

UP gears up to launch ambitious AI skill prog

Meeting Convened By Chief Secy

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Lucknow: As part of its efforts to inculcate an understanding of AI, integrate its rational use in work and capitalise on the AI market opportunity, the UP govt is set to launch the 'One Million AI Skilling Programme' soon.

The key objectives of the campaign include the promotion of AI literacy and adoption at all levels, building a talent pool to drive innovation, enabling govt employees to make data-driven decisions and unifying ongoing AI skilling initiatives under one umbrella.

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professors in basic to higher education departments, polytechnics and ITIs, doctors, students, professors and village groups like that of pradhans, self-help groups, common service centres and progressive farmers, the campaign aims to revolutionise work culture in the state.

A high-level meeting in this regard was convened by chief secretary Manoj Kumar Singh recently. Officials from across possible stakeholder departments, anchored by the department of IT and electronics, attended the deliberation to shape the campaign to

yield maximum results with minimum financial liability. For this, the govt would take on board skilling partners who have a significant footprint in the state and can extend support through corporate social responsibility funds. The list included Samsung, HCL, Intel Corporation, Microsoft and IBM.

A discussion on the kind of content for AI courses was also held. Officials said that the courses were divided into four parts — introduction to AI and its applications, AI tools and techniques, ethics and responsibility in AI, besides sector-specific modules like those for progressive farmers and SHGs.

"The move speaks for a bold step being taken by the govt towards AI literacy and skilling," said sectoral experts. UP govt also undertook several dedicated training sessions on AI for senior and mid-level bureaucracy, besides gazetted officers in the sections.