



AI Centre Inaugurated in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 17 Sep 2025

Why in News?

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, inaugurated the “**Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence, Skill Development, and Innovation**” at Graphic Era (Deemed to be University) in **Uttarakhand**.

Key Points

- **About:** The Centre, a pioneering initiative in **Uttarakhand**, aims to **lead AI research** and development while prioritizing integrity in its application.
 - It houses an **Apple iOS Development Centre**, set up in collaboration with Apple and Infosys, along with the **state's first NVIDIA AI** and High-Performance Computing facility.
- **Cost:** The Centre, built at a **cost of over ₹10 crore**, aims to promote innovation and research across sectors like **healthcare, agriculture**, environment, smart cities, and advanced industries.
- **India's First Generative AI Ready Campus:** Graphic Era University, ranked 48th in the [NIRF 2025 rankings](#) and accredited with an A+ grade by NAAC, is India's first Generative AI Ready Campus, powered by Amazon Web Services (AWS).
 - The university's leadership envisions the Centre as a **national hub for research**, skill development, and innovation, aiming to prepare students for careers in [emerging technologies](#).
- **Significance:** In line with the government's [Digital India](#), [Startup India](#), and [Skill India missions](#), the Centre is committed to fostering entrepreneurship and developing industry-ready talent.