



## Press Note

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# Vi Foundation and DoT certify first batch of students trained for Telecom roles

**Vodafone Idea Foundation**, the CSR arm of India's leading telecom operator **Vi**, in partnership with the **Department of Telecommunications, Government of India**, today announced the successful completion of the first batch of its Telecom Innovation Research and Training Centre initiative, a Skilling Program on Emerging Technologies.

A virtual convocation and felicitation ceremony was held to award certificates to 50 students who successfully completed **the Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning course** under the program. The one-month intensive training was initiated in November 2025 which focused on practical learning and industry relevance.

The convocation was addressed by **Anil Kumar Bhardwaj, Deputy Director General Strategic Engagements, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India**, who highlighted the importance of sustained government industry collaboration in building a future ready telecom and technology talent ecosystem. Also present at the ceremony was Ambika Khurana, Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer, Vodafone Idea Limited, who spoke to students on the importance of skilling and upskilling in strengthening India's digital workforce and how the industry can enable that.

The Skilling Program on Emerging Technologies initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic education and real-world industry requirements. The program aligns with national priorities such as Digital India, Skill India, IndiaAI and focuses on equipping students with application-oriented skills in emerging areas including Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and Cybersecurity, with specific relevance to telecom sector use cases.

As part of the first AI and Machine Learning cohort, students participated in **mentor led sessions, expert talks by industry professionals and hands on Do It Yourself projects**. By analysing customer demographics, usage behaviour, billing data and service quality parameters, participants demonstrated how AI driven insights can support improved customer experience and business sustainability in the telecom sector.

The project-based learning approach helped participants build practical portfolios, gain exposure to real world telecom scenarios and develop analytical thinking for pursuing careers in digital and telecom domains.

During the event, students expressed that the programme helped build strong conceptual clarity in AI and machine learning while providing practical exposure through real world projects and mentor led sessions. This program strengthened their problem-solving approach and technical confidence, preparing them to apply these learnings in future academic and professional work.

### About Vodafone Idea Limited:

Vodafone Idea Limited is an Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group partnership. It is amongst India's leading telecom service providers. The company holds a large spectrum portfolio including mid band 5G spectrum in 17 circles and mmWave spectrum in 16 circles. The Company provides Voice and Data services across 2G, 4G and 5G platforms and is expanding 5G services across 17 circles. To support the growing demand for data and voice, the Company is committed to delivering delightful customer experiences and contributing towards creating a truly 'Digital India' by enabling millions of citizens to connect and build a better tomorrow. The Company is developing infrastructure to introduce newer and smarter technologies, making both retail and enterprise customers future ready with innovative offerings, conveniently accessible through an ecosystem of digital channels as well as extensive on-ground presence. The Company's equity shares are listed on National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the BSE in



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**About Vi Foundation:**

Vi Foundation, the CSR arm of Vodafone Idea Limited, believes that our mobile communications technologies can address some of the most pressing humanitarian challenges and our responsibility is to utilize our innovative mobile technology in mobilizing social change and improving people’s lives. The Foundation focusses on addressing challenges relating to agriculture, education, health, equality and access. We are committed to enable people and technology to drive innovation, disseminate knowledge, and create shared value to improve lives. We work in partnership with key charities, development agencies and the community to drive social change on a large scale in India.

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