



IIT Madras and IndiaAI Mission to Host Global Conclave on Safe & Trusted AI Ahead of India - AI Impact Summit 2026

Chennai to Host Key Pre-Summit Event on AI Safety and Governance with Global Experts and Policymakers

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Towards advancing India's vision for safe, trusted, and inclusive AI, the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI) at IIT Madras in collaboration with the IndiaAI Mission under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, is hosting a Pre-Summit Event convening on 11 December in Chennai, ahead of the India–AI Impact Summit 2026. The programme will open with a formal inauguration on the evening of 10 December, followed by a full-day Pre-Summit Event and a hybrid, closed-door Working Group meeting on 11 December.

Being hosted in the Global South for the first time, the India–AI Impact Summit 2026 is scheduled to take place from February 15–20, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The Pre-Summit Event will be attended by distinguished leaders including Thiru. Dr. T.R.B. Rajaa, Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion, and Commerce, Government of Tamil Nadu; Prof. Kamakoti V., Director, IIT Madras; Sriraam Natarajan, Professor, University of Texas at Dallas; and Prof. Balaraman Ravindran, Professor & Head, WSAI, IIT Madras and Chair of the Safe & Trusted AI Working Group.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, will also be present, alongside national and international experts from industry, academia, civil society, and government.

Anchored in India's commitment to ethical, safe, and inclusive AI, the Conclave will focus on translating AI safety and governance principles into practice. As AI systems become integral to public and private domains, concerns around fairness, accountability, and misuse have intensified, highlighting the need for frameworks that are scalable, enforceable, and suited to diverse global contexts.

The *Safe & Trusted AI Working Group*, chaired by Prof. Balaraman Ravindran, aims to bridge this gap by advancing an ecosystem grounded in transparency, reliability, and public trust where innovation progresses responsibly and the benefits of AI are shared equitably.

Through keynotes, expert panels, and working sessions, the Conclave will examine pathways to establish an AI Safety Commons for the Global South creating shared datasets, benchmarks, and governance resources that enable safer and more reliable AI development. The discussions will also focus on translating responsible AI principles into practical governance and regulatory models that can be implemented across diverse cultural, legal, and technological contexts.

By fostering cross-border collaboration and bringing together stakeholders from government, industry, academia, and civil society, the Conclave aims to build capacity and support AI frameworks that are globally interoperable yet locally grounded and scalable. The insights and consensus emerging from these deliberations will directly inform the vision, roadmap, and outcomes of the India - AI Impact Summit 2026, further reinforcing India's growing leadership in steering a global AI ecosystem rooted in trust, safety, and inclusion.

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