

Govt earmarks ₹100cr for centres of excellence in modern tech

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Lucknow: To transform technical education, the state govt is set to invest Rs 100 crore to establish centres of excellence (CoEs) in modern technology.

The govt has also allocated Rs 10 crore to upgrade classrooms into smart ones and set up laboratories in technical institutes.

Moreover, Rs 1 crore has been earmarked for exclusive CoE in Artificial Intelligence to equip students with cutting-edge technology.

A govt spokesperson said

that science parks, science cities, and planetariums were being set up to promote science and technology.

"The govt has proposed Rs 50 crore for science city in Agra and Varanasi. A plane-

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tarium at the cost of Rs 5 crore will also to be established in Varanasi," he said.

UP has 184 diploma-level institutes providing technical training to youth, with 36 new govt polytechnics under construction. So far, the govt has established 251 smart classrooms with special fo-

cus on vocational education and skill development. Currently, 286 govt Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are training over 1.9 lakh students in various trades.

Among these, 47 institutes have special branches for women, and 12 independent women ITIs are operational. "Technical skills are the backbone of future economic growth at both the state and national levels. Hence, the govt is preparing youth not only for local industries but also for global skill demands," the spokesperson said.