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Rohini Nayyar Prize honours Prashant Chaudhary for CodeYogi rural AI skills programme

Technology educator Prashant Chaudhary has received the fifth Rohi development for his work through the CodeYogi Foundation. The sma model teaches applied AI and practical technology skills without comp award includes INR 10 lakh and was presented by former NITI Aayog

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Prashant Chaudhary, a technology educator from the fifth Rohini Nayyar Prize on Saturday. The av linked to rural development through technology l founded the CodeYogi Foundation, which teache technology skills to youth. The prize includes Rs and a trophy.

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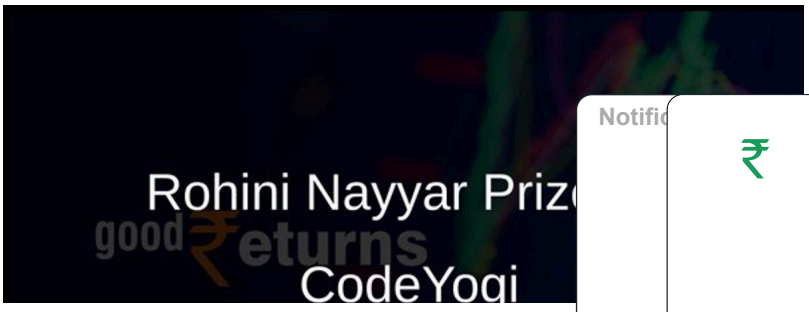
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Former Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant presented Prize to Chaudhary at the ceremony. Chaudhary learning model uses family smartphones. The pla languages and does not rely on computers. It als labs, English, or trained teachers.

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CodeYogi now runs a 30-day applied AI fluency programme for students. Learners use real AI tools for tasks that support studies. The tools also help with daily needs at home. Chaudhary said, "AI is evolving faster than school systems.\" The approach aims to fill gaps left by limited rural infrastructure.

Chaudhary said the programme expanded quickly during the last three years. It reached over 3.5 lakh students across nine states and 120 districts. These districts cover 30 per cent of Indias geographical area, Chaudhary said. The foundation expects to reach one million learners by March 2027.

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Rohini Nayyar Prize details and past win

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Rohini Nayyar Prize foundation leadership and student data

The Foundation directors are Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor of Economics, JNU. Deepak Nayyar also served as former vice-chancellor, Delhi University. The other directors are Dhiraj Nayyar of Vedanta Resources and Gaurav Nayyar of the World Bank. The prize is administered by the Nayyar Foundation for Social and Economic Purpose.

Chaudhary said the model draws learners from varied backgrounds. Among enrolled students, 48.6 per cent are girls. Around 95 per cent study using only smartphones. Another 59 per cent are advanced learners from non-STEM backgrounds. Chaudhary earlier became the first person from a village near Meerut to join an IIT in 2010.

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