

# UP joins hands with HCL's GUVI to upskill 5 lakh women in GenAI

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**Lucknow:** The Uttar Pradesh govt has joined hands with edtech platform GUVI and SAWiT (South Asian Women in Tech) to upskill five lakh women with Generative AI (GenAI) skills.

The initiative aims to bridge gender gap in AI, which, according to the World Economic Forum, stands at a whopping 78% when seen from global perspective.

At least five lakh women will receive access to GenAI learning modules, strengthening their employability and leadership potential in AI and machine learning.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) will integrate AI and Python courses into its extensive network of over 8,000 affiliated institutions.

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official spokesperson said on Friday on the eve of the launch of the campaign's first phase, Learnathon.

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AICTR chairman TG Sitaran said, “It is a massive leap towards increasing educational quality and providing equal opportunities for women in STEM. By offering Ge-

nAI courses, we are not only upskilling women but also making them industry ready.”

A competitive hackathon is scheduled in Oct, allowing participants to master advanced GenAI applications. The initiative will culminate in Nov.

“GUVI offers Python and GenAI courses in seven regional languages, including Hindi, to ensure accessibility and inclusivity for women across UP and other South Asia. The initiative's momentum is further strengthened through collaboration with KALIDO, Google, HCLTech, and Sheroes, collaborating with 319 corporates and 438 universities,” an official said.

Founder and CEO of GUVI Arun Prakash said, “As UP govt joins this mission, we're accelerating the momentum. AI's future doesn't just need women—it thrives when women lead the charge. We're shaping a future where innovation is driven by the brilliance of women. It's time for them to take centre stage.”