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KOLKATA: If an IT sector employee could be described as a well-dressed person with his I-card hanging round the neck, few were seen at CITU's meeting on Tuesday to mark the launch of West Bengal IT Services Association.

From the banners on display at the Salt Lake sector V venue, it seemed as though most attendees were from non-IT sector. CITU state chief Shyamal Chakraborty denied the union was being thrust upon IT sector. "We are not holding anyone by the collar and asking him to join. ITSA has just been formed and it will grow," he said.

Rather than IT professionals, it was people in other trades employed in IT units who had attended the meeting, Bengal Chamber of Commerce president Alope Mookherjea thought.

Chakraborty listed CITU's charges against IT units, some firms violating provisions of shops and establishments Act, like 48 hours' work in a week and transport for women employees working night shift.

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