

IIT Kanpur emerges as India's tech startup capital

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IIT Kanpur has achieved a historic milestone by becoming India's largest educational institution nurturing startups, with 500 ventures officially registered under its incubation and innovation programs. Out of these, more than 200 startups were launched in just the past year, underscoring IIT Kanpur's growing status as the nation's leading technology hub. According to institute officials, IIT Kanpur-incubated startups are currently active across 22 Indian states, generat-

ing an investment of nearly ₹12,000 crore and creating over 10,000 employment opportunities for skilled youth. These ventures span sectors such as deep technology, healthcare, fintech, and cybersecurity areas that are rapidly transforming India's innovation landscape.

The institute's flagship entrepreneurial event, UpStart 2025, will conclude with its grand finale in January 2026. The competition provides startup founders a national platform to present their ideas before investors and industry leaders. Last year, several startups from



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IIT Kanpur's ecosystem received funding proposals worth up to ₹2 crore each.

Participants this year will also gain access to funding of up to ₹18 lakh along with mentorship and infrastructure support. Director Prof. Manindra Agrawal expressed immense pride in the institute's progress, calling the initiative "a defining step toward establishing IIT Kanpur as a complete technology hub." He emphasized that the administration is committed to providing all necessary assistance to the startups and resolving challenges that arise during their scaling phase. Over the years, IIT Kanpur has distinguished itself for combining academic excel-

lence with real-world innovation. From developing advanced drone systems and sustainable energy solutions to driving fintech and AI breakthroughs, the institute's ecosystem has evolved into a model for how higher education can directly contribute to national growth and entrepreneurship.

With its research-driven infrastructure and strong mentorship culture, IIT Kanpur stands as a powerful example of how technology, education, and enterprise can together shape India's future as a global innovation powerhouse.