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## **Capgemini and Nasscom Foundation equip 700+ youths with AI skills**

700+ disadvantaged youths in Delhi NCR and Bengaluru have been trained and certified through the AI for Skilling program

Mumbai, May 13, 2024: <u>Capgemini</u> in collaboration with the <u>Nasscom Foundation</u> has successfully skilled and certified more than 700 disadvantaged youths through their AI for Skilling program. As India moves swiftly towards an AI-driven future, the demand for a workforce proficient in AI competencies continues to grow. Capgemini and the Nasscom Foundation partnership plays a key role in helping to meet this demand by equipping the youth with advanced skills in generative AI, robotics, fintech, and more.

Implemented in Delhi NCR and Bengaluru, the program is designed to provide a comprehensive 200hour training, comprising over 140 hours of technical training and more than 60 hours of soft skills development. The initiative builds on Capgemini Digital Academy program, which trains thousands of youths across India in high-demand digital skills, creating opportunities for careers in technology. The Academies focus on skilling, upskilling, and future-ready employability, aims to prepare learners with both the knowledge and competencies needed for securing work. As a result of this extensive training, learners have gained valuable skills and employment opportunities at various organizations.

**Ashwin Yardi, CEO – India, Capgemini** said, "AI is shaping a bold new era of work—one where innovation, inclusion, and human potential thrive together. Through Capgemini's Digital Academy, in partnership with Nasscom Foundation, we are bridging the digital divide - equipping the youth with industry-relevant AI and technology skills for meaningful careers. This initiative is also fuelled by the passion of our employee volunteers, who mentor and guide learners, reinforcing our commitment to inclusive growth. Congratulations to our first cohort of graduates - the future is yours to lead and transform!"

Commenting on the success of the initiative, **Jyoti Sharma, CEO, Nasscom Foundation** said, "*AI* is not just reshaping industries, it's redefining the future of work. Our collaboration with Capgemini, under the AI for Skilling initiative, reflects our shared vision of an inclusive digital economy, where marginalized youth have the opportunity to participate and break barriers to AI access. By enabling future-ready skills and focusing on foundational, core-work skills, we are investing in the potential of India's youth to fully embrace evolving digital opportunities."

To ensure holistic development, the initiative extended beyond technical training and included expert sessions conducted by industry professionals, as well as aptitude-building modules, and awareness programs. Real-world exposure was also facilitated through corporate volunteer engagement and industry visits, helping learners gain insights into workplace expectations and the professional culture of the technology sector.





Building on the success of its first phase, the next wave of the initiative, will focus on advanced and DeepTech domains. The clear long-term vision of the program is to create tech-driven career pathways for underserved youth, paving the way for a more inclusive, empowered, and future-ready workforce.

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