

**Democratizing AI Resources for Economic Growth and Social Good**  
**Main-Summit: India AI Impact Summit 2026**

1000-1900 hrs: 16 - 17 February: New Delhi

**PROGRAMME**

**Day I: Monday, 16 February 2026: Sovereign 1: Le Méridien, New Delhi**

**Delegates to be seated, latest by 09:30 hrs**

<p><b>1000-1030 hrs</b></p> <p><i>Opening Session</i></p>	<p><b>Driving Industrial Competitiveness through AI Adoption</b></p> <p><i>India is emerging as a global leader in shaping the international AI landscape. India's focus on adoption is visible across multiple sectors that are central to national development. By accelerating AI deployment, industries can achieve significant cost reductions, optimize supply chains, and build a sustainable competitive advantage in a fast-evolving global market. AI adoption drives industrial efficiency by optimizing supply chains, reducing operational costs, and automating routine tasks, with potential performance improvements of 20-40% in specific tasks. For countries, AI boosts economic growth, creates high-value jobs, enhances public service delivery, and increases global competitiveness. This session will include case studies on AI Adoption which would showcase potential and practical, real-world applications, providing actionable insights into successful implementation.</i></p>
<p><b>1030-1130 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Democratizing AI Resources for Economic Growth and Social Good</b></p> <p><i>In an era where artificial intelligence (AI) is catalyzing unprecedented economic transformation, India stands at a critical inflection point to democratize AI's benefits across its diverse socio-economic landscape. The true transformative potential of AI hinges not solely on technological advancements but on their widespread deployment and effective utilization at the grassroots level. Enhancing productivity, workforce readiness, and inclusive growth necessitates the broad dissemination of practical AI tools among entrepreneurs, administrators, students and frontline workers. Achieving a resilient and globally competitive AI ecosystem in India demands a strategic, multi-stakeholder approach integrating government policy, industry innovation, and civil society engagement to dismantle structural barriers to AI adoption. The session would deliberate upon fostering digital inclusivity and ensure equitable access to AI-driven opportunities across all layers of society.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tejpreet S Chopra</b>, Co-Chair, CII National AI Forum and CEO, Industry.AI, BLP Group</li> <li>• <b>Harish Krishnan</b>, Managing Director, Cisco Systems India</li> <li>• <b>Prateek Garg</b>, Founder &amp; Managing Director, Progressive Infotech Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Jasdeep Kaur Dhanoa</b>, Dean &amp; Professor, Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Puneet Chandok</b>, CII, National AI Forum, &amp; President Microsoft India and South Asia</p>
<p><b>1130-1200 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>1200-1300 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>AI-Powered Manufacturing: Accelerating India's Journey to a Global Manufacturing Hub</b></p> <p><i>As India advances toward becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse, Artificial Intelligence is transforming the entire industrial value chain. From smart factories and predictive maintenance to AI-driven quality inspection, supply chain optimization, and real-time production analytics, AI is enabling manufacturers to enhance productivity, reduce costs, improve precision, and</i></p>

