

CIRC

Community Information Resource Centre

Digital Access, Information & Empowerment for All



**Connectivity
& Access**



**Information
& Services**



**Participation
& Governance**



**Capacity
Building
& Skilling**



**Entitlements
& Livelihood**

**Culture &
Preservation**

www.circindia.org



Facebook Founder Mark Zuckerberg appreciates a digitally literate child at the CIRC at Chandauli, Rajasthan. DEF Founder Director Osama Manzar looks on.

VISION

Creating information-empowered, equitable communities by providing digital access to information, knowledge and online services.

MISSION

Building connected public spaces through community participation to reach the unreached and ensure digital inclusion.

VALUES

Promoting diversity, inclusivity, sustainability and protecting environment, heritage and culture beside respect natural resources are crosscutting ethos and values of all CIRCs

What Are CIRCs?

Community Information Resource Centres (CIRCs) are community-driven, bottom up public space that seeks to bridge the information and access divide and transform under-served communities into information-empowered communities.

A typical CIRC is enabled with computers, cameras, printers, projectors, scanners, internet, wi-fi and broadband. They are run by enthusiastic, young and passionate community members who understand the meaning of information and how it can empower communities of all class and cadre through all possible means like digital literacy, ICT skills, employable skills, English, entertainment, health, agriculture, entrepreneurship, RTI, e-gov services, digital services and so on.

CIRCs at different locations may undertake different kinds of activities and offer different packages of services but all of them facilitate digital access for all and avail their daily needs using digital and communication tools.

Why Set Up CIRC's?

Lack of access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) is a major developmental challenge as recognised by various national and global mandates such as the Digital India programme or the World Summit on Information Society. Digital inclusion of marginalised communities can eradicate poverty and help achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Hence, since 2007 DEF has been setting up CIRC's:

- To make all information available to people and community as they want and demand
- For digital inclusion of information-dark communities
- Access to all enables even the poorest of the poor to become aware of their rights and entitlements and gives them the voice to avail one.
- Access to information empowers them to avail government entitlements and services, health and education, e-commerce and micro-enterprises, agriculture and land rights.
- Community Information Resource Centres (CIRC's) bring in all village level services in one platform for the people to avail them from community perspective.

What Activities Do CIRC's Undertake?

The activities of CIRC's include:

- **Connectivity & Access:** providing access to all kinds of information and online services including digital entertainment;
- **Participation & Governance:** enabling participatory governance and better delivery of government services;
- **Capacity Building & Skilling:** facilitating education and skilling;
- **Tele-medicine & Health:** ensuring affordable access to tele-medicine and health services;
- **Awareness of Rights & Entitlements:** spreading awareness of rights and entitlements;
- **Entrepreneurship & Livelihoods:** promoting entrepreneurship development and creation of livelihoods;
- **E-commerce & Economic Inclusion:** connecting rural and semi-urban markets to global and national markets through e-commerce and various other ways to achieve economic inclusion;
- **Culture & Heritage Preservation:** helping to preserve and protect culture and heritage.

Services & Source of Revenue and Sustainability @ CIRC's

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| • Documents printing | online forms |
| • Photo printing | • Creating social awareness through film screenings |
| • Scanning | • Entertainment through video |
| • Internet browsing | • Community radio |
| • E-Tickets booking – Railway/Bus/Air | • Digitisation and business processes |
| • Citizen services – such as Aadhar/Voter ID/Pan Cards | • Website development |
| • Filing RTI applications | • Social media services |
| • Bill payment services | • Educational services |
| • Wi-Fi Internet access | • Training and capacity building |
| • Connecting panchayats, schools, NGOs, MSMEs, doctors, health centres, etc. | • Study centres |
| • Helping citizens to fill and file | • Self Help Group formation, training and enterprising |
| | • Financial Inclusion |

What Programmes are CIRC's Implementing?



Promoting online citizen journalism to give voice to all.
www.defidia.net/citizen-journalism-media/



Ensuring at least one digitally literate person per household across India

Minority Cyber-Gram

Connecting minority communities to the Internet.
<http://minoritycybergram.in/>



सूचना सेवा

Aggregating information on all central and state government schemes for the marginalised for easy access.
www.defindia.org/soochna-seva



Connecting gram panchayats to the Internet
www.epanchayat.in



Connecting micro enterprises to the Internet. www.emsme.in



WIRELESS FOR COMMUNITIES

Connecting wirelessly remote localities to the Internet using unlicensed spectrum.
www.wforc.in



Connecting public libraries to the Internet.



