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## IIT-BHU to set up centre of excellence for defence tech research

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**VARANASI** : Indian Institute of Technology-Banaras Hindu University (IIT-BHU) will set up centre of excellence for research and development of defence technology.

The centre will promote start-ups for defence sectors and impart training to science graduates in advanced technologies.

A decision to this effect was taken after the UP government chose IIT-BHU as its knowledge partner for establishing ambitious UP defence industrial corridor to promote indigenisation designs in the defence sector.

Acting as a knowledge partner, IIT-BHU will carry out research and development in defence sector and would provide technology required for setting up the defence industrial corridor.

Confirming the development, IIT-BHU director Prof Pramod Kumar Jain said, "A centre for research and development of defence technologies will be set up on institute premises. The process to set up the centre will begin soon. It will be ready by the end of this year. The centre will focus on developing defence technologies."

Jain said the centre will work on innovations, designs of equipment, and fabrication. It will also work for skill development and would impart training



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to youths, graduate in science and engineering in advance technologies.

It would also run a programme of skill development of the graduates in science, technology.

The skill development would create employment opportunities for the youths in defence sector.

The centre will also invite fresh ideas from the students of IIT-BHU for research and development of defence technology.

A team of professors, researchers and students would be constituted soon, Jain said. For the corridor in UP, six nodal points namely Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi have been identified.