

# UP Govt To Equip Youth With Skills In AI, Cybersecurity And Traditional Sectors; Global Training Opportunities To be Offered

Uttar Pradesh is set to equip its youth with skills ranging from modern technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning, cybersecurity, and data analysis to traditional sectors such as agriculture and handicrafts. High-quality training will be provided with the help of leading national and international institutions and industry experts.



Uttar Pradesh is set to equip its youth with skills ranging from modern technologies. (Representational Image)

The Uttar Pradesh government is taking significant steps to enhance youth employability by providing high-quality skill training in modern sectors such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, and Data Analysis, along with traditional fields like agriculture and handicrafts. This initiative will be implemented in collaboration with top national and international institutions and industry experts. Selected candidates may also be sent abroad for specialised training, depending on the requirement.

The decision aligns with recent praise by World Bank President Ajay Banga, who lauded Uttar Pradesh's manufacturing potential during his meeting with Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Building on this recognition, the state has intensified efforts to upgrade government-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in partnership with the Tata Group. So far, 149 ITIs have been modernised, and work is ongoing at 60 more.

The government is now expanding this modernisation to polytechnic institutes, with 45 colleges selected in the first phase. These institutions will be equipped with modern machinery, and courses in AI, Robotics, and other emerging technologies will be introduced.

As part of its digital literacy push, the government has also launched the AI Pragya programme, aiming to train 10 lakh youth in cutting-edge technologies. Simultaneously, the UP Agri Yojana, run with support from the World Bank, focuses on modernising agriculture in Bundelkhand and Eastern UP. Through this, 10 lakh farmers will receive training to improve productivity, and 500 farmers will be sent abroad for advanced agricultural education.

These initiatives are being coordinated across departments such as Agriculture, Education, Health, Rural Development, and Revenue. According to official figures, 25 lakh youth have already been trained through ITIs and the Skill Development Mission, with 10.20 lakh securing employment.