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# IIT-BHU to set up four centres in next five years

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**VARANASI :** IIT-BHU director Pramod Kumar Jain on Tuesday said that four new centres, including Centenary Innovation and Research Park (CIRP), Centenary Defence and Precision Engineering Hub (CDPEH), Global Outreach and Engagement (GOE), and Malviya Student Activity and Computing Center (MSACC) will come up in the institute in the next five years.

Addressing a press conference at the institute, Prof Jain said that carrying forward the idea of Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malviya, the four centres would come up at an estimated cost of

about Rs 230 crore.

With these centres set up, the institute will become self-reliant in the areas of computing, innovation and research, he said.

Prof Jain said also talked about the various achievements of the Institute in the last six months. He said that it is matter of great joy that the department of architecture has been started at the institute.

It will shape the best architects, who will help in nation-building. He said that there has been significant growth in scientific research and 30 research projects have been sanctioned in the last six months.

The major projects are UPEIDA and Defence Research

Corridor Project of Uttar Pradesh government. All the projects are of national importance and through this, the Indian government joins the international research system and able to make our students aware of operational research programmes.

The director said that the institute has signed MoUs with 13 national institutes and five international institutes for different academic and research-related programmes.

Prof Jain said that the Institute has improved facilities for the students considerably and has come true to their expectations. The institute has also completed the construction of a girls' hostel equipped with all the facilities.