	<p><i>strengthen global competitiveness. This session will explore how AI adoption across sectors and MSMEs is driving measurable gains in throughput, reduced downtime, improved yield, and smarter decision-making. Panelists will also discuss the enabling ecosystem required to scale AI, including digital infrastructure, data governance, workforce skilling, R&amp;D collaboration, and policy alignment with national initiatives such as Make in India and the IndiaAI Mission—positioning India as a global benchmark for intelligent and sustainable manufacturing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tejpreet Singh Chopra</b>, CEO, Industry.AI, BLP Group</li> <li>• <b>Pranjal Sharma</b>, Author &amp; Economic Advisor, Independent</li> <li>• <b>Gaurav Kataria</b>, VP Digital (Manufacturing) &amp; CDIO PSPD, ITC Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Sanjeev Sehgal</b>, Founder &amp; Managing Director, Sparsh CCTV</li> <li>• <b>Anil Kumar Satapathy</b>, CTO, DiFACTO Robotics and Automation</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Dilip Sawhney</b>, Chair, CII National Committee on Smart Manufacturing and Managing Director, Rockwell Automation</p>
<p><b>1300-1400 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>1400-1500 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>The AI Revolution: How Next-Gen Technology is Redefining India’s Startup Ecosystem</b></p> <p><i>India’s startup ecosystem is being rapidly transformed by artificial intelligence. This session explores how AI is reshaping the way startups build, innovate, and scale—enabling small, agile teams to achieve outcomes once possible only for large organizations. From automating operations and predicting customer behaviour to accelerating decision-making, AI is redefining startup capabilities. The session highlights real Indian examples across healthcare, fintech, and e-commerce, where AI is solving problems faster and smarter. More than a technology shift, AI is democratizing innovation—making advanced tools accessible and affordable, unlocking new business models, opening untapped markets, and helping startups turn bold ideas into reality at unprecedented speed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Address: Sanjiv</b>, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Animesh Srivastava</b>, CTO &amp; SVP, Moglix &amp; Cognilix (AI-led Operating System)</li> <li>• <b>Mandar Natekar</b>, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, NeuralGarage</li> <li>• <b>Nikita Kumawat</b>, Co-Founder &amp; Managing Director, Brandworks Technologies Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Uddhav Kumar</b>, Co-Founder &amp; CEO, Lynkit Solutions Private Limited</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Prateek Garg</b>, Chairman, CII Regional Committee (NR) on Startups &amp; Founder &amp; Managing Director, Progressive Infotech</p>
<p><b>1530-1630 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Talent to Trust: Building a Structured, Sustainable, and Globally Competitive AI-Driven Gaming Ecosystem for India</b></p> <p><i>India’s gaming and digital talent ecosystem is driven by immense passion, creativity, and competitive ambition, yet its long-term success depends on disciplined systems that can scale and sustain this energy. This session explores how AI-enabled platforms can channel raw talent, competitive drive, and national aspiration into globally competitive outcomes while creating meaningful careers and economic value. By focusing on human capital development, inclusive access to AI resources, and trusted ecosystem design to compete and represent the country at global esports platforms the discussion highlights how India can move from isolated success stories to a repeatable, sustainable national model that enables its talent to perform on global esports and innovation stages, while contributing to economic growth and social good.</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gautam Badalia</b>, Co-Founder, Lets Game Now</li> <li>• <b>Girish Menon</b>, Chief Strategy Officer, JetSynthesys</li> <li>• <b>Aneesha Dhar</b>, Head – Google Play (Ecosystem &amp; Scaled Partnerships, India) (TBC), Google Play</li> <li>• <b>Manoj Padmanabhan</b>, Head BD – India &amp; SAARC, Amazon Web Services</li> <li>• <b>Shivkumar Shukla</b>, Assistant Vice President – Policy &amp; Growth Strategy, Reliance Industries Limited</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by; Aditya Mani</b>, Founder, Yologram</p>
<p><b>1630-1730 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Cloud &amp; AI as a Platform: Democratizing Access to AI-Ready Digital Infrastructure</b></p> <p><i>GenAI-powered cloud and DevOps platforms are lowering barriers to scale, trust, and innovation. As India advances toward an AI-first economy, the critical challenge is no longer access to AI models, but access to scalable, secure, and operable cloud infrastructure capable of supporting AI workloads at scale. By abstracting operational complexity and reducing dependency on scarce DevOps talent, such platforms democratize access to AI resources for startups, MSMEs, research institutions, and enterprises alike. Importantly, this approach embeds governance, resilience, and security by design, ensuring AI adoption is not only faster, but also sustainable. The session highlights how Cloud and AI, when architected as a platform can serve as foundational digital infrastructure aligned with India’s long-term AI capacity-building, innovation, and economic growth objectives.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rakesh S</b>, CEO, Metaphy Labs</li> <li>• <b>Shayak Mazumder</b>, CEO, Adya AI</li> <li>• <b>Niraj Ruparel</b>, Creative Technology Lead, WPP</li> <li>• <b>Manish Goyal</b>, Cloud Native Industry Director (TBC), Oracle</li> <li>• <b>Ms Charu Jain</b>, CEO, ANT Cloud</li> <li>• <b>Mr Sunil Gupta</b>, Co-founder &amp; CEO, Yotta Data Services</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by; Gautam Badalia</b>, Founder, GRAIT Cloud</p>
<p><b>1800-1900 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>AI in Fintech: Transforming the Sector with Intelligence and Automation</b></p> <p><i>The session will primarily focus on how artificial intelligence is transforming the fintech landscape while also Explore AI-driven innovations in credit risk assessment, fraud detection, virtual assistants, personal finance tools, algorithmic trading. The session will also emphasize on how AI enhances operational efficiency, drives smarter decision-making, and delivers personalized customer experiences, while addressing regulatory, ethical, and data privacy considerations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Special Address by; Shri Vivek Chandra Verma</b>, Deputy Director General, Unique Identification Authority of India</li> <li>• <b>Sajin Mangalathu</b>, COO, CFO and Chief Information Officer, Hero FinCorp</li> <li>• <b>Soumyajit Ghosh</b>, Chief Operating Officer, True Balance</li> <li>• <b>Saurabh Tiwari</b>, Chief Technology Officer, PolicyBazaar</li> <li>• <b>Abhishek Lahiri</b>, Vice President – Government Affairs &amp; Public Policy (South Asia), Mastercard</li> <li>• <b>Adelia Castelino</b>, Founder &amp; MD, InSolutions Global</li> </ul>

