



# India's First Private AI-Augmented Chandigarh University Campus in Unnao

## Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh has taken a pioneering step in higher education by inaugurating **India's first private AI-augmented multidisciplinary Chandigarh University campus** in **Unnao**, under the leadership of Chief Minister [Yogi Adityanath](#).

- The university aims to blend modern education with **cutting-edge technology** and India's **cultural heritage**, marking a significant milestone in Uttar Pradesh's educational and technological landscape.

## Key Points

- **AI-Driven Multidisciplinary Education:** The newly inaugurated university will leverage **artificial intelligence** to enhance **teaching methodologies**, focusing on **research, innovation, and holistic growth**.
  - This aligns with the [National Education Policy](#)'s emphasis on multidisciplinary education.
- **Aligning with National Missions:** CM Yogi highlighted the university's alignment with national initiatives like [Startup India](#), aiming to strengthen Uttar Pradesh's global presence by fostering **entrepreneurship** and **industry collaboration**.
  - CM Yogi stated that universities should act as **platforms for career guidance, industry-oriented skill development, and opportunity gateways** for students.

## Education Reforms and Infrastructure in UP

- **UP has facilitated the establishment of 23 new private universities** and also hosts the [country's first Ayush University](#) (Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH University in Gorakhpur) and is building a sports university ([Major Dhyanchand State Sports University](#)).
- Under the new reform, the **state now allows private universities on 50 acres of land in rural areas and 20 acres in urban areas**.
- Universities across the state are increasingly committed to improving their NAAC assessments and [NIRF rankings](#). As a result, **six state universities have earned A++ grades, two have received A+ grades**, and notable progress has been made in national rankings.

## Innovation Potential in UP

- **Uttar Pradesh** has emerged as the [third-largest startup hub in India](#), with over 7,200 active startups generating more than 1 lakh jobs. The **state is also home to 8 unicorns**.
- An **ambitious AI City project is initiated in Lucknow**, with the goal of creating over **50,000 jobs** through the participation of **more than 400 companies**.
  - **IBM will lead the establishment of the AI Center.**

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