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AI Impact Summit 2026 Concludes with Adoption of New Delhi Declaration

91 countries and international organisations endorse a shared global vision for collaborative, trusted, resilient and efficient AI

Key Deliverables: Global Platforms, Principles and Collaborative Mechanisms Announced Across 7 Pillars

India leads call for "AI for All" rooted in equity, access and global cooperation

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The AI Impact Summit 2026, held in New Delhi on 18–19 February, concluded with the adoption of the **New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact**, marking a significant milestone in global cooperation on artificial intelligence.

The Declaration has been **endorsed by 91 countries and international organisations**, reflecting a broad-based global consensus on leveraging AI for economic growth and social good.

A Shared Global Vision for AI

Guided by the principle of *"Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya"* (Welfare for all, Happiness for all), the Declaration underscores that the benefits of AI must be **equitably shared across humanity**.

It emphasizes:

- Strengthening **international cooperation and multistakeholder engagement**
- Respecting **national sovereignty**
- Advancing AI through **accessible, and trustworthy frameworks**

Seven Pillars (Chakras) of Action

The Declaration is structured around **seven key pillars**, forming the foundation of global AI cooperation:

1. **Democratizing AI Resources**
2. **Economic Growth & Social Good**

3. **Secure & Trusted AI**
4. **AI for Science**
5. **Access for Social Empowerment**
6. **Human Capital Development**
7. **Resilient, Efficient & Innovative AI Systems**

Major Global Deliverables Announced

The Summit delivered a series of **voluntary, collaborative global initiatives**, including:

1. Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI

- Promotes **affordable access to foundational AI resources**
- Supports **locally relevant innovation ecosystems**

2. Global AI Impact Commons

- A platform to **scale and replicate AI use cases globally**
- Enables cross-country collaboration for **development impact**

3. Trusted AI Commons

- Repository of **tools, benchmarks, and best practices**
- Supports development of **secure and trustworthy AI systems**

4. International Network of AI for Science Institutions

- Facilitates **global scientific collaboration**
- Enhances AI-driven research capabilities

5. AI for Social Empowerment Platform

- Enables **knowledge exchange and scalable solutions**
- Focuses on equitable AI adoption

6. AI Workforce Development Playbook & Reskilling Principles

- Supports **AI skilling, reskilling, and literacy**
- Prepares nations for an **AI-driven economy**

7. Guiding Principles on Resilient & Efficient AI

- Focus on **energy-efficient AI systems**
- Supported by a **Playbook on AI Infrastructure Resilience**

Focus on Economic Growth and Efficiency

The Declaration highlights:

- The role of AI in **driving economic transformation**
- Importance of **open-source and accessible AI ecosystems**
- Need for **energy-efficient AI infrastructure**
- Expanding AI's role in **science, governance, and public service delivery**

Strengthening Global Cooperation

Participants reaffirmed their commitment to:

- Advancing **shared global priorities in AI governance**
- Promoting **voluntary, non-binding frameworks**
- Translating vision into **action through continued collaboration**

The Summit is expected to catalyze**long-term international partnerships** and position AI as a key driver of economic growth.

The Summit declaration as endorsed by 91 countries and International Organizations is annexed. The Declaration, along with the details of signatories (updated as and when more countries join the declaration) can be accessed at:
https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/40809

Annexure

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AI Impact Summit Declaration

New Delhi 18-19 February 2026

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Preamble

Inspired by the principle of "सर्वजनहिताय, सर्वजनसुखाय" (Welfare for all, Happiness of all), we believe that AI's promise is best realized only when its benefits are shared by humanity.

We, the participants from countries and international organizations, gathered in New Delhi on 19 February 2026 to hold the AI Impact Summit. The advent of AI marks an inflection point in the trajectory of technological evolution. The choices that we make today will shape the AI-enabled world that future generations will inherit.

This calls for further international cooperation and multistakeholder engagement across our countries along the seven Chakras (pillars) of the AI Impact Summit centred around the principles of development of human capital; broadening access for social empowerment; trustworthiness of AI systems; energy efficiency of AI systems; use of AI in science; democratizing AI resources; and use of AI for economic growth and social good. In complementarity with existing international and other initiatives, we will work to foster shared understanding, while respecting national sovereignty, on how AI could be made to serve humanity, noting the initiatives across the seven Chakras (pillars) of the Summit.

Democratizing AI Resources

Robust digital infrastructure and meaningful and affordable connectivity are prerequisites for deploying AI and unlocking its full potential. Inspired by the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), we recognize the importance of enhancing the affordability of and access to AI resources that would be critical to enabling all countries to develop, adopt and deploy AI for the benefit of their citizens.

To this effect, we take note of the *Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI* as a voluntary and non-binding framework to promote access to foundational AI resources, support locally relevant innovation, and strengthen resilient AI ecosystems while respecting national laws.