	<b>Moderated by; Atul Gupta, Partner &amp; Head – Digital Trust (Cyber &amp; Tech Risk), KPMG</b>
<b>1900-2000 hrs</b>	<b>Networking Dinner &amp; Reception</b>
<b>2000-2100 hrs</b>	<b>AI - Startup Expo</b>

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**Main-Summit Side Events: India - AI Impact Summit**

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**Day 2: Tuesday, 17 February 2026: Tamarind Hall ; India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

**Delegates to be seated, latest by 09:00 hrs**

<p><b>0930-1000 hrs</b></p> <p><i>Opening Session</i></p>	<p><b>Accelerating Industrial Transformation with AI</b></p> <p><i>Practical approaches to AI integration across manufacturing and supply chains, addressing scalable deployment, real-time data integration, model interpretability, cybersecurity, and Industry 4.0 case insights. This session will include case studies on AI Adoption which would showcase potential and practical, real-world application, providing actionable insights into successful implementation.</i></p>
<p><b>1000-1130 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Leveraging AI for Defence: Driving Innovation &amp; Efficiency</b></p> <p><i>India's defence sector is increasingly leveraging Artificial Intelligence as a key enabler for future military capabilities. The session will focus on policy, governance, and institutional frameworks needed to establish a secure and trusted AI ecosystem for defence. It will examine priority areas such as data governance, cyber-secure AI architectures, interoperability standards, and industry participation in AI-enabled maritime, land, and autonomous systems. Strategic and ethical considerations of military AI will also be discussed. Special inputs from the Armed Forces will outline operational requirements under the Indian Army's data-centric and networked warfare vision, highlighting collaboration and indigenization opportunities for Indian industry.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunny Manchanda</b>, DYSL-AI, Defence Research and Development Organisation</li> <li>• <b>Maj Gen VTS Varaich</b>, AGD Information Systems (DGIS), Indian Army</li> <li>• <b>Cmde S. K. Singh</b>, TDAC (NIIO), Indian Navy</li> <li>• <b>Gp Capt Ajey Lele</b>, HQ IDSA, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses</li> <li>• <b>Dr. David Sadek</b>, Vice-President – Research, Technology &amp; Innovation &amp; Global CTO – Artificial Intelligence &amp; Quantum Computing, Thales</li> <li>• <b>AVM Ajay Kunnath</b>, VSM, ACAS Ops (CIT), Air HQ (VB), Indian Air Force</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Puneet Kaura</b>, Managing Director &amp; CEO, Samtel Avionics Ltd.</p>
<p><b>1130-1200 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>1130-1200 hrs</b></p> <p><b>VENUE :</b> <b>SHAKUNTALAM</b> <b>BANQUET ,</b> <b>SUSHMA SWARAJ</b> <b>BHAWAN]</b></p>	<p><b>[ONE SESSION IN PARALLEL]:</b></p> <p><b>Co-Creating the MedTech Frontier: Ecosystem Innovation toward AI Enabled Health for all</b></p> <p><i>AI-enabled MedTech expands inclusive access to care, enables early and preventive health management, and improves system efficiency, making healthcare more affordable, scalable, and</i></p>

