What Activities Do Circs Undertake?

The activities of CIRCs 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 service.

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.
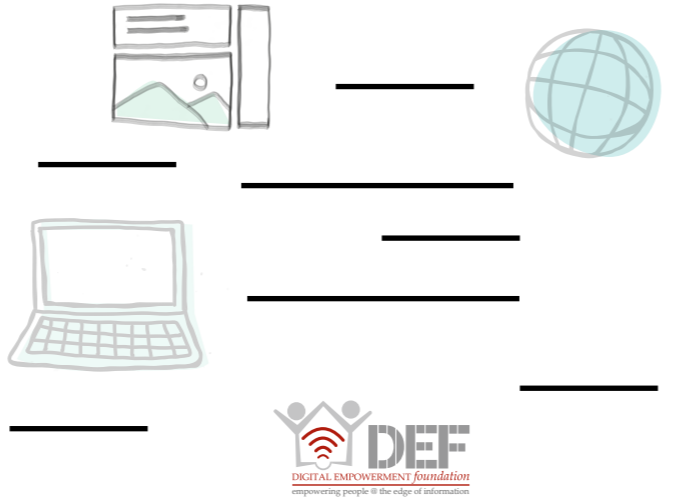
Culture & Heritage Preservation: helping to preserve and protect culture and heritage.

For Membership

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CIRC
Community Information Resource Centre
Digital Access, Information & Empowerment for All

DIGITAL LIFELINE FOR COMMUNITIES

Impact

100000	Trained Helping Women
100000	People Availed Digital Services
26000	Digitally Literate
25000	Citizen Availed Digital Services
8000	Livelihood Opportunities
3000	Digitally Trained
700	Panchayats & Digital Literacy
700	NGOs Through CIRCs
50	Women Entrepreneures with Digital Access
3	Public Libraries Bihar & Uttar pradesh

WRITING HER OWN NARRATIVE

" Nidhi Kanojiya is a 19-year-old student of History and Political Science. Her father works as a driver and her mother is a housewife. Nidhi believes that nothing is impossible in this world if we put our honest efforts. She joined the Digital Literacy Programme in the month of November 20', where she learned about computers and slowly mastered the art. Within months, she started teaching students online.

"I was a bit hesitant when I enrolled in the programme because never in my life, I thought of doing such a course. I entered the world of computers at a stranger but now I belong to this world."

Nidhi is also searching for a part-time job and wishes to become an IT expert one day. She behaves in sharing her knowledge and encourages her siblings and friends to take up the course which will help them to learn new things. "

Why Set Up CIRCs?

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 of poverty and help achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

- 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 (CIRCs) bring in all village level services in one platform for the people to avail them from community perspective.

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

CIRC

DEF
DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT foundation
empowering people @ the edge of information

What Programmes Are CIRCs Implementing?

CITIZEN MEDIA NETWORK
www.cmn.in

eheritage

National Digital Literacy Mission

Minority Cyber-Gram

eMSME
A NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION

Digital Public Library
EMPOWERING PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIGITALLY

eNGO
digitally empowering grassroots organisations

DP Digital Panchayat
Digitally Empowering Village Councils

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Soochna Preneur
Information, Entitlements & Empowerment

Wireless for Communities

Leonard Cheshire

Samarth Soochnapreneur

Smartpur
a digital village ecosystem

DIGITAL DAAN
DEVICE FOR ALL | EDUCATION FOR ALL

DIGITAL SARTHAK

Google Assistant

RCCE

CENTRES LOCATIONS

State Name — SoochnaPreneur — Centre
STATE ♂ 00 🏠 00
0 District Name
District

Uttarakhand ♂ 07 🏠 04 — 1

Jammu & Kashmir ♂ 02 🏠 02 — 2

Haryana ♂ 43 🏠 21 — 2
Rewari, Nuh

Delhi ♂ 23 🏠 02 — 5
South Delhi, North Delhi, North-East Delhi, North-West Delhi, East Delhi

Rajasthan ♂ 144 🏠 91 — 5
Barmer, Alwar, Bharatpur, Jaipur, Ajmer

Madhya Pradesh ♂ 248 🏠 57 — 17
Sehore, Raisen, Panna, Sidhi, Rewa, Chhatarpur, Satna, Betul, Singrauli, Hoshangabad, Rajgarh, Shajapur

Maharashtra ♂ 34 🏠 06 — 10
Pune, Raigad, Aurangabad, Nandurbar, Nagpur, Mumbai, Kurla, Thane, Kolhapur

Karnataka ♂ 24 🏠 12 — 3
Chamarajnagar, Shimoga, Kodagu

Kerala ♂ 19 — 6
Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Thrissur, Trivandrum

