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Shri Jitin Prasada, Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT and Commerce and Industry inaugurates the Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025 in Dehradun on October 17, 2025

-Uttarakhand Hosts Pre-Summit to India–AI Impact Summit 2026, focusing on Responsible and Inclusive AI Growth

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The Department of IT, Government of Uttarakhand, in collaboration with the India AI Mission, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India organised the **Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025** on October 17, 2025, at Hotel Ramada, Dehradun. This is an official pre-summit event of the India - AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled to take place on February 19 - 20, 2026, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Jointly hosted by the Department of IT, Government of Uttarakhand, the IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, the summit was inaugurated by Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), MeitY, and was held in presence of Shri Nitesh Kumar Jha, Secretary, Information Technology, Government of Uttarakhand; Shri Mohammed Y. Safirulla, Director, IndiaAI Mission, MeitY; Dr. Durgesh Pant, Director General, UCOST; Prof. Ram Sharma, Vice Chancellor, UPES, Dehradun; Shri Sanjay Gupta, SIO, NIC; and Smt. Sharmishta Das, DDG & HOG, AI Division, NIC HQ.

Speaking at the event, Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble MoS, MeitY & Commerce and Industry, said, *"What nuclear technology once was to the last century, AI is to this one but this time, India is ensuring the opportunity belongs to everyone. We are making world-class computing power accessible at less than a dollar an hour, enabling research, innovation, and disruption for good. From managing the Kumbh with AI to transforming governance and education, Bharat is showing what was once unimaginable is now possible. This is the New Bharat - confident, capable, and leading the world in using technology for impact."*



Adding to this, Shri Nitesh Kumar Jha, Secretary, IT, Government of Uttarakhand, said, “ We are using AI regularly but the larger objective of the Government of India and our state is not just to use AI, but to create AI. Let us become creators of AI. We have established a Centre of Excellence and also set up the first Drone Applications Centre, where we are integrating AI into drone technology. For this, we have already received a national award this year from the Hon’ble Prime Minister.”

The pre-summit event brought together premier institutions, including IIT Roorkee, IIM Kashipur, the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, UPES, and STPI Dehradun. It featured presentations by AI-led startups supported by IIM Kashipur and STPI Dehradun, highlighting practical applications of AI in governance, entrepreneurship, and social impact.

A panel discussion moderated by Mr. Vivek Agrawal, Country Director, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, featured Smt. Sharmishta Das, DDG & HOG, AI Division, NIC HQ; Dr. Safal Batra, CEO, FIED, IIM Kashipur; Dr. Durgesh Pant, Director General, UCOST, GoUK, Prof. Ram Sharma, Vice Chancellor, UPES, Dehradun and Dr. Azam Ali, CEO, TIDES, IIT Roorkee. The session explored the evolving landscape of AI, emphasizing the need to foster creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving among youth. It highlighted the importance of encouraging students to go on the ground, understand root causes, and design ideas that create real social impact. The discussion also called for deeper collaboration between academia, startups, and policymakers to strengthen responsible and efficient AI adoption for public good in Uttarakhand.`

The Uttarakhand AI Impact Summit 2025 set the stage for the India – AI Impact Summit 2026, the first global AI forum to be hosted in the Global South. Reflecting on India’s growing leadership in shaping the global AI agenda, the summit is anchored in the nation’s vision of “AI for All.” It seeks to harness the power of AI to drive social inclusion, innovation, and improved public service delivery, reinforcing India’s position as a global advocate for equitable, sustainable, and people-centric AI development.



About India - AI Impact Summit 2026

Hosted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the India - AI Impact Summit 2026 will be held on February 19-20, 2026, in New Delhi. The global platform is set to showcase the transformative role of AI in enabling inclusive development, sustainability, and fostering equitable progress. The Summit charts a path where AI serves humanity, advances inclusive growth, fosters social development, and promotes innovations that protect the planet.

The Three Sutras

The Summit will be anchored on three guiding principles or Sutras:

- **People:** AI must serve humanity in all its diversity, respecting cultural identities, preserving dignity, and ensuring no one is left behind. Focus areas include human development in an AI-enabled world, multilingual and accessible systems, and safe and trusted deployment.
- **Planet:** AI development and deployment must be resource-efficient while also accelerating climate resilience, environmental protection, and scientific discoveries. AI must align with planetary stewardship and global sustainability goals.
- **Progress:** Ensure equitable distribution of AI's benefits, democratize access to datasets, compute, and models, and apply AI to healthcare, education, governance, and agriculture.

The Seven Chakras

The Sutras are translated into action through seven Chakras, areas of multilateral cooperation designed to deliver tangible outcomes:

1. **Human Capital**—Address employment, skilling, and workforce transformation. Develop global frameworks for literacy, reskilling, and equitable access to future skills.
2. **Inclusion for Social Empowerment**—Foster AI that reflects languages, cultures, and identities; ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities; prevent gender and data biases.
3. **Safe and Trusted AI** – Provide democratized access to safety testing, transparency, and auditing tools; build interoperable governance and assurance mechanisms.
4. **Resilience, Innovation, and Efficiency**—Promote resource-efficient AI, lightweight and adaptable to local realities, reducing disparities and environmental costs.
5. **Science**—Expand responsible use of AI to accelerate research and discovery; strengthen ecosystems and partnerships in the Global South; promote open, interdisciplinary research.
6. **Democratizing AI Resources**—Forge pathways for equitable access to data, compute, models, and critical infrastructure, enabling diverse AI solutions that reflect global realities.
7. **AI for Economic Development & Social Good**—Identify and scale AI applications in public interest sectors; create platforms for knowledge and resource sharing; enable cross-border collaboration.

As AI adoption increases around the world, the AI Impact Summit charts a discourse around the measurable impact of AI, highlighting India's role as a global convener for the Global South and beyond. Bringing together world leaders, innovators, policymakers, and industry pioneers, the Summit will shape a shared vision for AI that truly serves the many, not just the few.

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