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Poverty Alleviation Through:

- Education Improvement
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Employment
- Preventive Health Care
- Community Involvement
- Infrastructure Improvement

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- Compassion
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- Progress
- Peace

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***“Digital India is our dream for the nation. When I say ‘Digital India’ it is not meant for the rich but for those who are poor.”***

*– Narendra Modi, Indian Prime Minister*

**Our Dream – Creating Digital Pathways to Alleviate Poverty and Accelerate Rural Development**

- The Digital Literacy Programs started two decades ago
- In Haryana, in 2003, along with Dr Anil Agarwal, computers were placed in sixteen different villages providing training and employment to youth
- A computer lab was established in Hissar in 2004 to train the trainers
- Digital literacy program started in Burgula, Telangana in 2013
- Mobile computer lab was set up in UP in 2016
- Computer labs were started in Maharashtra, Punjab, and Rajasthan

**Rural Digital Transformation – Pragathi’s Vision for Future**

For two decades, we have been working for sustainable integrated development of the villages in six different domains – Education, Women and Youth Empowerment, Health Care, Infrastructure Improvement and Community Participation. Recently, we started working in the field of agriculture. It is time we embrace the evolving, pertinent, cheaper digital technologies for development of the villages. Different ways in which digital literacy can be integrated for sustainable rural development are

**Creation of Remote e-Learning Programs**

**Leveraging Appropriate Digital Technology to Alleviate Poverty**

**Digital Information Highways to Connect Inaccessible Rural Areas**

**Global Connect Programs**

**Building Capacity of Rural Folks Remotely**

**Creation of Digital Humanitarians**

**Creation of Digital Unite Programs to Decrease the Urban-Rural Gap**

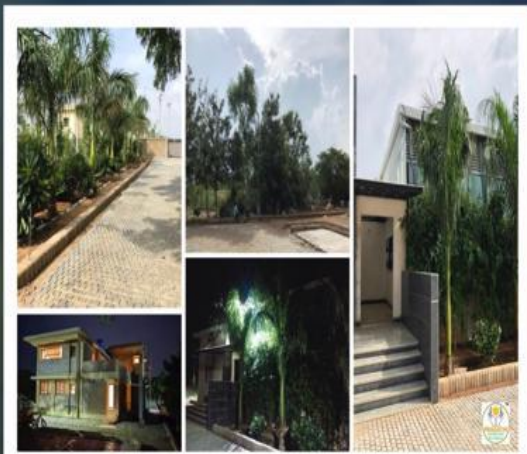
***“The Future of India Lies in its Villages” - Mahatma Gandhi***

## A Game Changer – The Futuristic Model of Rural Development

Pictorial Depiction of Pragathi's Vision to Use Digital Technology to Help the Villagers at Pragathi Rural Development Center, Burgula, Telangana, India

### Alleviating Poverty and Accelerating Rural Development Through Digital Literacy- A Humanitarian Approach

Pragathi Rural Development Center (PRDC)  
Burgula, Telangana State



Training Center



Employment Center



E- Education



E-Volunteering



E-Governance



E-Communication



E-Meeting



E- Commerce



E- Tele-Medicine



Information Center



Data Collection Center



E- Device Distribution Center

### Pragathi Rural Development Center – State-of-the-Art “Digital Literacy Program Started”

The center on three acres land has been developed as a hub of rural transformation to facilitate development in more than 500 neighboring villages in the first phase. This beautiful lush-green facility houses meeting rooms and a large Conference-cum-Training Hall. The five-bedroom guest house was designed to accommodate the summer internship trainees from the US and India, and other guests and trainers. The center is green with many trees and saplings planted, and a lush green lawn. This beautiful modern, environment-friendly center has sent a strong message to neighboring rural communities about rainwater harvesting systems, the use of LED lights, and mud bricks.

### Inviting Philanthropists, IT companies, and Academicians to Be Involved in Rural Digital Literacy

To fulfil our vision, we need help from like-minded individuals and organizations who can provide us guidance, direction, road map, and inputs drawing upon their expertise and provide us technical support on an ongoing basis. We will ensure a welcoming and hospitable environment where the planned activities can be carried out.

- We invite you to support in connecting us to various companies providing rural employment
- Volunteer virtually to setup antivirus, fire wall systems, take sessions on ChatGPT etc., helpful for youth
- Expanding the current setup with 15 more computers, CCTVs and trainers to multiply the impact.

## Digital Literacy Programs Developed in Six Different States of India



Rural Digital Revolution Started in Haryana in 2003



Digital Literacy Center Developed in Burgula in 2013



Supported Digital Literacy Center in Shirdhon, Maharashtra 2022 – Mrs Usha Bhasker



Digital Literacy Center Started in Faridkot, Punjab 2022 – Mr Chetan Sharma





Surging Ahead with “State of the Art” in Pragathi Rural Development Center, Burgula, Telangana in 2023



Supported Computer Lab in Grameen Resource Center, Kharera, Rajasthan in 2022 – Mr Arun Gupta

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