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Is AI Changing Careers Faster Than We Can Keep Up?



AI is rapidly changing how people work across the world. From automating routine tasks to creating new roles, it is reshaping career paths in ways students cannot ignore. The question is now is not whether AI will impact jobs, but whether it creates more risk or opportunity.

The Risks: Fewer Starting Points

One major concern is the decline of entry-level roles. Tasks that once built early experience, like data entry, basic analysis, report drafting, and routine admin work, are increasingly automated, making it harder for students to secure their first role.

At the same time, education systems are struggling to keep pace. While industry demands skills like working with AI tools, data interpretation, and digital collaboration, classrooms often remain focused on theory, widening the gap between learning and employability.

The Opportunities: New Roles and New Value

- AI is opening up new possibilities, creating demand in areas like data analysis, AI development, and digital content. It is also increasing the value of human skills such as creativity, critical thinking, and emotional understanding that are needed to interpret data and work with intelligent systems.
- AI is expanding opportunities through remote work and digital collaboration. Students can access international projects, freelance, & take on cross-border roles without relocating.

What This Means for Students

AI is not replacing careers; it is reshaping them. The advantage will go to students who learn to use AI tools for analysing data, creating content, solving problems and more.

The outcome will depend on how students respond. Those who adapt early are the ones who move ahead.

Highlights from FICCI FLO's Skill Development Conclave for Viksit Bharat

The gap between ambition and preparedness is where skill development must step in

Cordially invite you to

Skill Development Conclave for Viksit Bharat

10 February 2026 | Taj Ambassador, Sujan Singh, Park North, New Delhi

Registration - 11:30 am | Programme - 12:00 pm Followed by Lunch



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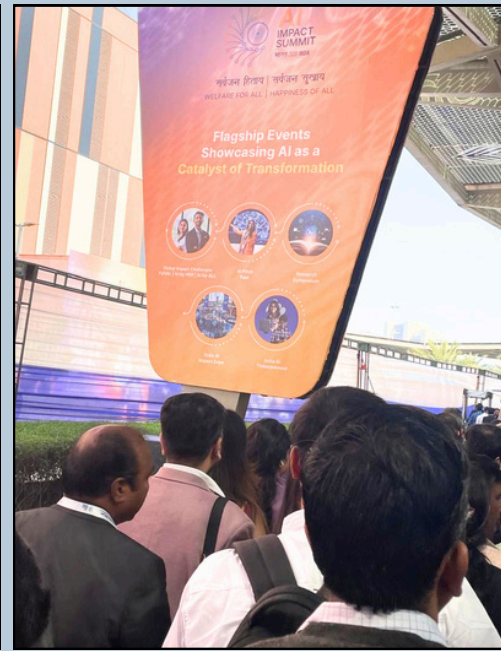
If India's youth are its greatest asset, are we equipping them like one?

This question struck a strong chord with Ms Sondhi at the Skill Development Conclave for Viksit Bharat, organised by FICCI FLO and co-chaired by Governing Body member Nidhi Goyal. The session featured insights from Navika Kumar, Group Editor-in-Chief, Times Network; Deepak Bagla, Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission; and Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder, Info Edge, and was moderated by Pooja Chauhan. Also present was Ritika Sarna from the FICCI FLO Leadership Team. Collectively, the speakers emphasised the need to equip India's youth with relevant, future-ready capabilities to fully realise the country's demographic potential. highlighted FLO's commitment to women's empowerment through skilling and financial independence.

For Ms Sondhi, the takeaway was clear: the gap between ambition and preparedness remains evident. While students today have the drive, education practitioners and stakeholders must ensure they have access to structured skilling, mentorship, and the right kind of exposure to translate potential into capability.

The AI Paradox: What Top Universities Really Want Now

As AI normalises 'perfect' applications, originality and human insight are becoming key differentiators



After attending the AI Summit at Bharat Mandapam, Ms. Niharika Sondhi, Founder & MD of EdNet Consultants, observed a critical shift: AI has made 'average' effortless.

With tools like Sora and NEEV generating polished content, many agencies are mass-producing SOPs, essays, and portfolios, prioritising speed over authenticity. However, this is exactly why top-tier universities are no longer impressed by perfection alone.

According to Ms. Sondhi, institutions now seek the 'AI Paradox', students who can use AI to enhance their work yet step away to think independently, create originally, and reflect deeply. Her advice to students and parents is clear: don't let AI erase your personality. Admissions officers value genuine effort, moments of doubt, failure, and growth that no algorithm can replicate.

Italy as a Study Destination: Latest Updates & Expert Insights



Ms. Sondhi recently engaged in an insightful discussion with Richa Agrawal, Regional Head, South Asia at Università Bocconi, to understand the evolving application process for the 2026 intake. The interaction also brought clarity on updated visa requirements and procedures through inputs from Uni-Italia.

For students considering Italy as a study destination, these insights offer a clearer understanding of timelines, expectations, and pathways to top institutions. They also enable Ms. Sondhi to translate first-hand knowledge into more informed, strategic guidance for students and families navigating global admissions.

