



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**Transforming lives of communities through
Education, Environment and Empowerment Initiatives**

Overview



As the academic session nears to end, this month has marked a series of transformative initiatives. We motivated 840+ students appearing for board exams with best wishes and motivational messages to build their confidence. During this month, we had seven university interns. With their support, we organized workshops on the application of AI, special coaching for the NMMS scholarship exam, English communication classes, module design on financial literacy & investment, and more.



Holistic development remained a priority by organizing specialized training for Balmitras on ECCE, emphasizing how early intervention leads to the overall development of children, fostering strong foundational learning. Beyond academics, students gained real-world experience by visiting the Cosmo First Ltd. manufacturing unit in Karjan, handmade paper mill in Chh. Sambhajinagar. They also participated in a Drawing Competition and a Radio Program organized by TOI and Vividh Bharati, respectively, enhancing their creativity and communication skills.

In Kagzipura, our continued efforts are shaping a model heritage village, reflecting our commitment to education, empowerment, and community transformation. Cosmo Foundation remains dedicated to fostering knowledge, innovation, and cultural heritage for lasting impact.



We organized a series of events like Science Day, Mother Language Day, and Internet Day, and many more events, expanding knowledge and exposure for students.



Shaping A Brighter Future: Cosmo Foundation at the Antyodaya CSR Summit 2025



Honored to represent Cosmo Foundation at the Antyodaya CSR Summit 2025 by Yuvan Foundation With 70+ CSR leaders, NGOs, and policymakers, the summit fostered powerful discussions on education, skill development, and sustainability. Mamta Baxi, CSR Head, Cosmo Foundation, shared insights on impactful CSR initiatives, driving community transformation. Engaging sessions, moderated by Dr. Hemang Joshi, Member of Parliament Vadodara, strengthened partnerships for a more inclusive and sustainable future!



Strengthening Networks: Cosmo Foundation at the NGO Fair

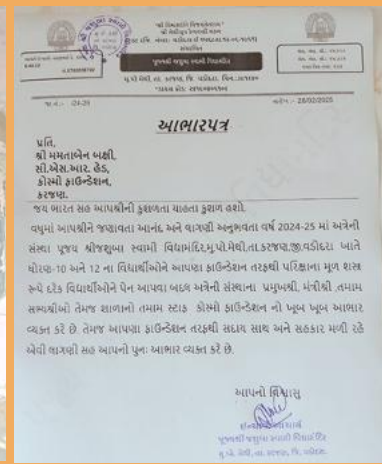
The Faculty of Social Work MSU, Vadodara, hosted an NGO Fair, bringing together representatives from various non-profit organizations. The event featured diverse stalls, interactive exhibits, and meaningful exchanges. We happily introduced Cosmo Foundation and Cosmo English Tutor to visitors, including former interns now working in schools and Anganwadis, encouraging them to subscribe. Grateful for this enriching opportunity, 200+ people were oriented about Cosmo programs, and we got an excellent opportunity for soft branding.



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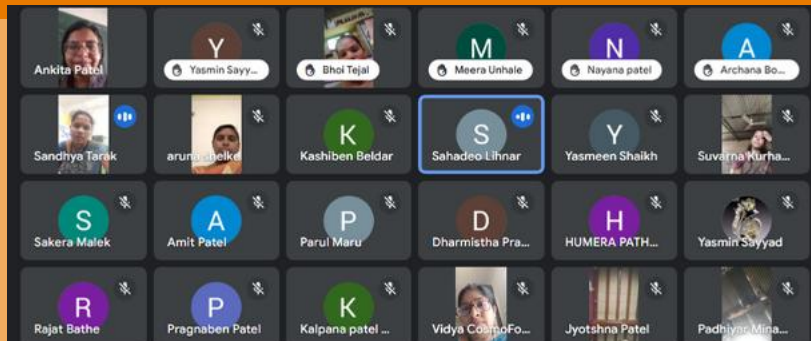
Believe & Achieve: Encouraging Students appearing for Board Exam

Cosmo Foundation motivated 840 rural students from 12 grant-in-aid schools in Karjan, inspiring 10th & 12th graders who were to appear for board exams with confidence, the mindful preparation, and positivity. We also encouraged students to constructively utilize their time post-exam for acquiring digital skills, English proficiency, and pursue their own passion. In the farewell ceremony, students were gifted pens and best wishes cards, encouraging them to excel fearlessly and get through creditably. Wishing them success and a bright future.



