



From States to Summit: Regional AI Conferences Power India's AI Vision

State-driven innovation and on-ground AI solutions feed into national outcomes for the India AI Impact Summit

Bring Local Priorities to the National AI Agenda

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Key Highlights:

- **Seven Regional AI Conferences** conducted across **Meghalaya, Gujarat, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Kerala**
- Organised under the **IndiaAI Mission** in partnership with **State Governments, premier academic institutions and Central Ministries**
- Focused on **practical AI applications** across governance, healthcare, agriculture, education, skilling, language technologies and public service delivery
- Brought together **policymakers, industry leaders, startups, researchers, academia, civil society and local communities**
- Emphasis on **responsible, inclusive and trusted AI**, aligned with regional priorities and citizen needs
- Insights and recommendations from the regional conferences will **directly inform the agenda and outcomes** of the India AI Impact Summit 2026

India's preparations for the India AI Impact Summit 2026 have gathered nationwide momentum through seven Regional AI Conferences held across Meghalaya, Gujarat, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Kerala.

Organised under the IndiaAI Mission, in partnership with State Governments, premier academic institutions and thematic Central Ministries, these conferences served as high-level, outcome-oriented engagements leading up to the India AI Impact Summit, scheduled to be held in New Delhi from February 16–20, 2026.

Each conference, held between October 2025 and January 2026, addressed region-specific priorities while aligning with the national vision of using AI for good governance, economic growth, social empowerment and improved public service delivery. Discussions focused on practical AI applications across governance, healthcare, agriculture, education, language technologies, skilling, innovation and digital infrastructure. The regional engagements brought together policymakers, industry leaders, startups, researchers, academia, civil society and local communities, ensuring that India's AI roadmap is grounded in regional realities and citizen needs. Insights from these conferences will directly inform the agenda and outcomes of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Key Voices from the Regional AI Conferences

“The Prime Minister has a clear mission to democratize technology so that intelligence powered by AI reaches every individual, every household, and every enterprise, rather than remaining confined to a select few. In line with this mission, a programme has been launched to train one million young people in AI skills, ensuring that India’s youth are fully prepared for this new technological era.”- Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Electronics & IT, Government of India

“The government has committed an investment of ₹10,000 crore under the India AI Mission to leverage AI across sectors with an objective to enhance citizens’ incomes, improve ease of living, and boost the overall productivity of the nation through responsible and inclusive use of AI.”- Shri Jitin Prasada, Minister of State (MoS) for Electronics & IT, Government of India

“Every pregnant woman in Meghalaya is digitally tracked, enabling early identification of high-risk cases and timely interventions. This data-driven approach has helped reduce maternal mortality by 50 percent.”- Shri Conrad K. Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya

“Regional AI Conferences are crucial platforms to ensure that AI-driven development reaches every district and every language. These forums help turn ideas into action and improve lives on the ground.”- Shri Bhupendrabhai Rajnikant Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat

“Artificial intelligence represents the next major phase in our country’s journey. Through AI and machine learning, public service delivery can be made faster, more transparent and more citizen-centric.”- Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chief Minister of Rajasthan

“The Madhya Pradesh government believes that AI can benefit administration, citizens and industries alike. We are committed to policy support that maximises efficiency and accelerates AI-led growth across sectors.”-Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh

“In a large and sensitive state like Uttar Pradesh, addressing challenges at scale requires a timely, technology-driven and responsive model. Artificial Intelligence will play a pivotal role in this transformation.”- Shri Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

“Artificial Intelligence is no longer a technology of the future. The real challenge is not whether we adopt AI, but how we adopt it. Technology must strengthen democracy, protect dignity and serve the common citizen.”-Shri A.N. Shamseer, Speaker of the Kerala Legislative Assembly

Announcements at a Glance | Regional AI Conferences

1. Million Youth to be trained in AI Skills under a national AI skilling programme, YUVA AI for All, to build future-ready workforce
2. Expansion of India AI Data & AI Labs across states, including new labs in ITIs, polytechnics and technical institutions to strengthen hands-on AI education
3. Launch of Rajasthan AI/ML Policy 2026 along with a dedicated Rajasthan AI Portal to boost governance, innovation and employment, and Rajasthan AVGC-XR Portal to strengthen Animation, VFX, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality ecosystem in the state
4. Announcement of Uttar Pradesh AI Mission, backed by state funding, to build a large-scale AI ecosystem aligned with national priorities
5. Launch of Madhya Pradesh SpaceTech Policy 2026, integrating AI with space and geospatial technologies for public service delivery
6. Signing of multiple MoUs between India AI Mission, State Governments, academia and industry to advance AI research, skilling and innovation
7. Rollout of AI Stacks and Cloud Adoption Frameworks to support scalable, secure and citizen-centric AI deployment at the state level

8. Launch of AI-enabled digital portals and governance platforms to improve efficiency and citizen service delivery
9. Showcasing of state-led AI use cases, startups and innovation challenges, including hackathons and competitions to promote local talent
10. Regional recommendations to feed directly into the India AI Impact Summit 2026 agenda and outcomes
11. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Google, IIT Delhi, National Law University, Jodhpur, and the Skill Development Network (Wadhvani Foundation) in Rajasthan to advance AI research, skilling, ethical frameworks, and innovation ecosystems

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