

'Mitron', Made in India Bot 'Mitra' star attraction @ Smartworks

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Hyderabad: Walk into an office lobby only to be greeted by a robot? No this is no scene out of sci-fi Hollywood flick but a reality that will be playing out on a daily basis at an office in our very own Hi-Tec City.

Thanks to Gurgaon-based co-working space provider Smartworks, which unveiled its new 1,700-seater facility (spread over 86,000 sqft) in Hyderabad, visitors and office goers at this facility will be greeted at the reception desk by none other than 'Mitra' the robot which was quite the star attraction at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit,

where it greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US president Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump, last year.

While 'Mitra' is just one of the innovative ideas that have been put to work in the latest co-working space to hit the city, Smartworks founder, Neetish Sarda said there are many such innovative ideas dotting its office space in Hyderabad as well as its other facilities.

"We focus on effective utilization of space. While in most of the office space, you will see companies sharing the lifts and the lobby, we ensure that many more facilities, that are not regularly used by the employees,

such as conference rooms, cafeteria, gyms etc are common. We also focus on the happiness quotient of employees by doing things like dog therapy, health and wellness programmes, art events etc," Sarda said, adding that the Hyderabad facility has already hit an occupancy of 75% with eight companies leasing space here. In the last two years, Smartworks has set up 15 facilities across nine cities with a total capacity of 16,000 seats catering to more than 250 organizations, including large enterprises, SMEs, startups, and freelancers. It is targeting 5 million sqft of managed office space over the next three years.