

Kalam tech university affiliated colleges to adopt villages

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LUCKNOW: Villages around private engineering colleges in UP can hope to see some kind of development in the days to come.

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam (APJAK) Technical University has asked all its affiliated colleges to adopt a village in their vicinity and contribute to its overall development.

This is the tech university's gesture to pay tribute to Bharat Ratna APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary (October 15) that has been recognised

as World Students' Day by the United Nations.

"The aim of technology is to resolve people's problems. And there cannot be any better way to reduce worries of people in rural Uttar Pradesh than adopting a village via an institution," said vice-chancellor Vinay Kumar Pathak.

Over 650 engineering and management colleges are affiliated to this technical university across the state. If all these institutions adopt one village each, the university will be able to change the face of rural UP. Besides, this will help engineering students get



■ Design of the new building.

CONSTRUCTION ON NEW CAMPUS FROM OCT 16

- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University does not have its own campus and functions from a rented block on Institute of Engineering and Technology campus.
- In 2006, UPTU purchased land in Jankipuram Extension. The construction work began in 2010, but

came to a halt in November 2011.

- The construction work will begin again from October 16 as the university claims to have cleared legal obstacles. In the first phase, the new building will house academic and administrative block and central library.

connected with rural India during their four-year stint with the colleges.

Taking cue from the university's order, some engineering colleges have already adopted

villages in their vicinity. For instance, RR Institute of Modern Technology has adopted Mohammadpur village on Kumrahwa Road under Bakshi Ka Talab tehsil.

Chairman of the institute, Anil Agarwal said that soon a survey would be carried in the village and on the basis of people's requirements basic amenities would be strengthened.

CM TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR KALAM MEMORIAL HALL

Chief minister Akhilesh Yadav will on Thursday lay the foundation stone for Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial hall at the under-construction Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University (earlier known as UP Technical University).

Technical education minister Shivakant Ojha, chief secretary Alok Ranjan and vice-chancellor Vinay Kumar Pathak will also be present on the occasion. In a tribute to the former President, who passed away in July this year, the chief minister had rechristened the UPTU as Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Technical University.

He also promised a grand memorial in Kalam's memory on the new campus for which a foundation stone will be laid.

The university had even organised a contest for the selection of architectural design for the memorial and students of Government College of Architecture had won the contest. The architectural drawing that won the Kalam Memorial design competition is contemporary yet simple, giving a holistic view of the memorial that will come up.

The new building of Kalam University is coming up at Jankipuram Extension (sector 11).