

Kusuma Resource Centres

Partner:	The Kusuma Foundation, India
Location:	Sambalpur in Odisha and Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh, India
Key Beneficiaries:	15,000 students, 654 teachers, 274 Head Teachers and 800 SMDC members
Grant Period:	1 April 2013 to 31 March 2017



Kusuma Resource Centres (KRCs) are hubs in Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh and Sambalpur in Odisha, for teachers, students and parents to access resources such as books, resource materials and computers with internet. The KRCs provide an opportunity for students to self-study, browse the internet, participate in courses, receive career guidance and develop their employability skills. For teachers, head teachers and the community, the KRCs provide professional development and peer learning opportunities.

Activities that take place in the KRCs include:

- Basic Computer courses for students;
- Spoken English courses for students;
- Science and Mathematics Olympiads for students;
- Life skills orientation for students;
- Inter-school essay writing competitions and debates;
- Book and Movie Club meetings for students;
- Education and career counseling services;
- Teacher training;
- Quality Circle meetings;
- Head teacher training and planning meetings.

In 2015, four satellite KRCs were launched in remote schools in Hardoi and Sambalpur. The new satellite centres build on the success of existing KRCs, and enable more young people from remote communities to access education resources and participate in training and courses.

