

Fanuc India inaugurates its new Technical Centre in Pune

■ Fanuc India Ltd (FIL) recently opened its new facility at Chakan in Pune. The centre was inaugurated by Katsuo Kohari, Head of CNC Sales and Service, Fanuc Group. According to Sonali Kulkarni, President, Fanuc India, "with this new facility the company will be better placed to serve its 27,000 strong customer base with stronger emphasis on sales, application support, robot system engineering, supply chain support and the all-important maintenance service." The Pune facility will cover the industrial towns of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. The new facility built around 28,000 sq ft, houses the company's technical centre,



Fanuc India team at its new technical centre

parts warehouse, training centre including guesthouse and offices. The technical centre has the latest array of CNC, welding robots, the famous Robodrill as well as a Robocut. In fact, the new cost performance Arc Mate 0i-A welding robot and the Servo Motor β iF were also shown for

the first time in India, during the inauguration. The facility's environment friendly features were the cynosure of the show. For instance, the entire facility is planned to be free of air conditioning. FIL consciously took this decision as a step forward to contribute to the environment. The centre floor is vacuum dewatered concrete (VDF) instead of the traditional epoxy, which is quite toxic. Small details like filing cabinets are also made of recycled packing wood chips instead of plywood with an

aim to contributing towards recycling. The external walls are kept clad with fly ash bricks (by-product of thermal power plants) instead of toxic paints. Similarly, emphasis is placed on use of natural ventilation and light through large windows and skylights. Turbo ventilators are used to exhaust hot air in the facility. The comprehensive rain water harvesting system is also used in the facility for saving water. Simultaneously, paving blocks are also used in roads to ensure absorption of rainwater into ground. Additionally, the solar power plant work is in progress and will be installed by Dec 2012 to cater to 25 per cent of the power requirements.

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