Tech Mahindra has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with College of Engineering and Technology (CET), Bhubaneswar to set up a centre of excellence (CoE) within the college campus to train young graduates in the field of artificial intelligence (AI). The MoU was signed in the presence of chief minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik.

The collaboration outlines the government's objective to upskill young students by familiarising them with new-age technologies like AI and equipping them with the knowledge of applying these technologies in everyday life. The initiative is aimed at fostering a growth ecosystem that will positively impact the economy and lives of people in Odisha.

Commenting on the development, Sujit Baksi, President, Corporate Affairs and Business Head APAC, Tech Mahindra, said, "Our collaboration with the College of Engineering and Technology (CET), Odisha, we aim to co-create smart solutions for the future by leveraging next generation technologies like artificial intelligence. The state-of-the-art CoE will help tap the immense potential of the students to address the evolving technology needs of local industries, besides significantly improving their skills and future employability. It will also help in fostering a culture of innovation to deliver superior experience to our customers globally."

As part of the MoU, the CoE will serve as a platform to incubate new solutions which will leverage cutting-edge AI technology through proof of concepts (PoC), to develop business use cases that are impacting manufacturing industries, public service organizations etc. The CoE will provide high-end technology capabilities, data, expertise, thought leadership, and packaged programs to augment capabilities across academia, enterprises, government, industries and start-ups.

Further, Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner cum Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Government of Odisha, said, "This unique collaboration between Tech Mahindra and CET will be a big step forward in building joint capabilities for the local industries and the state of Odisha, in the area of artificial intelligence. The CoE will be a catalyst in implementing new age technologies in various sectors and will help us design cutting-edge solutions for the future."

As part of the TechMNxt charter, Tech Mahindra is focused on leveraging next generation technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, 5G, internet of things, and cybersecurity to disrupt and enable digital transformation. Tech Mahindra is committed to build and deliver cutting-edge solutions and services to address the customer's evolving and dynamic needs.

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