

U.P. to be developed as AI hub; 8 data centres worth Rs 30K cr in offing



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LUCKNOW : The UP government's budget for 2025-26 was also focussed on artificial intelligence, information technology and R&D. The state will soon have eight data centre parks worth Rs 30,000 crore with a target capacity of 900 mw while an AI city will be developed in Lucknow.

To develop the state as a hub in the field of AI, a new scheme for the establishment of 'Artificial Intelligence City' and Technology Research Translation Park in Cyber Security has been included in the budget. Establishment of a Centre of Excellence has been proposed to promote AI. An additional provi-

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sion of Rs 1 crore was proposed for establishment of a COE for artificial intelligence education in the state.

The budget's focus on technology is evident in the ₹5 crore provision for an Artificial Intel-

ligence City in Lucknow and ₹3 crore for a Technology Translation Research Park under cyber security initiatives, reflecting a forward-looking vision that will drive innovation and digital transformation. "The plan to develop eight data centre parks aligns with the increasing demand for robust digital infrastructure, further enhancing the state's attractiveness for technology-driven investments. This also strengthens India's position in the world as a data centre hub," said Anshuman Magazine, chairman and CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East and Africa, CBRE.

An investment of Rs 23,203 crore has been made under the Uttar Pradesh Electronics Man-

ufacturing Policy, 2017 and Rs 7,004 crore under the Uttar Pradesh Information Technology Policy, 2017. Under the state government's data centre policy, the initial target of three data centre parks has been increased to eight data centre parks under the revised policy, with an estimated investment of Rs 30,000 crore and a target capacity of 900 mw.

As part of plans to establish eight state-of-the-art centres of excellence in the state, the first three have been set up and made operational. A COE in medical electronics has been established at SGPGI. In the field of AI, a centre has been set up at IIT-Kanpur Noida Campus, while a drone centre of excellence has been established at IIT Kanpur campus.