

Over the last 3 decades, India has become a global leader in IT, with almost 4 Million employees and over \$167B revenue. Will this leadership position be threatened with the disruption wrought by the 4th industrial revolution? Digital skills are required to steer ahead in the 4th industrial revolution and significant research from various entities highlight that the competitive advantage of countries will change depending on who has the relevant quality/quantity of digital talent. But the road ahead is not an easy one. The Government of India established IIITs as Institutes of National Importance to advance new knowledge & innovation in the field of information technology & allied fields to empower the nation's talent globally. Currently IIITs have a major thrust on emerging technology areas and this event is expected to draw a roadmap for creating a collaborative ecosystem on this front. During the conference, a select group of 25+ IIIT Directors and key officials from the industry and government to deliberate upon-

- Key insights on industry trends, skill requirement, and academic/research collaboration-
- Roles that industry, academia and the government need to play to turn thoughts to actions and impact.

Key takeaways

- Agree upon the need to create an industry-academia led multi-stakeholder coalition to drive skilling agenda on emerging technologies as a national priority.
- Agree upon the way forward to drive the collaborative ecosystem to build the digital talent roadmap

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