



Meta Reassigns 7,000 Employees to AI Roles

Description

Meta has announced plans to lay off 8,000 employees this week, while simultaneously reallocating another 7,000 workers to new roles focused on artificial intelligence (AI). According to reports from Reuters and The New York Times, Janelle Gale, Meta's head of HR, informed staff that these changes aim to increase productivity and enhance job satisfaction.

The new roles will be organised into four groups centred on developing AI tools and applications. Gale's internal memo stated that the new structure would adopt an "AI native design," which will streamline management layers for each employee. Employees were instructed to work from home on May 20, as they awaited notifications about their potential new positions. Some have already been reassigned, while others will be informed about their layoffs.

Earlier in April, Meta announced it would eliminate 8,000 positions and close 6,000 job openings to enhance operational efficiency. Gale indicated this was part of the company's ongoing strategy to better allocate resources, likely in response to its significant investments in AI. The tech sector has seen similar layoffs as companies shift focus towards AI development.

After moving away from its ambitious metaverse plans, Meta is making a major investment in AI technology, including plans to construct data centres that could consume "tens of gigawatts" of power within this decade. CEO Mark Zuckerberg has assembled a dedicated team of AI professionals and aims to invest between \$115 billion and \$135 billion this year primarily for AI projects.

The layoffs, which represent nearly 10% of Meta's workforce, will include a severance package of 16 weeks' pay, plus an additional two weeks for each year of service. Further job cuts may be expected later this year.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. How many employees is Meta planning to lay off this week?

- Option: 5,000
- Option: 6,000
- Option: 8,000
- Option: 10,000



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2. What is the focus of the new roles being allocated at Meta?
 - Option: Virtual reality
 - Option: Artificial intelligence
 - Option: Cloud computing
 - Option: Social media marketing

 3. On what date were employees instructed to work from home?
 - Option: May 15
 - Option: May 20
 - Option: May 25
 - Option: May 30

 4. What percentage of Meta's workforce will be affected by the layoffs?
 - Option: 5%
 - Option: 8%
 - Option: 10%
 - Option: 15%

 5. Who is Meta's head of HR?
 - Option: Mark Zuckerberg
 - Option: Janelle Gale
 - Option: Sheryl Sandberg
 - Option: Satya Nadella

 6. How much is Meta planning to invest in AI projects this year?
 - Option: \$100 billion
 - Option: \$115 billion
 - Option: \$135 billion
 - Option: \$150 billion

True-False

7. Meta is closing 6,000 job openings to enhance operational efficiency.

8. The new structure at Meta is described as having an 'AI native design.'

9. Mark Zuckerberg is against investing in AI technology.



10. Employees will receive a severance package of 12 weeks' pay.
11. Some employees have already been informed of their layoffs.
12. Meta is planning to invest heavily in virtual reality technology this year.

Gap-Fill

13. Meta plans to lay off 8,000 employees and reallocate another 7,000 workers to new roles focused on _____.
14. Janelle Gale indicated that the changes aim to increase productivity and enhance job _____.
15. Earlier in April, Meta announced it would eliminate 8,000 positions and close _____ job openings.
16. The layoffs represent nearly _____ of Meta's workforce.
17. Employees were instructed to work from home on May 20 as they awaited notifications about their potential new _____.
18. Meta's major investment in AI technology includes plans to construct data centres that could consume _____ of power.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 8,000 2. Artificial intelligence 3. May 20 4. 10% 5. Janelle Gale 6. \$115 billion to \$135 billion

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. artificial intelligence 14. satisfaction 15. 6,000 16. 10% 17. positions 18. tens of gigawatts

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