

**NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION
in C.S.C at S.M.C.E.P.C**

“Digital Literacy is the ability of individuals and communities to understand and use digital technologies for meaningful actions within life situations”.

Making one person in every family digitally literate is one of the integral components of the Prime Minister’s vision of “Digital India”, which the P.M. had proudly launched in California, in the Silicon Valley, during his most recent visit to the U.S.A.

The Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (DISHA) or National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) Scheme has been formulated to impart IT training to 52.5 lakh persons, including Anganwadi and ASHA workers and authorized ration dealers in all the States/UTs across the country so that the non-IT literate citizens are trained to become IT literate so as to enable them to actively and effectively participate in the democratic and developmental process and also enhance their livelihood.

Appreciation of Digital Literacy (Level 1) is the training course being imparted at CSC, Thirupachur and it aims : to make a person IT literate, so that he/ she can operate digital devices, like mobile phones, tablets, etc., send and receive emails and search Internet for information, etc.

Five Videos prepared by National Informatics Center (N.I.C.) were given by the trainers to the C.S.C operators to facilitate the N.D.L.M. training and the contents are :

Module 1: Power in your Hands-introduction to digital devices

Module 2: Introduction to the Internet

Module 3: E-Mail and Social Media

Module 4: Access to Information

Module 5: Government Services

Module 6: E-commerce

Module 7: E-Security

After the candidates successfully completed the 10 day 20 hour course given above and the 2 day revision, they take the online exam and if successful, they are awarded a certificate by N.D.L.M. (of the D.E.I.T.Y) and the National Institute of Open Learning (N.I.O.L.)

LAUNCH OF NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS in C.S.C at S.M.C.E.P.C

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- **BATCH 1**

The D.P.O of I.C.D.S. in Thiruvallur, Ms. R. Jayashree deputed I.C.D.S staff at regular intervals in the afternoons to the C.S.C at S.M.C.E.P.C.

Mr. Kamaleshan, C.S.C. Trainer spoke on behalf of the Tamil Nadu office of C.S.C. about the N.D.L.M. Training.

Two supervisors spoke on behalf of the D.P.O as to their delight in finding such a good center very close to their office.

The Classes had one hour of theory by Ms. Jelsin and one hour of practical by Mr. Dinesh. Both Mr. Dinesh and Ms. Jelsin had been called to SMCNC in Chennai, where intensive training was given on N.D.L.M. by Mr.Kamaleshan and teaching material and videos on N.D.L.M. had been handed over to the 2 C.S.C operators.

Revisions were held on 2 Saturdays / 2 convenient days, for all the batches, using a Question Bank sent by N.I.C, New Delhi and a Revision Bank compiled by Dr. K.Sundari, Mr. Dinesh and Ms. Jelsin.

Sr. Susan and Dr.K.Sundari regularly visited C.S.C in S.M.C.E.P.C at Thirupachur to supervise the classes, two revisions and online exams. S.M.C.E.P.C. in a rural setting attracted attention with the new N.D.L.M. Programs.

Examinations were taken online by Batch 1 at the end of November 2015 and could be completed only by third week of January 2016 due to the heavy rains and government declared holidays.

- **BATCH 2**

Batch 2 of 20 Anganwadi workers underwent the Level I course from 26th October till 6th November 2015, they took the online exams for 3 days in the third week of January 2016. Sr. Mercy & Sr. Barbara inaugurated by a prayer and spoke to the candidates. Sr. Susan & Dr. K. Sundari visited the group.

- **BATCH 3**

Batch 3 of 20 Anganwadi members attended the Level I course from 12th November to 21st December 2015 and were met by Sr Leena D'Souza, Provincial regarding their progress; they took the online exams in the last week of January 2016. Sr. Susan & Dr. K. Sundari visited the group.

VISITORS TO THE NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS

The community out-reach program at S.M.C.E.P.C. attracted intellectual curiosity and many people in academics and development, both from India and abroad visited and observed the N.D.L.M. program.

Sr. Merlyn D'Sa, Secretary General of F.M.M. from Rome and Sr. Jolanda Delleman - General Councillor (Australia) and Sr Narelle Skeers - General Councillors (Belgium) also from Rome visited S.M.C.E.P.C. and expressed great appreciation for the work being done for the village community through technology

- **BATCH 4 & 5**

Batch 4 of 20 Anganwadi workers on 28th December- 11th January undertook the theory and practical training and completed the online exams in the first week of February 2016.

Batch 5 underwent the Level I 20 hours Digital Literacy Appreciation Course from 12th January to 28th January and took the online exam by the first week of February 2016.

**NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS :
Distribution of Certificates Ceremony – 18th February 2016 at S.M.C.E.P.C**

A Distribution of Certificates ceremony was held on February 18th 2016 with the Project Officer Ms. Sivagami of the District Collectorate and the I.C.D.S District Project Officer Ms Jayashree along with Sr Jasintha Quadras, f.m.m, Principal and Sr. Susan Matheikal, Secretary and Village Level Entrepreneur of C.S.C. TPU being present along with sisters, faculty and students.

The 100 Anganwadi workers (**No's 1 -100**) who had successfully obtained 100% pass in the **Level I** course, received the certificates and were given the gift of a fan and also a leaflet on L&T's C.S.T.I and requested to disseminate the information to the men in the village so that they can be trained and employed in the constructions in the industry.

NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS : BATCH 6

Batch 6 of 20 Anganwadi workers underwent the Level I course from 29th January till 12th February 2016, and were met by Sr Leena D'Souza, Provincial regarding their progress; they took the online exams for 3 days in the last week of February 2016.

Batches 6 – 9 (Nos 101 – 180) have been trained and have complete their training by April 12th 2016, through the National Digital Literacy Mission (N.D.L.M)

- **BATCH 7**

Batch 7 of 20 Anganwadi members attended the Level I course from 16th February to 1st March 2015 and took the online exams in the first week of March 2016.

Revisions were held on 2 Saturday/ 2 convenient days, using a Question Bank sent by National Informatics Center (N.I.C.) New Delhi and a Revision Bank compiled by Dr. K.Sundari, Mr Dinesh and Ms. Jelsin.

Sr. Susan and Dr.K.Sundari regularly visited C.S.C in S.M.C.E.P.C at Thirupachur to supervise the classes, two revisions and online exams.

- **BATCH 8 & 9**

Batch 8 of 20 Anganwadi workers on 2nd March 2016 to 15th March 2016 undertook the theory and practical training and completed the revision on 19th March 2016; online exams were completed in the last week of March 2016.

Dr Federico Zaragoza, Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development, Alamo Colleges, Texas, U.S.A. visited S.M.C.E.P.C on March 19th 2016 during revision and was very happy with the quick responses of the candidates.

Batch 9 underwent the Level I 20 hours Digital Literacy Appreciation Course from 16th March 2015 to 30th March 2016 and took the online exam by the first week of April 2016.

**NATIONAL DIGITAL LITERACY MISSION TRAINING PROGRAMS :
Distribution of Certificates Ceremony – 15th April 2016 at S.M.C.E.P.C**

Mr. Vinod Kuriakose, State Head Operations, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, (D.E.I.T.Y) New Delhi and the I.C.D.S District Project Officer, Ms Jayashree along with Sr. Susan Matheikal, Secretary and Village Level Entrepreneur of C.S.C. and Dr. K. Sundari, Coordinator of C.S.C. N.D.L.M. Programs along with Sr. Mercy & Sr. Barbara were present along with more than 100 Anganwadi workers.

Each Anganwadi worker belonging to **Batches 6 to 9 who had successfully obtained 100% pass in the Level I** course were formally presented and awarded the certificate. She was also given a gift of a hand carved fan and a leaflet on N.D.L.M. training for the general public and requested to disseminate this information in the village.

- Sr. Susan Matheikal, fmm,

Village Level Entrepreneur (V.L.E.) of C.S.C. at S.M.C.E.P.C

&

Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy

Director, Stella Maris Centre for Networking & Communications (SMCNC)

& Coordinator : CSC and N.D.L.M Programs at Thirupachur Village



Distribution of Certificates ceremony was held on February 18th 2016 at Thirupachur for NDLM Level - I Computer Course, starting with lighting of lamp



The 100 Anganwadi workers(No's 1 -100) who had successfully obtained 100% pass in the Level I course, waiting to receive the certificates



Project Officer Ms. Sivagami of the District Collectorate being welcomed by the Principal Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras



I.C.D.S District Project Officer Ms Jayashree being welcome by Dr. Sr Jasintha Quadras, f.m.m, Principal



Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy, Coordinator of C.S.C & N.D.L.M presenting the candidate for receiving the certificates



Project Officer Ms. Sivagami of the District Collectorate presented certificates to the Anganwadi workers of Batches 1 & 2



I.C.D.S District Project Officer Ms Jayashree presented certificates to the Anganwadi workers of Batch 3



Dr. Sr Jasintha Quadras, f.m.m, Principal presented certificates to the Anganwadi workers of Batch 4



Sr. Susan Matheikal, Secretary and Village Level Entrepreneur of C.S.C. TPU presented certificates to the Anganwadi workers of Batch 5



An Anganwadi worker who had passed the Level I : Appreciation of Computer Literacy shared her experiences