Dubai's Education Ecosystem: What Students Need to Know

Key insights into Dubai's evolving higher education landscape and opportunities for global exposure



Ms. Sondhi's recent visit to Dubai focused on exploring academic institutions and global education opportunities. At Rochester Institute of Technology Dubai, she gained a deeper understanding of strong academics, scholarships, and study-abroad pathways, while American University in Dubai stood out for its infrastructure, student life, and globally accredited programs across design, architecture, engineering, and business.

A key highlight was Dubai International Academic City, one of the world's largest education hubs, offering a truly global student environment. Her interaction with SP Jain School of Global Management further showcased unique multi-city study pathways.

With this exposure to studying in the UAE, Ms. Sondhi looks forward to guiding students considering Dubai as a study destination.

Your Portfolio Isn't Enough: Here's What You're Missing



Ms Sondhi attended the country's top design exhibition, India Design ID 2026, with a clear objective: to understand the level of material expression expected by top institutions such as the University of the Arts London, Parsons School of Design, and Rhode Island School of Design. She observed how illustrious artists blend traditional Indian craftsmanship with contemporary geometry, how recycled waste can be used to build sustainable structures, and how lighting shapes entire spatial experiences rather than just objects.

These learnings are now being integrated into EdNet's Art & Design Studios, where the focus is on helping students move beyond aesthetics to create work that demonstrates context, depth, and original thinking. For students, the takeaway is clear: instead of flat 2D visuals, they should explore physical prototypes, use recycled materials, experiment with light and shadow, and show how designs interact with space and sustainability.

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL

**EXTRA
BONUS**



Which Study Destination Fits You Best?

Thinking of studying abroad but not sure where to go?

Take this quick quiz to find your ideal destination

1. What's your preferred budget range?

- A. Willing to invest in top opportunities
- B. Moderate, looking for value + ROI
- C. Budget-conscious with affordable options
- D. Somewhere in between with scholarship support

2. What kind of academic experience excites you most?

- A. Flexible curriculum with room to explore subjects
- B. Structured and specialised programs
- C. Research-driven and academically rigorous
- D. Practical, career-focused learning

3. What are your career goals?

- A. Global exposure and diverse career options
- B. Strong industry connections and placements
- C. Academic or research-oriented path
- D. Fast-track into the workforce

4. What kind of lifestyle are you looking for?

- A. Dynamic, diverse, and fast-paced
- B. Balanced and culturally rich
- C. Calm, historic, and academically focused
- D. Relaxed, outdoor, with a student-friendly vibe and easy access to nearby places

5. How important is post-study work opportunity?

- A. Very important
- B. Important, but not the only factor
- C. Not a priority
- D. Important, especially for PR pathways

6. What matters most to you when choosing a university?

- A. Reputation and global rankings
- B. Course structure and specialisation
- C. Affordability and scholarships
- D. Campus experience and quality of life

Your Results

Mostly As → 🇺🇸 USA

You thrive in flexibility and growth. The US offers diverse programs, global exposure, and the freedom to explore before specialising.

Mostly Bs → 🇬🇧 UK

You value structure and efficiency. The UK offers focused degrees, strong industry links, and quicker pathways to the workforce.

Mostly Cs → 🇪🇺 Europe

You're drawn to affordability and academic depth. Europe offers high-quality education, research opportunities, and diverse cultural experiences.

Mostly Ds → 🇦🇺 Australia

You prefer practical learning and lifestyle balance. Australia offers career-focused education, post-study work options, and a great quality of life.

Still unsure?

The right destination depends on your profile, goals, and priorities. Reach out to us for a personalised roadmap.

OUR SUCCESS STORIES – UG DESIGN STUDENTS



Akshara Singh Meel

FROM: Mayo Girls' College, Ajmer
ACCEPTED IN: University of the Arts London - Camberwell, Kingston University, The New School Parsons, School of Visual Arts

I had an absolutely wonderful experience with EdNet. The team was supportive, approachable, and genuinely invested in guiding students through every stage of the process. They have a highly structured and methodical approach to navigating admissions into top universities, which made an otherwise complicated journey feel much more manageable.



Myra Khurana

FROM: Invictus International School
ACCEPTED IN: The New School Parsons Paris, Pratt Institute, University of the Arts London, Polimoda

EdNet School of Art and Design really helped shape my portfolio, not just in refining my ideas, but in approaching my work. They pushed me to think more clearly about my concepts and present them with intention. The mentors and art teachers were super supportive and encouraged me to experiment. I was introduced to new techniques that helped me grow both creatively and technically.



Vidhi Saraogi

FROM: Welham Girls' School
ACCEPTED IN: University of the Arts London, Glasgow School of Art, Nottingham Trent University

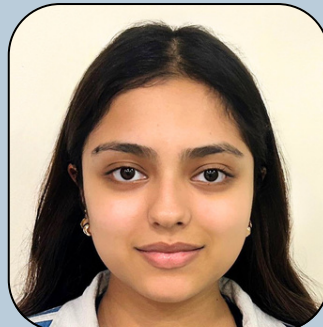
As a 12th grader applying to universities in the UK, I was really overwhelmed and didn't know where to begin. However, EdNet made the entire journey manageable. From shortlisting the right universities to crafting my application essays, their structured guidance and constant support helped me move forward in the right direction and gain admission in my dream universities.



