

Jobs @ risk of automation

Ethicist and technology expert Wendell Wallach speaks to **DT News** on the impact of automation and AI on jobs

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Artificial Intelligence is going to decimate jobs in every sector, a top technology expert has warned, saying, "constantly updating skills is the only way to ensure a steady income."

Jobs in almost every sector will be affected by Artificial Intelligence (AI), and jobs requiring more human to human interactions will be the most resilient, according to ethicist and technology expert Wendell Wallach.

"People whose jobs that are repetitive and mechanical are the most at the risk of being automated," Wallach said while sharing his concerns about the effects of technology on the workforce in the coming years and decades with



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Almost any job, he said, that does not require a human to human interaction will be affected. "Obviously we have replaced the manufacturing jobs that were repetitive."

When asked about the

nature of the most secure job in the industry, he pointed out that "people who have a vast variety of tasks in their job or those have most human to human interaction" will survive.

"People who have high IT

skills will also be secure," he told *DT News*.

According to Wallach, even creative areas may get automated, albeit more gradually.

"We already have programmes that can imitate a style but not necessarily come up with a new style," he said adding: "There are actual programmes that could write like a music artist."

He, however, said such programmes are not capable of producing a new style.

Automation will "see more progress in the coming decades," Wallach said. "This trend has already started to happen but we will see this more in the next 20 to 30 to 40 years. So develop your people skills and study closely about

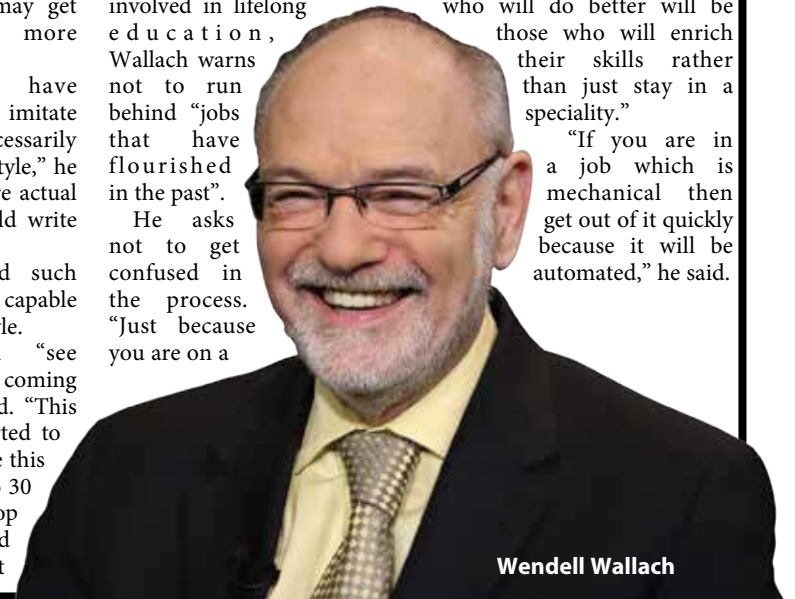
what jobs are going to exist in the future."

Stressing on the need to be involved in lifelong education, Wallach warns not to run behind "jobs that have flourished in the past".

He asks not to get confused in the process. "Just because you are on a

career path does not mean you are necessarily developing the skills that you need. People who will do better will be those who will enrich their skills rather than just stay in a speciality."

"If you are in a job which is mechanical then get out of it quickly because it will be automated," he said.



Wendell Wallach

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