



# KERALA IT NEWS

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF IT PARKS KERALA



# IT COMMUNITY PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN FLOOD RELIEF ACTIVITIES

**A**s rescue and relief efforts were conducted in full force, Kerala's IT sector too rose to the occasion in the aftermath of the floods. Apart from the three large IT Parks in Kerala – Technopark, Infopark and Cyberpark, help also poured in from other parks at Cherthala, Koratty and Kundara. The employees of these Parks contributed their two days' salary and the fund set aside for Onam celebrations to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund (CMDRF).

On August 15, Prathidhwani, a socio-cultural organisation of IT employees at Technopark, formed an IT cell to support Dr. K Vasuki IAS, District Collector, Thiruvananthapuram in gathering flood relief materials.



Over 250 techies volunteered with District Administration of Thiruvananthapuram and various NGOs in co-ordinating rescue and relief efforts. The IT community collected relief materials worth Rs. 3 crore from companies operating out of Infopark, SEZ and Smart City.

in 40-plus camps. Relief activities at Infopark were led by Progressive Techies, a cultural group, along with Prathidhwani. Food for around 10,000 people on a daily basis, 45 tonnes of material and medicines worth Rs. 6-8 lakh were distributed in camps.



The Group of Technology Companies (GTech) announced a contribution of Rs. 25 crore to be made within one year towards rehabilitation efforts. Infosys sent 50 tonnes worth relief supplies in 23 trucks to 25-plus camps. UST Global's campus turned into a collection centre with contributions worth Rs. 1.25 crore. It rehabilitated 140-plus families. Cognizant Technology Solutions, with a team from Dehradun, provided relief for 300 people and distributed medicines worth Rs. 55 lakh in Kuttanad. TCS provided return-home kits to 700-plus families, food for more than 2000 people and volunteers

“There were 100 camps at Kalamassery and Thrikkakara in Ernakulam to which techies could deliver the items using their own vehicles,” said Hrishikesh Nair, CEO, IT Parks Kerala. Companies of Cyberpark handed over funds to UV Jose IAS, District Collector, Kozhikode. Raju Menon, MD & CEO of Cyberpark-based IPIX Tech Services Pvt. Ltd., the IT arm of Morison Menon Group of which he is also Founder, Chairman and MD, handed over a cheque of Rs. 35 lakh to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan towards the CMDRF. Companies including Allianz Cornhill, Quest Global and Geojit Financial Services contributed Rs. 50 lakh to the CMDRF.

Help people affected by the rain havoc

**Donate to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund**

Bank Account Number: 67319948232  
 Bank: State Bank of India  
 Branch: City Branch, Thiruvananthapuram  
 IFS Code: SBIN0070028

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# FEDERAL BANK'S SUBSIDIARY TO OPEN IN INFOPARK

The Federal Bank Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Infopark Kochi for leasing of 12,573 sq.ft. at Thapasya building in the Park. This is as part of setting up their wholly-owned subsidiary which is intended to carry out the backend operations of the Bank. Shalini Warriar, Chief Operating Officer, Federal Bank exchanged the MoU with Hrishikesh Nair, CEO, IT Parks Kerala. The Bank has already obtained in-principle approval of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for creating a subsidiary company.



Shalini Warriar said, "This is a milestone for the Bank. With a dedicated arrangement for operational activities,

we will be able to deliver a higher level of customer delight, reduce costs and mitigate risks."

## NETOBJEX ACQUIRES SERVNTIRE GLOBAL



California-based NetObjex Inc. has acquired Technopark-based Blockchain solutions company Servntire Global Pvt. Ltd., incubated by Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM).

This is the first time that a company in the Blockchain segment in India has been acquired by a foreign firm. The acquisition means a massive boost to the players operating in niche spaces like Blockchain, Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI). "We are very proud to announce our acquisition of Servntire Global. This is a coming together of two companies with complementary skills, technologies and similar cultures. We believe that together we can broaden our



product offerings," said Raghu Bala, CEO of NetObjex.

