

AIM, NITI AAYOG, CBSE, AND INTEL INDIA COLLABORATES TO REVOLUTIONIZE EDUCATION THROUGH MAINSTREAMING TINKERING AND AI

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The compendium is a collection of lesson plans created by the teachers and each one provides a 360-degree view of how AloT integration can be used to enhance learning in a classroom.

For example, one of the lesson plans for class 9, helps to guide the students to analyze the reason for pain in the back and develop an AI-led solution where an LED light glows every time it detects incorrect posture and green light glows once the correct posture is retained.

In yet another lesson plan for social science, a student is guided to first make use of the design thinking process to understand why plants die in winter, given an insight into using tinkering tools like sensors and Arduino UNO to record the moisture level of the soil, and then supported to deploy a supervised AI model to predict the plant's health by making use of the recorded data.

Addressing the teachers, educators, and facilitators, present on the occasion, Dr Biswajit Saha, Director (Trainings & Skill Education), CBSE, said that the new methodology will enable the shift in teaching pedagogies from traditional to digital with several additional benefits and increased efficiency. He said, "Integrating AI and Tinkering with lesson plans and making them part of the everyday teaching-learning activities can help enable the students to imbibe the digital-first mindset. We hope this compendium will empower teachers to guide their students and help build a truly future-ready generation."

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