

April 2025: Inauguration of Rural Computer Centre in Indlawadi Panchayat of Anekal Block in Bengaluru



Digital skills are increasingly vital in everyday life. They enable individuals to access information, avail government services, connect with others, and make informed decisions. For small businesses and local entrepreneurs, digital literacy can be transformative, helping improve efficiency, expand markets, and adopt innovations such as digital payments and online promotion.

As part of the Rural Development Initiatives of the Centre for Public Policy, IIM Bangalore, a Rural Computer Centre was established and inaugurated at the *Parivarthana Campus* in Indlawadi Panchayat, Anekal Taluk in April 2025. This Centre, established through a collaboration between the Centre for Public Policy at IIM Bangalore, ERIN Foundation, and with financial support from Volvo Construction Equipment, will offer

free basic computer training to the nearby Government School children and Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from nearby villages.

This initiative aims to bring technology within the reach of rural communities, ensuring children and women are equipped to succeed in education and employment in a rapidly digitising world.

The inauguration was done by Prof Gopal Naik, Chairperson of the Centre for Public Policy at IIMB, Mr Sai Prakash, Head of Erin Foundation, and Mr Dimitrov Krishnan, Managing Director of Volvo Construction Equipment.

By bridging the digital gap, the Rural Computer Centre empowers rural youth and women not only to access new economic and educational opportunities but also to confidently navigate the future.

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