



IIM Ahmedabad Opens 1st Overseas Campus

Why in News?

Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum inaugurated the **first-ever overseas campus** of the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIM-A) at the Dubai International Academic City (DIAC).

- In another development, India's Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the [Atal Incubation Centre \(AIC\)](#) at IIT Delhi Abu Dhabi — the **first-ever overseas AIC** hosted by an Indian institution.

Key Points

- **IIM-A Dubai** will tentatively begin its **academic activities** by the end of September with a full-time one-year MBA for working professionals and entrepreneurs.
- India's Union Education Minister also held a **roundtable discussion** with officials of Indian institutions, Manipal University, Symbiosis University, BITS Pilani, and Amity University, which have established their campuses in Dubai, and **outlined the need to move research from papers to products**.
- He also interacted with principals of 109 Indian schools in the UAE (with others joining virtually) and announced that 12 UAE schools will set up [Atal Tinkering Labs](#) to promote innovation among students.

Note:

- [Atal Innovation Mission \(AIM\)](#) is the Government of India's endeavor to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
 - Under its core objectives, AIM intends to support the establishment of new incubation centres called **Atal Incubation Centres (AICs)** that would **nurture innovative start-up businesses** in their pursuit to become scalable and sustainable enterprises.
- **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)** are set up in schools to **foster innovation** in students (grades 6-12) using tools like [3D printing](#).