

# AKTU to be UP's 1st AI varsity

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**Lucknow:** Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) is set to become the first artificial intelligence (AI) university in the state. The university began revising the curriculum, with AI learning mandatory in all engineering and other professional courses.

It is equipped with a hi-tech 5 petaflop AI laboratory and is ready to provide access to high-performance computing (HPC) and robust GPU (graphics processing unit) supply chains, which are fundamental for AI model training, research and simulation tools.

AKTU is investing Rs 150 crore, while the technical education department, govt



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of Uttar Pradesh, is likely to provide financial support of around Rs 350 crore.

AKTU, as an AI university, will also provide technological and laboratory support to premier technical universities such as Harcourt Butler Technical University and others.

"In the next four months, we will inch closer to becoming the first AI university in the country. We already began work in that direction

by revamping the curriculum, which is no longer just an engineering or professional course curriculum, but an AI engineering curriculum. No matter whichever branch of engineering it is, one unit of the syllabus will be solely on AI learning and its application in the respective engineering branch studied by a student," said AKTU vice chancellor Prof JP Pandey.

AKTU has set a target of certifying one lakh students in the AI university.

AKTU dean (academics) Anuj Kumar Sharma of the AKTU Centre of Advanced Studies said, "AKTU, as the first AI university in the state, will help the country compete with world-class universities that took the AI route."