

Pune Knowledge Cluster gets science advisor's sanction

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PUNE: The city officially received the tag of 'Pune Knowledge Cluster' on Wednesday through the office of the principal scientific advisor.

The goal of the cluster is to connect organisations with a high-level of expertise in diverse domains of science and technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, in and around Pune.

The inter-university centre for astronomy and astrophysics (IUCAA) has been designated to facilitate the project and the funding for the cluster from the advisor's office will be dealt with by the office of the director of IUCAA.

Talking at an online press conference on Wednesday Dr Somak Raychaudhary director of IUCAA who is the nodal head for the cluster said, "In this knowledge cluster, the stakeholders are

not just universities and colleges but also the research institutions and industries.

"These three categories are brought together and often there is not much cross-talk between the three and the idea is we will take up these projects and make a seamless interaction between stakeholders. We are very proud that Pune has been chosen as one of the first places in the country where such an initiative has been started."