Jubilant Bhartia, McGill University Sign MoU To Set Up AI Centre Of Excellence

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Initiative aims to bridge academia-industry gap and build job-ready AI talent

The Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, in collaboration with McGill University, Canada, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Centre of Excellence in AI Education and Research, aimed at strengthening industry-academia linkages and building advanced AI talent.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Anita Anand and Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary. The agreement was formalised by Shyam S Bhartia, Founder and Chairman, Jubilant Bhartia Group; Hari S Bhartia, Founder and Co-Chairman; and Prof Deep Saini, President and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University.

The proposed Centre will focus on bridging the gap between academic learning and industry application, with an emphasis on producing job-ready AI engineers and research professionals. It will initially offer a Master's programme integrating academic foundations with applied learning and industry engagement.

Students enrolled in the programme will work on real-world projects aligned with emerging technological challenges and industry requirements in the AI sector.

The collaboration will leverage McGill University's research-driven AI ecosystem to design programmes that combine theoretical depth with practical implementation. The Centre will also function as a research hub to develop AI solutions aligned with India's digital transformation.

The programme will incorporate global academic standards, industry case studies, continuous assessment and mentorship from international faculty and industry experts, with a focus on maintaining curriculum relevance in a rapidly evolving technology landscape.

The Centre is expected to strengthen research and innovation in applied AI, enhance industry-academia collaboration and contribute to building a globally competitive AI workforce.