Connecting NGOs to the Internet
pirengo.org



Preserving Heritage Through Digital Documentation.
olddelhiheritage.in

Impact of CIRCs?

- More than **26,000** individuals made digitally literate since 2007.
- Over **25,000** citizens have availed information services on health, education and numerous government schemes & entitlements since 2007.
- Reached out to **700** NGOs through CIRCs since 2009.
- Over **100,000** people have availed digital services through CIRCs since 2007.
- Enabled livelihood opportunities for **8,000** individuals.
- Trained more than **100,000** women through Helping Women Go Online Programme (HWGO) since August 2014.
- Enabled **50** women entrepreneurs with digital access since May 2014.
- Digitally enabled **3** public libraries in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh since 2014.
- Created digital presence of **700** Panchayats and digital literacy of its elected panchayat members since 2007.
- Launched Minority Cyber Gram (MCGY) initiative in 2014 in collaboration with Ministry of Minority Affairs in Chandauli, Alwar district. Digitally trained over **3000** individuals.

Voices of Community

"I am happy that women in my village are learning computers. This is indeed a good initiative, this would enable women to come forward, participate and contribute towards overall development of the community."

**Kamla Devi, Chhota Lamba
Arian Block, Ajmer.**



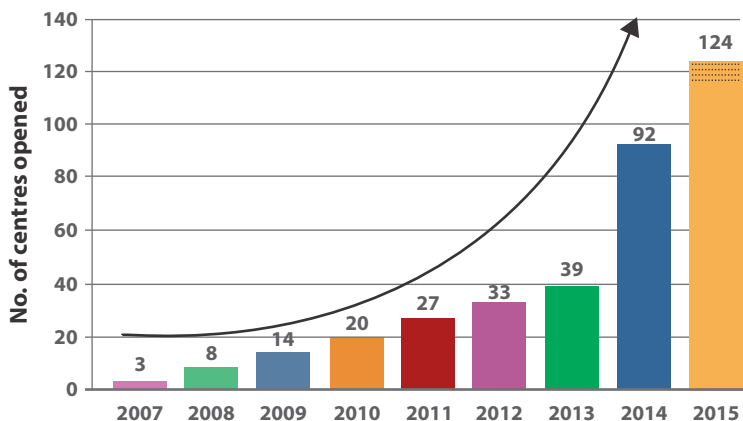
"I always wanted to learn computers but because of my sighted disability no institute was willing to give me admission. One of the neighbours told my mother about a CIRC centre in our neighbourhood, She enrolled me there for digital literacy programme. Able guidance and support of my trainer helped me in building my computer knowledge. I feel more confident and happy now". -

**Anga Mohan, Vadachepurupalli
Andhra Pradesh**

"We don't have to go anywhere, no we can learn computers at our doorstep because of mobile van. We have learnt how to open and save files and work on notepad and word files. We can draw pictures using paint tool. There's a T.V attached to the van, we watch informative films on that. There's so much we have learnt and want to learn."- **Ayesha, 14 years,
Chanduali, Minority Cyber
Gram Project**



Growth of CIRCs



WHO CAN START A CIRC?

- Community Based Organisations (CBOs)
- Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
- Entities engaged in implementing Corporate Social Responsibility programmes (CSRs)
- Individuals and entrepreneurs
- Panchayat members
- School Teachers
- Anganwadi workers
- Self Help Group members

**Anybody can establish and start a CIRC in their area by partnering with Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF)*

**Visit the website to know more about CIRC guidelines*



Benefits @ People

VILLAGERS



TRIBALS



FARMERS



WOMEN & CHILDREN



YOUTH



LABOURERS



MINORITIES



SCs & STs



DAILY WAGE WORKERS



PWDs



SHGs



ANGANWADI WORKERS



CIRC @ A GLANCE

ANDHRA PRADESH -5

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Vishakapatnam	Singivalasa	Running
Hyderabad	Kazagouda	Running
Vishakhapatnam	Araku	Running
Vijaywada	Vijaywada	Proposed
Kakinada	Kakinada	Running

ASSAM - 5

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Sonapur	Sonapur	Running
Nagaon	Batardva	Running
Nagaon	Juria	Running
Nagaon	Dagaon	Running
Nagaon	Ali Tangani	Running

BIHAR - 11

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Muzaffar Pur	Maniyari	Running
West Champaran	Bettiah (Public Library)	Running
Vaishali	Mansoorpur	Running
Katihar	Salmari	Running
West Champaran	Jagdishpur	On Hold
West Champaran	Bagha	Running
West Champaran	Lauriya	Running
West Champaran	Mainatad	Running
West Champaran	Gaunaha	Running
West Champaran	Ramnagar	Running
West Champaran	Bettiah	Running

