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TAKING GIANT STRIDES, KOZHIKODE MAKING ITS MARK IN IT SECTOR

Kozhikode, once a major trading centre, has also been a business gateway to the State. Now, the coastal city is all set to become one of the State's major IT hubs with more companies occupying space at Cyberpark. The first IT building in the Park, Sahya, with an area of three lakh sq. ft. was inaugurated by Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister, Kerala last year. The building housed four companies and now, five more firms have opened offices.

“With nine companies setting up operations, now we have about 260 IT professionals working from here. In the next one month, another four companies will become operational and the total employee strength is expected to go above 400,” said Hrishikesh Nair, CEO, IT Parks Kerala.

“This interest by global companies in Cyberpark is testimony to the facilities offered here and how Kozhikode



city is getting more IT friendly by providing world-class infrastructure that is attracting global IT companies,” he added.

The ground and first floors of Sahya are set apart for smart business modules with plug and play modules that include a CEO cabin, discussion room, server room and workstations having 12 to 75 seats. The second and third floors are categorised as ‘Warm Shell’, where the employer can

customize his own office with the preferred tiling and interiors. Cyberpark can also lease out land for 30 to 90 years. The lessee companies can also sub-lease the land to others.

The first warm shell space in Sahya IT building, measuring 7000 sq.ft., has been taken by Infinite Open Source Solutions LLP. Four new companies have also logged into the smart business centre in Sahya – Zinfo Codelabs Pvt. Ltd.; Limenzy Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Ontash India Technologies; and Logiology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. “People who wish to start a company can opt for the plug and play module,” said Nireesh C, General Manager, Marketing, Cyberpark.

Also, as part of developing Cyberpark as a centre of excellence, the administrative office with an area of 30,000 sq. ft. was converted into a mobile app incubation and development centre – IMAI Mobile 10X incubation centre.



FIVE NEW COMPANIES OPEN OFFICE AT CYBERPARK

Continuing Cyberpark's expansion, five new companies have opened offices at Sahya IT building, the first government IT building in Kozhikode. The first warm shell space in Sahya IT building, measuring 7000 sq.ft., has been taken by Infinite Open Source Solutions LLP. (iOSS). The new firm was inaugurated by T P Ramakrishnan, State Labour Minister, in the presence of Hrishikesh Nair, CEO IT Parks Kerala and the directors of iOSS. Infinite Open Source has been based in Kozhikode since 2009. It initially operated from the campus of National Institute of Technology in Kozhikode. The firm, which employs around 100 IT professionals, is into e-commerce, cab software, multilevel/affiliated software development and mobile apps development.

Zinfo Codelabs Pvt. Ltd.; Limenzy Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Ontash India Technologies; and Logiology Solutions Pvt. Ltd are the other four companies that have logged into the Smart Business Centre in Sahya.

Zinfo Codelabs, an export division of Appmotions Technologies has core business in the development of Odoo ERP solutions and mobile application development. The company has a global partner, iTAG Technologies LLC, Dubai, UAE. Limenzy Technologies, with a 60-member



strong team, is planning to expand its operations in emerging technologies such as IoT and Blockchain. It will add another 35 professionals in the new office. The latest addition to the Sahya building is Logiology Solutions Pvt. Ltd., inaugurated by P K Kunhalikutty MP in the presence of Hrishi-

kesh Nair. The company has availed around 1500 sq.ft. smart business centre plug and play office unit with 24 seats. The firm is involved in manufacturing and trading of Jewels ERP. It carries out manufacturing, trade, and service accounting applications in all area of business.

NEW JERSEY-BASED MNC MOVES TO CYBERPARK

Ontash Systems Inc., with its headquarters in New Jersey and offices in India and Sri Lanka, has set up a new office in the Smart Business Centre in Sahya building. The company, founded in 1993, has a 25-member team and is focussed on creating web-based platforms for branding, engaging, relationship building, buying and selling and developing cloud solutions for enterprises.

