

UP, Oz university ink MoU to foster tech collaboration

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Lucknow: The UP govt on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Australia's Monash University.

Officials said the agreement aims to provide students and faculty members from basic, secondary and higher education institutions with a global platform for research, innovation, training and technical collaboration.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath said, "This partnership will incorporate quality, innovation and a global perspective in the education system of the state and will prove helpful in preparing the youth for global competition," he added. Calling the MoU in line with the spirit of the National Education Policy 2020, he said it would promote multi-dimensional learning, skill development and international cooperation.

Referring to the state's earlier collaboration with Western Sydney University, the CM said the new tie-up with Monash University is another major step toward meeting global education standards. He added that Gautam Buddha University will serve as the central hub for implementing this partnership and directed its vice chancellor to ensure the successful discharge of this responsibility.



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the signing of an MoU between the UP govt and Monash University, Australia, in Lucknow on Thursday

Yogi also highlighted India's ancient tradition of knowledge, recalling the Vedic saying, "Aa no bhadra kratavo yantu vishwatah" (let noble thoughts come to us from all directions of the world). He described the MoU as a modern expression of this timeless vision and reaffirmed the govt's commitment to making UP a "capital of knowledge" on the global education map. "Such partnerships will give the state a leading position on the global education map," he added.

Chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh said the collaboration will pave the way for students and teachers from the state to engage with international educational forums.

During the ceremony, the university's vice chancellor said that this agreement would usher in a new era of educational and cultural ex-

change between India and Australia. He described the MoU as the beginning of a meaningful intellectual dialogue between two democratic and culturally rich nations.

Professor Manisha, a former Delhi University academic and currently affiliated with Monash University, played a key role in bringing the agreement to life. She shared that Monash trains nearly 30,000 teachers annually, including educators from conflict-affected regions like Afghanistan and Myanmar. With this partnership, teachers from UP will now have access to similar world-class training programmes. "This initiative lays the foundation of a new educational renaissance in the state and will play a crucial role in redefining UP's identity on the global academic stage," she said.