



Governor Anandiben Patel with others during the signing of an MoU between University of Kanpur and Madan Mohan Malviya Technology University, Gorakhpur, at Raj Bhawan. SOURCED

EDII signs MoU with two state varsities to promote start-ups

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LUCKNOW : University of Kanpur (CSJMU) and Madan Mohan Malviya Technology University (MMMTU), Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh will look to promote entrepreneurship to students so they can provide jobs for others rather than seek employment themselves after completing professional and vocational courses at the universities.

To implement provisions of National Education Policy 2020, CSJMU and MMTU have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ahmedabad-based Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) at Raj Bhawan in presence of governor and chancellor, Anandiben Patel here on Friday.

The MoUs were signed by Dr Sunil Shukla, director-general, EDII and Prof Vinay Kumar Pathak and Prof JP Pandey, vice-chancellors from CSJMU and MMTU respectively.

In her address, Governor said that EDII has vast experience in the field and this is the initiative in the right direction by both the Universities in directly reaching out to the students.

Director-General, EDII, Shukla said, "The objective of signing MoUs is to encourage collaboration and exchange between Institutions to share knowledge.

Also, this collaboration will aim for sharing of resources between organisations on the academic front and promotion of entrepreneurship and start-ups among students/youths in Uttar Pradesh."

"EDII and both the Universities will jointly offer short/long terms courses in entrepreneurship, micro-business management and family business management domain, faculty and students exchange programme, promotion of start-up and provide incubation support," he said.

Talking about MoU with EDII, Kanpur-based CSJMU's vice-chancellor Professor Vinay Pathak said, "It has been planned to benefit the students in different areas of skill development. New startups will come and our students will get a chance to use the world-class facilities in a broader frame."

Prof JP Pandey, vice-chancellor of MMTU said, "It will help students in a big way."

Vice-chancellors of both the Universities were hopeful of creating new first-generation entrepreneurs in and around the university periphery. EDII will develop faculty members of these Universities on how to create entrepreneurs, he said.

EDII, recently awarded the status of the 'Centre of Excellence' by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, will carry out research, in collaboration with these Universities and design course curriculum, develop business opportunity profiles and teaching material.

Shukla assures complete academic support to the Universities as per all the commitments made in the MoUs. Further, Shukla said that "The mandate of this collaboration is also to create a conducive climate for entrepreneurship and start-ups in the state to make the state Self-Reliant."