

MindTree's 10th Year Anniversary Celebrations in UK



The 10th year anniversary celebrations in UK happened on 8th August 2009. The venue for the celebrations was the 'Pinewood Hotel' in Buckinghamshire, west of London. As the weather plays an indispensable part in everyone's life in the UK, we start with an update about the 'Power of the Weather' on the celebration day. Whilst the initial forecast for this day was looked gloomy & rainy, it actually turned out to be full of sunshine. We couldn't have asked for a better day from the weather gods.

The first event of the day was an indoor one. According to the invite it was a meeting/presentation. We settled down in the hall with the expectation of a long meeting. But we were pleasantly surprised by Anshuman (the co-host of the event) who invited our flag bearers in Europe to share personal stories of their association with MindTree in the UK. The hall was filled with laughter & joy as every light-hearted and funny anecdote was narrated by our leaders. Incidentally, the anecdotes also helped us visualise the hard work & effort that has gone in to build MindTree Europe. One must be wondering 'What happened to the presentation?' Yes, there was one but it was more of a visual recap of MindTree's journey in the last 10 years. Apurva, the other host of the event, must have been inspired by some Hollywood movie trailer while creating the short, crisp & musical collage.

Team of Naganagouda, Apurva & Uttam had prepared a nostalgic & mind-blowing power point of MindTree's journey in the last 10 years & it was a treat to all young & old Minds in the hall. The visual presentation followed by an awards ceremony to some of the MindTree Minds. Vishweswer M & Uttam Hazari received appreciation from Anjan on the completion of six long years along the MindTree journey. This was followed by special recognition awards to Senthil Raja Natesan, Supriya Pattanayak & Gomathy Sairam from the NFUM project team for their commendable work, which was much appreciated by the client.



Before we went out to indulge in a barbecue lunch, a 10th anniversary cake was cut by the spouses of fellow MindTree Minds.



After enjoying a sumptuous lunch under the sun, which was still shining to all our astonishment, it was time for the highlight of the day 'The Fun Activities'. We were divided into 8 teams to compete in the fun activities. These activities comprised of Human table football, Bungee Run, Giant games (Jenga, Connect4 and Table Football) & Gladiator Joust with another team as the opponent. Some of these games (Human Table Football & Bungee Run) were physically quite challenging. But all the teams came out in flying colors in every game with huge support & cheer from the fellow team members.



At the end of all the games, there were 2 teams with the same top score. But there could only be one winner, so 'Team 4' & 'Team 7' had to face each other in the Gladiator Joust to decide the winner. Finally, it was 'Team 7' which held their nerve & become the

winners. The fun activities were managed by the event management firm 'Leapfrog International', who ensured that we had a fabulous time.



Winners – Team 7

Runner-up – Team 4

The day was brought to an end by a vote of thanks from Tridip. We had a great day with fellow MindTree Minds & family. The whole event was conceptualized & executed by team London lead by Naganagouda with all location co-ordinators Ayan, Uttam, Apurva, Uday, Supriya, Priya, Bharat, Babu & Anshuman. Special thanks to the organising team members for making this 10th Anniversary celebration a memorable day for all the participants. While organizing this event team London truly exhibited a great team spirit by picking up all fellow mates from Slough station to the venue & dropping them back to Slough in the evening. This was a veru special effort led by Uttam Hazari who acted as a Transport co-ordinator with the help of Priya and not to forget the efforts of Apurva, Ayan, Soumik, Balaji and Prashanth

We all look forward to the day MindTree achieves its next significant milestone and we all celebrate in even greater camaraderie and purpose.



Report prepared by : Jayashankar D