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# Casebook on AI and Gender Empowerment Launched at India AI Impact Summit 2026

Joint Initiative of MeitY and UN Women, supported by MoWCD, showcases Gender-Responsive AI Solutions from the Global South

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The Casebook on AI and Gender Empowerment was officially launched at the India AI Impact Summit 2026 on 17th February, marking a significant milestone in India's commitment to inclusive and ethical artificial intelligence advancement.

Developed by the Government of India through the IndiaAI Mission under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in partnership with UN Women and supported by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD), the casebook brings together 23 real-world AI solutions from across the Global South that demonstrate measurable impact on gender equality and women's empowerment.

The publication was jointly launched by Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY); Shri Anil Malik, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD); and Ms. Christine Arab, Regional Director, UN Women Asia and the Pacific.



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**Global Recognition at the Summit**

The casebook received international recognition when United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres visited the UN Women stall at the JanAI Expo on 20 February 2026. During his visit, the Secretary-General engaged with young women from rural communities pursuing STEM careers under the WeSTEM project, implemented by UN Women in collaboration with the Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, the European Union, Micron, Nokia, and the Head Held High Foundation.



The young women shared how they are using AI to build new skills, expand access to learning, and explore emerging employment opportunities, reflecting practical pathways toward becoming future technology leaders. A copy of the casebook was presented to the Secretary-General by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology, a.i., UN Women to the Secretary-General during his visit to India, and the Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology.


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### Showcasing Gender-Responsive AI Innovation

The casebook features 23 AI solutions selected from 233 submissions across more than 50 countries through a rigorous multi-stage evaluation process. An independent evaluation committee comprising senior officials from MeitY, MoWCD, and UN Women assessed submissions based on real-world deployment, measurable gender impact, and evidence-based outcomes.

The featured solutions span critical sectors including:

- Healthcare including menstrual health
- Economic empowerment and financial inclusion
- Digital safety and prevention of technology-facilitated gender-based violence
- Climate resilience and sustainable agriculture
- Access to justice and legal services
- Education and skills development

### Knowledge Resource for Policymakers and Practitioners

The casebook serves as a comprehensive knowledge resource for policymakers, technology developers, researchers, and practitioners, highlighting practical options to ensure AI systems are ethical, inclusive, and responsive to the diverse realities of women and girls in India and across the Global South.

The publication aligns with India's vision of democratic AI diffusion and supports the Government's commitment to embedding gender-responsive principles across the Seven Chakras (working groups) of the IndiaAI Mission.

### Partnership Model

The development of the casebook exemplifies effective collaboration between the Government of India and international partners:

- **Ministry of Electronics and Inform** framework and provided strategic direc.



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- **UN Women:** Coordinated global outreach, managed submission evaluation, and provided technical expertise on gender and AI

The initiative was supported by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD):** India's nodal agency for gender, ensured gender-responsive evaluation standards.

The casebook is available for download at: <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/events/released-compendium>

## Background

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 (16-20 February 2026) convened global leaders, policymakers, innovators, and civil society to advance responsible, inclusive, and impactful artificial intelligence. The Summit builds on India's leadership in digital public infrastructure and positions India as a co-architect of the global AI governance framework.

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