### Artificial Intelligence: A curse or a blessing?

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rtificial Intelligence (AI) has rapidly become a defining feature of our modern world. From voice assistants like Siri and Alexa to complex algorithms used in healthcare, finance, and transportation, AI is influencing nearly every aspect of human life. As AI continues to evolve, a fundamental artificial intelligence a curse or a blessing? The answer, though not straightforward, lies in understanding both its remarkable advantages and the risks it poses

Blessing: Efficiency, Innovation, and Problem-Solving:

AI offers enormous benefits across various sectors. In healthcare, AI algorithms can analyze medical data to detect diseases such as cancer, heart conditions, and neurological disorders at earlier and more treatable

This leads to more accurate diagnoses and better patient outcomes. Similarly, AI is transforming industries like agriculture through smart irrigation systems. pest control solutions, and yield prediction - all of which help ensure food

In education, AIpowered platforms enable personalized learning experiences. These tools assess a student's strengths and weaknesses and adapt teaching methods accordingly. This can significantly improve learning outcomes and bridge gaps in education

AI also plays a key role in daily life. It powers navigation apps, streaming services, customer service chatbots, and smart home devices, making our lives more convenient and connected. In business, AI improves decision-making, boosts productivity, and cuts operational costs through automation and data analysis.

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Despite its many benefits, AI presents serious concerns. One major drawback displacement. As machines and software take over tasks once done by humans - from factory work to data entry and even driving - millions of jobs are at risk. This economic instability and widens the gap between those with and question without technological skills.

Another major concern is bias and discrimination. AI systems learn from data, and if that data reflects societal biases, the AI can perpetuate or even amplify

This has already been observed in algorithms, recognition software, and predictive policing, where biased outcomes have harmed individuals and communities.

AI is also being misused in the form of surveillance, deepfakes, and autonomous applications raise concerns about privacy, national security, and the spread of

misinformation. authoritarian regimes, AI can be a tool for mass surveillance and control, threatening individual freedoms and human rights. Conclusion: A Tool to Be

Used Wisely: Artificial Intelligence like any powerful technology, is neither inherently good nor evil. It is a tool, and its impact depends on how humans choose to use it. If used ethically and responsibly, AI can help solve some of the world's most pressing challenges. However, without proper oversight, it

could deepen inequality,

threaten jobs, and erode

privacy and trust. To ensure AI becomes a blessing rather than a curse, governments, companies, and individuals must work together to develop clear regulations, transparency, and prioritize ethical use. Only then can we truly harness AI's potential for the betterment of society. (The views of the author are personal)

### Otis gives honorable mention of students of Kolkata and Ranchi in its Made to Move Communities<sup>TM</sup> Global Challenge

KOLKATA, MAY 11/--/Otis India has announced the Otis Asia Pacific region results of the company's Made to Move Communities challenge. Two teams of from JadavpurVidyapith (Kolkata) and DAV Nandaraj Public School (Ranchi) represented India this year and earned honourable mentions for their remarkable entries. Every year, the competition encourages students to apply principles of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and propose solutions to real-world urban mobility

The theme for this year's competition was 'Developing Urban Mobility Solutions Using AI'. Under the mentorship of a team of Otis volunteers, the students leveraged AI technology to design innovative solutions aimed at enabling more inclusive mobility in their communities. They competed with schools in Otis' Asia Pacific region and presented their ideas to Otis judges from across the region. Sebi Joseph, President, Otis India, said, "We are glad to celebrate two groups of students whose innovative entries have stood out. Their creative applications of STEM and AI

showcase not just technical understanding, but a deep commitment to solving realworld urban mobility challenges in their respective areas. The inventive solutions developed by these students inspire us all, serving as a reminder that the future of our cities lies in the hands of bright and passionate minds who are dedicated to building a better tomorrow. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and thank you for pushing the boundaries of what's

The students of JadavpurVidyapith developed "fogSIGHT," an AI sensor-based solution that detects severe fog and provides visibility to the driver in such extreme conditions, thus mitigating the risk of an accident. The project earned the school recognition and a grant of USD 7500 to advance STEM education. The students of DAV Nandaraj Public School developed 'Madad,' a solution to ensure patients reach the hospital on time.

