



'TRAVANCORE ANALYTICS' SUPPORTS WINTER OLYMPICS

A Technopark-based IT Company scaled new heights of glory at PyeongChang – the venue of the recently concluded Winter Olympics 2018. Travancore Analytics Private Limited has brought global recognition to the State and Technopark by being the Technology Provider at the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Winter Games in South Korea.

International broadcasters who swarmed PyeongChang relied on the IT company from the State capital. Travancore Analytics provided state-of-the-art Virtual Reality streaming solution for broadcasters at the Olympic venues. A team of three engineers from the company – Anwar Sadath, Shony Sebastian and Salini Sathyanadhan – worked at the official venues for facilitat-



ing the streaming processes of the Olympic events including the grand finale held on February 25.

Travancore Analytics, which commenced operations in 2007, is a software development company with a team of professional and experienced software developers, architects and project managers. The company offers custom software solutions for Industrial Automation, Mobile App development and Business Intelligence & Data Analytics.

NOD FOR FLYOVER NEAR TECHNOPARK

n a bid to decongest vehicular traffic in front of Phase I and III of Technopark, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has given its approval for key road infrastructure projects along the IT corridor. As part of this, a flyover is proposed to be constructed from near Kazhakkoottam Police Station to Phase I of Technopark. The project would also include construction of a Light Vehicular Under-Pass (LVUP) at the entrance of Phase III. The twin projects are expected to ease movement of traffic in front of the main entrances of the IT

Park which now experiences severe traffic snarls during peak hours. According to the Detailed Project Report by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the implementing agency, the flyover stretch will be 2.4 km long and 20.5 metre wide with pillars supporting the structure at every 30 metres. MoRTH has issued a special notification for acquiring additional 1.12-km stretch of land along the highway near Kazhakkootam. In October 2017 NHAI approved the flyover design. Tenders for the project will be floated soon.

H&R BLOCK COMES TO TECHNOPARK



US-based global consumer tax services company H&R Block is the latest multinational company to commence operations from Technopark. The company headquartered in Kansas City, USA, also has operations in Canada and Australia, with over 12,000 retail tax offices worldwide. The Technopark office of the company will be its first Global Tech Center in the country.

#BOOKATHON A BIG HIT AMONG SCHOOLKIDS



t all started with Ram Kumar's search for books to build a public library in his hometown Thenmala in Kollam district and his acquaintance with Brijesh P I, Co-founder of Thejus, an NGO functioning at Technopark. Both the techies, realising the importance of cultivating reading habit among children and adults, gathered some books for setting up a library, which eventually led to the #bookathon idea – a community initiative to set up libraries in the capital city.

#bookathon has been organised by Thejus and Helping a Needy Soul (HANDS), yet another NGO at the Park. Formally launched on February 1 this year, it intends to collect around five lakh books in three years – with as many as 50,000 books in the initial stage – for setting up 120 libraries.

The initiative, led by four employees of the Park – Ram Kumar (PIT Solutions), Sharath Krishna (IBS Software Services), Syed Shah (PIT Solutions) and Rahul (RWDI, KIN-FRA), aims at providing books to libraries, orphanages and community centres in Thiruvananthapuram. This will be further expanded to other parts of the State over a period of time.

#bookathon has already distributed a total of 1848 books to Progressive Eco People's Forum (PEPF) community library in Thenmala, Nilavu Public Library in Nedumangad and Lower Primary (LP) schools in Chenkottukonam and Kottur areas. Books belonging to different genres, including fiction (Balarama, Tinkle), cartoon, science, literature and novel; school textbooks, women's/men's magazines, educational CDs and DVDs will be collected for distribution.

"Parents who came early to take their kids from school in Chenkottukonam were found to be using the school library. Hence, we decided to add women's magazines like Vanitha and Grihalakshmi to the book collection," said Ram Kumar.

"#bookathon was lauded by Dr. Shashi Tharoor MP through his tweet, which has helped in broadening its reach. Also, we have been receiving positive responses from people," said Sharath Krishna. For details, log on to www.bookathontechnopark.com. For book donation and other enquiries, contact: Ram Kumar - 9539531234 Sharath Krishna - 7012674072 Syed Shah - 8848959021 Rahul - 9745477796



UST GLOBAL ACQUIRES STARTUP PNEURON

Digital technology services company UST Global has announced the acquisition of Pneuron, a Massachusetts-based 'Cross-Platform Orchestration' startup founded in 2010. The acquisition of Pneuron is expected to help UST Global's data engineering platform.

Niranjan Ram, Vice President, Industry Solutions, UST Global, said, "Data orchestration and transformation with agility and speed is a multi-faceted enterprise IT problem across verticals. The acquisition of Pneuron cross-platform orchestration platform will help bridge this gap for our clients."

TOP COP INAUGUARTES TECHIE CRICKET TOURNEY



Nishanthini IPS, Superin-Ktendent of Police and Commandant of Women Battalion, inaugurated the 15th edition of Technopark Premier League (TPL) at Technopark on February 1. Teams representing 128 companies will vie with each other in the annual tennis-ball cricket tourney, spanning 15 weeks. According to the organisers, the matches will be played in 8-over format. The tournament has a three-tier structure with two qualifying phases from which eight teams will move on to the championship round. The tournament, which started in 2003, was rechristened as Technopark Premier League after the success of the IPL in 2007. Over the years, the number of participants increased and crossed the 125 mark in the last four years. Matches are held on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

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