

IIT-K, FICCI to set up AIIDE-CoE in Noida

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Kanpur: To boost the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem by leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning, Government of Uttar Pradesh has entrusted IIT-Kanpur and FICCI to establish a world-class Centre of Excellence in Noida. This Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Driven Entrepreneurship Center of Excellence (AIIDE-CoE) will help nurture and incubate 250 startups from the AI/ML domain over a period of five years. The startups will have access to world-class infrastructure and lab facilities, mentors, and investors to help accelerate their product development. The center will develop the startup ecosystem in Uttar Pradesh in the field of AI and help bridge the gap between academia and industries.

Deputy chief minister Dr. Dinesh Sharma inaugurated the website of AIIDE-CoE in Lucknow on December 3, 2021 and the registration also began the very same day for startups in the field of AI/ML. The Dy CM said, "We have firm belief that a premier institute like IIT-Kanpur along with FICCI will ensure that UP leaves a mark globally on the AI/ML landscape."

Prof. A.R. Harish, Dean of Research and Development at IIT-Kanpur, who is chairing the governing body of the AIIDE-COE initiative explained, "The website is an integral part of this unique initiative as the center of excellence is focused upon the field of AI/ML."

This website is the cornerstone to the initiative as it works as a multifunctional portal for the initiative. It will have an open-source resource bank for students and researchers to gain knowledge from and have live discussions about the latest research and white papers on new emerging technologies.

Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, CEO, AIIDE-COE said, "Our website shall reach out to those who are geographically far from the center and augment efforts of those physically accessing the infrastructure at CoE in Noida."

Arvind Kumar, additional chief secretary, IT and Electronics, UP, said, "Uttar Pradesh Government will continue to provide all necessary support required to ensure best-in-class entrepreneurship ecosystem and handholding startups operating in the domain of AI/ML."

Dr. Ujjwal Kumar, managing director UPLC said, "AIIDE CoE will not just support startups from Uttar Pradesh but also reach out to the corners of the state to sensitise students, innovators, university professors and other entrepreneurial enthusiasts about the application and effectiveness of AI/ML across various domains."