

Yogi asks tech universities to set up innovation centres

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LUCKNOW : Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday directed all the three technical universities in the state to promote innovation and support startups. Holding a meeting about setting up Uttar Pradesh Innovation Fund (UPIF), he also directed the universities to collaborate with IITs to enhance their innovation capabilities.

Adityanath laid emphasis on setting up innovation centres at these universities with full facilities to assist student entrepreneurs. He called for comprehensive mapping of global and local markets to guide students in developing innovations aligned with current demands.

"Innovation must keep pace with changing technology and global market trends. To achieve this, centres of excellence should be established to drive new innovations, centres for innovation must also be established in all three technical universities for which the government will provide the necessary funding," the chief minister said.

He reiterated that the state government has ample funds and young innovators often lack



Chief minister Yogi Adityanath holding a meeting at his official residence on Monday

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financial support. He stressed on the importance of channeling funds through universities to empower students.

"This initiative will lead to groundbreaking innovations, empowering the youth and enhancing the state's reputation on a national and global scale," he said.

The CM asked officials to draft a detailed plan to implement these measures. He also called for development of trades based on global market mapping and modernisation of traditional trades to meet contemporary needs. "Technical universities should provide space for ODOP (One District One Product) initiatives alongside modern technology," he said.

The CM asked universities to identify trades based on current

market needs and to actively encourage students to pursue innovation. He said universities should have complete autonomy to foster innovation, asserting that such freedom is essential for new ideas to emerge.

The Yogi government approved a contribution of Rs 400 crore two years ago to support startups. Simultaneously, investment managers were expected to contribute between Rs 1200 crore and Rs 3600 crore.

He proposed equalising the contributions of the state government and investment managers. This approach is expected to boost innovation across the state and provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents and ideas.

Ensure timely completion of works of 3 new universities: CM

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Chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday inquired about the progress of building construction, staff arrangement and operation of three new universities in the state.

At a review meeting held at his official residence on Monday, the CM inquired from the vice-chancellors of Maa Pateshwari University in Balrampur, Maa Vindhyavasini University in Mirzapur and Guru Jambheshwar University in Moradabad about the actual status of the construction work being done there.

The CM asked them to ensure that the construction work was done on time and form a committee to review the works.

In the first phase, academic and administrative buildings should be constructed, CM Yogi further

noted.

Also, the CM asked that the higher education department and its ministers to monitor the works once every 15 days.

CM Yogi directed the department officials to appoint regular employees for these universities as soon as possible and make arrangements for residential and other facilities for them.

He said that the formalities related to the affiliation of colleges that will seek affiliation from these new universities should be completed soon.

The CM said logo, motto and Kulgeet of the universities should also be prepared. For this, competitions should also be organised at the university and college level.

The help of scholars should also be taken for Kulgeet, CM Yogi Adityanath said in the meeting.