



A large group of approximately 40 people, mostly women in colorful sarees and a few men in shirts, are posed for a group photograph in a well-lit hall. They are arranged in several rows, with some individuals seated in the front. Behind them is a large white banner with the text "Empower, Educate, Elevate Teacher Professional Development Program" and logos of the Ministry of Education, Government of Karnataka, and the Department of Education. To the left of the group, a white sign on a stand promotes "TheTeacherApp", featuring a photo of a smiling woman and the text "Join TheTeacherApp to uplift your school". The hall has white walls, a ceiling fan, and a window with a brown curtain on the left.

The event was graced by **Dr. Abhishek Saini, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District**, as the Chief Guest. The Special Guests present on the occasion included **Mr. Restrowell Shadap, District School Education Officer (DSEO), Ri Bhoi District**; **Mr. Pashupani Prasad Yadav, Deputy District School Education Officer (Dy DSEO), Ri Bhoi District**; **Smt. Mary Wanpli Lynrah, State Pedagogy Coordinator – FLN**; **Mr. Lumlang Nongsiej, Sub Inspector of School and Block Mission Coordinator, Umsning**; and **Mr. Alfred Richard Lawphniaw, Sub Inspector of School and Block Mission Coordinator, Umling BRC**.

Representatives from **Bharti Airtel Foundation** present at the event included **Mr. Kumar Ashutosh, Regional Head; Mr. Hamad Siddiqui, Manager – Partnership & Implementation; and Mr. Paras Thapa, Project Coordinator.**

TheTeacherApp, Bharti Airtel Foundation's free-for-life digital platform for teacher training and professional development, has over 3 lakh users across the country. The platform offers high-quality learning resources and AI-enabled tools, including self-paced professional development courses, expert-led webinars, AI-powered tools for lesson planning and assessment, classroom resource repositories, question banks, misconception documents, and opportunities for teachers to engage with a wider professional learning community.

Dr. Abhishek Saini, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, said:

"Continuous professional learning plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of education and empowering teachers to respond effectively to changing classroom needs. Digital platforms that provide accessible resources and practical learning opportunities can support educators in strengthening their teaching practices. We appreciate this collaborative initiative aimed at supporting teachers across Ri Bhoi District."

Mr. Kumar Ashutosh, Regional Head, Bharti Airtel Foundation, said:

"Teachers are central to building meaningful and sustainable improvements in education. Through TheTeacherApp, we aim to make continuous professional development more accessible, relevant, and practical for educators by providing resources that support their everyday classroom practices. We are grateful for the collaboration with the District Administration, Ri Bhoi, and NITI Aayog in enabling greater opportunities for teacher learning and capacity building."

The launch reaffirmed the shared commitment of the District Administration, Ri Bhoi, NITI Aayog, and Bharti Airtel Foundation towards strengthening teacher capacity, encouraging continuous professional development, and leveraging technology to promote quality education and improved learning outcomes in classrooms.

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