	<p><i>equitable. With the global MedTech market exceeding \$560 billion in 2023 and India projected to reach \$50 billion by 2030, the country is emerging as a critical hub for AI driven MedTech innovation and adoption. However, a supportive ecosystem is critical to accelerate product development, market translation, and large scale deployment of AI-integrated MedTech solutions. Many of India's challenges mirror global barriers, its AI enabled MedTech journey can offer offers important lessons for addressing systemic issues worldwide.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current AI applications and integration models within India's MedTech ecosystem</li> <li>• Strategic advantage in scaling AI-enabled MedTech innovation in India to drive global sector growth</li> <li>• Key barriers related to product development and market translation, particularly in Low- and Middle-Income countries</li> <li>• Prioritizing Investments needed in AI-ready data systems and digital health infrastructure</li> <li>• Collaborative Pathways to productize MedTech innovation through the Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas (MAHA)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. T. Thangaradjou</b>, Scientist F, Anusandhan National Research Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Taruna Madan Gupta</b>, Scientist G &amp; Head – Development Research Division, Indian Council of Medical Research</li> <li>• <b>Gaurav Agarwal</b>, Co-Chairman – CII National Medical Technology Forum &amp; Managing Director, Innvolution Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by; Dr. Prashant Nag</b>, Vice President – Clinical Excellence, Tata 1mg</p>
<p><b>1200-1330 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Securing the Future: Cyber Defence for an AI Driven World</b></p> <p><i>As India moves towards democratized access to AI resources, the challenge of building secure and trustworthy AI systems becomes central to economic growth and social good. This session will explore how India can protect its data, compute infrastructure, models and digital public platforms from emerging cyber risks in an AI driven era.</i></p> <p><i>Leaders from government, industry, academia and the innovation ecosystem will examine the rapidly evolving threat landscape, discuss safeguards for shared AI infrastructure, and outline practical security frameworks that enable safe and inclusive use of AI across sectors. The conversation will highlight solutions that reduce risk for MSMEs and startups, strengthen public trust and ensure that AI can be scaled responsibly and securely to benefit every citizen.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>G. Narendra Nath</b>, Joint Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Gulshan Rai</b>, Former Director General, CERT-In &amp; Former National Cybersecurity Coordinator, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Pavan Duggal</b>, Advocate, Supreme Court of India</li> <li>• <b>Neehar Pathare</b>, MD, CEO &amp; CIO, 63SATS Cybertech</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Amit Sinha Roy</b>, Principal Advisor – Digital, Confederation of Indian Industry</p>
<p><b>1250 – 1330hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Enhancing Cyber Resilience Across India's Digital Ecosystem</b></p> <p><i>As India expands access to AI resources and accelerates digital transformation across sectors, strengthening cyber resilience becomes essential to protect national growth and ensure public trust. This session will examine how India can build a more resilient digital ecosystem capable of anticipating, withstanding and rapidly recovering from cyber risks that accompany widespread AI adoption.</i></p> <p><i>Senior leaders from government, industry, academia and the innovation community will discuss the safeguards, governance models and collaborative practices needed to secure digital public platforms, critical infrastructure and enterprise systems. The conversation will highlight the capacity building, policy measures and technology investments required to help organisations of all sizes, including MSMEs and startups, operate with confidence in an AI driven future. This</i></p>

