

# India joins American-led initiative to enhance supply chain cooperation

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India joined a US-led initiative on Friday which will strengthen technology and supply chain cooperation and further boost the development of artificial intelligence infrastructure, making New Delhi the latest member alongside countries including Japan, South Korea, Qatar and the UAE.

The US Department of State launched the Pax Silica Declaration in December, with the aim of securing the global supply chain for silicon-based technologies that are crucial for AI infrastructure and deepen partnerships on

artificial intelligence.

India, represented by S. Krishnan, secretary at the Ministry of Electronics and Information, signed the declaration on the sidelines of the AI Impact Summit in New Delhi.

"The signing at the India AI Impact Summit underscored a clear message: The future of artificial intelligence and advanced technologies will not be left to chance. It will be built deliberately, by nations committed to freedom, partnership, and long-term resilience," the ministry said in a statement.

India's entry into Pax Silica was both "strategic and essential," said

## HIGHLIGHT

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US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor. "Pax Silica is the coalition that will define the 21st century economic and technological order," he said during the signing ceremony.

"It is designed to secure the entire silicon stack, from the mines where we extract critical minerals,

to the fabs where we manufacture chips, to the data centers where we deploy frontier AI."

In 2024, the Indian government launched the IndiaAI Mission, an initiative worth in excess of \$1 billion to develop the AI ecosystem in the country.

This week saw it host the five-day India AI Impact Summit 2026, which saw participation from more than 60 countries and the attendance of 20 heads of state, including French President Emmanuel Macron, Finnish Prime Minister Petteri Orpo, and Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, Abu Dhabi's crown prince.