

# Centre for Teaching with AI opens at IIM Ranchi

## IIM-R's centre for teaching with AI unveiled at Bharat Bodhan Conclave



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IIM Ranchi achieved a significant milestone with the official launch of its Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence during the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on Thursday. The Centre was inaugurated by Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan, marking a major step in the institute's efforts to integrate artificial intelligence into management education.

Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Centre has been envisioned as a dedicated hub for AI-enabled learning, curriculum innovation, industry collaboration and responsible AI adoption. It aims to build AI literacy among students and educators, empower faculty members to integrate AI tools into classroom pedagogy, develop AI-supported experiential learning models, and design interdisciplinary programmes that blend management education with emerging AI technologies.

The Centre's activities will revolve around three key pillars – teaching and pedagogical innovation, curriculum development, and industry and executive engagement. Under pedagogical innovation, faculty work-

shops and AI-assisted case and simulation development will be conducted. In curriculum development, AI components will be embedded into degree-granting programmes. The industry and executive engagement vertical will focus on executive education, consulting assignments and live industry projects.

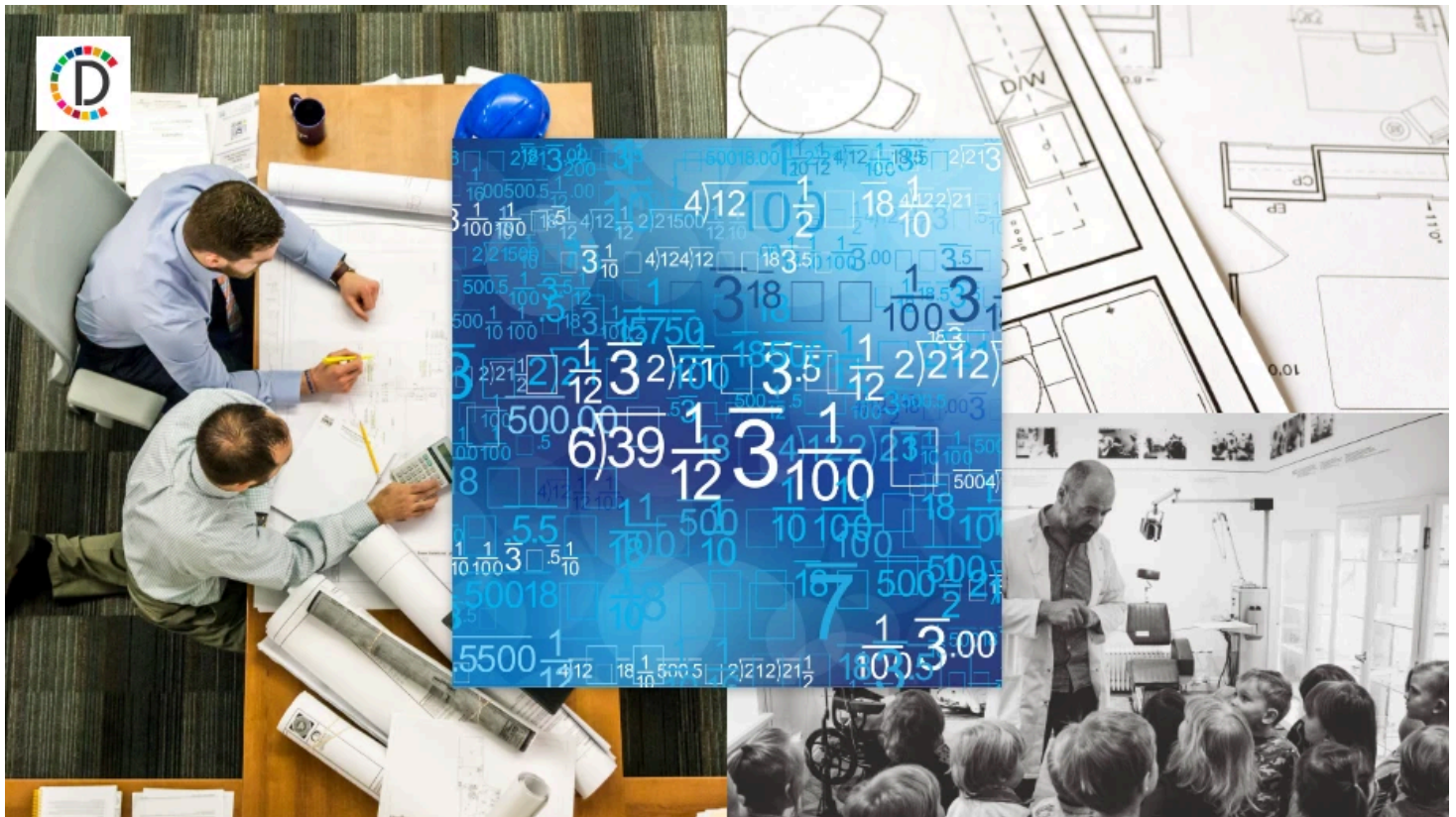
Through industry partnerships, executive education initiatives, live projects and AI-integrated curriculum modules across disciplines, the Centre aims to strengthen national AI capabilities and nurture digitally skilled, innovation-driven and ethically responsible business leaders equipped for an AI-powered economy.

Notably, IIM Ranchi had already begun integrating AI into its academic ecosystem in 2025. One of its major academic reforms included replacing traditional mid-term examinations with an AI-enabled, assignment-based evaluation system. The shift reduced examination-related stress among students while encouraging meaningful engagement with AI tools in problem-solving and applied learning contexts. The initiative has been widely appreciated for promoting deeper analytical thinking and responsible use of artificial intelligence in academic settings.

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## Dharmendra Pradhan launches drive for adoption of AI in education



Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.