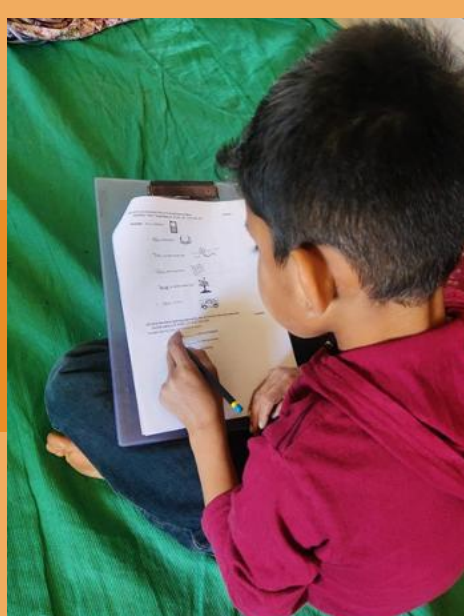
Laying the Foundation: Training of Balmitras on ECCE

Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra program of Cosmo Foundation is set to introduce Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) for 6-8 age group kids in Chh. Sambhajinagar. To ensure quality teaching, 40+ Balmitras underwent a week long training for 14 hours facilitated by Ankita Patel, Cluster coordinator, Cosmo foundation, focusing on practical, child-centric teaching. The holistic curriculum nurtures overall development, empowering educators to lay a strong foundation for lifelong learning.



English for Tiny Tots

An online English learning program was conducted by Cosmo English Teachers to empower 5th standard students through 24 days of interactive sessions, enhancing their language skills and confidence. The course covered day-to-day conversation practices, word vocabulary, picture reading, etc. The most important aspect was that, as it was on a virtual platform, parents also joined and participated. With 25+ active participants, the course concluded with excellent assessment results, and students were awarded certificates, marking a significant milestone in their learning journey.



Language is the key to new opportunities, and you have unlocked many! Congratulations on your excellent performance in English learning!





Contextualizing ASER Report and Its Relevance with CGVK

CF undertook analysis of the ASER 2024 report that highlights critical learning gaps in rural schools of Maharashtra, which correlates directly with Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra (CGVK). By training local women as Balmitras and using tailored made remedial programs, CGVK strengthens foundational literacy and numeracy. Its activity-based learning approach fosters cognitive, motor, and socio-emotional growth, ensuring holistic development. Through community engagement and rigorous assessments, CGVK is transforming rural education, bridging learning gaps for a brighter future.

Table with 4 columns: Focus Area, ASER 2024 Findings, Cosmo Gyan Vihar Kendra (CGVK) Approach, and Impact. It details findings on foundational literacy and pre/post-assessment outcomes.

-By Kunal Wadhekar

The ASER report provides critical insights into learning levels, guiding CGVK to design impactful interventions for holistic education.

Shaping Scholars: Coaching for NMMS Exam

Cosmo Foundation, with the support of intern from MSU conducted coaching for National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Competitive Exam for 26 students from Khandha and Kanbha schools, Karjan. This initiative supported 8th-grade students from economically weaker sections to qualify for the ₹12,000 per year scholarship under the Government of India's NMMS scheme.



Study Circles: Unlocking Potential for English Proficiency

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Cosmo English Tutor is a powerful platform for mastering English fluency through practical learning. With 22 Study Circles conducted over the past several months, teachers have strengthened their skills, covering all tenses and enhancing classroom impact.



Building Confidence in English Fluency

I am Bhagyashree, a Computer teacher from Ambelohal Centre, and I have been watching Cosmo English Tutor for the past seven months. The Study Circle is an excellent platform that has greatly improved my understanding of English. Watching videos from the modules helps, but attending Study Circle sessions has given me more clarity, especially in identifying tenses.

Bhagyashree Pradhan
Computer Teacher, Ambelohal





Colors of Imagination: A Visit of Rural Students At Inorbit Mall, Vadodara

On February 9, 2025, rural students from Karjan, supported by Cosmo Foundation, participated in their first-ever **Drawing Competition on Road Safety** at Inorbit Mall, organized by Times of India. Competing against urban school students, they showcased their creativity with full support in logistics, a drawing kit, and guidance on the subject. It was an exposure where, for the first time, students visited a mall and experienced stepping into an escalator. The major learning is yet to break inhibitions and build the communication skills of rural children. This initiative proved that talent knows no boundaries—only opportunities define the future!



