



AstraZeneca intends to establish a brand-new Internet of Things (IoT) centre of excellence at its site in Chennai.

Aside from augmented and virtual reality, IoT, robotics, and data science capabilities will be the company's guiding technologies in the future.

According to Cindy L.

Hoots, Chief Digital and Technology Officer at AstraZeneca, "The brands India centres will be looking at all of these technologies and will be innovating for the globe."

India is gradually emerging as the company's innovation hub.

Hoots adds, "We're going to be doing quite a lot of work in IoT, so we're setting up a centre of excellence around IoT in Chennai. We've just started a centre of expertise around augmented reality and virtual reality, which will be one of the dominant technologies in the next ten years".

Hoots mentions that the company was also looking to expand its capabilities in India in emerging technologies like AI and machine learning, data science and data engineering. She further explains, "As we start driving more innovation out of India, then some of those innovation roles that we currently have in other parts of the world will come here," she said. "We've been gearing up to think about our building's space, whether we can accommodate more people, how do we attract talent ... We're definitely looking to hire new, bright young minds in this space".

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