	<p><i>session will emphasise the importance of resilience as the foundation for inclusive and sustainable digital progress across the country</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Jitendra Mohan Bhardwaj</b>, Group CISO &amp; Business Head – Cyber Security, Tata Advanced Systems Limited</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Prince Joseph</b>, Group Chief Information Officer, SFO Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (NeST Group)</li> <li>• <b>Mr Anirban Mukherji</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, miniOrange</li> <li>• <b>S. Dipin Nair</b>, Chief Information Security Officer &amp; Head of IT, Anadrome System Pvt Ltd</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Vaibhav Koul</b>, Managing Director – Cybersecurity, Privacy &amp; Incident Response, Protiviti</p>
<p><b>1330-1430 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>1430-1600 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Safe and Trusted AI: Towards Responsible AI Innovation</b></p> <p><i>As artificial intelligence becomes integral to India’s economic and social transformation, ensuring trust, safety, and accountability is critical. This session will examine how India can design and implement robust frameworks for responsible AI innovation. The discussion will focus on AI governance, ethical deployment, data protection, cybersecurity, and risk mitigation, while balancing innovation and growth. Policymakers, industry leaders, and experts will explore collaborative approaches to building a safe, transparent, and trustworthy AI ecosystem aligned with India’s societal values.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sukhjith Singh</b>, CTO &amp; Technical Director, AT&amp;T Global Network Services India</li> <li>• <b>Shreya Suri</b>, Partner, IndusLaw</li> <li>• <b>Tamoghna Goswami</b>, Head of Policy, ShareChat</li> <li>• <b>Col. Haridas</b>, Founder &amp; Director, DataVal Analytics</li> <li>• <b>Arvind Nithrakashyap</b>, Co-Founder &amp; CTO, Rubrik</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by: Shaveta Wadhwa Jain</b>, Managing Director, Accenture Consulting</p>
<p><b>1630 – 1730 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>AI in Every Hand: Democratizing Healthcare Through Consumer Devices</b></p> <p><i>From smartphones and wearables to home diagnostics, artificial intelligence is transforming everyday consumer devices into powerful tools for preventive, personalized, and accessible healthcare. This session explores how embedded AI is bridging gaps in care delivery, empowering individuals with real-time health insights, and extending quality healthcare beyond hospitals to homes and communities. Join us to understand the opportunities, challenges, and future potential of consumer-driven AI in building a more inclusive and resilient healthcare ecosystem.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ananth Subramanian</b> CEO, Forecura</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sujoy Kar</b>, Chief Medical Information Officer &amp; VP, Apollo Hospitals</li> <li>• <b>Louis Kohler</b>, OPT, AT&amp;T</li> <li>• <b>Keren Priyadarshini</b>, VP and Head of Healthcare- Asia, AWS</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ishwar Kumhar</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Brandworks Technologies Private Limited</li> <li>• <b>Vinitaa Jha</b>, Director – Research &amp; Medical Education, Max Healthcare</li> <li>• <b>Abhishek Choudhary</b>, Head – Digital Services &amp; Lead – CII Centre for AI, Confederation of Indian Industry</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by; Anushka Bhatnagar</b>, Lead – Brand &amp; Communication, Danazir Wealth Management</p>
<b>1730 – 1830 Hrs</b>	<p><b>Presentation: Democratizing Healthcare Through Artificial Intelligence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anushka Bhatnagar</b>, Lead, Brand &amp; Communication Danazir Wealth Management</li> </ul>
<b>1830-1930 hrs</b>	<b>Masterclass on AI For Working Professionals: IHC-Tamarind Hall</b>
<b>1930-2000 hrs</b>	<b>Networking Reception and Dinner</b>

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