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Together for a Safer Internet



On Safer Internet Day 2025, Cosmo Foundation empowered rural students and teachers with essential digital safety skills. The workshop covered responsible social media use, online gaming, digital payments, and identifying harmful content. Students also created awareness posters, promoting a safer and more inclusive digital space.



National Science Day - 28.02.25

Bringing science to life, Cosmo Foundation on National Science Day celebration engaged 2,102 students from 39 schools in Gujarat and Maharashtra. From hands-on experiments to Chandrayaan-3 rangoli, young learners embraced exploration, creativity, and the limitless possibilities of scientific discovery.



Intervention at Kagzipura



Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with INTACH and Z.P. School Kagzipura, is steadily transforming Kagzipura into a Model Heritage Village. Through weekly cleanliness drives, health camps, and screenings of film on Heritage of Kagzipura, students and the community are actively engaging in sustainability and cultural preservation. Young minds explored the 700-year-old handmade paper craft, gaining valuable insights into rural heritage. With a strong focus on education, empowerment, and revival, Cosmo Foundation is ensuring that tradition and progress thrive together.



Health & Hygiene Awareness Program Conducted by Dr. Monali Mali, Community Health Office, PHC Verul



Use of Dhobi Ghat



Weekly Cleanliness Drive at Dhobi Ghat



Management Students of Nath School of Business & Technology Visited Hand-made Paper Mill



Plastic Waste Collection Drive



Meeting With Sarpanch for Strategy Development



Community Enagmgnet



Flim Screening on Heritage With Students of Kagzipura



Nurturing Plantation

Environment



Glimpses On Mango Plantation- Karjan



Aayub and Salma: Cultivating Dreams, Yielding Dividend

In Fulshivara Village of Chh. Sambhajinagar, Aayub Shaikh a farmer dreamed of transforming his barren land into a thriving sweet lemon orchard. With Cosmo Foundation's support, 500 saplings were planted, but the true force behind their success is his wife, Salma. Her dedication to water conservation, organic farming, and sustainable irrigation has ensured every tree flourishes. Their journey from struggle to prosperity is a testament to resilience, proving that with determination and the right support, even the smallest dreams can bear the sweetest fruit.



Empowerment



Training of Shalinis on the Future of AI!

On February 1, 2025, Cosmo Foundation hosted an AI workshop for 50+ participants, including Shalinis from USF Gangapur and CF teachers. Facilitated by Kunal Wadhekar and Shrikar More, the session explored AI's impact and hands-on tools like ChatGPT, Gama AI, and Copilot AI. It sparked insightful discussions on AI's role in education and careers, inspiring innovation and efficiency.



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Workshop On
Unlocking Potential:
Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Date: 1st February 2025 (Saturday)
Time: 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM
Venue: Z P P School, Turkabad Kh.

Facilitator
Srikar More
Cluster Coordinator
Cosmo Foundation

Unlocking the Power of AI for Smarter Learning

This AI session was truly insightful! We explored AI tools, their applications, and how they can simplify tasks. I learned about Gemini's features and how AI enhances learning and productivity. The session also helped me understand how to use effective commands for better results. I'm excited to apply this knowledge in my studies and make learning more efficient!

Ms. Aarti Karpe,
USF Shalini, Nutan Kanya Vidyalaya



Breaking Barriers: Aaditi's Journey to the Automobile Industry

Born into an humble farming family, Aaditi Sarvendra Avasarmor faced financial challenges but remained determined to build a future in the technical field. After completing her education at Baliram Patil Vidyalaya and ITI, opportunities remained scarce—until she enrolled in a free EV training program by ISIEINDIA, supported by Cosmo Foundation and JMA Marketing. This training got her equipped her with in-depth EV knowledge and hands-on experience, giving her the confidence to enter the male-dominated automobile industry. Her hard work paid off when she secured a job at Bajaj Auto Electrical, becoming a proud contributor to add her family's income. Aaditi's journey is a powerful testament to education, skill development, and resilience, proving that women can excel in any field. Grateful for the support, she hopes more women get access to such opportunities to pave their own path to success

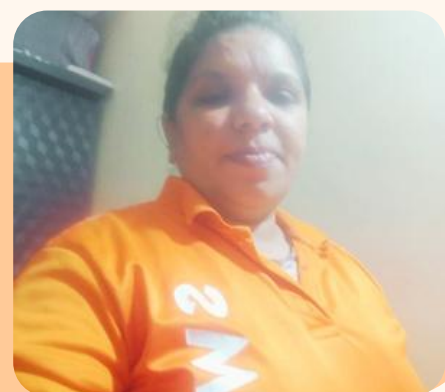
Aaditi Sarvendra Avasarmor
Vehicle Inspector, Bajaj Auto Electrical



Nari Ki Sawari: Chartering New Roads for Women

After losing my husband in cancer, I struggled to support my children. My job as a saleswoman was tough, with unreliable travel and family responsibilities weighing me down. Nari Ki Sawari project by MCSU, Cosmo Foundation changed my life—I learned to drive, gained self-defense skills, acquired license and secured a car loan. Now, as a Swiggy delivery driver, I started earning a stable income and embrace my independence. "All roads are open for me," and I'm grateful to Cosmo Foundation for helping me to reclaim my future.

