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Release Highlights

Dear Educators,

We're pleased to share the NextOS October release updates.

We're continuously working to make NextOS better—so you can accomplish tasks more easily, make smarter decisions, and breeze through your daily work.

These release notes will keep you informed, help you explore new features, and ensure you're getting the most out of what's new.

You can always access these updates directly from your NextOS login:

Left Menu > Help Icon > What's New in NextOS

Please find below some of the highlights of this release.

NextOS Chat - New Avatar

01

- Replace Whatsapp with NextOS Chat for parent communication.
- Smart Groups, Regular Groups, Advance control for all conversations.

[know more...](#)

Smart Pay Concession - Enhancement

02

- Now configure fixed amount, in addition to percentage based.
- Use this feature to offer early bird discounts to promote full fee payment.

[know more...](#)

Auto Resize of Student Photos in Bulk Upload

03

- System takes care of photo resize to meet system requirements.
- Admin can upload bulk student photos of varying sizes easily.

[know more...](#)

Revamp of Principal Reports UI

04

- New look and feel to provide better user experience.
- Sub-reports are categorized for smoother navigation & quicker access.

[know more...](#)

New Look & Flow for Assessment Creation

05

- A simple five-step guided wizard for ease of use and clarity.
- Makes assessment creation more intuitive, flexible, and globally adaptable.

[know more...](#)



We've rolled out exciting new features to give you more control and flexibility in managing your day-to-day work on NextOS.