It is involved in developing cloud solutions, which helps Fortune 500 companies to run their enterprises from desktop dashboards. The firm also designs and develops native and hybrid mobile apps, writes Artificial Programming Interface (APIs) and creates software for shipping companies, to automate logistics, saving time and money. Ontash India Technologies Pvt. Ltd. started its operations at Kozhikode in 2007.

KSUM, ICT ACADEMY TO PROMOTE TECH VENTURES

Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) and ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK) have signed an agreement to support the 'Business Excellence and Competency Development Programme' of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres (IEDCs) and student startups.

Under the agreement, the ICTAK will assist the KSUM in the accreditation process, third-party partnerships for competency development and setting up Centres of Excellence. The agreement also includes provisions for giving training to IEDC registered

participants and identification of the best performing IEDCs and aspiring student startups.

As part of the accreditation process, the past performance, detailed yearly business planning and annual performance of various IEDCs will be assessed, subsequently recommending them for KSUM's premium rewards.

The ICTAK will work with the IEDCs in identifying the top student startups through institutional and regional-level workshops and competitions. KSUM will support recognised startups in incubation and

acceleration. "The IEDCs set up in various colleges in the State serve as a key platform for fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among the youth. There is a need to have constant monitoring, mentoring and handholding of students," said Dr. Saji Gopinath, CEO, KSUM regarding the agreement with ICTAK.

Commenting on the tie-up, Santhosh Kurup, CEO, ICTAK said the students need to be prepared for challenging market conditions in a highly competitive business ecosystems such in the Kerala.

AWARDS GALORE FOR INNTOT TECHNOLOGIES

Inntot Technologies, based out of Jyothirmaya, Infopark Kochi, has won three major awards: Best Service Startup and Top 10 Promising Startup Industrial Innovation Awards of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII); Government of Telangana and Indywood Award for Innovative Tech Startup of the Year; and Best Young Entrepreneur Award of Kerala Finance Corporation.

Inntot Technologies is a technology-driven company with prime focus on enabling cost-effective next generation digital media receivers. It offers software-enabled IP solutions for Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM and DRM+) Receivers, DAB/DAB+ Receivers and ISDB-T Digital Television. The firm has licensed its DRM Digital Radio Broadcast Receiver solution to its alpha customer Telechips Inc., a South Korea-based semiconductor company, and the product is expected to be launched in Indian cars in 2019.

Inntot Technologies will be extending the collaboration to several major Tier-I companies in automotive info-



tainment and consumer electronics segments. It is all set to play a pivotal role in the Analog Sunset of AM and FM broadcast radio transmission paving the way for Digital Radio Transmission in the near future.

Founded in 2014 by Rajith Nair

and Prasanth Thankappan in Kakkannad, the company currently has eight employees. Inntot Technologies is also planning to expand its office space in Jyothirmaya allotted by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) at a subsidised rate.

INFOBLOX OPENS NEW SPACE AT TECHNOPARK



Infoblox Technical Support & Software Development, situated at Ganga building, Technopark has opened new office space. The facility, having an area of 15,000 sq. ft., has 80 cubicles and separate cabins. The old space of 12,500 sq. ft. is on the north side of Ganga building, while the new space has been set up on the south side. Infoblox has 125 employees. The office was initially set up in Tejaswani building, at Phase I of Technopark in 2005.

Headquartered in Santa Clara in the USA and with presence in more than 25 countries, Infoblox delivers actionable network intelligence to enterprise, government and service provider customers around the world. Some of their services include helping organisations protect themselves against the rising flood of malware and cyber attacks; creating single point of control for overcoming complexities in data centres and cloud deployments; and delivering actionable insights for making networks more reliable and effective.

IIBA, UST GLOBAL ANNOUNCE TIE-UP

The International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA), the association for business analysis professionals, has announced a content partnership with UST Global. IIBA and UST will collaborate to drive discussion within the business analysis community, through published content that shares bold ideas on digital transformation including artificial intelligence (AI), robotic process automation (RPA) and blockchain.

Ashish Mehta, Managing Director, India, APAC & Global Thought Leader at IIBA and Sunil Balakrishnan, Global Head for Development Center Operations, UST Global, said they were confident that the collaboration will lead to larger initiatives in the future.