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Govt to launch â??AI Careers for Womenâ?? by establishing 30 CoEs in women colleges

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CoEs in Tier-II and Tier-III towns to offer specialised undergraduate AI courses



The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Microsoft have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch AI Careers for Women, a pioneering skilling initiative aimed at empowering women in higher education institutions to pursue careers in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

This strategic collaboration seeks to bridge the gender gap in emerging tech by equipping women with industry-aligned AI skills, enabling them to participate meaningfully in the digital economy and become active contributors to India's innovation-led growth.

As part of this collaboration, Microsoft will provide 240-hours training curriculum under AI skilling and Innovation framework for women, aligned to the industry standards, and developed in consultation with the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET). The training will be delivered in a hub and spoke model in partnership with the state government departments for higher education, across a network of 30 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) - Hubs and 150 educational institutions – spokes in Tier-II and Tier-III towns across six states.

As one of the program partners, Edunet Foundation will implement this program, working closely with the participating academic institutions, government bodies, corporate organizations and industry bodies, building an alliance to bring ecosystem change and enable industry relevant skills and economic opportunities for Women in AI, thereby enhancing their workforce participation.