

India AI Impact Summit 2026 Highlights AI for ALL: Global Impact Challenge to Empower Inclusive, Large-Scale AI Solutions

Innovators from Across the World Compete to Address Real-World Challenges Using Artificial Intelligence

Winning Teams to Be Recognised with National Awards and Ecosystem Support at Summit Finale

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The second day of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 highlighted the AI for ALL: Global Impact Challenge, a flagship initiative of the IndiaAI Mission designed to identify and accelerate artificial intelligence solutions with the potential for large-scale impact across sectors critical to societal development. The Challenge, part of the Summit's comprehensive agenda, underscores the Government of India's commitment to harnessing AI for inclusive, sustainable and people-centric outcomes, reinforcing the core principles of People, Planet and Progress.

Designed to translate AI ambition into real-world outcomes, the AI for ALL: Global Impact Challenge invited students, researchers, startups, enterprises and working professionals from across the globe to propose solutions with transformative value across priority domains including urban infrastructure and mobility, agriculture, climate and sustainability, healthcare, education and financial inclusion. Implemented in partnership with Startup India under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade and the Digital India Bhashini Division, the Challenge focused on innovations ready for deployment and capable of delivering impact at scale.

The initiative witnessed a strong global response, with hundreds of submissions assessed through a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process by domain experts, policymakers and industry leaders. The Top 10 selected solutions reflect the breadth of AI applications addressing societal needs. These include Infiheal Healthtech Private Limited; EQUITWIN by Infiuss Health; One Global Medical Technology Limited (dba Helium Health); Resilience360; SatSure's Farm Score for Climate-Smart Lending; Wysa's conversational AI for improved mental health; Kidaura Innovations Pvt Ltd; MadhuNetrAI for diabetic retinopathy screening; CarbGeM Inc.; and Biome Makers Inc.'s BeCrop® soil intelligence platform.



Panel discussion “Leveraging AI to drive Development Objectives in the Global South”

Complementing the Challenge, a high-level panel discussion titled “*Leveraging AI to drive Development Objectives in the Global South*” on building an inclusive AI innovation ecosystem brought together Mr. Gaurav Jha, Project Leader at Boston Consulting Group; Mr. Tomoyuki Yamada, Senior Director, Office for STI & DX at Japan International Cooperation Agency; Mr. Mudit Kumar, Co-founder and COO, Ideabaaz; Ms. Courtney O’Donnell, Global Impact Lead at Anthropic; Mr. Karan Mohla, General Partner at B Capital; and Mr. Ramanan Ramanathan, Mission Governing Board, IndiaAI. The discussion underscored the importance of early-stage AI startups securing design partners, validating commercial demand and accessing high-quality datasets. Speakers highlighted the government’s role as a critical connector between innovators and markets, and stressed the need for open platforms, collaborative ecosystems and trust frameworks to scale responsible AI for inclusive growth.

The Challenge culminated in the announcement of its finalists, who will present their solutions at the Summit’s Grand Finale and Awards Ceremony. Winning teams will receive financial incentives of up to INR 2.50 crore, alongside structured ecosystem support including mentorship, pilot opportunities and strategic partnerships to enable national and global scale-up.

Through initiatives such as the AI for ALL: Global Impact Challenge, the India AI Impact Summit 2026 continues to bridge dialogue and deployment, advancing AI solutions that are inclusive by design, sustainable in impact and aligned with long-term public good.

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