior English Faculty from Baroda – Pravin Chauhan. The focus was on sentence formation, basic oral and written communication skill. Now the methods used were simple conversation practice, situational conversation, phonetics sound practice, news bulletin, story reading. Daily thoughts and day to day exercises on etiquettes and manners including personality development and behavior training, story making through pictures were taught. We had organized parents meetings and also arranged transport services for the students coming from far of a distance beyond 23 Kilometers.



At the end of the course parents and schools teachers were invited. The presentation was made to them on the topics which were taught to their children. Parents took keen interest and referred note books, assessment papers, Teaching- Learning Material. Sample video recordings were also shown to the parents.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT PROGRAM



Government of Gujarat had organized School Enrolment Program for the new entrants in Class-1 primary schools along with school assessment. IAS, IPS and senior government officials were deputed in Primary and Secondary school. They orally examined selected students, checked their answer sheets of previous years and addressed gatherings of students, teachers and parents and local government officials. They gave suggestions to improve quality of education, especially reading, writing skills in Gujarati language. Shri Satishbhai Patel, MLA Karjan acknowledged the initiative of CF viz. sending SMS to parents for student progress and holding parents meeting in villages. Mr. Jagbir Singh, IPS Surat had detailed deliberations on joint collaborative efforts of local schools and Cosmo Foundation. Dr. Patel, Chairman, VUDA assessed students of Kurali village on computer subject and students responded with great confidence. He acknowledged the importance of computer education in present world scenario. In Kandari village, Ms. Snadhya Bhullar, IAS Gandhinagar assessed students on English subject and seven out of eight students spoke very well. School Principal – Shri Mehulbhai Patel briefed her about English education of the school as well as additional English classes for Primary school students by Cosmo Foundation.

EDUCATION AND CAREER COUNSELING

During the journey of our educational program, a need was felt to guide high school students for the future alternatives for higher education. In this context, Cosmo Foundation has engaged Mr. JN Parmar, a retired Employment Officer and Certified Counselor for the same. In the month of June, Mr. Parmar conducted sessions in Choranda, Vemar and Kandari High schools covering 559 students. He broadly gave information on the courses available after 10th and 12th in different disciplines viz. Agriculture, Technical and Service sectors. This program has got overwhelming response from the students and teachers fraternity.



EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



Employees from Cosmo Films, Karjan regularly devote their valued times for CF's CSR programs on 24th June, 2016. Nishit Kapadia, Senior Manager, PPC visited Computer Literacy Program in high school of village, Vemar. He had the interactive session with students of class 9th about various alternatives of higher education and career available for them. He visited computer laboratory, reviewed computer education provided by CF, observed practical session and deliberated with school principal on CF's inputs. As narrated by Mr. Kapadia "Got impressed with the way computer training is planned. The entire program has been designed on the basis of students' capability and not as per courses to be taught. Each student is individually rated based on his/her knowledge,

capability and accordingly training is imparted. Cosmo Foundation is doing the job at its best. This needs to be expanded.

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

A World Yoga Day was celebrated on 21st June, 2016 across the school in Karjan. Cosmo Teachers joined and participated in this initiative in all the schools. Now there is a regular practice of doing ten minutes Yoga during the beginning of every meeting and training of the teachers.



TRANSFORMING FAMILY THROUGH EDUCATION



Ms. Rekha Patel, is a vibrant Balmitra of Cosmo Foundation who does exemplary work in teaching Mathematics, Gujarati and Life Skills to young children in Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra. She has a strong desire to teach correct English to her students. Hence she joined English Fluency Development Course conducted by Cosmo Foundation in this summer holidays in Kurali village.

She had attended the English classes very regularly during the entire period of 45 days. She was not alone but her adolescent daughter and young son also actively participated with her in English class. She learnt all the basic tools of English language including phonetics sounds, sentence formation, basic conversation, correct writing skill etc. It was an example for entire rural community as mother with two children were learning together. She scored distinction grade in final assessment. Her daughter says that "English and Internet Networking course have helped her to crack BCA entrance examination. As Rekhaben says, "I am thankful to Cosmo Foundation for creating the opportunity to learn English at doorstep and extend her thanks to her husband and mother-in-law for the support and encouragement."

A Humble Appeal

In our ongoing journey, we would like to seek involvement and support of our colleagues and their family members in any manner they wish to contribute. This will create pace for education of the underprivileged whose empowerment will have a very optimistic impact to the civilization as a whole.

We will be in communication with you all every quarter & would keep you updating on our steps ahead which could transform lives.

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