



Amazon India Launches Amazon Future Engineer Program in Andhra Pradesh

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- Amazon India partners with the government of Andhra Pradesh and non-profits to launch the Future Engineer program
- The program will build teacher competencies on Computational Thinking & 21st century skills via blended learning courses in Andhra Pradesh
- The program will take computer science education to 10,000 students and 500 teachers across Srikakulam, Vizianagaram and Vizag districts of Andhra Pradesh in 2024-25
- Over 1,00,000 students of the state to benefit through 21st-century skills curriculum by 2026-27

Andhra Pradesh, 9th February 2024: Amazon India today announced that under its Amazon Future Engineer Program in Andhra Pradesh, an MOU was signed between Leadership for Equity (LFE), and Quest Alliance (QA) and the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the presence of key government dignitaries, including the Commissioner of School Education, Shri Suresh Kumar (IAS), the State Project Director of Samagra Shiksha, Shri Srinivas Rao (IAS), and the Director of SCERT, Shri Prathap Reddy. This MOU signifies the launch of the Program in the state, beginning in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam. The program aims to empower 10,000 students with computer science education by the 2024-25 academic year, with a projected impact on over 100,000 students by 2026-27.

The Amazon Future Engineer program in Andhra Pradesh will equip teachers with pedagogical, technical, and teacher leadership skills to effectively deliver computer science curriculum in classrooms through a training program on Computational Thinking & 21st Century Skills. The program will train teachers to run Computational Thinking (CT) Clubs in schools and actively work with the State Council for Education Research and Training (SCERT), to develop and pilot a computer science curriculum for the Government schools of Andhra Pradesh.

Shri Suresh Kumar, Commissioner of School Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh said, “The partnership with Amazon Future Engineer Program underscores our commitment to providing high-quality education to every child in Andhra Pradesh. Through computational thinking modules, the program will nurture a generation of problem-solvers and innovators in an increasingly tech-driven world. Together, we are shaping the future of education and empowering our youth to reach their full potential.”

Shri Srinivas Rao, State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Government of Andhra Pradesh said, “Our collaboration to expand Amazon Future Engineer Program marks a significant step towards revolutionizing our education system. By integrating computer science teaching excellence courses, we aim to equip our students with essential skills for the digital age, paving the way for a tech-savvy future generation.” He added, “Such private-public partnerships will build the future tech talent pool in India.”

Akshay Kashyap, Lead, Amazon Future Engineer, India said, “Amazon Future Engineer is focused on preparing all students, especially those farthest from opportunity, with skills required for careers of the future, and prioritize partnerships which are aligned with our vision. We recognize computer science as one such key skill and have taken computer science education to over 1.5 million students and 8,000 educators across the nation in the past two years. We have observed that educators who are interested in bringing computer science to their classrooms are key to change. We express our sincere gratitude to the government of Andhra Pradesh for this collaborative effort to enable teachers of Andhra Pradesh to bring computer science education to their classrooms and shape the future of education.”

Amazon introduced the Amazon Future Engineer Program in India in 2021 and has partnered with several education-focused non-profit organizations, including Leadership for Equity and Quest Alliance to take computer science education to more than 10,000 schools in India in the past two years. As a childhood-to-career program, AFE offerings starts with primary schooling and continues through secondary into career. Under this program, Amazon has also offered scholarships and internships to girl students interested to make a career in the tech industry. Throughout, Amazon partners with organizations that share its mission and create opportunities for students to discover the richness of computer science through intersections with self-expression, social justice, sustainability, and more.

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About Amazon Future Engineer

Amazon Future Engineer is Amazon's signature computer science education program designed to offer all young people the chance to build their best future, inspiring and educating millions of students globally. Students explore computer science through school curriculum and project-based learning using code to make music, program robots, and solve problems. Through the program, Amazon reaches millions of students from historically underrepresented communities globally. Amazon Future Engineer provides real-world inspired virtual and hands-on computer science project learning. The program is available in the U.S., U.K., Canada, France, and India.

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