

## A Dream, Keyboard and Payal

A small mall located in the main market of Niwai tehsil of Tonk district. As soon as we enter the mall, our eyes fall on a girl whose fingers are moving rapidly on the keyboard of the computer. This girl is Payal. Payal, belongs to a lower middle class family, is pursuing her B.A. in Rani Laxmibai Postgraduate Girls College, located in Niwai tehsil of Tonk district, about 70 kilometres from Jaipur, is a second year student of her graduation. Talking about her dream, she says that 'I want to become an officer of Rajasthan Administrative Service and if this is not possible then I will definitely become a computer teacher'.

She was attracted towards computers since childhood and wondered, whether she would ever be able to learn a computer, whether it was very difficult to operate it, whether I would lag behind other girls who were learning computers. Because she felt that in the coming time it would be important for every person to know computers. She says when I took admission in this college, the Principal told me that a computer training centre was being run in the college by CULP and all the girl students who wanted to learn computer could take admission in it and this training was free.

Payal felt that now she had got an opportunity to fulfil her dream. She took admission in this course and started learning computers diligently, although the English terminology troubled her a bit, but with the help and dedication of the trainer, she overcame this difficulty.

After doing this course for three months, she gained confidence and now Payal started using this skill to search the information and study material available on the internet for the preparation of Rajasthan Administrative Services exam. Earlier she used to think that to prepare for this exam, she would have to go to an expensive coaching centre in a big city, but now it seems that the coaching centre is available at just one click.

One day Payal had gone to this mall located a short distance from her house to buy some groceries. While chatting, the mall manager told her that he needed a computer operator. When Payal told him about her course, he offered Payal a part-time job, which Payal accepted after consulting her parents.

Now she earns 7 thousand rupees per month from this work. She not only manages her own expenses easily but also helps her brother and sister, which gives her great happiness.

Payal is now planning to buy her own laptop for which she is saving money.

