

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
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PARTICIPANTS UNDER WORLD AI SUMMIT

**4243. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:
SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the details of the total number of individuals, start-ups, companies, entrepreneurs and world leaders (male, female and others) from India as well as other countries participated in the World AI Summit that was hosted in Delhi;
- (b) the details of the major initiatives, agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed / agreed upon between the Indian Government and other companies, Government entities and international organizations;
- (c) the details of the total valuation of such initiatives, agreements and MOUs including potential job creation and training opportunities that such actions might create in the Country;
- (d) whether the Government has considered conducting such events regarding emerging technologies on a regular basis in the Country so as to sensitise and inform our citizens regarding the benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): In line with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government is democratising technology development and access. The focus is on using AI to solve real-world problems in sectors like healthcare, agriculture, education and governance.

India's growing strength in AI is recognised globally. Stanford AI Index places us among global leaders in AI skills and capabilities. India is home to the third-largest AI startup ecosystem in the world, with almost 89% of startups last year being AI driven.

India - AI Impact Summit 2026

Given India's growing role in the global AI ecosystem, the country co-chaired the Paris AI Action Summit 2025 and subsequently hosted the India AI Impact Summit 2026 from 16–21 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

This was the largest AI Summit held so far and first-ever to be organised in the Global South. The shift signals a broader move toward a more inclusive global AI dialogue.

The Summit brought together leaders from governments, industry, academia, civil society, and startups at one platform. More than 100 countries, including 22 Heads of State or Government, and around 10 international organisations participated in it.

Participating countries represented regions across Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas and Oceania. International organisations included UN agencies and multilateral development banks.

The Summit witnessed extensive participation, with approximately 6 lakh attendees in person and over 9 lakh cumulative views through live virtual streaming.

Major initiatives and outcomes announced during Summit:

- India AI Impact Summit Declaration endorsed by 92 countries and international Organisations with declaration acknowledging the work undertaken by seven thematic working groups during the Summit
- New Delhi Frontier AI Impact Commitments were signed by 13 leading model providers
- 12 Deliverables across 7 working groups, with individual endorsements from 20+ countries for each deliverable [Significantly more than previous Summits]
 - Launch of the Global AI Impact Commons with 80+ impact stories across 30+ countries
 - Release of the Equitable AI Transition Playbook in partnership with the International Labour Organisation (ILO)
 - Signing of the Voluntary Guiding Principles for Resilient, Innovative & Efficient AI, endorsed by 20+ Countries
 - Signing of the Voluntary Guiding Principles for Reskilling in the Age of AI, endorsed by 24 Countries
 - Adoption of the Charter for the Democratic Diffusion of AI, with support from 25 countries & international organisations
 - Release of the Playbook for Advancing Resilient AI Infrastructure
 - Release of Guidance Note on AI Governance, endorsed by 22 countries
 - Announcement of the Trusted AI Commons with 23 partner countries prior to formal launch
 - Announcement of the Alliance for Advancing Inclusion Through AI announced, endorsed by 21 Countries & UNICEF
 - Launch of the Network of AI For Science Institutions with 20 partner countries at inception
 - Launch of the Resilient AI Challenge in partnership with France & UNESCO
- AI Responsibility Campaign - Global Record: India successfully achieved a Guinness World Record for the “Most pledges received for an AI responsibility campaign in 24 hours,” with over 2.5 lakh validated pledges
- Six global casebooks documenting high-impact AI deployments were released, covering:
 - AI in Health (with WHO)
 - AI in Energy (with IEA)
 - AI in Gender Empowerment (with UN Women)
 - AI in Agriculture (with the Government of Maharashtra, supported by the World Bank)
 - AI in Education (with CSF and EkStep Foundation)
 - AI in Accessibility (with ALIMCO, IIIT-Bangalore and ChangeInkk Foundation)

AI Impact Startup Book was also launched by MeitY, presenting insights into India's AI and deep-tech startup ecosystem.

The Summit also witnessed announcements of investment commitments across the AI value chain, with expected investments exceeding USD 250 billion across infrastructure, foundation models, hardware, and applications.

Global venture capital firms pledged multi-billion-dollar investments to support AI innovation, while a leading technology company announced significant investments in connectivity, an AI hub in India, and large-scale training initiatives reaching tens of millions of public servants and students.

The Summit served as a platform for dialogue, partnerships and investment announcements in the AI ecosystem.

The outcomes of the Summit included announcements of large-scale training, skilling and capacity-building initiatives aimed at strengthening India's AI talent pool. These initiatives are expected to reach millions of students and public servants, thereby enhancing AI and digital skills across the country.

The expansion of AI infrastructure, investments across the AI value chain and growth of AI-driven innovation are expected to create significant employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in areas such as AI research, data science, computing infrastructure and digital services in the country.

MOU/Agreement signed

India joined the Pax Silica coalition at the India-AI Impact Summit 2026. The coalition includes the United States and other partner nations and focuses on securing the global silicon supply chain and strengthening a resilient technology ecosystem.

On the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, IndiaAI Mission and Business Sweden also signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies and to promote trade and investment engagement between India and Sweden.

The Government recognises the importance of regularly organising events and outreach initiatives on emerging technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), to promote awareness, capacity building and responsible adoption among citizens, industry and academia.

In this regard, the Government has been undertaking several initiatives through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the IndiaAI Mission, including the organisation of global conferences such as GPAI Summit 2023, Global IndiaAI Summit 2024, innovation challenges, academic collaborations etc.

The Summit served as a major platform to sensitise stakeholders about the potential of AI in sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, education and governance, while also promoting responsible and inclusive AI development.