### Synopsis

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026. This event sets the stage for integrating AI into education across India. The Bharat EduAI Stack will support AI-powered learning solutions. Several key partnerships and initiatives were announced. These include collaborations between IIT Bombay and Columbia University, and IIM Lucknow's AI Programme.

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New Delhi: Education minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** today launched the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026, setting the stage for full scale integration of **AI in education** and the take-off for the **Bharat EduAI Stack**, an open and interoperable architecture to build, integrate, and

scale AI-powered learning solutions across India.

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A series of key launches and partnerships were announced alongside from a MoU exchange between **IIT Bombay** and **Columbia University** to establish a Centre of **AI for manufacturing** at IIT Bombay to the **IIM Lucknow AI Programme**, Institutional collaborations involving IIM Jammu and AIT Bangkok besides IIM Ranchi Initiative - Teaching with AI.

Underlining the importance of embedding AI in education, Pradhan called upon all stakeholders to build 'scalable, responsible, ethical and India-centric sovereign AI models' to transform education and realise the goal of **Viksit Bharat**.

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## IIT Bombay, Columbia University to collaborate on AI centre for manufacturing

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NEW DELHI: Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday announced that a Centre for Artificial Intelligence (AI) in manufacturing will be established at IIT Bombay in partnership with Columbia University. An MoU has been signed between the two institutions to facilitate the initiative.

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Ranchi.

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"India's AI will be inclusive by design, interoperable by architecture, and sovereign by capability," he said. Emphasising the role of AI in education, he urged stakeholders to develop scalable, responsible, ethical, and India-centric AI models to transform education and advance the vision of Viksit Bharat.

He expressed confidence that the conclave would enhance India's AI capacity, strengthen its global leadership in AI, build a Digital Public Infrastructure for education, and ensure AI reaches all.

Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar called for creating S.A.F.E. AI – Secure, Accountable, Fair, and Empowering – to ensure technology drives inclusive progress in India.

Two technical sessions were held on school education and classroom solutions, and on teacher capacity building and systemic reform. "These sessions brought together leading organisations and startups to present scalable AI solutions aimed at improving classroom learning, teacher support systems, foundational learning interventions, and governance frameworks," a release stated.

An exhibition showcasing AI-driven innovations in school education, higher education, and skilling was also inaugurated, providing a platform for interaction between policymakers and innovators.

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# Bodhan AI Centre 'NCPI of education', says Dharmendra Pradhan; IIT Bombay, IIM Ranchi to open research hubs

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*IIM Ranchi unveiled a Centre for Teaching with AI; IIM Jammu-AIT Bangkok, a dual-degree MBA in AI and Business Analytics; and IIM Lucknow, new UG and PG AI programmes at Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave*



Pradhan launches Bodhan AI Centre; IIT Bombay to set up research hub, IIM Lucknow, Ranchi, Jammu introduce courses (Image: X)

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday launched the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras' Bodhan AI Centre of Excellence at the Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026. It was one of a host of announcements – new research centres, joint degrees and programmes – related to AI from IITs and Indian Institutes of Management.

IIT Bombay and Columbia University, United States, will jointly set up a "Columbia–IIT Bombay Centre of AI for Manufacturing," with the goal of "building robust, scalable and human-centric AI systems for real-world manufacturing", said a statement from **IIT Bombay**. The centre will harness the power of AI to support manufacturing across sectors, including semiconductors, robotics, industrial manufacturing, process industries including, pharmaceuticals, food processing, refining and petrochemical, construction and infrastructure development, as well as transport and logistics, said IIT Bombay.

The conclave also saw the launch of three major AI-related academic programmes in leading management institutes. IIM Ranchi announced the establishment of a Centre for Teaching with Artificial Intelligence.

**IIM Jammu**, in collaboration with the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Bangkok, has launched a dual-degree MBA programme in AI and Business Analytics, aiming to prepare students for leadership roles at the intersection of technology and management.

IIM Lucknow launched new postgraduate and undergraduate programmes in Artificial Intelligence, **including two Tech MBA programmes**.

## **IIMs roll out AI Centres, courses**

Additionally, the Minister highlighted the role of Bodhaan AI in developing the open-source Bharat EduAI Stack as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for the education sector.

"This is the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) for Education. It will serve as a common, interoperable platform that

will help institutions, startups, and researchers build and scale AI-powered learning solutions across the country,” Pradhan said.

“Bodhan AI will provide AI-powered learning tools, support teachers, and help students, startups, and organisations build and scale AI-based solutions in schools, higher education, and skill development programs in India,” he added.

“**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has called on the country to make India ready for artificial intelligence and stressed the need to develop and use AI in an ethical, responsible and inclusive manner,” Pradhan stated.

“India’s AI will be inclusive, connected and self-reliant, with a focus on using it in education to support teachers and students. It will help achieve the vision of **Viksit Bharat** by strengthening AI capacity and building digital infrastructure,” he added.

“The Bharat Bodhan Conclave is launching the Bharat EduAI Stack, an open digital platform that provides AI learning in all Indian languages and enables startups to innovate in education,” said Sukanta Majumdar, Minister of State for Education.

“It is a ‘Library of Intelligence,’ and he urged commitment to S.A.F.E. AI—Secure, Accountable, Fair, and Empowering—for inclusive progress,” Majumdar added.

## **Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026**

The **Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026**, being held at Bharat Mandapam, has brought together education leaders, policymakers, and technology experts to advance AI integration in India's education ecosystem.

The conclave will continue on February 13, 2026, with sessions focusing on digital public infrastructure, AI platforms, emerging technologies, skills, and higher education.

Artificial Intelligence will be introduced as a skill subject for students from Class 3 starting from the 2026–27 academic session.

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