It is an AI-sensor mechanism that identifies an ambulance on the road and effectively regulates traffic to clear the way for its swift passage. It also gained recognition at the challenge, along with a grant for furthering STEM education at the



# Wealth & Asset Management significantly deepens senior leadership, hires Top Banker

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, MAY 11/--/ In an announcement poised to reshape the contours of the country's fast-growing wealth management sector, Neo Group



strategic leadership addition h a t cements its aspiration to become wealth and

management franchise in India. Expansion is planned across global business hubs, with operations shortly commencing in the US and the Middle East. Neo's innovative and disruptive business models have already begun to transform the wealth management industry landscape by prioritising client outcomes empowering

over Rs. 40,000 crore of Wealth and Rs. 11,500 crore in Alternatives Asset Management AUM-placing it among the fastest-growing independent wealth and management platforms in Asia. It serves an elite client base spanning ultra-wealthy families, entrepreneurs/ founders/promoters

companies, institutional investors, including sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, and endowments. Shajikumar

Devakar, a veteran in the private banking and wealth management industry, joins Neo Wealth & Asset Management with over 25 years of distinguished leadership experience. Prior to this appointment, Shaji served as Executive Director and Managing Director at 360 ONE Wealth, where he led the South India business and oversaw the firm's international

managing substantial platform of senior private bankers and

relationships. His career spans leadership roles at several of the world's toptier wealth management institutions, including Barclays Wealth and Deutsche Wealth Management, where he played a pivotal role in scaling high-performing teams and delivering exceptional outcomes for

ultra-high- net-worth clients across geographies. Shaji's addition to the formidable leadership at Neo marks the group's commitment to creating an unprecedented management platform-one built on deep

knowledge-centricity, superior performance, trust accountability, institutional-grade delivery led by a team comprising the top bankers in the

solidified comprehensive geographic footprint across all major regions of India. Mr. Shaji will join Neo on 14th May

to an

Speaking

exclusive gathering of institutional family office clients, and global collaborators, Shaji expressed his excitement at the opportunity to build India's largest wealth management firm, with a differentiated, clientaligned culture backed by specialist offerings. Shaji said, "What excites me about Neo is not just its growth but its clarity of purpose-who it serves, what it solves, and how it delivers. As a comprehensive combination of decades of and wealth management experience, greatly enhanced by exceptional investing capabilities, disruptive technology, and the best team in the industry, Neo

#### Hope military understanding between India, Pakwill have permanent effect: Mehbooba SRINAGAR, MAY 11 /--/ are eveball to eveball. "It PDP president Mehbooba

Mufti expressed hope on that understanding arrived at between India and Pakistan to stop all military actions against each other will have a permanent effect. "I pray to the almighty that this ceasefire becomes permanent thing as innocent people lose their lives and homes in case of a conflict,' Mufti, who visited the displaced persons from border villages of Baramulla, told reporters here. Asked about the reported violations within hours of the military understanding on Saturday, she said it takes time to deescalate the situation when the armies of two countries

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Tender ID: SBM/06 Information to bidders: Date of star of downloading the documents. Etc. 08.05.2025 upto 17.00 PM. Date of closing of downloading the documents, Etc.: 21.05.2025, 14.00 PM. Date of opening of Techincal Bid: 23.05.2025, 15.00 PM. For details information visit to our G.P. Office luring working hours. Website wbtenders.gov.in.

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takes time to de-escalate. We should not be gung-ho over everything," the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister added. She said the government should make arrangements for the displaced people and provide them monetary help so that they can rebuild their homes "These people have lost their homes. They are not in a position to rebuild their homes. It is my request to the government that it should provide accommodation and also monetary help for the reconstruction of their houses," she added. (PTI)

Shanksahar Gram Panchayat Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tender is invited from th experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of the 14 Nos work(s). Nam of the Work: Construction of Vertica Information to bidders: Last Date of Sale of Tender Form: 21/05/2025 upt 5.00 PM. Last date of dropping o Sealed Tender Form: 22/05/2025, 5.0 PM. Date of Opening of Tender: 23/05 2025,12.00 PM. All other details nformation will be had from the Offic Notice Board during working hours

Shanksahar Gram Panchayat

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## The dark side of the trader dream

### Escaping the 9-to-5 or just getting stuck in another cycle?

PALLABI SARDAR

Tn an age where often shapes our ambitions, a new dream has taken centre stage: becoming a full-time

image compelling-quitting your job, trading from your phone on a beach, making money while you sleep. It's sold as the perfect escape from the corporate grind. But behind the glamorous reels and luxury lifestyle posts lies a darker, more complex reality-one that many discover only after it's too late. The promise of trading appeals most to those burdened by financial instability or trapped in jobs they hate. message seductive: "No degree needed. Just learn the skill. Break the cycle.

" It offers hope-an exit route from generational poverty, student debt, or deadend careers. Trading seems like the key to control, wealth, and independence. But while the dream is easy to sell in a 60-second reel, the truth takes much longer to understand. The learning curve in trading is brutal. Despite what many online "gurus" claim, trading isn't something one masters in a few

weeks. It requires deep knowledge, sharp discipline, and intense emotional control. Most people lose money in their first year, and many never recover financially The emotionally. constant stress of watching your savings fluctuate, or vanish entirely, takes a serious toll. Anxiety, sleepless

nights, and obsession

common. The

pressure is even worse when the money was borrowed or saved with

Adding to the damage are the so-called mentors and influencers who profit not through trading, but by selling the dream itself. They market courses, signal groups, and mentorship programs promising fast success, but often operate as modern-day pyramid schemes. Entry costs are high, and the real profit lies in recruiting others, not in actual trading. Many young traders don't realize they've been scammed until they've spent hundreds, if not thousands, with nothing to show but empty accounts and strained relationships.

