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Wipro launches 3rd global IIoT lab in Kochi

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Wipro has launched an Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) Centre of Excellence in Kochi to develop solutions for customers in industrial manufacturing, automotive, healthcare and pharmaceutical, consumer products and goods and utilities sectors.

The lab will leverage artificial intelligence, blockchain and robotics to develop Proof-of-Concept and market-ready IoT solutions in an iterative agile development model, a company spokesman said.

'Industry 4.0' demands

M Sivasankar, IT Secretary, Kerala, said while inaugurating the centre, that Kerala has focussed on technologies

that are critical to the 'Industry 4.0' concept of which IoT is an integral part.

Looking to address skill-related issues in emerging technology areas including IIoT, the State is fostering a vibrant hardware-based start-up ecosystem and a skilling framework that connects technical institutions.

The rollout of the Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON), a fibre2home/enterprise/institution network, in the next 18 months will help local economy stakeholders benefit from IIoT deployments. "So, Wipro's decision to set up its third global IIoT lab in Kerala is a timely one and I

hope it grows into a major development centre in a short period of time."

'Huge opportunity'

Earlier, Wipro had hosted a two-day hackathon on Industrial IoT at its Kochi development centre, which saw active

participation from leading engineering colleges in Kerala.

The company will extend pre-placement offers to winning participants in the final year of their engineering degree course while those in the penultimate year of their degree pro-

gramme will receive internship opportunities. The new hires will join Wipro's IIoT research and development team in Kochi.

Jayraj Nair, Vice-President & Global Head - IoT, Wipro, said that the Centre is the third after the ones in Mountain View, California, and Bengaluru.

"Over the years, Kerala has grown into a technology hub that offers access to a dynamic talent pool with an aptitude for new-age technologies," he said. "IoT presents a huge opportunity for industries in a hyper-connected world and we are confident that our services and offerings will help clients leverage IoT as part of their digital transformation goals."