Preetin Lalwani, Vadodara



Employee Engagement



Beyond Books: Real-World Learning at Cosmo First

Cosmo Foundation organized an industrial visit for 9th-grade students of Shivam Vidya Mandir, Vemar, to Cosmo First manufacturing unit at Karjan. They witnessed advanced automation, quality standards, and BOPP film production firsthand. Students interacted with the Unit Head and HR Manager, they explored the importance of communication, teamwork, and career opportunities—turning learning into real-world exposure. As one of the class teachers shared, "A big thank you to Cosmo First Limited for hosting our students and making learning beyond classrooms a reality!"



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Internship at Cosmo Foundation

Gaining Skills, Creating Change

My internship at Cosmo Foundation was a transformative experience, exposing me to AI workshops, digital literacy programs, and challenges of rural education. I gained valuable insights into the role of technology in empowering communities and developed a Financial Literacy & Investment module to equip youth with essential financial skills. This journey deepened my passion for social impact, and I am grateful for the mentorship and learning opportunities. Excited to apply these experiences in the future and contribute meaningfully to society.

Kunal Wadhekar
MBA Finance (First Year)
NMIMS Hyderabad



Empowering Students, Enriching Self

I have done my graduation in Statistics and I am pursuing a Master Degree in HR as part of my social internship at Cosmo Foundation. I had the privilege of teaching 24 students at Kanbha & Khandha Primary School for the NMMS exam. Through focused sessions and mock tests, I helped strengthen their reasoning, problem-solving skills, and subject knowledge, and I boosted their confidence. It is a gratifying experience to share my knowledge and teach students in such interior villages. Their enthusiasm was spellbound. A heartfelt thanks to Cosmo Foundation for this invaluable opportunity to witness the ground realities faced by students and rural communities. This experience has deepened my understanding, and I will carry these insights into my future professional journey.

Chirag Rathava
MHRM First year
Faculty of social work (MSU)



Events



World Radio Day- Rural students at Vividh Bharati Vadodara

Cosmo Foundation took students of Bodka Primary School to All India Radio Station, Vadodara, for a hands-on broadcasting experience. Students shared insights on radio's role in education and performed a puppet story on hygiene, set to air on Vividh Bharati Radio (Feb 13, 2025). Marking the 2025 theme – **Radio & Climate Change**, they also planted trees, blending learning with action!



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Vasant Panchami: Celebrated Knowledge and Empowerment



On this Vasant Panchami, we honored Maa Saraswati and embraced the transformative power of education that uplifts every community. At Cosmo Foundation, we empower individuals with knowledge to break barriers and shape a future of endless possibilities.



Wellness Begins with Deworming!

Cosmo Foundation, in partnership with PHC Centre Jikthan, engaged **500+** rural students on National Deworming Day through interactive sessions and a hospital visit. Expert doctors emphasized hygiene and disease prevention, empowering students for a healthier, worm-free future.

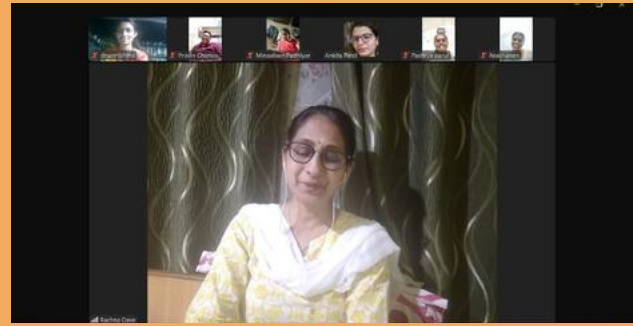


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Mother Language Day

Cosmo Foundation celebrated International Mother Language Day with 300+ students, honoring Gujarati and Marathi as symbols of cultural identity. The event highlighted how language preserves heritage, shapes the future, and fosters cultural pride.



Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Divas

Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with six government schools, celebrated Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Divas with 550 students, showcasing drama, poetry, and creative speech expressions to honor Marathi's rich legacy! Let's keep celebrating our mother tongue with pride.



Get Involved



Date/Event	Program Plan- Karjan	Program Plan - Chh. Sambhajinagar
3 March 2025 World Wildlife Day	Documentary Film Screening on Fighting to Survive Wild Nature Time: 10.00 a.m to 12.00 p.m Venue: Primary School Kothiya and Sambhoi	Documentary Film Screening on Fighting to Survive Wild Nature Time: 11:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m Venue: Z.P.School Dhoregon, Limbejalgon
4 March 2025 National Safety Day Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat	Students' Competitions Slogans & Posters on Housekeeping, Road Safety and Fire Safety. Time: 11.00 a.m to 1.00 p.m Venue: Primary School, Juna Bazar, Karjan	Students' Competitions Slogans & Posters on Housekeeping, Road Safety and Fire Safety. Time: 11.00 a.m to 1.00 p.m Venue: Z.P Urdu School Kagzipura
8 March 2025 International Women's Day "Accelerate Action."	A Steps Towards Empowering Women & Felicitation of Rural Women Time: 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Venue: Shree C & Z.J.Patel(Tralsa) Vidhyalay), Bodka	Sharing Journey of Rural Girls from the Science and Engineering field. Time: 11.00 a.m to 1.00 p.m Venue: Z.P School Turkabad
10 March 2025 To 30th March 2025	Annual Assessment of Digital Literacy and English Fluency Development across locations.	
13 March Holi The Festival of Colours	Enthusiasm throughout the Nation, bringing people together to celebrate Love, Forgiveness, and Happiness. Time: 9.00 to 11.00 Venue: All CGVK Centres	Enthusiasm throughout the Nation, bringing people together to celebrate Love, Forgiveness, and Happiness. Time: 9.00 to 11.00 Venue: All CGVK Centres
14 March 2025 International Day of Action for Rivers	River Cleanliness Drive & E Content Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Venue: Dhadhar River, Sambhoi	River Cleanliness Drive Time: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Venue: Z P P School, Asegon,
15 March 2025 World Consumer Rights Day A just transition to sustainable lifestyles	Exposure Visit to Local Shops and Awareness Session with Rural Students Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Venue: Primary school, Choranda & Dethan	Exposure Visit to Local Shops and Awareness Session with Rural Students Time: 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Venue: Z.P. School Waluj & Turkabad
20 March 2025 World Sparrow Day People and Sparrows	Birds Nest Making and Distribution Time: 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Venue: All CGVK Canters, Karjan	Birds Nest Making and Distribution Time: 8.00 to 11.00 Venue: All Canters, Gangapur Block
20 March 2025	Start Basic Course on Digital Literacy and English Communication for students who completed 10th and 12th class Board exam. Venue: Koliyad, Dethan Kandari, Handod & Vemar High School Time: 10.00 to 12.00	Start Basic Course on Digital Literacy and English Communication for students who completed 10th and 12th class Board exam. Venue: Dhoregon, Turkabad and Ranjangan Pol Time: 10.00 to 12.00
24 March 2025 World Tuberculosis(TB) Day Yes! We can end TB! Commit, Invest, Deliver	Awareness Session with students with the Help of Local PHC Time: 12.20 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Venue: Methi, Handod and Choranda Village	Awareness Session with students with the Help of Local PHC Time: 12.20 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. Venue: Gajgaon, Ambelohal, and Jikthan
25 March 2025 Single Use Plastic Waste Collection	Planning meeting with Gram Panchayat and Community on Single Use Plastic Waste Collection Drive Time: 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Venue: Colony Area, Village: Sambhoi	Plastic Waste Collection Drive -Kagzipura Time: 11 am to 12 am Venue: Gram Panchayat Kagzipura

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રિપોર્ટર મુકેશ અઠોરા કરજણ.

SUNDAY, 16-02-2025

સાંસદ દ્વારા અંત્યોદય CSR સમિટનું આયોજન
IOCL સહિતની કંપનીઓની શિક્ષણ સહિતના કાર્યો માટે ફંડની જાહેરાત
૭ ગામના સરપંચ, ૬૦થી વધુ કોર્પોરેટ લીડર્સ સહિત અન્ય પ્રતિનિધિઓ હાજર રહ્યાં

શહેરના સયાજીગંજ ખાતેની હોટલમાં આજે રવિવારે પુવાન ફાઉન્ડેશનના માધ્યમથી સાંસદ દ્વારા અંત્યોદય CSR સમિટનું આયોજન કરાયું હતું. જેમાં વડોદરાની આસપાસના ૭ ગામના સરપંચ, ૬૦ થી વધુ કોર્પોરેટ લીડર્સ, ૫૦થી વધુ ગ્રામ્ય, સ્વાસ્થ્ય તેમજ શિક્ષણ સેવના પ્રતિનિધિ હાજર રહ્યાં હતા.

