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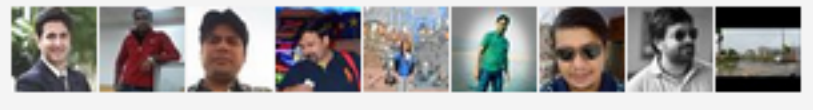
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## Technology interventions in schools and colleges creating new productive platforms


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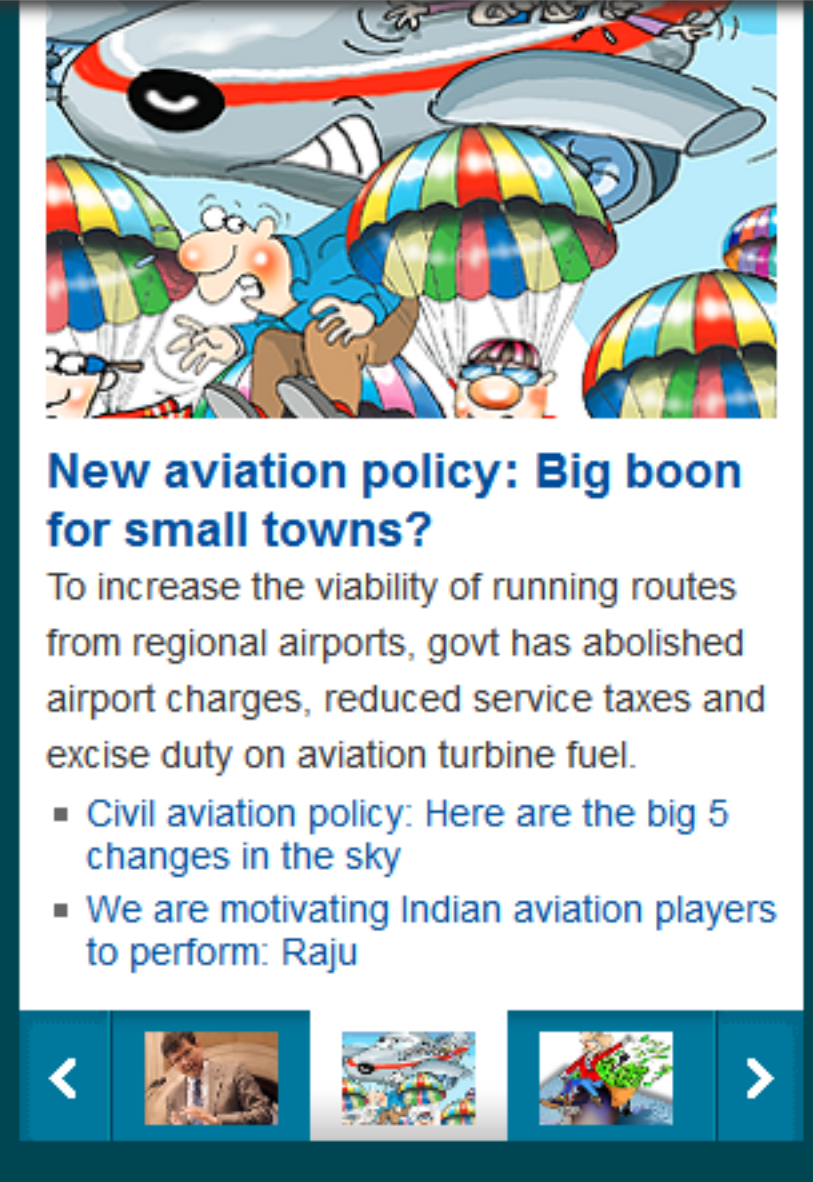


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Help is at hand. A number of technology platforms that help improve outcomes for students, institutions and administrators by tracking their performance and interests over the years have been developed.


Ahlcon, for example, uses an education e-governance platform called M-Star that captures student and teacher performance on a daily basis — metrics like attendance, participation in activities, report cards and results to help administrators take informed decisions about student, teacher and institution performance.

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WHAT ARE THEY: Dashboards that capture student, teacher and institute data

USES: Helps audit performance

FOR STUDENTS: Single point for student performance (say in 12th you want to know how the child performed from 1st standard onwards, all data will come up in one place)

FOR TEACHERS: Records outcomes like performance of class, attendance record, activity log etc

FOR ADMINISTRATORS: Plans education needs like in which courses seats should be increased; what should be the focus of higher education etc

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Rohin Kapoor, director, Deloitte, a consultancy, says, technology disruption is important if institutions are to improve their education outcomes.

"Even the ministry of HRD is encouraging use of software that helps manage institutions — from administrative tasks to student and teacher development." Kapoor says software like M-Star and PeopleSoft modules are used for managing multiple processes in education institutions.

Partha Mohanty, technology head, MGRM, believes M-Star platform can help policy makers and administrators as well for opening new colleges and finding out popular streams and hence make arrangements to meet any shortfall of seats.

Or if a trend of low grades in maths persists on the dashboard across schools, administrators can take appropriate action to investigate causes and offer solutions. Physical record keeping is eliminated as teachers input student data on a daily or weekly basis.

This includes attendance, performance in class tests and annual exams, extra-curricular





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This includes attendance, performance in class tests and annual exams, extra-curricular activities, transport, teacher details, fee processing, library management and so on. The eventual goal of such platforms is to help institutions shift from manual and semi-automated administrative systems that work in silos to a technology driven platform linking public institutions and administration state-wide and nationwide.

Mohanty believes such a platform will give a macro view of institutions and even going down to view on individual performance of each child, teacher and institute with just a few clicks.

Such systems cost `120-150 a child a year. "While data capture is one aspect, which essentially means transferring what was in handwritten files to computers, the bigger

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