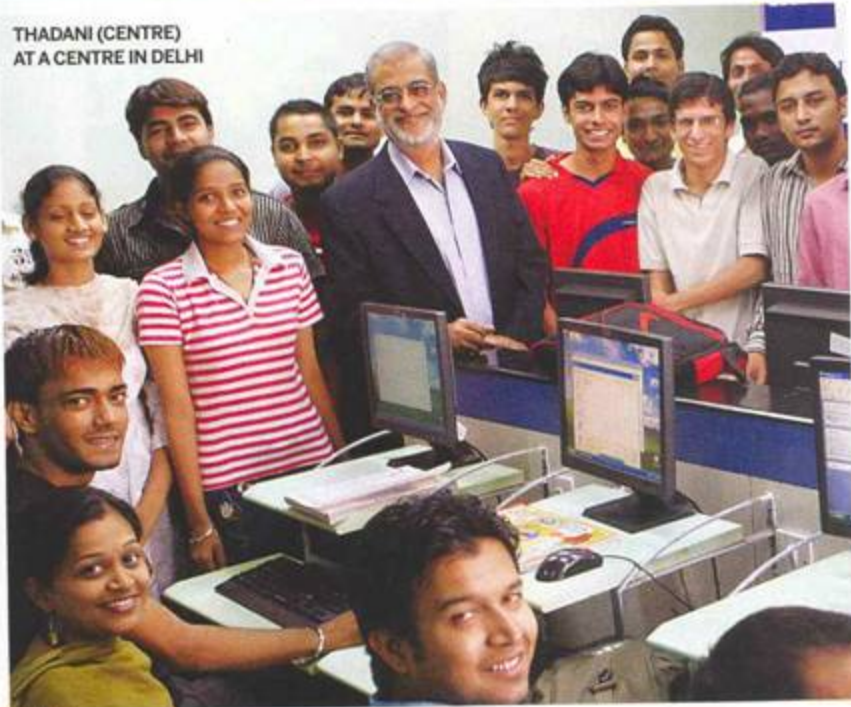


dustry asking for the required manpower. "We aimed to enrol this group of unemployed graduates and convert them into software professionals," says Thadani. With Rs 1 crore, of which Rs 15 lakh was from personal savings, and a team of about 40, they set up the first centre in Mumbai. With no policy supporting the import of software in India in 1982, Pawar worked with the government to draft its first software policy in 1984. NIIT went international in 1992 and crossed a cap of \$1 billion just five years later. In 2004, NIIT Ltd and NIIT Technologies emerged as separate entities on the stock market. Its latest addition is the NIIT University in Neemrana, Rajasthan, aimed at providing industry-linked curriculum. *by Purvi Malhotra*

NIIT had a turnover of over **Rs 1,100 crore** for the year 2008-09.

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