

₹20 crore push: AKTU to set up 8 centres of excellence on campus

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Lucknow: Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU) is set to establish eight centres of excellence (CoEs) on its campus at a cost of around Rs 20 crore, in the academic session 2026-27.

The proposed laboratories will be in various fields, including crime scene investigation, forensic accounting, financial investigation, space technology and others.

They will offer courses to students in emerging sectors, conduct in-depth research and work on technology development. Engineering students of AKTU and students of other universities can also pursue the courses offered by these centres.

“Our students and teachers will learn, research, develop software and technologies for forensic investigations and cyber security using advanced computing,” said AKTU vice-chancellor

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AKTU's Eight Centres Of Excellence:

Integrated Centre for Crime Scene Investigation | To combine forensic science, law enforcement and technology

Centre of Behavioural Sciences and Forensic Investigations | Focus on forensic and investigative psychology and criminal behaviour analysis

CoE in Forensic Accounting and Financial Investigation | Detect fin fraud and probe white-collar crimes

Cybersecurity CoE | To aid cybersecurity skill devpt

AI CoE | Innovation, research and skill development in AI. To support AI startups, projects and faculty training

Apple CoE/Mac Lab | To provide training in app devpt, machine learning, creative computing & emerging tech

Space Tech CoE | R&D in indigenous space tech. Focus on satellite components, space weather and AI tools

Centre for Cyber Forensic Investigation Tech | Training in digital evidence analysis, tool devpt to curb cybercrime

Prof JP Pandey.

He said these centres will ensure better forensic and crime investigation capability, stronger cybercrime response and digital evidence expertise, AI and startup ecosystem support, industry-relevant student training, research boost in fi-

nance, psychology and space technology, and collaboration opportunities with national and technology institutions.

AKTU dean academics, Anuj Sharma said, “These centres will improve law enforcement and help in getting speedy justice.”