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NIIT to increase China operations

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NIIT, which boast of over 900 centres spread across India and another 280 centres overseas including China, Nigeria, Vietnam, Mexico, Columbia, Peru and



Cuba, plans to shore up its operations with injection of Rs 25 crore during 2010-11. Last year, the organisation had coughed up Rs 9 crore for a similar cause.

Imparting training especially in the information technology sector, NIIT has been instrumental in educating mil-

lions of students across India and other countries including China where operations are now spread over 170 locations in 25 provinces.

"We are operating one of the largest centres in the world at Wuxi, Jiangsu province in China set up by the Chinese government and Beijing is keen that we set up more centres in that country and help train and place students," said Vijay K Thadani, chief executive officer, NIIT. Likewise, more centres, he said, would be set up in China on the public private partnership (PPP) initiative.

Already 6 centres had been opened including the one in Wuxi in China. Hopefully, by end of 2010-11 such centres will cross 10 in number while the number of other centres will also increase significantly taking the total to 200 centres in China alone.

NIIT teaches both in English and Mandarin languages in China. In India, he said another 40-50 NIIT centres will be opened during the current fiscal taking the total to 950 centres.

China's appetite for seeking training of students in the IT sector is growing by leaps and bounds and of the total revenues of Rs 1,186 crore accrued during 2009-10, China's contribution was significant, Mr Thadani said.