

Who are they?

Keystone Foundation
(www.keystone-foundation.net)

Where are they?

Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu,
India

What do they do?

Work to enhance the quality of life and the environment with indigenous communities using eco-development approaches.

How big are they?

Budget of Rs. 20,000,000

What did they receive?

Windows Server 2003 Standard Edition R2 32-Bit/x6, Office Professional Plus 2007, Windows Server Device CAL, Windows XP Professional Upgrade

The outcome?

Upgraded network of existing systems provides 24-hour access to data.

Keystone Foundation works with indigenous communities on eco-development initiatives. The Foundation's work has been concentrated in the areas of apiculture, micro-enterprise development, non-timber forest products, land and water management, revival of traditional agriculture, and other issues concerning indigenous communities.

Mathew John, Director of Keystone Foundation, says, "Our main office has about 20 computer systems that our staff use - they range from professionals to school drop outs who have now found computers an effective tool whether formulating documents or visually depicting their life and circumstances. Today, these efforts have been substantiated and validated through the support received from NASSCOM Foundation's BiG Tech program that now allows them to confidently communicate with the outside world." He adds, "We have been able to upgrade and network our systems through the support. The central server now provides 24-hour seamless access to data from anywhere in the world. As mentioned above, this is one step in overcoming hurdles in providing IT solutions."

