



iMPEL-AI Program to Empower India's AI Innovators

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Recently, [Microsoft](#) and [iCreate](#) have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** facilitated by the Ministry of Electronics & IT to advance [AI startups](#) in India.

- As a part of it, the **iMPEL-AI (iCreate-Microsoft programme for Emerging Leaders in Artificial Intelligence)** programme was launched.
 - The program will screen 1100 AI innovators across India to become **AI Most Valuable Players (MVPs)** and focus on priority themes of Healthcare, Financial Inclusion, Sustainability, Education, Agriculture, and Smart Cities.
- Microsoft and iCreate will also provide **AI skilling opportunities to 11,000 innovators, startups**, and young Indians from across the country through Microsoft's Learning Management System.
 - On completion, participants will receive **globally recognized certifications from Microsoft**, providing a significant boost to their employability and career progression.
 - Additionally, the program will select and scale 100 startups to build with Azure OpenAI, with the top 25 receiving go-to-market support from **Microsoft's Global Network**.

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