IMPACT OF AI ON EMPLOYMENT AND THE FUTURE WORKFORCE

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Abstract :

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most important technologies in today's world and is changing the way people work in almost every field. From education and healthcare to banking, industries, and government offices, AI is helping people complete tasks faster, more accurately, and with better efficiency. This research paper studies how AI is affecting jobs and how the workforce must prepare for the future.

Introduction :

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AI and Job Displacement :

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Sector-Wise Impact of AI

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Impact on Young Workforce :

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Changing Skill Requirements :

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Need for Reskilling and Upskilling :

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Recommendations :

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Conclusion :

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