

India Accelerates AI Self-Reliance: 12 Companies Developing Foundation Models Using 38,000 GPUs at 65/Hour; National Large Language Model Slated for Launch by End-2025

**India Showcases a Frugal, Innovative, Inclusive and Globally Replicable Model for Digital Transformation:
Shri S Krishnan, Secretary MeitY**

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Hosts Pre-Summit Events at India Mobile Congress, Setting the Momentum for India-AI Impact Summit 2026

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The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, hosted a set of Pre-Summit events for the upcoming India–AI Impact Summit 2026 at the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 in New Delhi today. These events mark a pivotal step in the journey toward the India–AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled to be held on 19–20 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



In the inaugural address, Secretary MeitY, Shri S. Krishnan added, “We have adopted innovative means by learning from the experiences of others to build viable projects and products that will truly make a difference for us. In partnership with the private sector, accessible to the public sector - ensuring a level-playing field for all providers, is both innovative and frugal. It ensures that with the least amount of resources we are able to ensure availability for all. A number of international agencies have also found our approach very appealing, to build a model which can be used for the rest of the global South.”

The pre-summit events brought together leaders from government, industry, academia, and global institutions to explore how AI can drive inclusive, safe, and sustainable growth across the digital and telecom ecosystem. The discussions reflected India’s vision of leveraging AI for societal good, economic resilience, and inclusive growth, aligning with the upcoming Summit’s theme - “From Action to Impact.” Participants explored India’s growing AI ecosystem, advances under the IndiaAI Mission, and opportunities for partnerships that democratize AI access and innovation.

Four high-level panels were held as part of the Pre-Summit, focusing on key dimensions of India’s AI roadmap:

- **AI in Telecom for Social and Economic Impact** – explored how AI can transform telecom infrastructure, connectivity, and service delivery to benefit citizens and businesses.
- **Building Trustworthy AI in Telecom** – discussed frameworks and collaborations to ensure safe, transparent, and people-centric AI adoption.
- **Building India’s AI Workforce Advantage** – examined strategies to develop an inclusive and future-ready AI talent ecosystem.
- **AI for Inclusive Growth and Social Empowerment** – highlighted how AI-driven innovation can advance equity and social good.



Delivering his opening address, Additional Secretary -MeitY, CEO - IndiaAI and DG- NIC, Shri Abhishek Singh, said, “The Government’s IndiaAI Mission, approved last year, is addressing key gaps by enabling affordable compute, creating a national data platform, supporting foundation models, advancing AI skilling, and ensuring safe and trustworthy AI. Today, with 38,000 GPUs available at just ₹65 per hour and 12 companies developing foundation models, we envision to launch an Indian Large Language Model by year-end, reducing dependence on foreign systems.”

Adding to the vision, **COO - IndiaAI Mission, Scientist G - MeitY, Smt, Kavita Bhatia** said, “As AI has deeply embedded itself across these systems from spectrum management, predictive maintenance, customer engagement, to fraud detection, the question comes down to how the network can be made trustworthy. That becomes very critical. AI in telecom holds immense potential. It can ensure reliable connectivity in rural areas, enhance resilience against network disruptions, and power new services across various sectors, including financial inclusion.”

The pre-summit events saw participation from senior government officials and industry leaders, including representatives from Reliance Jio, TCS, Tanla Platforms, BharatGPT-Corover.ai, AWS, AMD, C-Dot, BITS Pilani, Google, Airtel, Netweb Technologies, UNESCO, Truminds Software Systems, Microsoft among others.

The MeitY Pavilion at IMC was also awarded *Best Exhibitor – Government*, recognizing its engaging showcase of India’s AI journey and the upcoming India–AI Impact Summit 2026.

The India - AI Impact Summit 2026 will convene global leaders to advance the responsible design, development, and deployment of AI, guided by the sutras of People, Planet, and Progress. The Summit’s seven thematic “Chakras” - Human Capital, Inclusion for Social Empowerment, Safe and Trusted AI, Resilience, Innovation & Efficiency, Science, and AI for Economic Growth & Social Good - reflect India’s comprehensive vision of AI as a force for equitable and sustainable progress.



Annexure

Hosted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the India AI-Impact Summit 2026 will be held on February 19-20 2026 in New Delhi. The global platform is set to showcase the transformative role of AI in enabling inclusive development, sustainability, and fostering equitable progress. The Summit charts a path where AI serves humanity, advances inclusive growth, fosters social development, and promotes innovations that protect the planet.

The Three Sutras

The Summit will be anchored on three guiding principles or Sutras:

- **People:** AI must serve humanity in all its diversity, respecting cultural identities, preserving dignity, and ensuring no one is left behind. Focus areas include human development in an AI-enabled world, multilingual and accessible systems, and safe and trusted deployment.
- **Planet:** AI development and deployment must be resource efficient while also accelerating climate resilience, environmental protection, and scientific discoveries. AI must align with planetary stewardship and global sustainability goals.
- **Progress:** Ensure equitable distribution of AI's benefits, democratize access to datasets, compute, and models, and apply AI to healthcare, education, governance, and agriculture.

The Seven Chakras

The Sutras are translated into action through seven Chakras, areas of multilateral cooperation designed to deliver tangible outcomes:

1. **Human Capital**– Address employment, skilling, and workforce transformation. Develop global frameworks for literacy, reskilling, and equitable access to future skills.
2. **Inclusion for Social Empowerment**– Foster AI that reflects languages, cultures, and identities; ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities; prevent gender and data biases.
3. **Safe and Trusted AI** – Provide democratized access to safety testing, transparency, and auditing tools; build interoperable governance and assurance mechanisms.
4. **Resilience, Innovation, and Efficiency** – Promote resource-efficient AI, lightweight and adaptable to local realities, reducing disparities and environmental costs.
5. **Science** – Expand responsible use of AI to accelerate research and discovery; strengthen ecosystems and

partnerships in the Global South; promote open, interdisciplinary research.

6. Democratizing AI Resources – Forge pathways for equitable access to data, compute, models, and critical infrastructure, enabling diverse AI solutions that reflect global realities.

7. AI for Economic Development & Social Good – Identify and scale AI applications in public interest sectors; create platforms for knowledge and resource sharing; enable cross-border collaboration.

As AI adoption increases around the world, the AI Impact Summit charts a discourse around measurable impact of AI, highlighting India's role as a global convener for the Global South and beyond. Bringing together world leaders, innovators, policymakers, and industry pioneers, the Summit will shape a shared vision for AI that truly serves the many, not just the few.

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