

# MoU to help strengthen AI ecosystem

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**Lucknow:** To strengthen UP's AI ecosystem, the Digital India Corporation's IndiaAI Mission on Monday exchanged a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Uttar Pradesh Development Systems Corporation Limited (UPDESCO) to implement key AI initiatives in the state.

The MoU was exchanged between Anurag Yadav, principal secretary, IT and electronics department, Uttar Pradesh govt, and Abhishek Singh, chief executive officer of the IndiaAI Mission, marking a step in Centre-state collaboration under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

MD UPDESCO Neha Jain said that under the agreement, the IT and electronics department has been designated as the nodal administrative department for the IndiaAI Mission in the state, while UPDESCO will function as the state nodal agency for its implementation. She said the partnership aims to equip youth with future-ready digital skills and accelerate innovation-driven growth. Jain said the initiative would help UP leverage advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence to promote skill development, foster innovation, and generate new employment opportunities. She added that the state govt is committed to aligning education and skilling with emerging technology requirements.

Officials said a total of 62 Data and AI Labs are planned across the state.