

# CIRC @ A GLANCE

## ANDHRA PRADESH - 7

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Mettakivalasa	Vishakapatnam	Running
Araku Valley	Vishakhapatnam	Running
Vadachipurupalli	Vishakhapatnam	Running
Vijaywada	Vijaywada	Proposed
Kazagouda	Hyderabad	Running
Kakinada	Kakinada	Running
Proto Village	Anantapur	Running

## ASSAM - 5

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Digharu	Sonapur	Running
Bataruva	Nagaon	Running
Juria	Nagaon	Running
Dagaon	Nagaon	Running
Ali Tangani	Nagaon	Running

## BIHAR - 11

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

## CHHATTISGARH - 2

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Devgaon	Raigarh	Running
New Raipur	Raipur	Running

## DELHI - 3

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Kapashera	West Delhi	Running
Jasola	South Delhi	Proposed
Wazirabad Village	North East Delhi	Running

## GUJARAT - 2

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Dhadhela	Dahod	Running
Mota Asambiya	Bhuj	Running

## HARYANA - 2

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Bibipur	Jind	Running
Rohtak	Rohtak	Proposed

## JHARKHAND - 11

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Dhurwa	Ranchi	Running
Dabri	Giridih	Running
Angara	Ranchi	Running
Itki	Ranchi	Running
Burmo	Ranchi	Running
Bero	Ranchi	Running
Sonahattu	Ranchi	Running
Getalsud	Ranchi	Running
Manjhladeeh	Giridih	Running
Romi	Hazaribagh	Proposed
Pipradih	Koderma	Proposed

## KARNATAKA - 3

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Dodaballapur	Bengaluru	Running
Madekeri	Coorg	Proposed
Pottery Town	Bengaluru	Running

## MADHYA PRADESH - 20

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Chanderi	Ashok Nagar	Running
Bamori	Guna	Running
Chachaura	Guna	Running
Aron	Guna	Running
Raghogarh	Guna	Running
*Guna2	Guna	Running
Guna (W4C)	Guna	Running
Shivpuri (W4C)	Shivpuri	Running
Raipur	Betul	Running
Bhouradhana	Betul	Running
Kamthi	Betul	Running
Jakhli	Betul	Running
Malshivni	Betul	Running
Dodi	Hosangabad	Running
Morepani	Hosangabad	Running

Koylari	Betul	Running
Salimate	Betul	Running
Kala Akhar	Hosangabad	Proposed
ITI Colony	Shivpuri	Running
Pohri	Shivpuri	Running

## MAHARASHTRA - 4

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Yamuna nagar	Pune	Running
Bhawan village	Aurangabad	Running
Nilanga	Latur	Running
Shankarpur	Gadchiroli	Running

## MEGHALAYA - 4

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
West Garo Hills	Tura	Running
Jengrad	West Garo Hills	Running
Rongram	West Garo Hills	Running
West Garo Hills	West Garo Hills	Proposed

## ODISHA - 7

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Bhadrak	Bhadrak	Running
Geltua	Bhadrak	Running
Oriya	Keonjhar	Running
Saindikala	Titlagadh	Running
Jashipur	Mayurbhanj	Proposed
Bargarh	Bargarh	Proposed
Nuaptana	Cuttack	Proposed

## PONDICHERRY - 1

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Vaithikuppam	Pondicherry	Running

## RAJASTHAN - 38

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Arain	Ajmer	Running
Kotri	Ajmer	Running
Jhinda Bhojpura	Jaipur	Running
Vijay Mandir	Alwar	Running
Mungaska	Alwar	Running
Upli Oden	Rajsamand	On Hold
Kalakar Colony	Jaisalmer	Proposed
Abu Road	Sirohi	Proposed
Pindwara	Sirohi	Proposed
Baap	Jodhpur	Running

Bali	Pali	Proposed
Bassi	Jaipur	Proposed
Pisangan	Ajmer	Proposed
Bhawargarh	Baran	Running
Nahargarh	Baran	Running
Parania	Baran	Running
Khandela	Baran	Running
Mahodara	Baran	Running
Mamoni	Baran	Running
Vilasgarh	Baran	Running
Kunjerah	Baran	Running
Kishanganj	Baran	Running
Kota	Kota	Running
Chandauli (Roja Ka Bas)	Alwar	Running
Chandauli	Alwar	Running
Barmer	Barmer	Running
Baiytu	Barmer	Running
Balotara	Barmer	Running
Sivana	Barmer	Running
Shiv	Barmer	Running
Nichlagarh	Sirohi	Running
Malam Singh Sidd	Jodhpur	Running
Malakhera	Alwar	Running
Bakanpura	Baran	Running
Bahadurpur	Alwar	Running
Badi Ka Badiya	Bilwara	Running
Kekri	Ajmer	Proposed
Phagi	Jaipur	Running

