

INDUCTION PROGRAMME

M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (2026–2028 Batch)

School of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
Mahatma Gandhi University
27–29 July 2026



The School of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (SAIR), Mahatma Gandhi University, organized a three-day Induction Programme for the newly admitted M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (2026–2028 Batch) from 27 July 2026 to 29 July 2026. The programme was designed to familiarize students with the University, the School, academic regulations, research opportunities, campus facilities, career prospects, and various support systems available to them. The sessions also provided an opportunity for students to interact with faculty

members and begin their academic journey with confidence. The programme was conducted as per the schedule approved by the School.

Day 1 – 27 July 2026

The Induction Programme commenced with the inaugural session followed by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting. The programme was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Bindu V. R., Honorary Director, School of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

During the session, Prof. Bindu V. R. warmly welcomed the newly admitted students and their parents to Mahatma Gandhi University. She provided a comprehensive overview of the University, its academic excellence, infrastructure, student support systems, and the vision of the School of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. She explained the structure of the M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning programme, course regulations, fee structure, academic expectations, and examination procedures.

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting was subsequently held, during which the office bearers for the 2026–2028 batch were elected. During the PTA meeting, Mr. Ajith Kumar K. K., father of Athul Krishna, was elected as the PTA President, and Mrs. Prasanna Sabu, mother of Aiswarya M Sabu, was elected as the PTA Secretary.

Following the PTA meeting, a faculty introduction session was conducted, where faculty members introduced themselves. This was followed by an interactive student introduction session, during which each student introduced themselves, shared their educational background, interests, and career aspirations. The session created a welcoming environment and encouraged meaningful interaction among students and faculty members.

Day 2 – 28 July 2026

The second day began with a session on Campus Life and Learning Facilities delivered by Ms. Jissy Liz Jose, Assistant Professor (on Contract), SAIR. She introduced students to various academic and campus facilities available at Mahatma Gandhi University, including classrooms, laboratories, computing resources, student support services, extracurricular activities, and campus regulations. The session helped students become familiar with the University's learning environment and encouraged them to actively participate in campus life.

The second session, Career, Placement and Professional Skills, was delivered by Ms. Abseena Habeeb, Assistant Professor (on Contract), SAIR. The session focused on the rapidly evolving Artificial Intelligence job market and highlighted various career opportunities available in AI, Machine Learning, Data Science, Robotics, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Research. Students were introduced to industry expectations, essential technical and soft skills, higher education opportunities, professional certifications, online learning platforms, hackathons, internships, and strategies for continuous skill development. The importance of building a strong portfolio, participating in research activities, networking through professional platforms, and preparing for placement opportunities from the beginning of the programme was emphasized.

The afternoon session on BIIC Orientation: Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Startup Opportunities was handled by Ms. Divya Vinoj, Project Assistant (Technology/Management). The session introduced students to the Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC), highlighting opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, startup incubation, intellectual property creation, funding schemes, and mentoring support available to aspiring student entrepreneurs. The speaker also showcased some of the startup projects developed under

BIIC, giving students an opportunity to see real-world innovations and inspiring them to explore entrepreneurship and develop their own ideas in the future.

Day 3 – 29 July 2026

The final day commenced with a session on Understanding the Curriculum and Outcome-Based Learning Approach by Prof. (Dr.) Bindu V. R., Honorary Director, SAIR. She explained the curriculum structure, programme outcomes, course outcomes, credit system, continuous evaluation process, project work, and the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework adopted by the University. Students were encouraged to actively engage in learning, research, and collaborative activities throughout the programme.

The next session, Exploring High-Performance Computing with NVIDIA DGX A100, was jointly conducted by Dr. Deepa V., Assistant Professor (on Contract), SAIR, and Mr. Abhijith V. Arun, Technical Assistant, SAIR. The speakers introduced students to the High-Performance Computing (HPC) infrastructure available at the School, particularly the NVIDIA DGX A100 system. They explained its applications in Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Large Language Models, scientific computing, and advanced research. Students also gained an understanding of GPU computing, parallel processing, and the role of HPC in accelerating AI research and innovation.

The concluding session, Discover Mahatma Gandhi University Library: Gateway to Learning, Research, and Success, was delivered by Dr. Sumana K. P., Professional Assistant Grade I, MGUL. She introduced students to the extensive library facilities, digital repositories, online databases, e-journals, e-books, plagiarism checking services, institutional repositories, and research support services available through the University Library. Students were encouraged to make

effective use of these resources for academic excellence and research activities.

The three-day Induction Programme successfully introduced the newly admitted students to the academic environment, research culture, facilities, and opportunities available at the School of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. Through informative sessions, interactive discussions, and orientation programmes, students gained valuable insights into their curriculum, career pathways, innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities, high-performance computing facilities, and library resources. The programme concluded with the confidence that the students were well prepared to begin their postgraduate studies and actively contribute to the academic and research ecosystem of Mahatma Gandhi University.