



AI Awareness Programme at R. B. Shirke High School

Celebrating Teachers' Day and Engineers' Day through Artificial Intelligence Awareness.

Organised by: Department of Computer Science and Engineering (AI & ML)

Date: 5 September 2026

Venue: R. B. Shirke High School

Duration: 2 Hours (10:00 am -12:00pm)

Target Participants: Students of Standard VIII

As part of the celebration of **Teachers' Day and Engineers' Day**, the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (AI & ML) organized an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Awareness Programme at R. B. Shirke High School on 5th September 2026. The initiative aimed to introduce school students to emerging technologies, promote scientific curiosity, and highlight the role of engineering and Artificial Intelligence in addressing real-world challenges.

The programme was conducted by **Mr. Kunal Shirke, Mr. Smith Naik, Ms. Anushka Shevade, Ms. Arya Kelkar, Mr. Kanva Dewalekar, Mr. Atharva Jamsandekar, Mr. Krunal Javkar, Ms. Shravani Arale, and Mr. Vedant Surve**. Through an interactive two-hour session, the team introduced Standard VIII students to the fundamental elements of AI, its applications in everyday life, and its potential to support learning and education.

Objectives of the Programme:

- To create awareness about Artificial Intelligence and its applications among school students.
- To explain how AI can support learning, problem-solving, creativity, and academic activities.
- To demonstrate practical applications of AI through live academic projects developed by engineering students.
- To encourage scientific thinking, innovation, curiosity, and interest in engineering and emerging technologies.
- To promote the responsible and ethical use of AI in education and everyday life.
- To strengthen collaboration between engineering education and school-level learning through community outreach.

The session featured practical explanations of AI concepts and its applications in various fields. The highlight was the **live demonstration of academic projects developed by the student team**, which enabled school students to understand how AI technologies can be applied to solve practical problems.

The students participated enthusiastically, asked questions about the demonstrations, and expressed curiosity about the technologies presented. Their active engagement made the session interactive and enjoyable. The programme received excellent feedback, with students sharing positive comments about the demonstrations and the knowledge gained during the session.

The initiative was conducted under the guidance of **Prof. Akshay N. Shetye and Mr. Paresh Sambare**. Special appreciation was extended to **Ms. Arya Kelkar and Mr. Yash Tendulkar** for their valuable contributions and dedicated efforts in making the programme successful.

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The programme supported the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

- **SDG 4 – Quality Education:** Promoted inclusive learning and improved access to awareness of emerging technologies through interactive, practical demonstrations.
- **SDG 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure:** Encouraged technological awareness, innovation, and interest in engineering among young learners.
- **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities:** Contributed to bridging the digital knowledge gap by extending AI awareness beyond the engineering campus to school students.
- **SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals:** Strengthened collaboration between the engineering department, school community, students, and alumni.



Ms. Anushka Shewade, Ms. Arya Kelkar and Mr. Yash Tendulkar conducting an AI Awareness session for 8th Standard School Students



Mr. Kunal Shirke and Mr. Smith Naik gave a demonstration of their live project



Prof. Akshay Shetye gave an introduction to AI and the team of Students at the start of the program



Entire Team of Students of CSE(AI ML) department for an AI Areness Program at R. B. Shirke Highschool Ratnagiri