

Microsoft and NSDC Collaboration for Digital Skilling

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Microsoft and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) announced a strategic partnership aimed at providing digital skills to over one lakh youth in the country over the next one year.

Collaboration for Digital Skilling

Microsoft will collaborate with **NSDC's eSkill India Portal** to provide free access to learning resources and conduct digital skilling awareness drives, equipping the next generation of learners with the skills they need to thrive in a digital economy.

As part of the partnership, Microsoft's learning resource centre **Microsoft Learn will be integrated with the eSkill India digital platform to provide access to personalised learning paths and resources** that are in-demand in today's economy and well-positioned to continue to grow in the future.

These learning paths will cover a broad range of skills, from **entry-level digital literacy to advanced product-based skilling in critical technologies like AI** and cloud computing, providing numerous opportunities for people to reskill and upskill, placing roles that are in-demand within reach of job seekers. The partnership with NSDC is an extension of **Microsoft's global skilling initiative** to help 25 million people worldwide acquire new digital skills needed for the COVID-19 economy.

The integration of Microsoft Learn on the eSkill India platform will provide learners with **customized content and**

resources, accessible anytime, anywhere. eSkill India and Microsoft will co-host e-skilling events, webinars and virtual sessions across the country to support students, training partners and higher-education trainees enrolled under NSDC's skill training programs. The sessions will be designed to **drive digital literacy** and provide insights into technologies like AI, machine learning and cloud computing among others.