

New Repository Maps 110+ AI Startups Delivering Population-Scale Impact Across India

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India's AI Impact Startups, released at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, profiles 110 startups and non-profits deploying artificial intelligence for population-scale social and economic impact. Published by IndiaAI and Kalpa Impact, the repository spans sectors including healthcare, agriculture, education, climate, financial inclusion, urban mobility, and public service delivery.



The repository is the first structured mapping of India's AI-for-impact ecosystem, documenting how Indian founders are building solutions that are local in design and global in relevance. The analysis reveals an ecosystem that is simultaneously experimenting and consolidating, with voice AI and vernacular interfaces emerging as the primary channel for reaching underserved populations, and a growing cohort of builders investing in Made-in-India foundation models. It serves as a reference for policymakers seeking integration-ready AI capabilities, for investors identifying ventures with technical maturity and scalability, and for the global development community looking at replicable models from the Global South.

Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Director General, NIC, and CEO, IndiaAI Mission, said, "India's AI Impact Startups: Repository of 100+ Startups and Non-Profits is a practical resource that gives stakeholders a structured overview of initiatives aligned with public objectives. For policymakers, it highlights capabilities ready for integration with existing

digital public infrastructure. For industry and investors, it showcases ventures with technical maturity, scalability, and long-term potential. Together, it serves as a unified reference to support informed engagement and adoption."

Mr. Mohammed Y. Safirulla K, IAS, IndiaAI Mission, said, "India's AI ecosystem is maturing rapidly, and this repository captures a critical moment where Indian startups are moving from promising pilots to deployed, scaled solutions that serve millions. The IndiaAI Mission is committed to fostering this ecosystem, and this publication provides stakeholders with a clear view of where impact is already being delivered."

Mr. Anshul Singhal, General Manager (Startups), MeitY, said, "What stands out in this repository is the diversity of problems being solved, from courtroom transcription to rural health screening to smallholder farm advisory. Indian AI startups are not just building applications; they are building infrastructure for inclusion."

Mr. Sushant Kumar, Founder and CEO, Kalpa Impact, said, "India's AI startup ecosystem is focused on what we call 'super-utility', deploying AI in the real world for human needs and public service challenges. Our analysis shows a majority of growth-stage companies have already expanded internationally, positioning India as an AI export hub for emerging economies. From Edge AI solutions that work without the internet to voice bots that speak local dialects, Indian founders are building full-stack solutions for problems unique to the subcontinent and relevant to the world."

The repository was researched and compiled by the Kalpa Impact team. The repository is available at: https://d19ob9sragt2wc.cloudfront.net/stage/uploads/India_s_AI_Impact_Startups_Compendum_Report_Design_For_Web_4089ae98f7.pdf

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