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Top-notch electricity institute opened in Bangalore

BANGALORE: The Institute of Electricity and Energy Management (IEEM), set up by the State government in collaboration with France, was inaugurated in the City on Saturday.

The setting up of IEEM is part of a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the State's Employment and Training Department, the Education Ministry of France and Schneider Electric Foundation, a France-based Fortune 300 company that specialises in electricity distribution and management.

Master trainers would be deployed to train the staff of various educational institutions. While the Employment and Training Department will provide the infrastructure such as building, electricity, computer and Internet facilities, the Education Ministry of France has already deputed a technical expert for imparting training.

Schneider Electric Foundation has donated the latest tools and equipment to IEEM and will also develop and implement training programmes in electrical maintenance, electrical technology and automated electrical systems to name a few.

An expert from France will be appointed as the director of the institute and a training officer appointed by the Employment and Training Department will serve as co-director.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr Shalini Sarin, vice-president, HR and CSR, Schneider Electric India Pvt Ltd, highlighted the significance of Karnataka in the company's scheme of plans by pointing out that 7,000 workers and 10 factories out of the total 20,000 workers and 30 factories in the country were from the State.

"This institute is a very good opportunity for people to get trained in jobs and increase their employability," she said.

P T Parameshwar Naik, Minister of State for Labour, said that his ministry wanted to start 100 new skill centres in the State as well as those to cater specially to tribals and those living in backward areas like naxal-hit places.

"Five or six such centres may be started on a pilot basis in places like Mangalore, Udupi, Teerthahalli, Shimoga," he said. Naik said that a course in Agriculture Mechanics will also be started in various ITIs.

Ananth Kumar, Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilisers, expressed his desire to establish an exclusive power plant for Bangalore on the lines of those in other metros.

Ramalinga Reddy, State Transport Minister, Chandrika Casali from the Ministry of Education, France and others were present.

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