



# Professional Ethics & The AI-Driven Workforce

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## Contemporary News Pivot

In the 2025 professional landscape, the rapid integration of **Generative AI** has shifted the recruitment focus. As technical skills (aptitude) face a shorter "half-life" due to automation, employers and public institutions are prioritizing **"Soft Governance Skills."**

## Strategic Dimensions

- **Aptitude vs. Attitude:** While *Aptitude* represents the competency to perform a task, *Attitude* is the mental disposition. In AI-heavy environments, "Coachability" (the willingness to learn) is now valued over static technical expertise.
- **The Ownership Model:** Unlike a machine, a human professional offers *accountability* and *ethical judgment*. The "Attitude" of taking ownership is what differentiates a leader from a technical operator.
- **Adaptability Quotient (AQ):** Modern workplaces demand high AQ—the ability to pivot during technological disruptions. For a civil servant, this translates to using AI tools to enhance public service delivery without losing the "human touch."