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Expanding strategic partnership between Finland and India across advanced technology domains highlighted at India AI Impact Summit 2026

Finland and India, together with global partners, can lead resilient, sustainable and human-centric technological progress: Petteri Orpo, Prime Minister, Finland

Finland-India Synergy can provide strong foundation for co-innovation and global deployment of deep-tech solutions

Session reflects shared commitment, focus on real-world impact and resilient, sovereign deep-tech capabilities

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The session "Building Sovereign Deep Tech for a Resilient Future" at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 highlighted the expanding strategic partnership between Finland and India across advanced technology domains, including artificial intelligence, space, quantum computing and next-generation digital networks. The discussion underscored how Finland's strengths in research, engineering, and high-performance computing, combined with India's scale, talent, and application ecosystem, provide a strong foundation for co-innovation and global deployment of deep-tech solutions.

Speakers emphasised the role of public–private partnerships, shared research infrastructure, and open innovation frameworks in accelerating scientific discovery and translating it into commercial and societal outcomes. The conversation also linked technological sovereignty with sustainable development, circular economy solutions, climate action, and human-centric design, identifying space technologies, advanced connectivity, and hybrid computing as critical enablers of long-term resilience.

In his remarks, Petteri Orpo, Prime Minister of Finland, said that as the demand for computing power increases, it is crucial to ensure that both academia and business have access to supercomputing capacity. Public and private sector investments are coming together to take AI research and application in Finland to the next level. He also said that Finland's innovation system is built on decades of strong public-private policy and cooperation. He further highlighted that to build a sustainable and resilient technological future, we must understand entire value chains and their societal impact. With an innovative public-private partnership, AI can accelerate sustainable development. This will boost Circular Economy solutions, help tackle climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, and improve well-being for all. He concluded by expressing his confidence that Finland and India, together with international partners, would be able to lead the way in resilience, sustainability and human-centric technological progress.

Timo Harakka, Member of the Finnish Parliament, said that building resilient technology in today's world begins with people with human-centric innovation, strong skills, and responsible governance. He highlighted that Finland and India share a vision of technology that is trusted, ethical, and designed for the benefit of society. He further emphasized that from artificial intelligence and space systems to next-generation connectivity and quantum technologies, India-Finland partnership shows that competitiveness and resilience grow when we invest in open standards, secure infrastructures, and international cooperation. He also remarked that true technological sovereignty is not about isolation, but about trusted collaboration that keeps people, planet, and progress at the centre of innovation.

The session was attended by Atte Jääskeläinen, President, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra; Sethu Saveda Suvanam, CEO and Founder, Reorbit; Manjunatha Kukkuru, AVP and Principal Research Analyst, Infosys Center for Emerging Technology Solutions; Pasi Toivanen, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships and Ecosystems, Nokia; and Mari Walls, Director, Research Organization Collaboration and Academic Partnerships, CSC IT Centre for Science.

The session reflected a shared commitment to building open, secure, and trusted technological ecosystems through international cooperation, with a focus on translating research into real-world impact and strengthening long-term resilience through sovereign and sustainable deep-tech capabilities.

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