

# Three start-ups get Rs 10L each for ideas to make earth 'liveable'

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**LUCKNOW:** Three innovative ideas that suggested how to make the planet Earth "liveable" were feted by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University on Thursday. The Kalam Centre for Innovation and Incubation of Startups (KCIIS) established at AKTU gave Rs 10 lakh each to the three start-ups.

Governor Ram Naik gave away the cash award at an event organised to mark the second death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Kalam. The second edition of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial International Youth Conclave takes forward the legacy of the last lecture of Dr Kalam based on the theme "Creating Liveable Planet Earth".

The first is an idea of IIT BHU, to purify drinking water using less electricity, the second is about a pneumatic-based threshing machine for farmers and the last is a health care startup. The last two innovations were from students of AKTU colleges. Naik appealed to youths to take inspiration from Kalam's life.

He recalled his meetings with Kalam at Raj Bhawan. Governor felicitated Nirmalanandan Nath Mahaswami, head, Adichunchanagiri Math and Anand Kumar, founder of Super 30 at the International Youth Conclave for their contribution to society.

Minister technical and medical education Ashutosh Tandon and AKTU vice-chancellor Vinay Kumar Pathak also addressed the gathering.

## DREAMATHON 2017

Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre launched Dreamathon 2017 in Lucknow on Thursday.



• Governor Ram Naik giving cheques to the beneficiary start-ups during the inaugural function of the Kalam Centre for Innovation and Incubation of Startups at AKTU. (Below) The Dreamathon photo and poster gallery at the university.

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It is an initiative, inspired and created from Dr Abdul Kalam's vision of igniting passion, encouraging creativity and showcasing talent amongst the youth of India. The nationwide campaign was launched in New Delhi in February 2017.

As a part of the initiative, the "Missile of Dreams", a customised van plans to touch millions of lives of talented young people across eight states. This van will travel across the country collecting entries from 1 million youth on the topic "India of their dreams".

The Missile of Dreams was flagged off by Tanveer Khan, head-marketing, BIC Cello India, Anand Kumar, founder of Super 30 and Srijan Pal Singh, CEO Kalam Centre and former advisor to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

"We are pleased to partner with the Kalam Centre and look



forward to provide our full support in achieving Dr Kalam's vision of igniting millions of dreams of young minds," Tanveer Khan, director, marketing, BIC Cello India,

Srijan Pal Singh, CEO Kalam

Centre and former advisor to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam said, "Lucknow is a city with vibrant dreams. Through this campaign, we wish for the youth to determine its destiny through their powerful dreams."