

“Visit to Schneider Innovation centre”



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I was lucky to get a guided tour from [Roshan Varadarajan](#) and [Sweta Sharma](#) at the Innovation facility in Bengaluru.

I learnt a lot in the visit.

1. This is one of 4 global Innovation centres, the second busiest for schneider.
2. The Schneider brothers started in business before electricity was born in the 1700s. They built the first locomotive in France.
3. They started in India with a JV with Tatas. They have made numerous acquisitions globally and in India.
4. They have 42,000 employees and hire 600 to 700 graduate engineer trainees every year.
5. India loses 20 paise on every rupee earned in energy. Transmission losses are about 15 pc, used to be 30 pc.
6. 35 % of factory mishaps in India occur because of some faulty electrical connections.
7. Energy will be a big consumer platform business in the future, consumers will produce solar energy at home and sell it to the grid.
8. The Innovation from this centre helps consumers reduce their electricity bill, helps factories automate better and prevents accidents.
9. The work here is predictive to prevent serious catastrophes. Some great Innovations for the B2B and B2C segments.

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