

Oracle supported Digital Literacy and Life Skills Education Centers benefit adolescents

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Students in Jatka center

With funding from Oracle India Pvt. Ltd., Sehgal Foundation inaugurated two digital literacy and life skills education centers in May 2017 in villages Jatka and Nawli in district Nuh, Haryana. The centers focus on Internet literacy, accessing information about various government schemes, and building awareness of government institutions

within their villages. Adolescents learn life skills that build their confidence and enhance decision-making abilities. The mandate of this initiative is aligned with the National Digital Literacy Mission and bridges the gap between government and citizens.

According to participants, the centers are the first of their kind in the villages. "We are very excited to see something new happening." At the inauguration ceremony, key villagers, including teachers and *panchayat* members, motivated participants to make the best use of this opportunity. Youth, especially girls, were happy to be part of a learning platform that provides them with skills and encourages them to participate in local governance.



Students of Nawli center operating laptops

The centers offer a new beginning for adolescents to realize their potential and drive their own development.

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