NIIT help sought in imparting digital education to children

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HYDERABAD: The State government has invited National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT) to join hands with it in imparting digital/computer education to students in government schools.

Minister for IT and Panchayat Raj K.T. Rama Rao made the request to NIIT Chairman Rajendra Singh Pawar during their meeting here on Friday. The Minister explained various IT initiatives taken by the Telangana government and sought NIIT's participation, wherever possible.

Mr. Singh, who is also leading the Nasscom's Cyber Security Task Force, appreciated the efforts of the State government in this regard.

Mr. Rama Rao said the government was in talks with

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Carnegie Mellon University for conducting research on issues related to cyber security and was planning to introduce special courses in universities on the subject.

The Minister also drew the NIIT chief's attention to the State government signing a memorandum of understanding with C.R. Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Sciences and the multinational company in financial services MasterCard evincing interest in collaborating with Telangana on cyber security.

Further, he said that T-Hub, the incubation eco-system of the State government, would encourage research in cyber security related areas.

Tata Group's FC Kohli Research Centre on Intelligent Systems at IIIT-Hyderabad was taking up cyber security as the research area, the Minister noted.

'Create a pool of cyber warriors'

The Minister requested the NIIT Chairman to choose Hyderabad as the destination for conducting research on cyber security given the intense activity taking place here. He also wanted private entities to impart training to people and create a pool of cyber warriors.

He expressed optimism that the Telangana government and NIIT would soon enter into an understanding in the field of cyber security.