

## Workshops for CIRC

On 19<sup>th</sup> of July, 2014 a workshop has been scheduled for all CIRC coordinators/trainers and the core team of CIRC in collaboration with Intel and Anakage Tech Pvt. Ltd.

In July 2014 we will have Workshop at Vijay Mandir, Alwar



The CIRC team at Alwar is planning to conduct a Google supported computer workshop training for women by the first week of July 2014. As per the proposed benchmarks, they are approaching beneficiaries and trying to connect them with this programme. The team hopes to bring in a positive change in the community by making such efforts. The CIRC team is also looking forward to invite and speak with a few doctors who can contribute to this noble cause and

make this training much more effective.

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### Community Information Resource Centre @ Araku Valley

The Araku valley is located in the Eastern Ghats and is inhabited by different tribes and comprises of 14 Panchayats. 'Araku' mandal is one of the least polluted and less commercialized tourist destinations in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh. It is inhabited by tribal people with rich traditions and a number of artifacts, but totally disconnected from the outer world. Most people are Telugu speaking and are either engaged in agriculture or work as daily wages labourers.

Government had started a project to 'digitize the people' through technology but due to lack of fund, this project was closed. However, recently through CIRC, Digital Empowerment Foundation has initiated its new activity to provide a holistic, community-empowered approach by connecting the tribal communities to internet and technology.

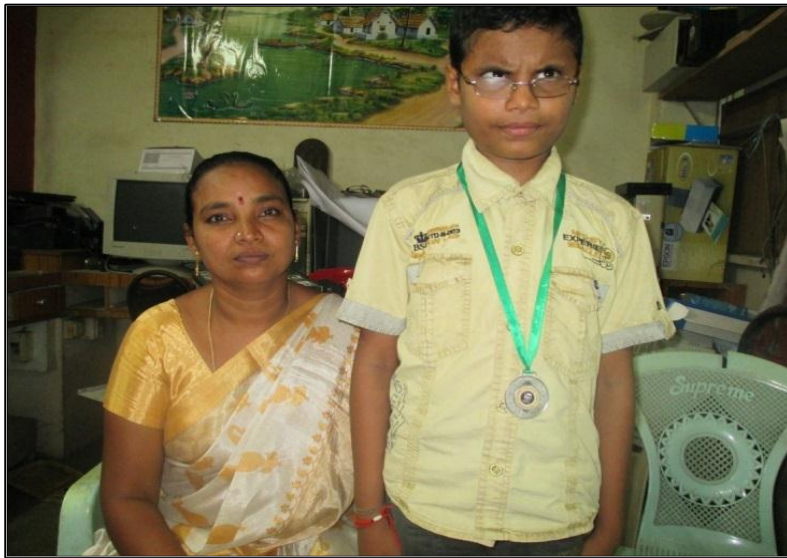
To provide digital literacy, CIRC has started four hour classes on a daily basis in which two batches of 8 am to 10 am are held in morning for women and two batches of 4 pm to 6 pm are conducted in evening for men. The centre is facilitated with laptops and other ICT tools so that villagers can approach digitally to get sufficient information.

Community has shown support and admirable attitude towards CIRC due to which centre is able to approach as many people as possible to fulfil its aim of empowering them through digital literacy.

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### My son won science Talent Test, because of CIRC”: Varalaxmi

Varalaxmi had always wanted to enlist her son in computer training centre since



Anga Varalaxmi, Vadachepurupalli, Andhra Pradesh

last six months. But due to his visual impairment, no centre was ready to give admission to him. It was very much disappointing for her son as he had strong desire to learn computers. One day she heard about CIRC through neighbors and straightaway went to its centre and got her son admitted for monthly Digital Literacy Program. He was very happy with his enrolment. Just after 20 days, he was able to explain different components of computer hardware and computer operating system and

was able to do basic operations like working on MS-Paint etc. Now she is very happy for him. She said, 'My confidence in him is increasing constantly'. She has allowed her son to participate in all competitive and talent tests at school level. It is a matter of pride for her that Mohan has won first prize in Science Talent Test and she is thankful to CIRC who gave them hope.

She believes that all this change and achievements are because of CIRC. Varalaxmi wants her son to continue further studies through CIRC and wants him to learn internet and its application."

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## Google Workshop at Mungaska, Alwar

On 29<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014, Google conducted a workshop at Mungaska in Alwar, Rajasthan. 25 women participated in this programme. It was conducted from 10 am to 1 pm and basic



functioning of computers, Internet, Facebook, Google, Skype, etc., was demonstrated to them by trainers. It was great learning for the village women.

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