

Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) Programme

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Recently, the President of India graced a special programme under SOAR initiative.

About Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) Programme

- It is an initiative of the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**.
- **Aim:** It aims to **integrate artificial intelligence learning** into India's **school education** and training ecosystem, preparing both **students and teachers** for a rapidly evolving digital world.
- It has a vision to **position India as a global leader in AI** by preparing its youth for AI-driven careers and entrepreneurial ventures.

Features of Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) Programme

- **Target:** It focuses on **school students from classes 6 to 12** and educators across India.
- **Course:** It offers three **targeted 15-hour modules** for students and a 45-hour module for teachers.

- These courses introduce **foundational AI** and **machine learning concepts**, along with data literacy and the ethical use of technology.
- **Funding:** To this government **provided ₹500 crore** to establish a **Centre of Excellence** in Artificial Intelligence for Education.
 - The centre will focus on **developing AI-based learning tools**, promoting multilingual AI resources for Indian languages, and fostering innovative classroom practices.
 - It will also **strengthen AI curriculum development** across technical institutions and complement existing efforts by IITs and AICTE-approved colleges that already offer advanced courses in machine learning, deep learning, and data analytics.

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