

Pioneering Skilling Centre Launch for Marginalized Youth in TamilNadu

A collective CSR collaboration by Bhumi with CGI, DXC and Microsoft redefining India's future workforce

Chennai, Tamil Nadu Sep 6, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Bhumi, India's largest volunteering NGO partnered with multinational IT firms CGI, Microsoft, and DXC Technologies to launch a state-of-the-art Skilling Centre to skill the marginalized young job seekers in the districts of Tamil Nadu. This centre is hosted by K S Rangaswamy College of Engineering in Tiruchengode, a shining example of educational excellence in the region.

Endorsing this significant milestone in the area of skill development, Dr. M. Jayaprakasan (I.S.D.S), CEO, Naan Mudhalvan Skill Initiative, TNSDC, Govt. of India, will be inaugurating the centre. Pradeep Savarirayan, Vice-President, CGI – Asia Pacific Global Delivery Centers of Excellence & Nirbhay Lumde, Director, ESG, CGI – Asia Pacific Global Delivery Centers of Excellence will be gracing the occasion as our Guests of Honor.

In this partnership, CGI will fund the program to provide training to young job seekers between the age group of 18 and 27 years, while Bhumi will bring its implementation expertise to run the program from inception to successful completion. Microsoft has designed the industry-relevant curriculum and DXC Technology has offered its technical expertise in designing the state-of-the-art digital infrastructure to make this a pioneering program.

“At CGI, we champion digital inclusion for students of all ages. Our collaboration with Bhumi in setting up this Skilling Center is our commitment to improving access to equitable technology education and mentoring to prepare students to succeed in a digital society, ” expressed Rakesh Aerath, Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of CGI's Asia Pacific Global Delivery Centers of Excellence on the occasion of the opening of the center.

Sharing her thoughts on the launch, Ms. Vaishnavi Srinivasan, Executive Director, Bhumi said, “India is on the verge of becoming the world's largest workforce by 2027. The potential is vast, but so are the challenges. In collaboration with CGI, Microsoft & DXC we are equipping the youth with both technical acumen and soft skills, paving the way for competitive careers.”

Bhumi's goal is to bridge the gap between academic degrees, actual skill sets, and work opportunities. This multi-stakeholder initiative envisions a future where youth from low-income backgrounds not only achieve socio-economic upliftment but become pillars of nation-building.

Bhumi expresses sincere gratitude to its CSR Partners, CGI, Microsoft & DXC Technology for making this program a reality.

About BHUMI:

Bhumi, one of India's largest volunteer organizations, provides comprehensive educational support for over 65,000 underprivileged children across India to become better citizens of tomorrow. Bhumi as a platform enables over 90,000 volunteers across India to contribute to causes like education, environment, animals, and community welfare. Bhumi has two core areas of work - Education and Civic Volunteering Projects.

About CGI:

Founded in 1976, CGI is among the largest independent IT and business consulting services firms in the world. With 91,000 consultants and professionals across the globe, CGI delivers an end-to-end portfolio of capabilities, from strategic IT and business consulting to systems integration, managed IT and business process services, and intellectual property solutions.

At CGI, our ESG strategy is key to contributing to our strategic goal to be recognized by our stakeholders as an engaged, ethical, and responsible corporate citizen within our communities. We prioritize partnerships with clients, while also collaborating with educational institutions and local organizations, on three global priorities: people, communities, and climate.

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