

Global AI Leaders and Industry Titans Unite at India AI Impact Summit 2026 to Position India at the Forefront of Responsible and Inclusive AI Revolution

AI a Defining Force for Viksit Bharat 2047: Mukesh Ambani

AI Revolution Could Surpass Industrial Revolution in Scale and Speed: Demis Hassabis, CEO, DeepMind

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As part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, four keynote sessions by Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited; Demis Hassabis, CEO, DeepMind Technologies; Vishal Sikka, CEO, Vianai Systems Inc.; and Rishad Premji, Executive Chairman, Wipro, outlined a shared vision for positioning India at the forefront of the global AI transformation while ensuring responsible, inclusive and large-scale deployment.



In his keynote, Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited, called the Summit as a turning point for the nation, stating, *“The Global AI Impact Summit is a defining moment in India’s tech history, a moment when India pledges to make AI one of the driving forces to realize its dream of Viksit Bharat: the vision of becoming a fully developed nation by 2047, the glorious centenary of our independence.”* Emphasising democratization over concentration of power, he added, *“But there is another path: a future where AI is available, affordable, and beneficial to all. India believes*

in this second future.” He also announced large-scale investments in sovereign compute infrastructure, green-powered data centres and edge intelligence, positioning AI as central to India’s next development leap.



Demis Hassabis, CEO, DeepMind Technologies, reflected on AI’s scientific promise and the threshold moment the world now faces, stating, *“And now in 2026, we’re at another threshold moment where AGI, artificial general intelligence, is on the horizon, maybe within the next five years.”* Describing the magnitude of change ahead, he said, *“I think it’s going to be something like 10 times the impact of the Industrial Revolution, but happening at 10 times the speed.”* He stressed the need for scientific rigor, international cooperation and inclusive dialogue to ensure AI benefits humanity at large.



Vishal Sikka, CEO, Vianai Systems Inc., highlighted the extraordinary productivity gains AI is already delivering while cautioning against complacency. He said, *“People who understand how to use AI are astonishingly effective with it.”* At the same time, he underlined the need to address safety, reliability and energy concerns, urging India not just to adopt AI but to build the next generation of it, adding, *“We not only have to master today’s AI, but we have to leapfrog it.”*



Rishad Premji, Executive Chairman, Wipro, focused on practical application and enterprise-scale transformation, stating, *“Once in a generation, a technology emerges that doesn't just change what we can do, it truly changes what we must do. AI, for me, is certainly that technology.”* He emphasised that value will come from real-world deployment, noting, *“Technology creates value only when it is applied to solve real world problems responsibly and at scale.”* Drawing from examples in healthcare, agriculture and public services, he positioned India as a consequential environment for applied AI innovation.

Together, the four sessions reinforced a central message of the Summit: that India’s AI journey must combine ambition with responsibility, scale with inclusion, and technological leadership with global cooperation, ensuring that intelligence is not concentrated, but widely diffused for national development and shared global progress.

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