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Breadline Africa Launches 68th Library in the Eastern Cape with Wipro



Mbizana, 16 March 2016 – During National School Library Week, Breadline Africa celebrated the opening of a school library and computer learning incubator with Imfolozi Junior Secondary School (JSS) and donors, [Wipro](http://www.wipro.com) - a leading global IT, consulting and business process services company.

This investment is part of Wipro's SIYAPHA initiative and showcases its intention to create a hub of knowledge in communities that lack access. Breadline Africa has been chosen to help bring the Imfolozi JSS project to life.

Selected through one of Breadline Africa's long-term partners, the Soul City Institute, the school had been identified based on its commitment to learner development, which is critical to ensuring that the investment is placed in the hands of committed leaders. Breadline Africa delivered more than 1,000 books and ensured that four school teachers were trained in library systems and management equipping the school with the knowledge and skills to maximise the facility in the school environment.

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Where the library brings much needed resources to teachers and learners, Wipro has also selected a community member, Mncedisi Sibango to run an internet café from it. They have trained him and assisted with the registration of a business in his name. In addition, they have sponsored computers, printers and internet connectivity, which will benefit the school and the community. Positioned in the library and receiving a stipend of R2,500 for the first year, Mncedisi will ensure that learners always have access to the facility.

The launch was a real celebration of partnership and unity in South Africa and representing Wipro Technologies was Ms. Shilpa Yohannan, Head of Human Resources, Ms. Sonila Deshpande, Human Resources Manager, Mr. Dhawal Sharma, Operations Manager, and Mr. Chetan Parthasarathi, IT Manager. The Department of Education's district office representatives praised both Breadline Africa and Wipro Technologies for their contribution to education in South Africa. There was much enthusiasm from the school; the children read poetry, the choir sang and the Soul Buddyz Club performed a short dramatic piece.

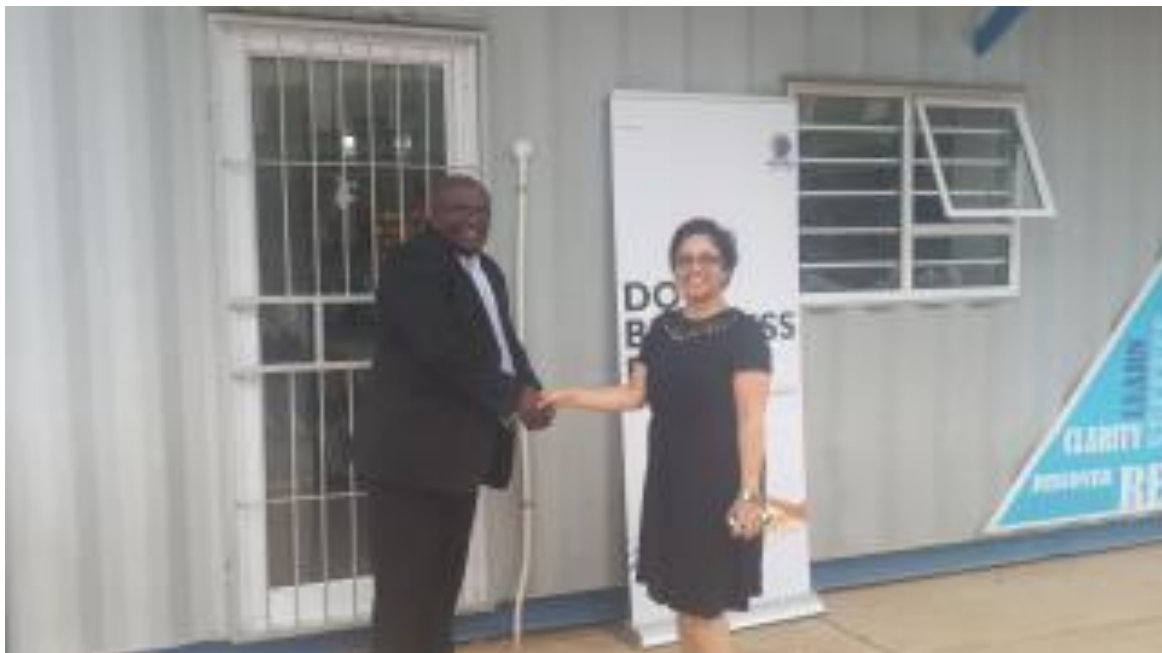




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Above: The Imfolozi Junior Secondary School school grounds



Above: Mr Zolile Thole (principal) and Ms Shilpa Yohannan (Head of Human Resources – Wipro)

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