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## Capgemini launches Digital Literacy Centre in Navi Mumbai

- *Centre to train over 1200 Persons with Disabilities*
- *Capgemini to launch 12 digital literacy centres across nine cities*

**Mumbai, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016: Capgemini in association with Nasscom, one of the world's foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services, today announced the launch of Capgemini Digital Literacy Centre at the Helen Keller Institute of Deaf and Deafblind dedicated to training individuals in Digital Literacy in Panvel and surrounding areas of Navi Mumbai. The Capgemini Digital Literacy Centre was inaugurated by Tania Castillo-Pérez**, **Corporate Social Responsibility Director, Capgemini and Kiran Cavale, Senior Vice President, Capgemini.**

This is the ninth Capgemini Digital Literacy Centre launched as part of the National Digital Literacy Mission initiative that will facilitate training infrastructure and trainers at the centre with the help of Helen Keller Institute of Deaf and Deafblind, the project implementation partner. The centre will be training over 1200 Persons with Disabilities from the institute.

The initiative is aimed at bridging the digital divide and creating a digitally literate and empowered generation. Beneficiaries will be enabled to use the computer and mobile phones to correspond through emails, engage on social media, make ecommerce transactions, use the internet for information and avail of internet-led services like online bill payments, use maps, check weather forecast and avail various private and government services offered online such as registering for aadhar cards, ration cards, PAN cards, and others. Helen Keller Institute for Deaf & Deafblind will facilitate the training infrastructure and the trainers at the centre. Special care has been taken to make sure that it remains accessible to Persons with Disabilities. The computers inside the centre have also been loaded with the best of accessibility hardware and software like Job Access with Speech (JAWS) Software, speakers, microphones, power braillers – braille keyboards and braille embosser (braille printer), among others. The course material has also been fully tested for W3C level 2 accessibility levels. The centre aims to specifically help visually and hearing challenged young adults in the age group of 14 to 60 with low technological literacy, to develop the skills essential for interacting using digital media.

Commenting on the launch, **Kiran Cavale, Senior Vice President, Capgemini** said, *"Capgemini Centre for Digital Literacy draws energy from National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) program and aims at creating a digitally literate and empowered person from every household in India. The programme would not only bridge digital divide in India but would also empower communities to adopt*

*and use digital technology for their day to day lives. We are aiming to make 18000 people digitally literate through 12 centre spread across 9 cities this year. This centre is a special one where we are taking the digital literacy to Persons with Disabilities to ensure that we are able to create an inclusive digital future."*

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