1. Communication

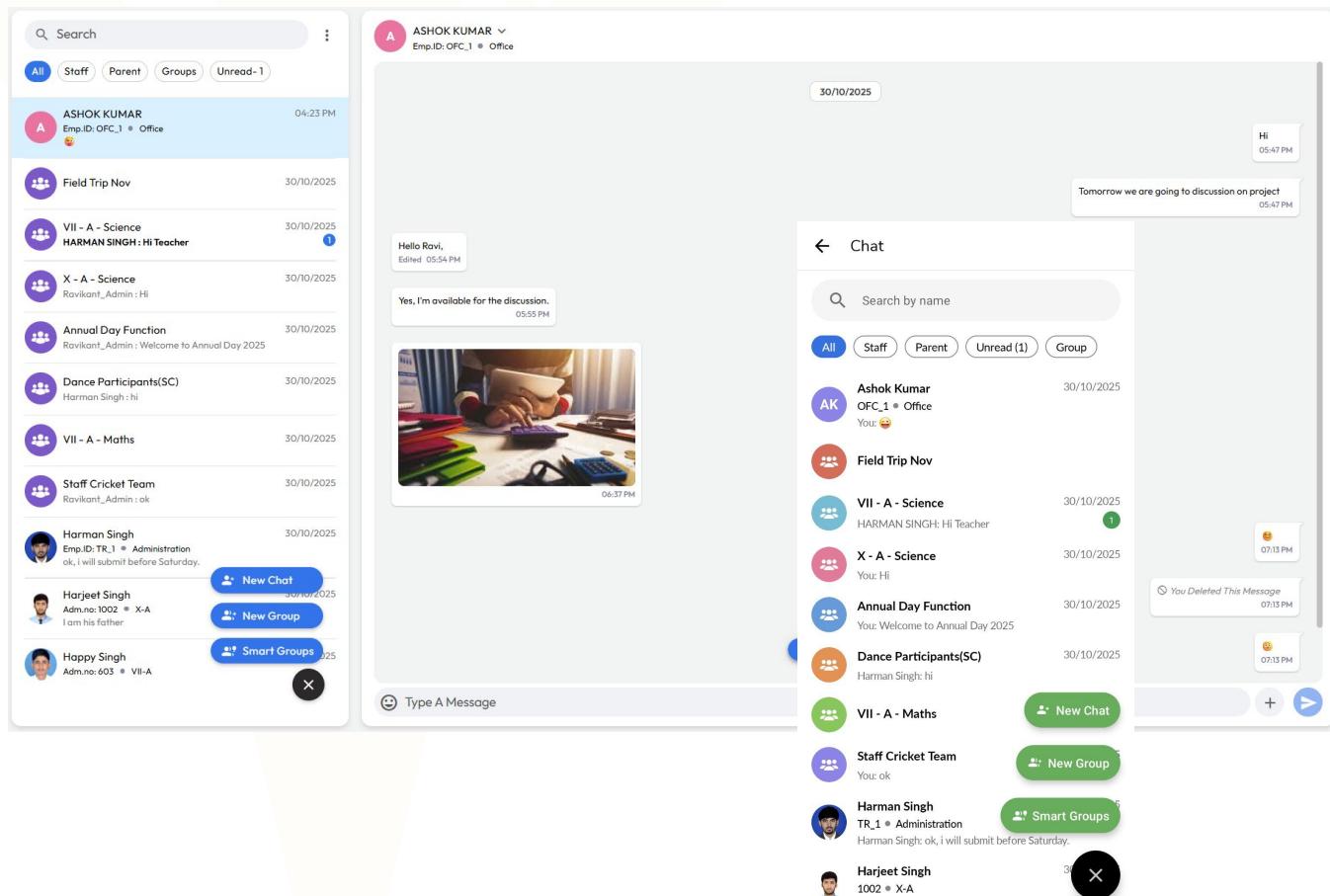
1.1 NextOS Chat - New Avtar

What's New : The all-new NextOS Chat is smarter, faster, and designed exclusively for schools – enabling secure and seamless communication among all stakeholders.

- **Direct 1-to-1 Chats:** Instantly start conversations between:
 - Staff - Staff
 - Parent - Staff
- **Regular Groups :** Create custom groups for specific purposes with choice of participants like :
 - Event based - *Annual Day, Field Trips etc.*
 - Staff only groups
 - Announcements for parents (View only)
- **Smart Groups :** System manages the participants automatically based on school records
 - Class Teacher - Parents
 - Subject Teacher - Parents
- **Central Control :** Exhaustive settings to control chat for staff/parents.

Benefit: A new-age communication platform built for schools – fostering collaboration and engagement between teachers, parents, and administrators without sharing personal contact details.

Path : Communication > Chat > New Chat / New Group / Smart Group



How is NextOS Chat better for School-Parent Communication?

NextOS Chat is purpose-built for schools, designed to support the day-to-day communication needs of teachers, parents, and administrators.

If you've been using WhatsApp for school communication, here's how NextOS Chat can offer much smarter, safer, and more organized alternative for all your parent and staff interactions.

Feature	WhatsApp	NextOS Chat
Access	Anyone with a number	Role-based and secure
Privacy	Contact Info is public Conversations are private	Contact Info is private Conversation can be monitored
Group Management	Manual, Tedious	Automatic, Smart Groups
User Context	✗ - Guess the parent	✓ Clear Info about student/parent
Central Control	✗ - No way to manage	✓ Easily manage all conversations
Monitoring	✗ - Get added to all groups	✓ Monitor without getting added
Built for	Personal use	School & School only

