



Research Symposium at India AI Impact Summit Draws the World's AI Minds

Connecting AI Research with Policy and Real-World Use

Focused Platform for Practical, Responsible and Inclusive AI

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The Research Symposium on 'AI and its Impact' being organised as part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 has received a strong response from both the national and the global research community, with **250+ submissions**.

Designed to bring AI research closer to real-world decision-making, the Symposium will serve as a bridge between research, policy and practice and bring together diverse perspectives from India and abroad.

Scheduled to be held on **February 18, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam**, it will feature **30 selected posters** under the Global South Poster Track, 15 from the India Forum Showcase and 15 under the Students Showcase.

The Symposium has been conceived as an interdisciplinary forum, bringing together leading **researchers and practitioners from India, the Global South**, and the wider international community to present frontier work on the impact of AI, exchange methods and evidence, and forge collaborations. They will engage on key areas such as human capital, inclusion, safety and trust, resilience, innovation, science, and the use of AI for economic growth and social good.

The Symposium will broadly feature Plenary Keynotes and research dialogues, International Research panels and Global South Research & Posters Showcase.

The **Plenary Sessions** will have thought-provoking keynotes, fireside chats and dialogues with eminent Indian and international researchers, featuring in-depth discussions on the transformative potential of AI, exploring theoretical foundations, practical applications, and societal implications.

The **International Research Panels** will have short, focused presentations by global research leaders highlighting groundbreaking AI innovations. This track provides a platform for sharing cutting-edge methodologies, novel algorithms, and breakthrough applications from premier institutions worldwide.

During the **Global South Research & Posters Showcase**, there will be a vibrant showcase of research posters by students and collaborative teams from the Global South. This track celebrates emerging talent, fostering mentorship opportunities and highlighting innovative solutions to regional and global challenges.

The Symposium is expected to lead to clear and implementable outcomes, stronger collaboration between research institutions and decision-makers, and better use of research to support responsible AI adoption.

More information about the Research Symposium is available on <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/events/research-symposium>. Further details regarding the AI Impact Summit 2026, including the programme, thematic focus and participation modalities, are available on the official Summit website - <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/>. Interested stakeholders are encouraged to visit the website and register to be part of this global dialogue aimed at advancing the responsible and impactful use of Artificial Intelligence.

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