

Thane College Redefines Admission Process with ABBYY FormReader™

ABBYY's powerful yet easy to use solution revolutionized the perception of sophisticated software in the eyes of "non-tech savvy" college staff

Introduction

Thane College is a part of Vidya Prasarak Mandal, an independent local educational body of Thane, Mumbai, which has been working dedicatedly in the field of education for several decades.

The college offers courses for the Junior Degree and Post Graduate classes. The admission process used to be a time of chaos, with the college authorities trying to input the admission forms manually. Temporary staff had to be hired for the process to be completed on time. Nevertheless, manual input is prone to errors and, if done by dozens of people, is expensive. To tackle the entire admission process in a structured manner, an automated solution to speed up the process and gain accuracy was sought.

Solution

NETSPIDER India, ABBYY's partner, proposed **ABBYY FormReader 6.5**, which has a successful track record of similar projects in other educational establishments. In many prior cases, FormReader showed its ease of use and practically no learning curve. It processes forms in a matter of seconds. The program handles data in consequent stages, namely: scanning, recognition, verification, correction and export.

Process

The admission forms were designed using ABBYY FormDesigner, which gave a great edge over pre-existing non-machine readable forms. Should a prospective student have questions about filling it out, all the necessary guidelines were readily available as per the instructions by NIIL's support team.

The forms were scanned using CANON high-speed scanners and uploaded into the College Management System after recognition, verification and validation in ABBYY FormReader. The highlight of the switch to automation in Thane College was the involvement of College teachers in form processing with ABBYY FormReader. Powered by constant support and guidance from NIIL, the solution is very hassle-free and a pleasure to use even for non- "high-tech" associates.



About Thane College

The college's mission statement says: "To build confidence in our students so that they meet their own goals in life and those set for them by their teachers." Vidya Prasarak Mandal, the parent body of college Thane, was founded way in 1935 and has since grown to be a well-established and highly-respected educational body. More information is available at <http://www.vpmthane.com>



About NETSPIDER INDIA (NIIL)

NETSPIDER INDIA specializes in ABBYY channel distribution and giving end-to-end solutions in various fields like imaging, networking, scanning, connectivity, Project consultancy, and doing developments around ABBYY technology. NETSPIDER INDIA has experienced technical skills in implementing ABBYY FineReader OCR, FormReader Enterprise, Desktop, FlexiCapture Studio and other ABBYY line of products. More information is available at <http://www.niil.in>

Results

- Automated admission process helped the College authorities to systematize and streamline the admission process
- Top accuracy of the processed forms gave scalability, reliability and transparency to the admission process
- Admissions to the College curriculum could be accomplished on time, saving resources and enhancing the image of the establishment

ABBYY's software once again proved to be easy, efficient and user-friendly, as the entire automated admission process was done in-house by the Thane College teachers. Thanks to the able guidance of ABBYY partner NIIL, the myth that sophisticated and powerful software is meant only for IT professionals was discredited.

SUMMARY

Customer

Thane College, Mumbai, India.

Project

Automating the College Admission Process.

Problem

Thane College was overburdened with admission forms due to ever-increasing number of applicants. Admission process was time-consuming and labor-intensive because the student application data was input manually.

Solution

ABBYY FormReader 6.5 to automate the admission process, proposed by NIIL, ABBYY's partner in India.

Challenge

The automated process using ABBYY was to be handled by the college teachers who are non-technical specialists.

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