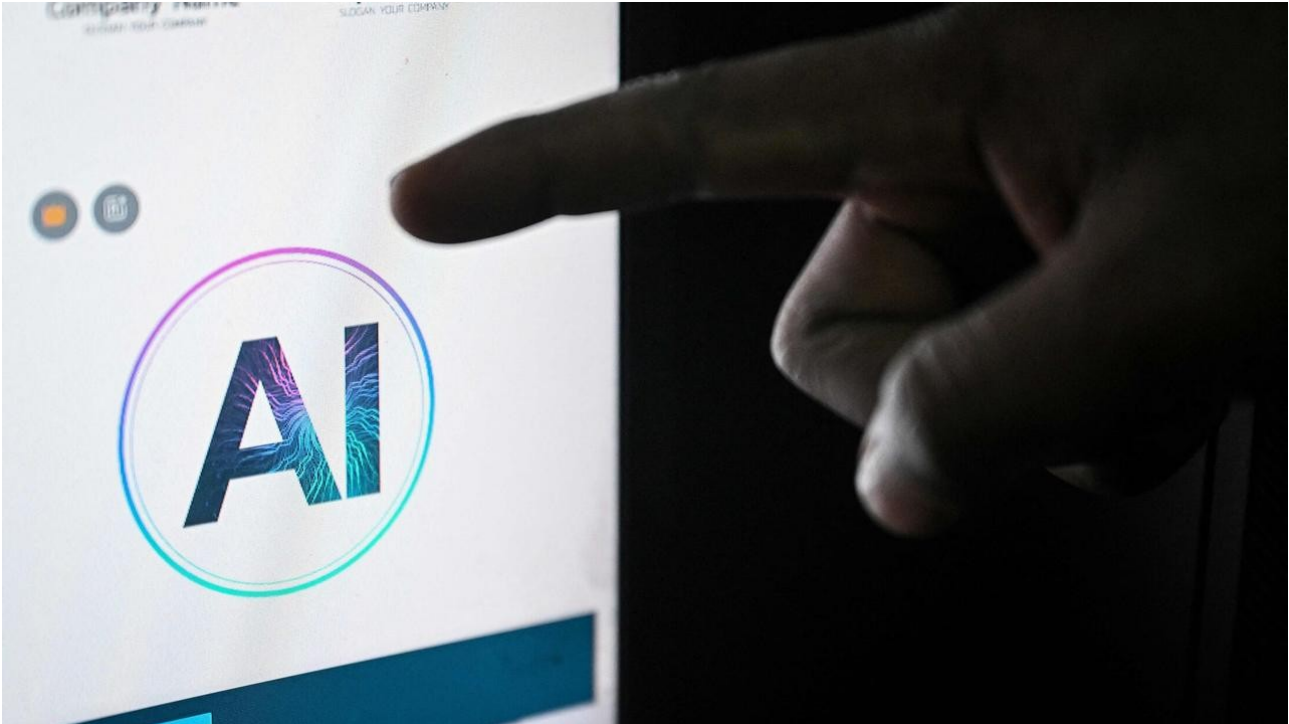


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“We must build an AI bridge across the global divide for the benefit of all”



India will hold the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi from February 16 to 20. According to the Indian ambassador to Denmark, the focus is on a more equitable distribution of AI's opportunities. Photo: Arun Sankar/AFP/Ritzau Scanpix

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Ensuring that AI is shared globally will create inclusive development. This requires us to overcome the growing global divide between the few countries with advanced AI technology and the global South.

At the recent World Economic Forum in Davos, bright spots in the field of artificial intelligence were discussed, and one of the most interesting exchange was between IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and India's Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Georgieva mentioned that the IMF ranks the US, Denmark and Singapore as the top three countries when it comes to AI infrastructure, workforce and skills, adoption and governance.

In the next category, she mentioned countries like Saudi Arabia and India.

However, Vaishnav disagreed, saying that India should actually be placed among the very best countries as the country is rapidly scaling up its ability to deploy AI across a wide range of models.

