

Shri Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State addresses an event titled “From Action to Impact” - A Curtain Raiser to the AI Impact Summit

The event jointly organized by India and France in the United Nations Headquarters, New York

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Shri Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Electronics & Information Technology of India addressed an event titled *“From Action to Impact”- A Curtain Raiser to the AI Impact Summit (19 – 20 February 2026, New Delhi)*, jointly organised by India and France in the United Nations Headquarters, New York on 16 December, 2025.



H.E. Jérôme Bonnafont, Permanent Representative of the French Republic, Ms. Clara Chappaz, Ambassador for AI and Digital, Govt. of the French Republic, Mr. Amandeep Singh Gill, Under-Secretary-General and the United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Technology, Ms. Kanni Wignaraja, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director General for Communication and Information, UNESCO, Ms. Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief of Strategic Planning &

Membership, and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Mr. Yacine Jernite, Head of Machine Learning & Society, Hugging Face, Inc. and other eminent personalities also participated in the session.



Shri Prasada traced the evolution of the global summit process, noting the progression from risk-focused gatherings at Bletchley Park, to ethics and inclusion debates in Seoul, and to Paris where the emphasis moved toward operationalising agreed principles. Citing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s observation that “AI is writing the code for humanity in this century,” he stressed the importance of inclusive access, skilling and reskilling, and practical measures that translate policy into impact.

In his address, Shri Jitin Prasada presented the 3 Sutras of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 - People, Planet and Progress operationalised through the 7 thematic Working Groups, known as the Chakras: Human Capital; Inclusion for Social Empowerment; Safe and Trusted AI; Resilience; Innovation and Efficiency; Science; Democratizing AI Resources; and AI for Economic Growth and Social Good.

While announcing the AI Impact Summit to be held in New Delhi from 19–20 February 2026, Shri Prasada stated that the Summit will prioritise the translation of vision into execution, and concluded by inviting governments, industry, researchers, civil society and international organisations to participate, emphasising that the success of the Summit must be measured by the lives it improves rather than by the number of declarations it produces.

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