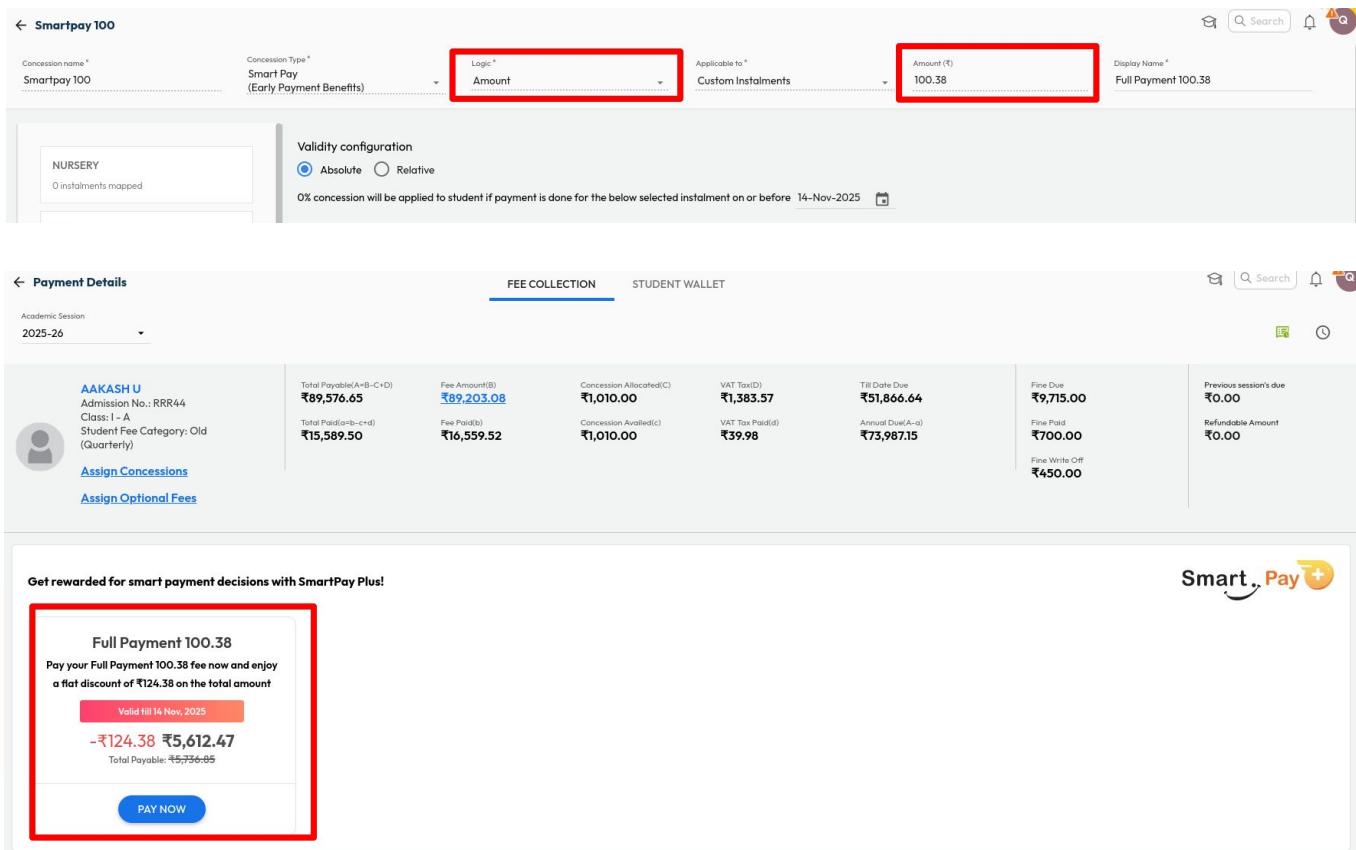
2. Fee

2.1 Smart Pay Concession - Enhancement

What's New : Schools can now configure Smart Pay Concession as a fixed amount, in addition to the existing percentage-based option.

Benefit : Provides better control over concession limits, allowing schools to set a fixed total amount as per their policy or student strength.

Path : Settings > Finance > Fee > Fee Concession > Concession Master > Add New > Select Concession Type as Smart Pay Concession > Logic as Amount



The image displays two screenshots of a school management system interface. The top screenshot shows the 'Smartpay 100' configuration page. It includes fields for Concession name (Smartpay 100), Concession Type (Smart Pay), Logic (Amount), and Applicable to (Custom Instalments). The 'Amount' field is highlighted with a red box, showing the value 100.38. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Payment Details' page for student AAKASH U. It lists various fees and concessions, with a red box highlighting the 'Fee Amount(B)' field showing 189,203.08. A promotional box for 'Smart Pay Plus' is also visible on this page.

2.2 Staff Child Concession - Enhancement

What's New : When a staff member is marked as inactive, the system will now display a reminder indicating that their child's concession will continue to remain active. The admin can then decide whether to continue or discontinue the concession.

Benefit : Ensures staff child concessions are reviewed and adjusted appropriately based on the staff's employment status.

Path :

To Enable – Settings > Finance > Fee > Fee Concession > Concession Master > Add Staff Concession & Automate mapping from settings

To View - Staff List & Reports > Select a Staff > Try Deactivating > An reminder will be shown

← Fee Concession Settings
RULE BASED CONCESSION
AD-HOC CONCESSION
GENERAL CONCESSION

Concession Type: **Staff Concession**

Configure concession rules: **Staff Concession**

Apply for permanent staff only

Enable this option if you want to assign the staff concession to confirmed/Permanent staff only.
Please note that the rule will take effect from the time it is enabled; the system will not remove the concession from students already assigned for past dates.
This option cannot be rolled back once enabled.

Concession Order ⓘ

First Preference	Order	Actions
DOB Wise	Ascending	▼ ↑ + trash

Concession Type Allocation ⓘ

Sub Concession Type	Map Concession	Actions
First Sibling	Staff Ward Concession	▼ + trash

Enable Pro Rata for the concession

Fee concessions will be calculated based on the confirmation or joining date of the Staff against the installment period configured for the fee schedules. To check installment period - visit [Fee Schedules](#) > Select a schedule > Installment Period

Enable:

Cancel Save

3. Student

3.1 Auto Resize of Student Photos in Bulk Upload

What's New : Student photos uploaded in bulk are now automatically resized to meet system requirements. Earlier, photos had to be manually compressed to below 200KB before upload.