NetObjex is an operating platform for digital assets utilising AI, Blockchain and IoT with applications in manufacturing, supply chain, transportation and smart cities. Its leading edge platforms leverage IoT for data acquisition and actuation, AI for unearthing insights in data and distributed ledgers for data dissemination.

"This acquisition provides us a platform to accomplish bigger goals with a broader reach. The market for distributed ledger technology is growing rapidly and we believe the combined entity will form a formidable global player," added Georgey Jacob, CEO, Servntire Global.

## SPAWOZ TECHNOLOGIES OPENS AT INFOPARK



Spawoz Technologies, a company providing digital services to international clients especially those in Central European countries, has opened its new office at the Vismaya building at Infopark. The new facility was inaugurated by Sreejith Chandran, Senior Business Development Manager, Infopark. Having a total area of 2100 sq. ft. and a seating capacity of 60, Spawoz now employs 24 IT personnel. Founded in May 2016, Spawoz had its first office at TBC, Kaloor. Their portfolio includes strategy & consulting, creative content, digital development (for web, mobile and products), project management and quality assurance for digital marketing (social, SEO, SEM).



# CAFIT LAUNCHES JOB PORTAL TO REVERSE BRAIN DRAIN

**C**alicut Forum for Information Technology (CAFIT), as part of their 'Back to Home' campaign has launched a new job portal, jobs.cafit.org.in. Kaliraj S Mahesh Kumar IPS, City Police Chief, Kozhikode, inaugurated the job portal at CAFIT's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Cyberpark.

"This will be a one-stop-shop to look for vacancies available in Kozhikode's tech companies. All CAFIT members will post their job vacancies, free of cost on this portal," says Abdul Gafoor K V, Secretary, CAFIT and Director, Infinite Open Solutions. The portal has received around 1000 resumes within 10 days of its launch.

Through consistent campaigns CAFIT has seen professionals from Bengaluru and the GCC countries return home to the Malabar region.

The City Police Chief, Kozhikode, has also sought the support of the IT communities for the effective func-



tioning of Cyberdome, a Centre of Excellence under the Kerala Police to help combat emerging cyber threats in the digital arena by bridging the gap between the latest changes and innovations happening in the cyber space and the skillset development of Kerala Police.

City Police Chief stated that cyberdome should work in a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model and is looking for a virtual collaboration with technical experts from IT companies. Internet monitoring,

virtual policing, automated threat intelligence, tracking system for child protection, fingerprint capture application, cyber forensics, image analysis software, online network investigation application, victim identification and criminal apprehension software are some of the listed areas for which volunteers can offer support.

Limenz Technologies, Infinite Open Source Solutions, Red Team Hacker Academy and Next Technologies are some of the companies that have extended their assistance.



## CLAP RESEARCH SETS UP OFFICE AT TECHNOPARK

**S**hashi Tharoor MP inaugurated the new office of CLAP Research at Nila building in Technopark. The office, located on the second floor has a space of 4000 sq. ft. and a seating capacity for 54 which will be expanded in the future. CLAP Research offers a natural language-driven enterprise search platform named Woody. It correlates and indexes huge amounts of structured and unstructured data from sources within and outside the organisation.

## KENNEDYS OPENS NEW OFFICE AT TECHNOPARK



**K**ennedys Cognitive Computing opened their new office in Chandragiri building at Technopark Phase 1. Kennedys has over 51 offices, associations and co-operations in the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle-East. In 2017, they partnered with Cognitive Computer Services. Kennedys Global Computing will focus on technologies such as rapid prototyping.

## SHELL SQUARE SOFTWARE OPENS AT PERIYAR BUILDING

**S**hell Square Software opened a new office space at Periyar building in Technopark. The 2080 sq. ft. facility has a seating capacity of 55. The global IT solutions major provides impetus to emerging and established businesses in the areas of consulting, custom software development, database administration, application integration and maintenance.

