

Science Park to come up at Swarnabhoomi

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Marg Limited on Thursday announced the setting up of Marg Science Park, a 'world class' facility for research in life sciences technologies at Marg Swarnabhoomi on East Coast Road.

The foundation stone for the park was laid by Rajendra Kumar Pachuri, chief, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, director-general, TERI; and head - Yale Energy and Climate Institute. Speaking on the occasion, Rajendra Kumar said Marg Science Park has the potential to become a world class facility and a great centre for cutting edge research in the area of life sciences in India.

'I believe the next area of sunrise technology that India must excel in is in the field of life sciences just as we have excelled in information technology and services', he added.

Pachuri expressed confidence that the science park will be an outstanding development in the national endeavour for reaching this goal.

Marg Science Park will be spread over 40 acres and would house ready-to-use wet laboratory space for research in various sectors of life sciences such as biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, contract research,



Rajendra Kumar Pachuri, chief, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, director-general, TERI; and head - Yale Energy and Climate Institute lighting the traditional lamp to mark the laying of a foundation stone for a science park at Marg Swarnabhoomi on Thursday. Marg Group chairman and managing director GRK Reddy is also seen.

nanotechnology, agri-technology, and medical devices. The facility will be complemented with lifestyle amenities and business support services.

Marg Science Park, business head, K S Shashidhar said the facility would be the first platinum rated science park in the country. The park will have a working alliance with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, a

United Nations agency, for setting up an integrated agro-processing zone consisting of an agro-incubation centre and testing lab.

A Technology Incubation Center (TIC) would be created with support from government of India to facilitate start-up incubation in life sciences research and would consist of laboratory modules for research and development.