

# YSR lays stone for largest campus of Infosys



**DEVELOPMENT AGENDA:** Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and Infosys Chief Mentor N.R. Narayana Murthy during the bhoomipuja of the second campus of Infosys at Pocharam in Hyderabad on Saturday. - PHOTO: SATISH H.

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**HYDERABAD:** Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy laid the foundation stone for the world's largest campus of Infosys, which will be developed at a cost of Rs. 1,250 crore in a 447-acre special economic zone (SEZ), at Pocharam here on Saturday. Once complete, the facility would have five million sq. ft, seating 25,000 software professionals.

Chairman and chief mentor of Infosys N. R. Narayana Murthy told presspersons that initially a campus would be built to accommodate 10,000 seats, apart from a hostel, health facilities, gym, cafeterias, a host of other facilities at a cost of Rs. 600 crore in three years. The total project would be completed in 10 years. The existing cam-

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- Can accommodate 25,000 software professionals

pus, accommodating 11,000 employees, was built in 50 acres at Gachibowli.

Laying the stone, Dr. Reddy said that the State would churn out a talent pool of 6,000 IT professionals annually through the three II-ITs after six years. He said the government allotted the biggest chunk of land (447 acres) to Infosys, as it had confidence in the company.

Entire expansion of Infosys would henceforth be in the SEZs, said T.V. Mohandas

Pai, member of the company's board. The new Pocharam campus would be in conformity with platinum-rated Leeds green campus standards, as it would be carbon-neutral and have facilities like recycling of water and solar heating.

Mr. Murthy said that the Hyderabad campus exported software worth Rs. 2,279 crore in the last financial year. He also explained the company's inhouse training initiatives, world's largest corporate university created for its employees by the Infosys at a cost of Rs. 1,650 crore in Mysore, and the support being extended to the State government in imparting four-month training to engineering students from disadvantaged sections of society.