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TCS sets up R&D unit at IIIT-Hyderabad



Mistry Hails City As India's Major Tech Hub

Cementing Hyderabad's position as an emerging knowledge hub in the country, Indian IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Thursday announced the setting up of a research and development (R&D) centre -FC Kohli Center on Intelligent Systems (KCIS) -for cuttingedge research on futuristic technologies in the area of intelligent systems at the International Institute of Information Technology -Hyderabad (IIIT-Hyderabad) campus.

The R&D centre, which is coming up at an investment of Rs 20 crore, has been named after FC Kohli, who was the first chief executive officer of TCS and is often referred to as the father of the Indian software industry due to his contribution to the industry development. KCIS, spread over 60,000 sqft built-up area, will be based in IIIT-Hyderabad's Himalaya Block B.

Laying the foundation stone of KCIS, Tata Sons chairman Cyrus Mistry said, “It is good to see two leaders in their fields -TCS and IIIT -take initiative in this area and together create a legacy which is worthy of FC Kohli.Hyderabad is a major technology hub and is growing further in importance when it comes to technology talent. I believe this is an apt location for this institution.”

Kohli, who too was present at the event, urged the research community , especially in the IT sector, to address issues related to education and agriculture sector. He said the Indian IT industry has done business worth \$120-125 billion, of which a lion's share of \$105 billion has come from exports and the rest from the domestic market, indicating that the domestic market is still largely untapped. “There are over 800 million people who do not speak English in India but also need computers and information. So computerization in Indian languages is must,” he said, adding that TCS is working on making computers work in other Indian languages and is expected to see some outcome in the next two years.

According to the institution, apart from high quality research, KCIS will focus on entrepreneurship promotion in the intelligent systems area as start-ups are the best means to transform research carried out in academic labs to commercialise it for the benefit of society at large.

“KCIS will carry out high impact research in intelligent systems, which is a critical area for carrying out sustainable innovation in topics like natural language processing, robotics and cognitive sciences,” TCS CEO and managing director N Chandrasekaran said. Expressing his gratitude to Tata Group for setting up its new R&D centre in the country's youngest state, Telangana IT minister K T Rama Rao said the city houses the second highest number of Tata Group employees after Jamshedpur.



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Cyrus Mistry lays foundation for TCS intelligence systems centre



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HYDERABAD: Tata Sons Group chairman Cyrus P Mistry on laid the foundation stone for FC Kohli Centre on Intelligent Systems (KCIS).

It is being built by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with an investment of Rs 20 crore at International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad.

The centre will carry out high impact research in natural language processing, robotics and cognitive sciences.

The KCIS, coming up with 60,000 square feet built up area, will act as an umbrella organisation at the institute to both strengthen the existing groups and facilitate new activities in related areas.

The new centre will try to attract projects and funding from other entities in the government and industry sectors, coordinate research in related domains across different centres of IIIT Hyderabad, as well as in the institute's research collaboration with other academic institutions in the country.

Telangana Information Technology Minister K Tarakarama Rao, TCS CEO and MD N Chandrasekharan, former CEO of TCS FC Kohli, and IIIT director PJ Narayanan attended the ceremony.