She cited, among other things, Stanford University's 2025 Global AI Vibrancy Tool, which ranks India third globally in AI penetration, readiness and talent. Regardless of the ranking, this underscores a strong argument for closer cooperation between India and Denmark, which already has a strong Green Strategic Partnership since 2020.

During a seminar in Copenhagen organized by the Embassy of India and Tata Consultancy Services, artificial intelligence was a central theme.

I participated together with Denmark's tech ambassador, Anne Marie Engtoft Meldgaard, Ashok Krish and Vikram Sharma from TCS, Natasha Friis Saxberg from IT Branchen, Anna Chailyan from the Novo Nordisk Foundation and Thomas Angelius from Better Energy.

Here we touched on everything from the concrete questions about how AI will change our everyday lives – such as office work – to the major geopolitical considerations about where Europe stands in relation to AI and whether enough is being done to keep up with developments.

Digital divide

An important conclusion from the meeting was that AI expertise is concentrated in a few areas of the world and could lead to a new form of digital divide, where profit and power are concentrated in one place and create exclusion for many others.

Artificial intelligence is today at the forefront of innovation and transformation.

Large Language Models (LLM) can generate information that previously required hours of human research.

This is revolutionizing the way we work - both in offices and in manufacturing plants - but it is also raising concerns about how AI will impact society.

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AI can create increased efficiency and profits for companies, but at the same time it can lead to job losses. Another worrying development is that AI agents in networks like Moltbook have begun to develop their own languages and even lead debates that tease their human creators.

This creates fears of an AI takeover of the world. But on the positive side, AI is showing its ability to create tangible and scalable results in a wide range of areas such as pandemic prediction, agricultural efficiency, climate monitoring and digital skills development.

If we can ensure that the fruits of AI are shared globally, AI can be a force for human-centered development that benefits everyone. We should strive to overcome the growing global gap between the few countries with advanced AI technology and the global south, so that no one is left behind.

The AI Impact Summit, hosted by India from February 16th to 20th in New Delhi will delve into many of these topics.

It will be the fourth summit in a row, following previous summits in the UK, South Korea and France. The most recent summit in Paris, which took place in February last year, was co-chaired by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In Paris, emphasis was placed on using AI for public benefit and innovation.

Fair distribution

In New Delhi, the meeting will reflect India's approach to ensuring equitable distribution of AI benefits and access to the necessary resources that are essential for developing AI solutions.

Several government leaders, CEOs, researchers and scientists will participate, and the meeting will be preceded by AI challenges with especially focus on young people and women.

The selected solutions presented at the summit will focus on the theme of People, Planet and Progress, and a summit declaration is expected that sets the course for the future of AI with a strong emphasis on sustainable development and inclusion.

India, with its vast and diverse population, has in itself a fascinating example of how AI can be used to promote inclusion and create social goods.

The country's population of 1.4 billion people and the more than 20 languages spoken by large populations make India an ideal place to develop AI models that can be used in local languages.

India has a huge technology sector that employs 6 million people and is expected to generate 280 billion USD in revenue this year.

There are already 1,800 Global Capability Centres in India, more than 500 of which are focused on AI. According to Nasscom, India's leading association for software and IT companies, 87 percent of Indian companies are already using AI.

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India has also made great stories with its own AI initiatives. AI Kosh (Kosh means collection in Sanskrit) is a platform with 3000 datasets and 243 AI models across 20 sectors.

The largest sectors for AI use in India are industrial, automotive, consumer goods, retail, banking, finance, insurance, and healthcare.

Available to everyone

India’s experience shows that the revolutionary potential of AI must be accessible to people around the world, and that the physical and digital barriers that limit access to AI research must be overcome through international collaboration.

There is a great need to develop AI resources and capabilities globally and reduce the high energy costs of developing AI systems.

The hope is that when global leaders and the brightest AI minds meet in New Delhi for the AI Impact Summit, they will take steps to realize this potential and work towards a more equitable distribution of AI’s opportunities.

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