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Research centre on intelligent systems coming up at IIIT-H

The new facility would promote a lot of futuristic research in areas like robotics, machine learning, Natural Language processing and cognitive systems

Hyderabad: Tata Group Chairman Cyrus Pallonji Mistry laid the foundation stone for the 'FC Kohli Research Centre on Intelligent Systems' at International Institute of Information Technology-Hyderabad (IIIT-H) here on Thursday. The centre was being built by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with an investment of Rs 20 crore spreading over an area of 60,000 square feet on the campus.

Addressing the jampacked auditorium, Cyrus said two leaders in the fields, TCS and IIIT-H, have come together for establishing world class research centre in a city which was already known as the IT Hub. "Hyderabad is a major technology hub and is growing in further importance when it comes to technology talent. I believe this is an apt new location," he added.



The Chairman of TATA Group, Cyrus Mistry, at a meeting with Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao at his camp office on Thursday. IT Minister K T Rama Rao and Chief Secretary Rajiv Sharma are also seen

Lauding Kohli's contribution to the Indian IT, who was the former deputy chairman of TCS, Cyrus said even after retirement Kohli has been working in an honorary capacity with the Tata Group in finding new ways to use computers for India's development. "Kohli is a visionary engineer and his talents are subsequently tapped to create and built TCS. At IIIT-H, we are establishing another legacy for Kohli by creating a world class research facility in intelligent systems and an area of technology that is rapidly advancing," he stated.

Telangana State Information Technology Minister K T Rama Rao thanked the Tata Group for their decision to set up the research centre in the IIIT-H campus. Speaking on the occasion, the IT Minister said, "Telangana is a start up State. We are looking forward for a deeper, stronger and long term relationship with the Tata Group.

There can't be a better brand ambassador than Tata Group to be associated with." After Jamshedpur, Hyderabad is the second largest employee base of the Group, he added. TCS Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director N

Chandrasekaran said in the 1960's Kohli had 'vision, foresight and most importantly the conviction' that something extraordinary can be created in the technology industry.

On the partnership with the IIIT-H, he said that it was not new; "TCS has established coinnovation network programme which engages many institutions particularly IIIT-H. Five years ago, TCS launched a research scholar programme for 200 candidates and 21 came from the IIIT-H. We hope to do more in the institute," he said.