

Background information

FileCloud was selected to be part of a nationwide initiative headed by NISG (the National Institute for Smart Government). This not-for-profit company was incorporated in 2002 by the Government of India and NASSCOM (the National Association of Software and Services Companies). The mission of NISG is to be a center of excellence in e-governance. By combining both public and private sector strengths, it is now helping India to become more competitive in the global economy. One of the main promoters of NISG is the Government of Andhra Pradesh. While being known as ‘The Rice Bowl of India’ (it is the largest producer of rice in the country), Andhra Pradesh is at the same time a driving force in technology and innovation. Also home to India’s Satish Dhawan Space Center, the state is now making the NISG e-governance vision a reality.

Challenges

The days of hardcopy files and papers at government meetings in India may be numbered. Thanks to FileCloud, the government of the state of Andhra Pradesh (over 49 million inhabitants) now holds paperless cabinet sessions. Ministers use iPads and FileCloud to securely share and synchronize files between each other. Meeting agendas are sent out electronically beforehand and the minutes of the meeting made available the same way afterwards.

The current Andhra Pradesh cabinet, which recently completed its first hundred days in office, became the first out of the 29 different states in India to move to this e-cabinet mode of working.



The Solution

FileCloud provides the Andhra Pradesh cabinet with two crucial capabilities: a self-hosted, self-managed private cloud environment and secure access to data through multiple devices. The flexibility of FileCloud means that ministers can use desktop and laptop computers, as well as tablet computers such as iPads and Android-based devices. Mobile access is available too and documents can be stored, shared and synchronized between office and mobile devices.

Initially, access has been provided for 30 users. The performance and capacity of FileCloud allows for considerably more if required. Cabinet e-security is ensured by a four-digit PIN for accessing the cabinet application from a user's device, server password protection and administration functions to remotely erase data if devices are lost or stolen.

Cabinet Ministers Take to the New System

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Spreading E-Governance

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How FileCloud Can Help You Today?

Whether your organization is in government or business, FileCloud is also available to you for your own private cloud storage, synchronization and sharing solution. You can deploy for groups of users from a few dozen to millions, all with FileCloud's secure, productive, cost-effective file sharing and synchronization. Built-in functions let administrators set file permission levels and safeguard data privacy. Automatic file versioning, backup and recovery facilities further enhance the user experience, while straightforward integration means that FileCloud fits in with existing application and access control systems.



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