



Monthly Newsletter

January - 2024



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

OVERVIEW

This month was full of energy and happiness as we celebrated 75th Republic Day and Lord Shri Ram Pran Pratishtha Mahotsav. The celebrations were filled with joy and pride. Apart from this, we moved forward empowering women from different sections of the society by organizing soft skill training for rural girls and self defense training for women engaged in driving course. Rigorous teachers training was organized with practical exposure, projects and talks with the experts. Festivals and national days like Makar Sankranti, Hindi Language Day we're celebrated with great enthusiasm.



Celebration of Ramotsav



On the occasion of the Lord Shri Ram Pranpratishtha Mahotsav, Cosmo Foundation extended its reach to the unreached people by serving **1500 ready-to-eat meals** and **distributing blankets** to the most vulnerable individuals in Raipur and Bhaktawar village, Pushta Road, Bhavani Shiv Mandir in the NCR/Delhi region. This compassionate initiative was organized with the support of ISKCON, Delhi.



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Celebration of 75th Republic Day

Cosmo Foundation teachers participated in the flag hoisting program organized at rural schools. Cosmo teachers worked rigorously for cultural program. At Aurangabad, students presented exciting performances with different themes, like, Digital India, Role of Youth in Nation Building, etc... In all the rural schools public programs were organized and contribution of Cosmo Foundation was appreciated.



Biodiversity Hub

Visit of CMD and Directors of Cosmo First



**Mr. Ashok Jaipuria,
CMD, Cosmo First
at Cosmo Bio Diversity Hub**



**Mr. Anil Jain, Director,
Corporate Affairs, Cosmo First
at Cosmo Bio Diversity Hub**



**Brig. K.S. Narayanan
at Cosmo Bio Diversity Hub**



**Cosmo Foundation & Prayas Youth Foundation Team
at Bio Diversity Hub**



Amazing work being done and the passion the team has is very evident.

Yashpal Singhal

What an Impressive Project! Amazing work by Cosmo and the CSR Team. Well done!

Arjun Singh



EDUCATION



Cosmo Foundation is relentlessly working to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy, English language skill and digital skills. Cosmo teachers are the pillars of the education programs and to enhance their capacity is of prime importance at Cosmo. Following trainings of Cosmo Foundation teachers were organized...

Class Room Etiquette for Teachers

A training was conducted on role of teachers to promote positive learning environment, communication skill, ability to dialogue, dressing up, grooming, greetings and how to deliver knowledge with patience and politeness. How to take forward the processes of collective learning and enhance learning outcome with impactful classroom behaviour.



Project on Digital Operation



All the computer teachers were given assignments to prepare the projects on career option in IT sector, power of digital apps, role of IT companies, information on e-commerce platform, etc. teachers made simple projects, presentation in local language which will be used as demonstration for rural children and youth.

Performance Review of Last Three Quarters

During this month, there was an exhaustive exercise carried out for the Karjan and Aurangabad team where group work was organized and assessed learning outcomes and best practices of each project, and to explore the future roadmap together.



Readiness for Competitive Exam



Cosmo Foundation, Karjan has been conducting specialized coaching sessions for students preparing for the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya competitive exams for the last 6 months. 56 rural students appeared for the exams on 20th January 2024 in Karjan. For the pre-readiness, a parent's meeting was organized on a virtual platform and they were oriented to examination guidelines, professor to acquire call letters, and last-minute assistance required to be given to students by parents for the exams.

“Navodaya classes have had a significant impact, not only on the academic progress of our children but also on their overall development. We have observed a noticeable enhancement in their conceptual understanding facilitated by mental agility and proficiency in solving complex numerical questions. Running a classes on online platform has brought about a substantial transformation in our children's skills to learn effectively through digital medium. This is the only coaching available in karjan for competitive exams and that too free of cost”.

Pruthvirajsinh Parmar, parent, Village Abhara- Karjan





EMPOWERMENT

Empowering Rural Girls with Soft Skill Training

As part of the celebration of "National Girl Child Day" on January 24th, Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with "The Core Teamwork" Delhi, organized a webinar on a digital platform. 300 rural girls representing from 9 high schools of Gujarat and Maharashtra along with 55 community based teachers of CF participated. The theme of the event was "Mann Main Hai Vishwas," aimed at building self-respect, self-confidence, the significance of education and skill enhancement for girls and gender equality were emphasized by experts. During the webinar, examples of Indian role models such as Kalpana Chawla, Mary Kom, and Sindhutai were presented along with creative exercises.



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“This webinar could raise awareness about mental and physical development, as well as foster a positive attitude among the rural girls. Such exposure is so much valuable to build confidence of rural girls and women teachers.”
Nafisha Diwan, teacher from Dethan High School, Karjan.



