

Mindtree.org partners with Delhi Government to empower Government schools through technology interventions

Launches the “Circle-In” mobile application for School Management Committees (SMC) across 1000+ government schools.

Bangalore – January 03, 2018 – Mindtree.org, the social inclusion platform of Mindtree Ltd, announced the launch of its “Circle-In” mobile application across all government-run schools in Delhi. The app is designed to drive greater collaboration amongst various school stakeholders, while bringing in greater levels of transparency and accountability in the system. It aims to bolster School Development Plan (SDP) by providing educative suggestions for better decision making and timely action. This is the second application developed by Mindtree.org for the Delhi government, the first one being the Estate Manager app which was earlier commissioned in 2016 across government schools in the region.

The Android-based app enables school stakeholders including parents, teachers, social workers, and local government & department representatives to connect and collaborate over a common platform. Using the app, SMCs can record and act upon crucial issues and track progress of their respective School Development Plans. Some common collaboration & discussion points of SDPs pertain to learning levels of children, volunteer teachers, parent teacher meetings, infrastructure amongst others.

From a functionality perspective, the application intimates all registered members of upcoming meetings through SMS and app updates. It recommends and records meeting agendas along with capturing member attendance, outcome actions and task owners. Each issue raised is recorded and tracked real time. Eventually all information collected from individual schools through the app is populated onto a dashboard visible to relevant authorities including Directorate of Education, and the Education Ministry of Delhi Government. This provides relevant authorities a deeper view of district wise SDP facilitating timely interventions

“The Circle In app’s functionality extends to areas beyond SMCs. It enables relevant stakeholders to collaborate over a common vision e.g. Village Development Committee or neighborhood volunteers. It has a native android engine and hence gives the user a faster, responsive experience supported on most android devices. The app has data caching and also works offline. It thus allows seamless operations even in places with no or little internet connectivity by automatically synchronizing data whenever internet connection is available. The data captured from the app can be analyzed on various parameters, and reports can be viewed through a web channel dashboard.” said **Aashish Adarsh, Senior Tech Lead, Mindtree.org.**

Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal; Dy. CM Delhi & Education Minister, Manish Sisodia; and Director of Education Sowmya Gupta launched the app at Indira Gandhi International Stadium in

the presence of over 10,000 SMC members and called it a revolutionary step in the education ecosystem.

“We are committed to leveraging technology to solve real-world challenges and drive social inclusion. It’s an honour for us to partner with the Delhi government for this prestigious initiative.” Said **Prashant Mehra, Head of Mindtree.org**. Adding further he said “We are hopeful that the success of this project will encourage more state governments to leverage our technology-led interventions”.

Field engagement conducted by Mindtree.org team and NGO partner Saajha included several in-depth interactions with all stakeholders like parents, teachers, principals, education ministry officials and social workers. Their research concluded that SMCs face multiple challenges like lack of awareness about defined roles and duties to maintain systematic and traceable records of discussed issues coupled with no means for real-time tracking of progress on raised concerns. This led to problems in monitoring, reporting and consequent readdressing of related issues. The stakeholder engagement helped the team identify system gaps which were addressed through – Circle In - a user friendly technology solution. Mindtree.org and Saajha are now working on training over 16,000 SMC members on usage of the application.

Commenting on the partnership and their scope of work, Saransh Vaswani, founder of Saajha said, “It’s indeed very inspiring to see how effective communication between government officials and SMCs could empower both and consequently take school management to a whole new level”.

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