

Championing Inclusive and Multilingual AI for the Global South, India Unveils New Delhi Frontier AI Commitments

New Delhi Frontier AI Commitments Aim to Democratize AI Access and Innovation

'Shaping an AI Future 'of the Humans, by the Humans, and for the Humans': Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

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At the opening ceremony of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the New Delhi Frontier AI Impact Commitments, a landmark outcome of the summit that brings together leading frontier AI companies and India's domestic innovators to advance inclusive and responsible artificial intelligence.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with the ceremony attended by a distinguished gathering of global AI visionaries and industry leaders. The historic moment brought together Sundar Pichai (CEO, Google and Alphabet), Sam Altman (CEO, OpenAI), Demis Hassabis (CEO, Google DeepMind), Dario Amodei (CEO, Anthropic), Brad Smith (Vice Chair and President, Microsoft Corporation), David Zapolsky (Chief Global Affairs & Global Officer, Amazon), Alexandr Wang (Chief AI Officer, Meta), Joelle Pineau (Chief AI Officer, Cohere),

Andrew Jackson (Group Chief AI Officer, G42), Bharath Shankar (Co-founder, Gnani.ai), Abhishek Upperwal (CEO and Founder, Soket AI Labs), Pratyush Kumar (Co-founder, Sarvam AI), and Ganesh Ramakrishnan (Institute Chair Professor, CSE, IIT Bombay).

Speaking at the Summit, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, positioned India's AI strategy as one rooted in democratisation, scale, and sovereignty. He outlined India's comprehensive approach across the five layers of the AI stack, applications, models, compute, talent, and energy, emphasising real-world deployment in healthcare, agriculture, education, and public services.

"AI is a foundational technology. It is already transforming how we work, learn, and make decisions. Our Honourable Prime Minister believes that the true value of technology lies in ensuring that its benefits reach the masses. Our Prime Minister's vision is to democratise technology, deploy it at scale, and make it accessible to all. That is why in India we are working on all five layers of the AI stack. Once we honestly harness the benefits of AI, we must also find collective solutions for mitigating risks. By placing human safety and dignity at the heart of AI, we can move forward with conviction. Let us shape an AI future of the humans, by the humans, and for the humans," said Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw during his address.



The voluntary commitments reflect a shared vision to ensure that the development and deployment of AI systems are aligned with equity, cultural diversity, and real-world needs, particularly across the Global South. Participating organizations include India-based innovators such as Sarvam, BharatGen, Gnani.ai, and Soket, alongside global frontier AI firms.

The first commitment, *"Advancing Understanding of Real-World AI Usage"* focuses on real-world AI usage through anonymized and aggregated insights. Participating organizations will work to generate evidence that supports policymaking on the impact of AI on jobs, skills, productivity, and economic transformation. By enabling data-driven analysis of how AI is being deployed across sectors, the initiative aims to help governments and institutions craft informed strategies that maximize benefits while mitigating risks associated with technological change.

The second commitment, *"Strengthening Multilingual and Contextual Evaluations"* centers on efforts to ensure effectiveness of AI systems across languages, cultures, and real-world use cases. Organizations will collaborate with governments and local ecosystems to develop datasets, benchmarks, and expertise that support evaluation in under-represented languages and cultural contexts. This effort will improve AI performance for diverse populations and help democratize access to high-quality AI experiences globally, while preserving flexibility in the choice of tools and evaluation methodologies.

The Union Minister emphasized that collaborative action between governments, industry, and research communities is essential to ensure AI serves humanity at large. He invited leaders of participating organizations to join in advancing these commitments as a foundation for responsible AI development

worldwide.

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