Self-Defense Training for Women Drivers



20 women who were enrolled in four wheeler driving course under Nari Ki Sawari program at Maharani Chimnabai Stree Udhyogalay participated in a week long self-defense course. The one day workshop was organized with SHE Team (Women Police Team).

Cosmo Employees Empowering Rural Shalinis



16 senior employees and their family members from Cosmo First Waluj are mentoring Shalinis from Gangapur block. A meeting was held on 11th January 2024 at Waluj manufacturing unit with USF team. The major discussion was around how to take our Shalinis at next level, need for soft skills training and role significant played by Cosmo teachers to strengthen USF program in Gangapur block.

“Cosmo computers teachers and cluster coordinators have done remarkable job for creating awareness in schools of Gangapur regarding USF program. They have encouraged number of girls to join USF programs. With their efforts of school and parents, 130 girls have given NAT entrance exam. We are thankful to Cosmo Foundation team their incredible for efforts to get most needy girls to the USF platforms.” Sudha Bajaj, Convener USF, Aurangabad



Cleanliness a Way of Life



Recently we organized “ Our Toilet - Clean Toilet” campaign across the rural schools where Cosmo Foundation has set up sanitation blocks. A pivotal step was taken towards cultivating a healthy and hygienic environment. 270 student’s representatives from cleanliness committee from various schools in Karjan participated. Furthermore, the campaign broadened its scope to encompass health awareness, with a special focus on initiating an open and informative dialogue about menstrual hygiene specifically tailored for high school girls. This happened with an active participation of Cosmo Foundation teachers, school principals, Swacchhata Committee members interns from University.



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Glimpses of Cosmo Tree Plantation Drive



CSR VOLUNTEERS



Mentorship to Rural Shalinis

"I take an immense pride in mentoring six bright Shalinis from Gangapur block. Currently I am serving as senior officer in a quality Assurance. My journey began from the rural belt of Nasik, where I pursued my B.Tech with the help of a student loan. I find joy in sharing my personal journey with my Shalinis, hoping to inspire and empower them. My commitment lies in guiding them towards academic excellence and encouraging them to set ambitious goals. It's particularly gratifying to witness the hard work and dedication of one Shalini, who is on the verge of cracking the JEE entrance exams. My ultimate goal is to see each of them standing confidently on their own feet, and make a positive impact in their chosen fields".



Alka Harak
Senior Officer, Quality Assurance,
Cosmo First - Waluj

Internship at Cosmo Foundation

During this month we have 9 interns from Masters in Social Work, Masters in Human Resource Management, and the Masters of Extension and Communication. They are engaged in organizing cleanliness campaigns, documenting testimonials, digital literacy, and producing resource materials for educational programs. Nichita a research student, designed 25 files of teaching aids to promote Computer Literacy for rural schools students from Karjan taluka. She conducted a pilot study on the impact of IEC materials with 160 students of grade 6 to 8 followed by teachers training. Her primary focus was on enhancing skills in digital art and Microsoft Word.



Road safety Awareness - Karjan

During National Safety Week celebrations, the Cosmo Foundation, in collaboration with Smt.NR Patel Sarvajanik High School, Handod Village, Karjan Taluka, organized the "Road Safety Awareness" program. **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan, Safety Officer, Cosmo First Limited, Karjan** briefed the students on topics such as road safety regulations, precaution while crossing the road, understanding traffic signs, the importance of a driving license and helmet, the role of youth in preventing traffic accidents, and knowing the helpline number. 130 students from 9th to 12th classes participated. Additionally, sessions for young children on all the symbols of road safety were conducted at each of the Cosmo Gyan Vihar center.



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Road safety Awareness - Aurangabad



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NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK
BE A ROAD SAFETY HERO

A Steps Forward To Create Awareness
On Road Safety

Mr. Mahendra Babrekar,
Safety Manager,
Cosmo First Limited

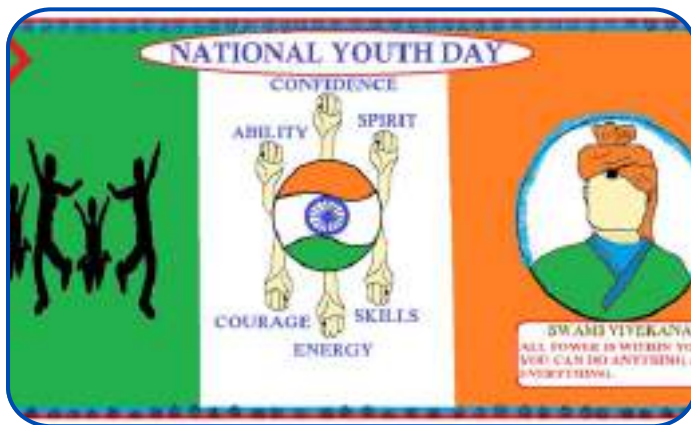
Educating rural students on Road safety - Cosmo First and Cosmo Foundation have prime concern for safety of mankind . In this regard a Road Safety Awareness program was organized at Nutan Kanya Vidyalaya, Waluj, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. **Mahendra Babrekar, Deputy Manager- Safety, Cosmo First Limited, Waluj** delivered a session on Road safety rules, accident prevention, how to address accidents efficiently to save human life. 95 rural girls , principal, teachers actively participated and pledged to follow Road safety rules.