## TAMILNADU - 3

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Kuthambakkam	Tiruvallur	Running
Gudalur	Nilgiris	Running
Quidemillathnagar	Tichirappali	Running

## TELANGANA - 3

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Anjaiah Nagar	Hyderabad	Running
Mehboob Nagar	Hyderabad	Running
Gachibouli	Hyderabad	Running

## TRIPURA - 1

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Panisagar	North Tripura	Running

## UTTAR PRADESH - 5

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Shamsabad	Farrukabad	Running

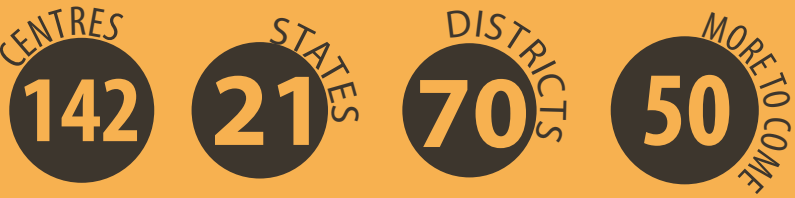
Kanpur (Public Library)	Kanpur	Running
Unnao (Public Library)	Unnao	Running
Mandawara	Lalitpur	Running
Barabanki	Barabanki	Proposed

## UTTARAKHAND - 7

Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Upli Nagni	Tehri Garhwal	On Hold
Chamba	Tehri Garhwal	Running
Pratapnagar	Tehri Garhwal	Running
Thauldar	Tehri Garhwal	Running
Jakhindar	Tehri Garhwal	Running
Narendra Nagar	Tehri Garhwal	Running
Haldwani	Nainital	Running

## WEST BENGAL - 3


Exact Location/Village	District	Running/Proposed/On Hold
Mollikpur	24 South Parganas	Running
Hariharpara	Murshidabad	Running
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# CIRC

Community Information Resource Centre

**REACHING THE UNREACHED**

Digital Access, Information & Empowerment for All



Connectivity  
& Access



Information  
& Services



Participation  
& Governance



Capacity  
Building  
& Training

Entitlements  
& Livelihood



Culture &  
Preservation



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## What Programmes are CIRC's Implementing?



### Minority Cyber-Gram

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



## What Activities Do CIRC's Undertake?

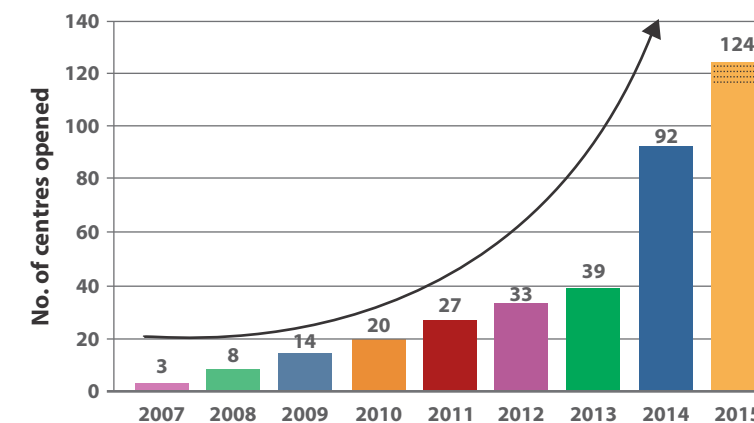
The activities of CIRC's include:

- **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

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

## Growth of CIRC's



## 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, Chandauli, Minority Cyber Gram Project**

## Sustainability Model



## 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).

- 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.

## 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*

## Impact of CIRC's

- 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 CIRC's since 2009.
- Over 100,000 people have availed digital services through CIRC's 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.

## Benefits @ People



## What Are CIRC's?

Community Information Resource Centres (CIRC's) 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.

CIRC's 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.

## What Do CIRC's Facilitate?

- Connectivity & Access
- Information & Services
- Participation & Governance
- Capacity Building & Skilling
- Tele-medicine & Health
- Entrepreneurship & Livelihoods
- E-commerce & Economic Inclusion
- Culture & Heritage Preservation
- Awareness of Rights & Entitlements

**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 CIRC's