

2 new campuses coming up, AUD set to shift from Kashmere Gate site

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TWO new campuses under construction in Northwest Delhi's Dheerpur and Rohini, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) is set to relocate from its heritage campus in Kashmere Gate.

While the Dheerpur campus, spanning 4.95 acres, is being developed at a cost of Rs 1,199.02 crore, the Rohini campus, spread across 20 acres, will be set up for a cost of Rs 1,107.56 crore, *The Indian Express* has learnt. Both projects received statutory clearances in 2022, and the construction is underway.

Vice-Chancellor Anu Singh Lather said the move was necessitated by infrastructural limitations and long-term maintenance costs at the existing site. "The university building that we are functioning out of is a very old heritage building. We have maintained it well, but we will have to move out of here soon," said Lather. "It will take at least a couple of years for the construction of the new campuses to end and for us to relocate."

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sits on a 3-acre site housing a 400-year-old building complex.

According to the university's website, it has "well-stocked libraries, reading rooms, online journals and computer labs," as well as "classrooms equipped with audio-visual equipment and WiFi connectivity". Hostel facilities are available only for women.

In addition to Kashmere Gate, AUD has been operating a 6.5-acre campus in Karampura on Shivaji Marg since 2016-17.

Originally housing Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College and before that Shivaji College, the Karampura campus has been retrofitted with modern infrastructure. "The Karampura campus has all the facilities that the Kashmere Gate campus have — technology-enabled AC classrooms, library, computer labs, student activity areas, playgrounds and cafeteria," the university website states.

Currently, over 800 students study at Karampura campus, which is also home to the School of Global Affairs (since 2018), and is expected to house the School of Vocational Studies and the School of Law and Governance in the coming years.

It was established in 2008 by the Delhi government.



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