EVENTS AND CELEBRATION



National Youth Day

Cosmo Foundation celebrated National Youth Day as Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and had marked this day by bringing enthusiastic students and teachers together to recognize youth power and its significance for social transformation. Youth needed to be inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and embody values like courage, determination, focus, and a deep love for Indian culture. In this regard, quizzes, elocutions, and posters on the subject "Role of Youth in Nation Building" were organized. Students from various schools passionately participated. It was heartening to see the spirit of young students from rural areas, their dreams and aspirations for nation-building, and the responsibility they owed. The energy of rural youth was channeled for the growth and development of our nation.



World Hindi Language Day

January 10, 2024, was celebrated as World Hindi Language Day. As our nation's national language, Hindi was also extensively spoken in many other South Asian nations. The purpose of this celebration was to raise awareness of Hindi language usage worldwide. In honor of this day, the Cosmo Foundation organized poetry and essay competitions, encouraged Hindi conversation in the classroom, and encouraged students to express their love and passion for the Hindi language via creative expression. The event was observed at rural schools throughout Maharashtra and Gujarat. 550 students from remote areas participated.



Makar Sankranti

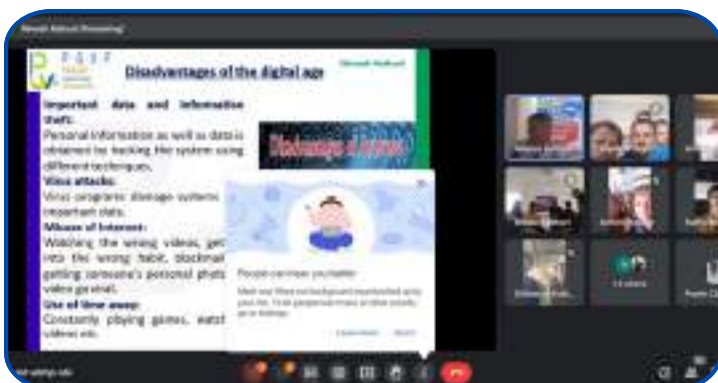


CF celebrated festival of Makarsankranti with kite flying and traditional sweets. The Celebration marks with stories of traditions, culture, and the interplay of festivals with nature, agriculture, livelihood, and humanity.



Data Privacy Day

An impactful webinar on Cybersecurity and Data Privacy was organized by Cosmo Foundation on January 28th as part of the celebration of Data Privacy Day, led by **Mr. Nimesh Rathod, a Cybersecurity expert from Pragati Vikash Foundation**. He delivered the session on crucial topics like online fraud, phishing, malware attacks, cyber law, etc.. More than 100+ attendees, including students and teachers from Aurangabad and Karjan participated. The session provided valuable insights and practical tips to combat cyber threats. Participants actively engaged in discussions, made it an informative and interactive event.



GET INVOLVED

Employees of Cosmo First are invited to participate and contribute to CSR activities in the following events on virtual and online platform

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

10th February
National Deworming Day

On Virtual Platform
Time - 12:00 To 1:00 pm

Importance of Deworming
- Chief Medical Officer,
PHC - Karjan &
Gangapur

13th February
World Radio Day.

On Virtual Platform
Time - 12:00 To 1:00 pm

Pre recorded Talk on
Importance of Radio for
quality information in
rural India.

19th February
Shivaji Maharaja Jayanti.

All Schools of Gangapur,
Aurangabad
Time -11.00 To 1.00 pm

Talk on - Visionary
Leadership of Chhatrapati
Shivaji

21st February
**International Mother
Language Day.**

Z.P School, Jikthan,
Aurangabad &
Primary School, Methi, Karjan
Time - 12:00 To 1:00 pm

Session on Story Telling

27th February
Energy Conservation Day

Koliyad High School, Karjan
Z.P. Schools, Aurangabad
Time - 5:00 To 7:00 pm

Energy Audit by Children

28th February
National Science Day

Karjan & Aurangabad
All Schools

Science Experiments and
Exhibition. CGVK centers,
Karjan & Aurangabad