CHHATISGARH - 2

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Raigarh	Devgaon	Running
Raipur	Dhamtari	Proposed

DELHI - 2

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
West Delhi	Kapashera	Running
South Delhi	Jasola	Proposed

GUJRAT - 3

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Dahod	Dhadhela	Proposed
Kutch	Mandvi	Running
Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	Running

HARYANA - 1

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Rohtak	Rohtak	Proposed

JHARKHAND - 9

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Ranchi	Dhruva	Running
Ranchi	Angara	Running
Ranchi	Itki	Running
Ranchi	Burmo	Running
Ranchi	Bero	Running
Ranchi	Sonahattu	Running
Giridih	Dabri	Running
Ranchi	Getalsud	Proposed
Giridih	Manjhladeeh	Proposed

KARNATAKA - 2

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Bengaluru	Coorg	Proposed
Bengaluru	Dodaballapur	Running

MADHYA PRADESH - 19

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Ashok Nagar	Chanderi	Running
Guna	Guna (W4C)	Running
Guna	Bamori	Running
Guna	Chachaura	Running
Guna	Aron	Running
Guna	Raghogarh	Running
Guna	*Guna2	Running
Shivpuri	Shivpuri (W4C)	Running
Shivpuri	Shivpuri	Running
Shivpuri	Pohri	Running
Rewa	Chhira	Proposed
Betul	Raipur	Proposed
Betul	Bhouradhana	Proposed
Betul	Kundi	Proposed
Betul	Jakhli	Proposed
Betul	Malshivni	Proposed
Hosangabad	Dodi	Proposed
Hosangabad	Morepani	Proposed
Hosangabad	Kala Akhar	Proposed

MAHARASHTRA - 4

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Pune	Yamuna Nagar	Running
Aurangabad	Silod	Running
Gadchiroli	Pimpalgaon	Proposed
Gadchiroli	Vadsa	Proposed

MEGHALAYA - 4

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Tura	Tura	Running
West Garo Hills	Jengrad	Running
West Garo Hills	Rongram	Running
West Garo Hills	West Garo Hills	Proposed

ODISHA - 4

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Bhadrak	Geltua	Running
Bhadrak	Bhadrak	Running
Keonjhar	Oriya	Running
Kalahandi	M. Rampur	Proposed

RAJASTHAN - 33

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Ajmer	Arain	Running
Ajmer	Kotri	Running
Jaipur	Phagi	Running
Tonk	Luhara	Proposed
Alwar	Vijay Mandir	Running
Alwar	Mungaska	Running
Alwar	Malakhera	Running
Alwar	Chandauli	Running
Rajasmand	Upli Oden	Running
Jodhpur	Pratapnagar	Running
Barmer	Barmer	Running
Barmer	Baiytu	Running
Barmer	Balotara	Running
Barmer	Sivana	Running
Barmer	Shiv	Running
Sirohi	Abu Road	Proposed
Sirohi	Pindwara	Running
Jodhpur	Baap	Running
Pali	Bali	Running
Baran	Bakanpura	Running
Jaipur	Bassi	Running
Ajmer	Pisangan	Running
Baran	Bhawargarh	Running
Baran	Nahargarh	Running
Baran	Parania	Running
Baran	Bakanpura	Running
Baran	Khandela	Running
Baran	Mahodara	Running
Baran	Mamoni	Running
Baran	Vilasgarh	Running
Baran	Kunjerah	Running
Baran	Kishanganj	Running
Kota	Kota	Running

TELANGANA - 2

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Hyderabad	Anjaiah Nagar	Running
Hyderabad	Gachibouli	Running

TRIPURA - 1

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
North Tripura	Panisagar	Running

UTTAR PRADESH - 3

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Kanpur	Kanpur (Public Library)	Running
Kanpur	Unnao (Public Library)	Proposed
Farrukabad	Shamshabad	Running

UTTARAKHAND - 6

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
Tehri garhwal	Upli Nagini	Running
Tehri garhwal	Chamba	Running
Tehri garhwal	Pratapnagar	Running
Tehri garhwal	Thauldar	Running
Tehri garhwal	Jakhindar	Running
Tehri garhwal	Narendra Nagar	Running

WEST BENGAL - 2

District	Village/Block	Running/Proposed
24 South Paraganas	Mollikpur	Running
Murshidabad	Murshidabad	Proposed

CENTRES

119

STATES

19

MORE TO COME

100

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