GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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CONSENSUS ON COMMON STANDARDS FOR AI

1957. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
       SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:
       SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is seeking global consensus on common standards for Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the proposed international summit scheduled to be held from 16 to 20 February, 2026 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the key objectives and agenda items of the summit and the nature of India's proposed framework on AI standards, ethics and governance;
(c) the number of countries, international bodies and stakeholders likely to participate in the said meet;
(d) the manner in which proposed common AI standards aim to balance innovation with issues of safety, transparency, data protection and inclusiveness; and
(e) the likely benefits of such global consensus for India's digital economy, startups, research ecosystem and responsible use of AI?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e):   In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision, the Government is democratizing the development and usage of technology. The focus is using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for solving real-world problems and ultimately improving lives across various sectors.

Recognizing its importance, the Government of India is working closely with international partners, industry, academia and States to promote responsible and inclusive use of AI.

India - AI Impact Summit 2026
India is hosting the India–AI Impact Summit 2026 from 16–20 February 2026 at New Delhi. For the first time, the global AI summit series will take place in the Global South. The shift signals a broader move toward a more inclusive global AI dialogue.

Seven 'Chakras'

The thematic priorities of the Summit, referred to as the seven 'Chakras', underline its key objectives. These include Human Capital, Inclusion, Safe & Trusted AI, Resilience, Innovation and Efficiency, Democratizing AI Resources, and AI for Economic Development and Social Good.

The Summit features a multi-day program designed to enable strategic dialogue, knowledge exchange and stakeholder engagement. The program includes AI Expo, Research Symposium as well as various roundtables, keynotes panel discussions, among others to showcase regional and global Al initiatives.

The Summit is designed to strengthen India's AI ecosystem by creating platforms to showcase Indian AI initiatives, sector-specific use cases and institutional approaches, while also enabling peer learning, feedback and international benchmarking.

More than 100 countries, 20 International Organisations and 100 CXOs are expected to participate in the Summit

The Summit is intended to foster inclusive, broad-based deliberations and to catalyse thematic discourse around safety, trust, inclusion, innovation, and standards in AI. The emphasis is on generating actionable recommendations that contribute to long-term AI governance objectives rather than framing immediate binding regulations.

Certain thematic Working Groups, particularly the Safe and Trusted AI Working Group and the Inclusion for Social Empowerment Working Group, are expected to develop voluntary guidance materials, such as playbooks, frameworks, or reference guides. These outputs aim to support stakeholders in navigating issues related to safety, trust, inclusiveness, and responsible deployment of AI, while preserving flexibility for innovation and contextual adaptation.

Through its thematic discussions, Working Group outputs, and associated flagship engagements, such as exhibitions, demonstrations, and innovation showcases, the Summit is expected to provide opportunities for Indian startups, researchers, and innovators to present their work, engage with global partners, and explore collaborations.

These interactions are intended to contribute to the responsible development and adoption of AI, promote innovation-led growth, and enhance India's positioning within the global AI ecosystem.

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