



President of India to Grace SOAR Programme and Confer AI Certificates

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The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, will grace a special programme under SOAR – Skilling for AI Readiness, an initiative of the Skill India Mission, on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC), New Delhi.

The programme is being organised by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India and reflects the continued commitment of Government towards preparing India's workforce for an AI-driven future.

The programme will be held in the august presence of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Govt of India and Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Govt of India.

During the event, The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu will confer Artificial Intelligence (AI) certificates upon learners, including students and Members of Parliament and launch of the national awareness campaign #SkillTheNation Challenge, aimed at encouraging more youth participation in future-ready skilling programmes. As part of the agenda MSDE will conduct a special "AI for Beginners" session at Rashtrapati Bhavan, as a brief interactive learning module led by a globally renowned AI expert, in collaboration with Google.

The President will also virtually inaugurate IGNOU Regional Centre at Rairangpur, serving as a key hub for northern Odisha for strengthening employability through skill-oriented programmes and training support.

Artificial Intelligence is transforming the nature of work and skill requirements across sectors. MSDE has placed strong emphasis on AI skilling, with a focus on accessibility, relevance and inclusion. Through initiatives such as SOAR – Skilling for AI Readiness, the Ministry is enabling learners to acquire essential AI competencies aligned with emerging industry needs.

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