Tamil Nadu ♂ 51 🏠 03 — 7
Trichi, Kanchipuram, Chennai, Nagapattinam, Virudhunagar, Mayiladuthurai, Chengalpattu

Puducherry ♂ 01 🏠 01 — 1
Puducherry

Uttar Pradesh ♂ 164 🏠 74 — 13
Barabanki, Ghazipur, Bhadohi, Chandauli, Jaunpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Sitapur, Kanpur, Prayagarh, Rai Bareily, Jhansi, Lakhimpur

Nepal ♂ 05 — 1
Kathmandu

Bihar ♂ 207 🏠 73 — 10
West Champaran, East Champaran, Aurangabad, Darbhanga, Kishanganj, Nalanda, Muzaffarpur, Sheikhpura, Vaishali, Sitamarhi, Jamui

Bhutan ♂ 05 — 2
Thimphu, Paro

Assam ♂ 118 🏠 59 — 7
Nagaon, Hailakandi, Cachar, Karimganj, Morigaon, Nalbari, Barpeta

Jharkhand ♂ 100 🏠 72 — 4
Ranchi, Ramgarh, Khunti, Hazaribagh

West Bengal ♂ 152 🏠 52 — 9
Birbhum, Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Kolkata, Malda, Murshidabad, Noida, Uttar Dinajpur, South 24 PGS

Chhattisgarh ♂ 22 — 2
Bhilai, Raipur

Odisha ♂ 51 🏠 25 — 9
Cuttack, Khurdha, Dhenkanal, Rayagada, Boudh, Angul, Bargarh, Bhubaneshwar, Mayurbhanj

Telangana ♂ 51 🏠 22 — 9
Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Nalgonda, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Bhupalapally, Khammam, Mahabubabad, Sangareddy, Warangal

Andhra Pradesh ♂ 65 🏠 35 — 5
Guntur, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, Prakasam, Kakinada

COUNTRY –3
STATES –19
DISTRICTS –130
SOOCHNAPRENEURS–1536
CENTRES–611

Timeline

2007 — First CIRC set up towards in Ginjo Thakur Village in Ranchi (Jharkhand).

2008 — Digital Panchayat initiated in Kolhapur (Maharashtra) and Alwar (Rajasthan)

2009 — CIRC Expends to North East region, Uttarakhand & Odisha.

2010 — CIRC-cum-Digital Panchayat Initiated in Rohtak (Haryana)

2011 — Digital Panchayat is Launched and reaches out to 500 Panchayat.

2012 — National Digital Literacy Mission integrated at all CIRCs.

2013 — CIRC reaches to more than 50 Location.

2014 — 150,000 women Reached out for digital Literacy under Google's Helping women Get Online programmed

2015 — 100 CIRCs added across 20 states with support from Vodafone, Indus Towers, Pradan & Tara Trust

2016 — DEF launched British council's English and Digital for Girl's Education programmed at 21 CIRCS across 12 States.

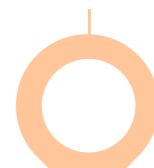**2017** — DEF adopts all district Public Library in Bihar and Telangana in partnership with IPLM.

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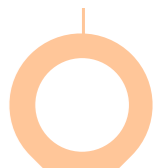
2019 — Digital Panchayat is Launched and reaches out to 500 Panchayat.

2020 — Digital Panchayat is Launched and reaches out to 500 Panchayat.

2021 — Digital Panchayat is Launched and reaches out to 500 Panchayat.

Partner Logos

NIELIT, Internet Society, Azim Premji Foundation, TATA AIA LIFE, CISCO, BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation, QUALCOMM, facebook, DAI, NOKIA, intel, vodafone Foundation, AXIS BANK, TATA TRUSTS, UNDP, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, NASSCOM FOUNDATION, CRY Child Rights and You, TATA AIG LIFE, ORACLE, WSA World Summit Awards, Common Service Centres Scheme (CSC), Incredible India, Centre for Catalyzing Change, ERICSSON, APC Association for Progressive Communications, unicef, UNICEF, PFI Population Foundation of India, US-INDIA POLICY INSTITUTE, WhatsApp, European Union, FORD FOUNDATION, CAF Charities Aid Foundation, media lab asia, LARSEN & TOUBRO Public Charitable Trust, twitter, IIHMR UNIVERSITY, Google, BRLF Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation, indus TOWERS, BRITISH COUNCIL, Microsoft, COMMONWEALTH of LEARNING, NABARD, USAID FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, Mphasis, EquallyAble FOUNDATION