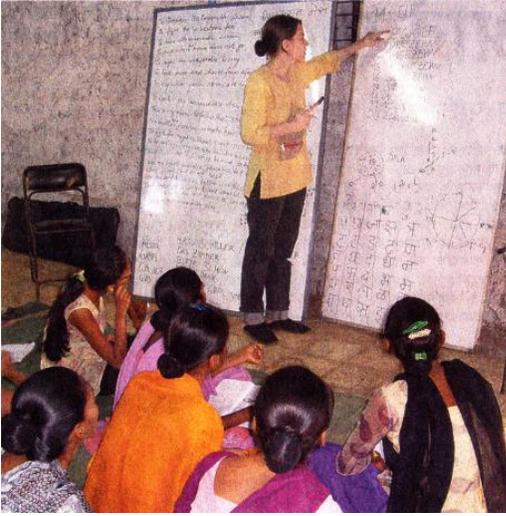


## Young Tribal Women Get Empowered

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They managed to get educated enough to fill their stomachs, but sometimes due to lack of guidance, or simply due to their situation they were unable to get jobs. Such educated Adivasi women have been brought together in an experiment where technology is being used to empower them. This experiment is being jointly supported by some young women from Thane and they are joined by women from Germany and Austria. This effort is being made possible by 2 organisations – Anantashram and Creative Responsible Integrated Systems Foundation (Crisys Foundation).

Currently at Yeoor 10 young women from Jawhar and Mokhada talukas – Sonali Chaudhary, Vaishali Dive, Vaishali Bhoir, Radhika Khutade, Mangala Ghatal, Neelam Jadhav, Rucha and Rekha are undergoing a 2-year programme in IT. The stipend that they earn while they learn is making them independent. Through the medium of Crisys company they are digitizing Jain, Sankrit, Prakrit pothis. Along with this they are also learning German, Arabic language and conversation techniques, said Ms. Apoorva Agwan, the Project Head.

They are also executing data entry jobs in Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati languages. The Software needed for this project have been created by Mr. Glenn Fernandes. To enable them to develop all the skills necessary to be an IT professional, along with Apoorva Agwan, Dr. Sarita Parikh, Klara Koepl and Elisa from abroad are also putting in a lot of effort. Prof. Bhaskar Lad of Anantashram also expressed his wish that girls should become capable. By June, 60 more young women will be enrolled for this programme.

**The Organisation supporting the Initiative:**

Crisys takes on ERP, Publishing, Data Entry, DTP and Outsourcing jobs. Crisys is training the girls for 2 years in IT. The organization will also provide all the necessary support for these young women to take this training to their own region, and help their own brothers, sisters and friends become independent.

The project needs society to come forward and help out. For information please contact 9167023335.