IISDR and IFFAI Join Hands to Advance AI Education, Industry-Integrated Skilling and Global Certification Opportunities

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Indian Institute of Skill Development and Research (IISDR), India, and the Illinois-based International Foundation for Artificial Intelligence (IFFAI), USA, have joined hands to promote Artificial Intelligence (AI) education, industry-integrated skill development, professional certification, research and consultancy opportunities.

The MoU was formalised during the IISDR Industry Safety Meet 2026 event held at Hotel Ocean Pearl, Mangaluru, bringing together representatives from academia, industry and the skilling ecosystem.



The collaboration marks a significant step towards bridging the gap between academic learning and evolving industry requirements by equipping students, professionals and organisations with relevant skills for the rapidly transforming digital economy.

Through this strategic collaboration, IISDR and IFFAI intend to explore opportunities for AI-focused education and training programmes, international certification pathways, collaborative research initiatives, industry-oriented workshops and professional development programmes. The partnership also aims to facilitate knowledge exchange and strengthen connections between academic institutions, industry professionals and global experts in Artificial Intelligence.



The initiative aligns with India's vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**, emphasising the importance of innovation, employability, digital transformation and a future-ready workforce. By integrating emerging technologies with practical industry applications, the collaboration seeks to support students, working professionals, educators and organisations in adapting to the opportunities and challenges presented by AI.



IISDR, with its focus on education, training, research, employability and entrepreneurship, seeks to strengthen its role as a facilitator of industry-academia collaboration and skill development. Its association with IFFAI is expected to open avenues for international knowledge sharing and the development of relevant AI learning and certification opportunities.

Commenting on the significance of the initiative, the collaboration reflects a shared commitment to making AI education more accessible, industry-relevant and globally connected, while encouraging responsible innovation and continuous professional learning.

Through this partnership, IISDR and IFFAI aspire to contribute to the development of a skilled, digitally empowered and globally competitive workforce, strengthening the role of education and research in shaping India's future of work.

Together, IISDR and IFFAI aim to advance AI-enabled learning, strengthen industry readiness and create new pathways for global skill development.

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