Benefit : Allows admins to upload bulk photo files of varying sizes easily – the system automatically compresses and uploads them successfully, saving time and effort.

Path : Settings > Administration > School Setup > Student Bulk Photo Upload

← Bulk Photo Upload
UPLOAD
DOWNLOAD

STUDENT PARENT STAFF HOLISTICS

bulk upload.zip X

Uploading Instructions

100px
x
100px

Size: 200KB
45645646_father.jpg

1. Photos should be in Jpg, Png or Bmp formats only
2. Size of a photo should not exceed 200 KB
3. Recommended photo dimension is 100 x 100px
4. Photos should be named as per the below table

School Member	File Name
Students	Admission Number.jpg (Ex: 12345.jpg)

5. Compress the photos into a Zip file and upload
6. Size of the Zip file should not exceed 20 MB

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1. Fee

1.1 Easier way to Assign Optional Fees

Improvement : Optional fees can now be assigned to a student directly from the Fee Collection page after the fee category has been assigned.

Earlier, this was only possible during fee category assignment or manually through fee type mapping. An Assign Optional Fees link has been added in the top section for quick access.

Impact : This enhancement provides greater convenience for accountants and adds flexibility to the fee mapping process by offering an alternate way to assign optional fees.

Locate : *Finance > Fee > Collect Fee > Search & Select a Student > Assign Optional Fees*

1.2 Optional Fee Amount Adjustment

Improvement : Schools can now increase the optional fee amount beyond the fee structure amount. Earlier, adjustments were limited to reducing the amount only.

Impact : Helps schools easily manage opening balances or miscellaneous charges that vary from student to student, offering more flexibility in fee management.

Locate : *Settings > Finance > Fee > Student Fee Dues > Search & Select Student > Edit Optional Fee > Enter New Amount*

1.3 Concession Settings - Enhancement

Improvement : Fee Concession Approval Settings for Regular, Adhoc, and all other types of concessions are now available under Fee Concession.

Earlier, these settings were located under Fee Collection > Global Settings.

Impact : This enhancement improves user experience by reducing navigation steps – all concession-related settings are now accessible in one place.

Locate : *Settings > Finance > Fee > Fee Concession > Fee Concession Settings > General Concession*

1.4 Fee Defaulter Student Info to Additional Class Teacher

Improvement : Teachers marked as additional class-teacher has access now to the fee defaulter list for the class

Impact : Helps additional class teachers stay informed about fee defaulters and proactively remind parents through diary notes or other communication channels.

Locate : *Staff Dashboard > Teacher Tab > Top Defaulters > Click "View More" to Expand*



1.5 Daily Collection Report - Excel Download

Improvement : The Daily Collection Report (DCR) can now be downloaded in Excel format, in addition to the existing PDF option.

Note: If the “Vertical Headers” toggle is turned on, the Excel option will be disabled.

Impact : Gives accountants more flexibility and convenience to generate and analyze reports in their preferred format.

Locate : Finance > Fee > Fee Reports > 1.7 Daily Collection Report > Apply Filter & Download Excel

2. Admission

2.1 Manage Admission - Enhancement

Improvement : A new filter, “Students Assigned to Me,” has been added. When enabled, staff can easily view only the students assigned to them as admission counsellors.

Impact : Helps counsellors quickly access their assigned student list, stay organized, and focus on lead conversion.

Locate : Student > Admission > Manage Admission > Choose a step > Toggle “Students Assigned to Me”

3. Student

3.1 Incident Entry using Mobile App (Android)

Improvement : Staff can now record incidents under student behaviour directly from the NextOS mobile app (Android).

Impact : Makes incident reporting quick, convenient, and accessible anytime through mobile devices.

Locate : SNextOS App > Staff Login > School Hub > Student Behaviour > Add new



4. User Account Management

4.1 Phone/Email update for Parent/Staff - Enhancement

Improvement : Earlier, when a parent's or staff's phone number or email was updated, their login account would revert to Not Created, requiring manual reactivation. Now, the account status remains unchanged — now users simply receive an intimation about the update and can log in using their new contact details.

Impact : Ensures account continuity and saves admin time while maintaining accurate contact details for parents and staff.

Locate : *Modify from Student List or Staff List*

5. Timetable

5.1 Timetable Excel Download - Multi Class-Section Selection

Improvement : Schools can now download timetable data for multiple classes and sections at once. Earlier, downloads were limited to a single class and section.

