



CIRCs launched in Chandauli, Mungaska and Vijayamandir

Access to information and technology is a big challenge in community empowerment and inclusive development. With the aim of Information empowerment of rural communities in Rajasthan, Digital Empowerment Foundation launched 3 CIRCs in Alwar district last month. The CIRCs are located in Chandauli, Mungaska and Vijayamandir. These centers will act as information and communication hub and serve the need of local communities through education, health, livelihood, public service delivery services etc. One important purpose of these CIRCs is to fulfill the needs of local communities through online and offline facilities.

The Chandauli centre was launched on February 19th, 2014. The centre has 25 laptops, 3 Cameras, one projector screen, a Xerox machine, a colored printer and a photo printer. Remote areas like these do not have reliable and affordable Internet connectivity so people lag behind largely due to lack of awareness and opportunities. We have provided Internet access in these areas. Till date, there are more than 500 learners enrolled in the Chandauli centre. Chandauli has more than 80 percent minority population. Most people in the area are not well educated. The focus areas of CIRC centre in Chandauli are livelihood generation, education improvement and health, and rural development. All of this is done through ICT tools..

On Feb 23, 2014 we launched two more CIRCs in the district– one in Mungaska and another in Vijayamandir. CIRC Mungaska aims to support folk-art, theatre, music, dance and art and craft of local people through digital tools. This centre has 5 laptops, one Xerox machine, a colored printer and a photo printer. Till date, 30 students are enrolled in this centre.

The third CIRC was launched in Vijayamandir. This is a Muslim dominated area. The center here has 25 laptops, one Xerox machine, a colored printer and a photo printer. Till date, 35 students are enrolled at this centre. All three centres will fulfill the needs of local communities through online and offline facilities.