This false hope leads many into dangerous territory. Some max out credit cards, take out loans, or use money

meant for education or essentials to fund their accounts. Losses follow quickly, and the cycle begins: hope, hype, loss, desperation, and more debt. The dream of financial freedom becomes a trap-a new grind that's even more unforgiving than the 9to-5 they tried to escape.

The emotional impact is often hidden. Many traders suffer in silence, ashamed of their losses. They withdraw from friends and family, blaming themselves for not succeeding at something that was supposed to be easy "if they just believed enough." The constant pressure to combined with the stigma of failure, often leads to depression and burnout. And because trading is often pursued in isolation, there's little support when things go

wrong. It's important to

education, discipline, and risk management. some do make it work. But these stories are the exception, not the ruleand they take time. patience, and privilege to The real issue is how trading is marketed. When it's packaged as an easy escape or a

be clear: trading itself is

not the problem. There

are successful traders,

and with proper

guaranteed route to wealth, it becomes a tool for exploitation. What's needed is more transparency. Aspiring traders understand the risks, the time commitment, and the emotional resilience required. Trading should be

treated like any serious shortcut to riches. The glossy lifestyle posts and fast-money promises don't show the losses, the debt, or the emotional toll. And that's the part of the story that needs to be told more often.In the end, real freedom doesn't come from a dream sold on Instagram.

It comes informed choices, grounded in reality. Not everyone needs to trade. Not everyone should. And failing at it doesn't make anyone a failure. What we need to break isn't just the 9-to-5 routine-it's the cycle of selling hope without honesty. (The views of the author are personal)

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Details of Property(ies): LOT-I-All that piece and parcel of property bearing Premises No.125/12, (Postal Premises -283) Basanta Lal Saha Road, Mouza 1 Sirti, J.L.11, Touzi 117,35,411, R.S 186, Dag 567, Khaitan 405, Ward 116. P.S: Behala, Kolkata - 700401. Bounded as Follows: On or towards East by: Sr Sitala Mata Mandir; On or towards West by : House of Basanta Kr. Saha & Radhe Shyam Saha; On or towards South by : Road; On or towards North by House of Lakshman Ch.Rama LOT- II - All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat no B-2, 2nd Floor, Premises No.91A/99, Basanta Lal Saha Road Mouza 1 Sirti. J.L. 11. Touzi 117.35.411. R.S 186. Dag 567. Khaitan 405, Ward 116. P.S. Behala, Kolkata - 700401. Bounded as Follows: On or towards East by: Part of Dag No. 312/500; On or towards West by: Road; On or towards South by: House of Manik Singh; On or towards North by: Part of Dag No. 501/854; For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, Please refer to the provided link at https://www.mahindrafinance.com/sme-loans/auction-notices or contact wit Authorised Officers & for E-Auction Guidance Contact Person Mr. Balaji Mannur, Mob No: 7977701080, e-mail-ld: Mannur.govindarajan@c1india.com.

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rate in two bid system for the following works:

(1) NIT No.: KMC/EEC/XI/006/2025-26/R

Name of the Work: Renovation work in second floor of e-Kolkata Office, Br.-X, KMC Market Complex, Unit-II for relocation of CME (Civil) Department & IFU Department under Br.-XI. Estimated Amount (Including GST & CESS): Rs. 9,97,042.69. Earnest Money: Rs. 20,000.00. Period of Completion: 45 days.

(2) NIT No.: KMC/EEC/XI/010/2025-26/R

Name of the Work: Addition and alteration work in Top Floor of Santoshpur Market Complex, 1st Floor of Atabagan Health Centre and 1st Floor of e-Kolkata Office Market Complex, Unit-II for relocation of some offices under Br.-XI. Estimated Amount (Including GST & CESS): Rs. 8,34,086.97. Earnest Money: Rs. 17,000.00. Period of Completion: 45 days.

Name of the Work: Road restoration from H/o Swapan Roy to H/o Bipul Biswas (Near Subhash Sangha) in Ward No. 114 (disturbed by Water Department). Estimated Amount (Including GST & CESS): Rs. 8,36,934.39. Earnest Money: Rs. 16,800.00. Period of Completion: 45 days. Last date and time of submission of bid: 22.05.2025 - 12 noon [For Sl. No. 1 to 3]. Date and time of opening of bid: 24.05.2025 - 12 noon [For Sl. No. 1 to 3]. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 14.05.2025 (From 5 p.m.) from the website https://etender.nic.in [For Sl. No. 1 to 3].

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