સાંસદ હેમંત જોષીએ કહ્યું કે, લોકોના કલ્યાણ તેમજ વડોદરાના વિકાસ માટે કોર્પોરેટ સેક્ટરની ભાગીદારી ખૂબ મહત્વ ધરાવે છે. અહીં ઉપસ્થિત રહેલા કોર્પોરેટ લીડર્સ, પોલિસીમેકર્સને ગ્રામ્ય સ્તરે કંઈ આવશ્યકતાઓ છે, જેમાં સી.એસ.આર. દ્વારા સહયોગ શક્ય છે, તેની માહિતી દર્શાવતી હતી. સમિટ દરમિયાન IDEX ઈન્ડિયાએ ગ્રામ્ય શિક્ષણ માટે રૂ. ૨૫ લાખ અને ટિકીટોના ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ માટે રૂ. ૨૫ લાખ મળી કુલ રૂ. ૫૦ લાખનું યોગદાન આપવાની તૈયારી બતાવી હતી. Saurer ઈન્ડિયાએ વડોદરા અને કરજણ તાલુકાના પ્રાથમિક શાળાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓના સ્વાસ્થ્ય

અંત્યોદય સીએસઆર સમિટનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરતાં વજરાજકુમાર, સાંસદ ડો. હેમંત જોષી, મુખ્ય ઈડસ બાબુભાઈ શુક્લ, શહેર ભાવપ્ર પ્રમુખ ડો. વિજય શાહ અને ધારાસભ્ય ચૈતન્ય દેસાઈ ભવરે પડે છે.

ચેકઅપ માટે રૂ. ૧૦ લાખ અને યુનિવર્સિટીના ઉચ્ચ અભ્યાસ માટે રૂ. ૧૫ લાખ, IOCLએ ૧૦ એમ્બ્યુલન્સ માટે રૂ. ૭૫ લાખ, બોલેરો માટે રૂ. ૫૦ લાખ, સ્વયં સંચાલિત સિવેજ સફાઈ મશીન માટે રૂ. ૧૦ લાખ, ૬૦૦ ન્યુટ્રીશન કિટ્સ સહિત કુલ રૂ. ૧.૩૫ કરોડના યોગદાનની તૈયારી બતાવી હતી.

એમપી ઓફિસ તરફથી ટેબલ ટેનિસ ટેબલ માટે રૂ. ૫ લાખ, નગર પ્રા.શિ.સમિતિની ૭૦ શાળામાં સોલર

વડોદરા આકાશવાણી દ્વારા વિશ્વ રેડિયો દિવસની ઉજવણી કરાઈ

૧૩ ફેબ્રુઆરીએ વિશ્વ રેડિયો દિવસની ઉજવણી કરાય છે. ત્યારે આ વર્ષની થીમ રેડિયો અને પર્યાવરણ પરિવર્તન અંતર્ગત વડોદરા આકાશવાણી રેડિયો સ્ટેશનના પરિસરમાં પૂર્વ સંધ્યાએ આજે કરજણના બોડકા ગામની પ્રાથમિક શાળાના વિદ્યાર્થીઓના હસ્તે વૃક્ષારોપણ કરાયું હતું. તે સાથે જ વિદ્યાર્થીઓ દ્વારા રેડિયોનું મહત્વ અને 'ભલી ઉંદરડી' પપેટ શો દ્વારા વ્યક્તિગત સ્વચ્છતાનો સંદેશ પ્રસ્તુત કરતું રેકોર્ડિંગ કરાયું હતું. જેનું પ્રસારણ ૧૩ ફેબ્રુ. સવારે ૧૧ વાગ્યે આકાશવાણી વડોદરાના ૯૩.૮ FM પરથી કરાશે. કાર્યક્રમમાં વડોદરા આકાશવાણીના કેન્દ્ર અધ્યક્ષ જગદીશ પરમાર, તેમનો સ્ટાફ અને કોસ્મો ફાઉન્ડેશનના સ્વયંસેવકો જોડાયાં હતા.

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