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■ Rise in AI likely to hurt Centre's ambition to create millions of jobs

# Education system needs overhaul: ASSOCHAM

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Amidst concern about robots replacing manual labour in the middle skill jobs, a report released by industry body Assocham along with global audit firm PwC has called for an overhaul of the education system to meet the emerging industry demand.

The report also noted that the increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) could jeopardise the government's effort to create

millions of jobs through its flagship Make in India initiative.

"AI-driven automation raises the most commonly foreseen pitfalls in society—the potential mass obsolescence of manual labour in the middle-skill order, such as factory workers and technicians. The key point here is that with robotic automation, the Make in India initiative may not end up creating nearly as many jobs as it is poised to at this point in time," the report said.

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person's formative academic years may face obsolescence in a society with rapid de-skilling of jobs through robotic automation.

"Academic policy formulation and dissemination of knowledge should migrate from the traditional curriculum to a more specific one tailored to emerging industry demands," the report noted.

Artificial intelligence refers to the ability of a computer or a computer-enabled robotic system to

process information and produce outcomes in a manner similar to the thought process of humans in learning, decision-making and solving problems.

Some of the sectors that would witness shrinkage of employment opportunities, but would get positively impacted in terms of improved productivity are information technology (IT), manufacturing, logistics, travel & transportation, financial services, consumer goods and serv-

ices among others.

"If a large number of people end up unemployed for extended periods of time, there needs to be a way to provide healthcare, disability and pension benefits outside employment. In the event of continuous unemployment or underemployment, government schemes to provide a minimum level of income to each citizen to guarantee basic needs are necessary to keep them out of destitution," the report added.

## DIGITAL INDIA

# Government to digitally recreate heritage buildings

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New Delhi

In a bid to promote the country's architectural heritage, the central government will be digitally recreating monuments using 3D technology, an official said on Thursday. At an Assocham event on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Robotics", Union Science and Technology Secretary Ashutosh Sharma said India needed to deeply think of using Artificial Intelligence to fulfil its need for creating two crore jobs annually.

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"The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D), (under a project) recreated the lost city of Hampi, 3D printed it and also embedded all the information related to the monuments, sculptures, their whole history," he said. "We (Union Science and Technology Ministry) are going to reproduce using the same technology now

all the monuments," he added.

Emphasising the impact of Artificial Intelligence on sectors like education and healthcare, Sharma called for "strong policy statements".

"To deal with the future, we need to modify existing policies and introduce new elements and policies," the minister said. "We certainly need best of our technologists, scientists, even social scientists, economists to think very deeply about using artificial intelligence to generate jobs," he added.



With the aim to encourage women across the Nation, The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), Gujarat Council, organized its first ever mentoring session called "Beyond Pink" The Power of SHE (Soaring Heights of Empowerment) today at Hotel Pride Plaza in Ahmedabad. The event was inaugurated by Smt. Anandiben Patel, Former Chief Minister, GoG

The event was to encourage & motivate women by mentoring sessions, where experts and leaders from different fields deliberated on the challenges they faced in the current social structure and also showcased their successful stories. During the event ASSOCHAM Gujarat Council felicitated, the Chief Guest of the event Smt. Anandiben Patel and also distributed Mahila Shakti Awards to

Diplomacy Organizations WPDO headed by Dr. Neetu Singh & Prof Dr. Sir GD Singh were also part of the event, where Dr. Neetu Singh honored Smt. Anandiben Patel ASSOCHAM's Mahila Shakti Award were presented to

Dr. Sarika Mehta for her achievements and record in Guinness Book of World Records for the longest bike journey of 10000 kms (From Surat to Singapore) promoting social cause of "Beti Bachao", "Beti Padhao"

Ms. Shital Shah, Director, Producer and Actress for her contribution to Gujarati Cinema

Ms. Dhyani Dave International Women Master (Chess), being the one and only international chess master

treatment the Gujarat Government is offering to the underprivileged women and increase in the female sex ratio by various educative schemes of Government. On financial part she informed all the participants about the various loans available by banks for women entrepreneurship.

Dr. Sarika Mehta Psychologist, Socialist and Founder, Biking Queens Surat shared her wonderful and adventurous journey that she along with her friends and colleagues had initiated under the strong leadership and guidance of Hon'ble PM Shri. Narendra Modi and Smt. Anandiben Patel. She also spoke about her upcoming ride in India covering more than 1000 villages for promoting Beti Bachao Beti Padhao. During the event, she was awarded by ASSOCHAM Gujarat Council for her achievements.

the women who have contributed to the society and nation for social cause, sports and entertainment. Ms. Bhagyesh Soni, Chairperson ASSOCHAM Gujarat council under her strong leadership took an initiative of celebrating and encouraging women this event. Shri. Vishal Rajgarhia, Chairman, Pharma Committee, ASSOCHAM Gujarat Council congratulated ASSOCHAM Gujarat Council for having organized this mentoring session for the first time in Gujarat to promote women empowerment, strengthening their social, economic and educational powers. He also added that Empowerment of Women would result in better and more developed society. When women contribute equally along with men for the benefit of society, the world would surely become a better place to live. Confederation of International Accreditation Commission, CIAC-Global and World Peace

from Gujarat

The event witnessed active participation of more than 120 women from different industries.

Ms. Bhagyesh Soni, Chairperson ASSOCHAM Gujarat council commented "Needless to mention March 8 was the day when American women marched in Times Square for voting rights. In the land of Laxmi, Kali and Saraswati, women should not be deprived of empowerment."

Smt Anandiben Patel Former Chief Minister, GoG greeted ASSOCHAM Gujarat council for organizing the mentoring session and emphasized on three things education, health, and economic strength. She elaborated on the various supportive schemes for promoting women of the state. She spoke about free medical education for girls, 33% reservation in police department for women. She also educated the audience about the free medical

Ms. Shital Shah, Director, Producer, Actress was overwhelmed and shared her experience as a Director, what kind of obstacles she had faced and how to overcome the same to be successful. She said we should keep encouraging ourselves and celebrates each day as a women's day, we have been bestowed with tremendous strength and we can do it.

Ms. Ushma Anerao, Principal, Government Polytechnic for Girls congratulated ASSOCHAM Gujarat council and shared her experience as a Principal of Govt Polytechnic and support she received from the state government

Other panelist like Ms. Ruzan Khambatta educated women participants about self-defense, Ms. Nina Jaipuria shared about her role as Business head & Ms. Arti Boriya, talked about her failure and success journey as RJ.