Syshe Nanda

FROM: Maxfort School, Rohini
ACCEPTED IN: Trinity Laban, The Place - London Contemporary Dance School, Kingston University

I had an amazing experience with EdNet. The team is incredibly supportive, efficient, and offers some of the best counselling you can receive. They made my portfolio development and university application process smooth and stress-free. I will always be truly grateful for their guidance and immense support.



Eashita Agarwal

FROM: Lotus Valley International School
ACCEPTED IN: University of the Arts London, Istituto Marangoni London

EdNet School of Art and Design gave me a clear direction for my portfolio, helping me transform raw ideas into strong, cohesive projects. The one-on-one mentoring sessions were extremely valuable and made me super confident about my work. I would highly recommend EdNet to anyone looking to pursue design and get admissions in the best universities.



Sharranya Tantia

FROM: La Martinière, Kolkata
ACCEPTED IN: The New School Parsons, University of the Arts London

EdNet made a huge difference in my journey of applying abroad. Niharika Ma'am and Jaspreet Ma'am were especially supportive. Despite me not being in Delhi, they were always available whenever I could connect. Their guidance felt completely different from trying to figure everything out on my own. They were always there to clear my doubts and reassure me.

MASTERS



Samaira Malhotra

FROM: Bath University, United Kingdom

ACCEPTED IN: The New School, Parsons

With EdNet's personalised guidance and support, I was able to secure offers from top universities from across the globe. Their attention to detail and structured approach made a significant difference to my journey. I would highly recommend them to anyone looking for a smooth and well-supported application experience.



Harsvardhan Jaain

FROM: Bayes Business School

ACCEPTED IN: Babson College

I had a wonderful experience with EdNet Consultants during my application process. Their guidance made the entire process well-structured, especially with the best ways to draft my essays and position my profile. With their support, I was able to secure admission to Babson, my dream college, and I am truly grateful for that.



Adya Sati

FROM: Ramanujan College, University of Delhi

ACCEPTED IN: Erasmus University Rotterdam, Maastricht University

EdNet provided a very well-organised, research-based approach to studying abroad. Each and every aspect is handled by professionals who are willing to go the extra mile to complete the assigned task in time. Their workflow is incredibly streamlined, having clear deadlines and a roadmap for every step. Head to EdNet and realise your dreams!

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Samaira Mittal

FROM: Sacred Heart Convent School

ACCEPTED IN: Rose-Hulman, University of California San Diego, Northeastern University

I had a stellar experience with EdNet. The whole process felt quite unfamiliar at first, but they made it much more structured and manageable, from helping me shortlist universities that fit my profile to guiding me through refining my applications. What I appreciated most was how they kept me on track without making it feel overwhelming.



Anmol Saraf

FROM: Ahlcon International

ACCEPTED IN: FLAME University, University of Warwick, City, University of London

EdNet truly stands out for its professionalism and student-centric approach. Their expert guidance, personalised mentoring, as well as deep understanding of global university admissions made my application journey exceptionally smooth, strategically planned, and stress-free. I am extremely grateful for their consistent support and direction.



Jia Garg

FROM: Step by Step School, Noida

ACCEPTED IN: The University of Edinburgh, University of Warwick, ESSEC Business School

What sets EdNet apart is how thoughtfully they work with students. The guidance was never generic. It was always aligned with what I needed at each stage. Their understanding of the admissions process brought a lot of clarity, making the entire journey feel far more organised and less stressful. I really value the steady support and direction I received throughout.

This Is Your Moment! EdNet Consultants Brings You the Opportunity to Explore Dual Enrollment

Saish Khanna

From:- Vivek High School,
Chandigarh
Accepted in: USF & UMass
Boston

In Grade 10, I struggled with math so dropped it in Grade 11. Later, I realized it was vital for business management programs abroad. I sought guidance from EdNet and took CALCULUS 1001, a four-credit course from Marquette University, thereby eliciting offers from top universities like USF and UMass, Boston.

Studying abroad was my dream, but I lacked the credits for PhD applications. My courses did not meet the requirements. At EdNet I was advised to pursue Marquette Credit Courses. My efforts paid off when I received acceptance letters from top U.S. universities.

Anushree

PhD Student
Accepted in Washington University
in St. Louis

Prakarsh Jain

From:- New York University
Accepted in Indiana University
Bloomington, NUS

When I started my application process, I realized that business programs required a strong foundation in math, something my bachelor's did not cover. I reached out to EdNet, who recommended a 4-credit Calculus course from Marquette University, which turned out to be exactly what I needed.



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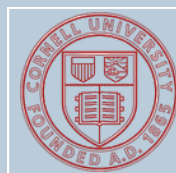


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