Impact : Helps timetable in-charges save time by generating and sharing timetable information for multiple classes in one go.

Locate : *Administration > Timetable > Timetable Dashboard > Excel Upload > Download Template > Download Template with Data*

6. Inventory

6.1 Grade mapping in Item Configuration

Improvement : A new Grade dropdown has been added in Item Configuration, allowing items to be assigned to multiple grades as applicable. Additionally, the Stock Status Report can now be filtered based on grades.

Impact : Enables inventory in-charges to efficiently track and manage items grade-wise, improving visibility and reporting accuracy.

Locate : *Settings > Administration > Inventory > Item Configuration > Create > Item > Grade*



7.1 Attendance Information in Student Usage Statistics

Improvement : The Student Usage Statistics report under Principal Reports now includes attendance information, providing a consolidated view of student engagement – covering access and usage of content, submission of assignments & assessments, and more.

Impact : Allows Principals to review attendance data alongside academic usage metrics, student participation, and assessment performance.

Locate : Academics > Teacher Workspace > Principal Reports > Student Performance & Engagement > 2.5 Student Usage Statistics

1. LMS

1.1 Revamp of Principal Reports UI

Improvement : The Principal Reports section in the Teacher Workspace has been redesigned with a new, modern look for smoother navigation and improved usability. Reports are now organized with different categories for quicker access.

Impact : Enables Principals and Academic Coordinators to access key reports easily, saving time and effort in daily academic review.

Locate : Academics > Teacher Workspace > Principal Reports

Principal Reports

1. Teaching & Learning
Reports directly related to class delivery, teacher engagement, and learning activities.

- 1.1 TeachNext
- 1.2 Session Statistics: Class-wise
- 1.3 Session Statistics: Teacher-wise
- 1.4 Teaching Plan
- 1.5 Daywise Lecture Attendance
- 1.6 Weekly Activity
- 1.7 Summary

2. Student Performance & Engagement
Reports showing student progress, participation, and outcomes.

- 2.1 Session Statistics Studentwise
- 2.2 Assessments
- 2.3 Assignment
- 2.4 Activity Observations
- 2.5 Student Usage Statistics

3. System & Device Analytics
Reports tracking platform and device utilization.

- 3.1 Device Usage Statistics
- 3.2 Daily Activity
- 3.3 Staff Usage

4. Lab Reports
Reports specific to English Lab or other skill-based modules.

- 4.1 English Lab Proficiency Report
- 4.2 English Lab Activations Report

5. Data Management
Reports or modules related to record management or administrative tools.

1.2 New Look & Flow for Assessment Creation

We've introduced a streamlined flow and enhanced experience for one of our most-used tools – Assessment.

The new interface is now available under Resource Management > Home, while the previous version remains accessible via the Assessment/Exam Corner section.



What's New :

The revamped assessment creation process now follows a simple five-step guided wizard for ease of use and clarity.

1. Select Assessment Type:

Choose the type of assessment you wish to create:

- Course summative
- Course formative
- Competitive / Standard Exam
- Self Learning

2. Select Course:

Pick the relevant board, class, and subject for which you want to create the exam paper.

3. Choose Exam Paper Structure / Template:

Select a predefined structure or template to maintain consistent print formats.

4. Add Assessment Details:

Enter essential details such as:

- Assessment name
- Duration
- Language of the paper
- Tags for easy tracking

5. Build Assessment - finally build it as per your choice, eg.

- Select cognitive frameworks like Bloom's Taxonomy or Webb's Depth Levels.
- Define criteria and autofetch questions from the Next Education Question Bank.
- Update header details and save your inputs.
- Download the ready-to-print question paper instantly.

Why it Matters :

These enhancements make assessment creation more intuitive, flexible, and globally adaptable, empowering schools to design question papers that meet diverse academic needs with greater efficiency.

Path :

Academics > Teacher Workspace > Resource Management - Home > Resource Creation > Click Assessment

← Assessment Creation

1. Select Assessment Type

Course Summative
Formal assessments used for evaluation, such as chapter-end, midterm & final exams.

Course Formative (Classroom)
Flexible assessments which can be used in homeworks, classwork, and quizzes.

Competitive/Standard Exam
Assessments used for standard and competitive exams such as IIT, Olympiad etc.

Self Learning
Student-driven assessments intended for practice, revision, or self-evaluation.

1. Select Assessment Type

2. Choose Course

3. Choose Template

4. Add Assessment Details

5. Build Assessment

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