

Guru Nanak of College Education and Research



Report: IBM skillsBuild Workshop

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On 28 November 2025, a session was conducted by Pratham InfoTech Foundation (PIF), led by speaker Mr. Sumit Dandge, with the aim of spreading awareness about digital education opportunities for students. The session highlighted the importance of technology in today's world and focused on how students can upgrade their knowledge and skills through online learning platforms. The initiative was specially designed to help learners gain access to quality digital education that can support their academic as well as professional growth.

Pratham InfoTech Foundation is a non-profit organization working with the mission of providing e-Education for every Indian. The foundation aims to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural areas by offering access to digital infrastructure and resources. PIF has already made a strong impact across 17 states in India, empowering learners from different backgrounds to become digitally literate and future-ready. With their vision of "e-Education for All" and mission of "Building a nation that is Digitally Literate," the organization continues to focus on technology-driven learning.

During the session, the speaker introduced the students to the IBM SkillsBuild Portal, a valuable learning platform offering lifelong free access to 250+ courses. Students were guided step-by-step on how to search for courses, enroll in them, complete course modules, and obtain certificates after completion. This practical demonstration helped learners understand how they can use the platform independently even after the program.

The session encouraged every student to complete at least one course module in either Artificial Intelligence or Career Management. These course options were chosen to support students in strengthening both technical as well as professional skills. After successful completion of the course, each participant becomes eligible to receive a digital certificate, which can be used in their academic portfolio and resume.

Furthermore, the provided link redirected students to a special IBM SkillsBuild registration page through the partner organization (Pratham InfoTech Foundation). By registering through this link, students are officially connected to the NGO network and receive timely support, mentoring, and guidance. The platform not only offers technical courses like AI, cybersecurity, data science, cloud computing, and web development but also professional courses such as communication,

leadership, job readiness, and problem-solving. Successful learners can earn digital badges and certificates which strengthen their employability and career prospects.

The session by Pratham InfoTech Foundation and speaker Sumit Dandge proved to be highly informative and beneficial for students. It focused on developing digital literacy and ensuring that every learner gets equal access to technology-based education. Through the IBM SkillsBuild platform, students now have the opportunity to learn new skills, enhance their knowledge, and prepare themselves for future careers. The initiative strongly supports the goal of empowering youth and building a digitally skilled and confident generation.

