

APPROVAL LETTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION

To Whomsoever It May Concern

On 26 July 2023, we had issued a Letter of Collaboration to Trestle Labs to acknowledge the successful completion of Kibo Project across 32 Rural Beacon Libraries in six districts across Karnataka, as advised by the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Bangalore, Karnataka.

As per the Letter, we had approved the proposal to implement Kibo Project in all 2000 Rural Public Beacon Libraries in Karnataka, which will make the libraries accessible and inclusive for everyone. Trestle Labs has now collaborated with WinVinaya Foundation, a Bangalore-based NGO for 'WinKibo Karnataka' project, which includes the distribution of 'Kibo Kits' along with essential digital training to Librarians and Library users across these Rural Public Beacon Libraries.

WinVinaya Foundation, a 7-year-old NGO registered in Karnataka has trained 1000+ candidates including persons across 18 different disabilities, women and people below poverty line. It has an award-winning platform "WinVinaya Academy" which has courses in Indian Sign Language and Simple English to learn MS Office, English Communication, Software Development and more. 50% of WinVinaya's employees are Persons with Disabilities.

As part of the 'WinKibo Karnataka' project, WinVinaya Foundation will deploy Kibo Kits and train a minimum of 20 beneficiaries including librarians and library users in each library over a 2-3 days period for a total of 15 hours. The training will cover –

1. Effective use of Kibo XS Kit for Digital Literacy
2. Introduction to WinVinaya Academy and its diverse courses in Simple English & Indian Sign Language
3. Internet Safety and Security
4. Introduction to MS Office Products

This will fill the critical gap in making libraries inclusive as specified in National Education Policy 2020, and empowering library users with digital skills specially focusing on catering the needs and interests of everyone, including persons with disabilities (blindness, low-vision, hearing, and speech impaired), persons with regional language backgrounds and people living in rural and remote areas.

This is to approve the proposal to implement Kibo Kits along with the digital training in 2,000 Rural Public Beacon libraries to make them accessible and inclusive for everyone.


Commissioner,
Karnataka Panchayat Raj Commissionerate,
Bangalore.