Economic Growth and Social Good

Wide-scale adoption of AI and AI-based applications hold unprecedented potential to drive economic and social development. Open-source AI applications and other accessible AI approaches, where appropriate, and wide-scale diffusion of AI use cases can contribute to scalability, replicability, and adaptability of AI systems across sectors.

We take note of the *Global AI Impact Commons* as a voluntary initiative that provides a practical platform to encourage and enable the adoption, replication, and scale-up of successful AI use cases across regions.

Secure and Trusted AI

Advancing secure, trustworthy and robust AI is foundational to building trust and maximizing societal and economic benefits. Noting that deepening our understanding of the potential security aspects remains important, we recognize the importance of security in AI systems, industry-led voluntary measures, and the adoption of technical solutions, and appropriate policy frameworks that enable innovation while promoting the public interest throughout the AI's lifecycle.

We recognize the development of the voluntary and non-binding *Trusted AI Commons,* a collaborative platform consolidating technical resources, tools, benchmarks and best practices that all can access and adapt to their contexts; as well as its voluntary guidance note.

Science

We recognize that removing structural barriers to and increasing availability of AI research infrastructure can promote the use of AI in scientific research and development across countries. International scientific collaborations can unlock the potential of AI in research and development by bringing unique expertise, perspectives, and resources.

We take note of the voluntary and collaborative *International Network of AI for Science Institutions* as a platform to connect scientific communities and pool AI research capabilities across regions among participating institutions, in order to accelerate the impactful adoption of AI.

Access for Social Empowerment

AI holds the potential to uplift all sections of society by enabling individuals to access knowledge, cross-border AI solutions, information, services, opportunities and enhancing participation in social and economic activities. We recognize the importance of collaborations that would facilitate AI adoption for social empowerment.

We take note of the development of a voluntary and collaborative platform to facilitate exchange of learning, knowledge, and scalable practices to advance AI adoption for social empowerment.

Human Capital

Realizing the full promise of AI requires equipping individuals with relevant skills by expanding AI human resource development, specific initiatives on education, AI workforce development, training of public officials, enhancing public awareness of AI capabilities, increasing AI literacy as well as upgrading vocational and training ecosystems.

While encouraging international collaboration on meaningful skilling and reskilling AI initiatives, we take note of the voluntary guiding principles for reskilling in the age of AI and the playbook on AI workforce development, which would support participants in preparation for a future AI driven economy.

Resilience, Innovation, and Efficiency

Recognizing the growing demands of AI on energy, infrastructure, and natural resources, we underscore the importance of developing energy efficient AI systems. Affordable AI systems may expand access to AI and accelerate local innovation that would advance shared developmental aspirations.

We recognize that the *Voluntary Guiding Principles on Resilient, Innovative, and Efficient Artificial Intelligence* would guide us towards development of resilient and efficient AI systems. We also take note of the Playbook on Advancing Resilient AI Infrastructure as a knowledge output, which is a reference resource to support resilient AI development.

Conclusion

We acknowledge that the AI Impact Summit will contribute to strengthening international cooperation and multistakeholder approach to advance shared priorities as well as voluntary and non-binding guidelines and principles, which can promote AI for ensuring a prosperous future for humanity.

We remain committed to advancing our shared aspirations for realizing the benefits of AI and look forward to continued cooperation for translating these aspirations into concrete actions for the three Sutras of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Endorsing countries/international organizations (as of 24th Feb 2026):

1. Albania	27. France	53. Morocco	79. Suriname
2. Armenia	28. Gambia	54. Mozambique	80. Sweden
3. Australia	29. Germany	55. Myanmar	81. Switzerland
4. Austria	30. Greece	56. Nepal	82. Tajikistan
5. Bangladesh	31. Guatemala	57. Netherlands	83. Tanzania

6. Belgium	32. Guyana	58. New Zealand	84. Trinidad and Tobago
7. Bhutan	33. Hungary	59. Norway	85. UAE
8. Bolivia	34. Iceland	60. Oman	86. Ukraine
9. Botswana	35. India	61. Paraguay	87. UK
10. Brazil	36. Indonesia	62. Peru	88. USA
11. Bulgaria	37. Iran	63. Philippines	89. Uzbekistan
12. Cambodia	38. Ireland	64. Poland	90. EU
13. Canada	39. Israel	65. Portugal	91. IFAD
14. Chile	40. Italy	66. Romania	
15. China	41. Japan	67. Russia	
16. Croatia	42. Kazakhstan	68. Rwanda	
17. Costa Rica	43. Kenya	69. Saudi Arabia	
18. Cuba	44. Kyrgyzstan	70. Senegal	
19. Cyprus	45. Latvia	71. Serbia	
20. Czech Republic	46. Liechtenstein	72. Seychelles	
21. Denmark	47. Lithuania	73. Singapore	
22. Egypt	48. Luxembourg	74. Slovakia	
23. Estonia	49. Maldives	75. Slovenia	
24. Ethiopia	50. Malta	76. South Korea	
25. Fiji	51. Mauritius	77. Spain	

26. Finland	52. Mexico	78. Sri Lanka	

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