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DuPont has been awarded the prestigious LEED Certification in Gold Category for the DuPont Knowledge Center (DKC) in Hyderabad. The award is granted by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for Existing Buildings Operations and Maintenance (EBOM).

Mr Ranjan Patnaik, director, DKC, said, "This certification stands testimony to our respect for environment. The energy-efficient design and eco-friendly maintenance features used in the center aim to conserve and preserve rather than waste and exploit the natural resources, offering a healthier and cleaner environment. We feel honoured to have been recognised for our environmental achievements."

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a green building certification program that recognizes best-in-class building strategies and practices. LEED certified buildings are known to save money and resources and have a positive impact on the health of occupants, while promoting renewable, clean energy.

DuPont Knowledge Center (DKC), Hyderabad, was inaugurated in 2008 and operates in a 25 acre campus in IKP Knowledge Park at Genome Valley near Hyderabad. Over 400 scientists and engineers work at this center. In collaboration with over 10,000 DuPont scientists and engineers around the world, DKC is already LEED Silver certified by Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) in March 2010 for successfully achieving the Green Building Standards required under LEED India Green Building Rating system for new construction.