

India should be among top 3 global AI superpowers, says Narendra Modi

SMART ADOPTION. Leveraging AI mindfully, with a strategic lens, helps address deep developmental challenges: PM

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As the India AI Impact Summit 2026 commenced in the national capital, marking the first time that a global convening of this scale on artificial intelligence is being organised in the Global South, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a special interview to ANI, underlined the guiding spirit of the summit under the umbrella "Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhaye" ("Welfare for all, happiness for all").

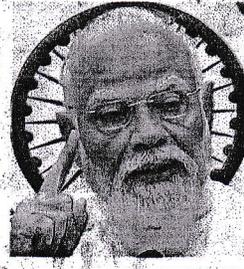
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India is hosting the AI Impact Summit 2026 for the first time anywhere in the Global South. What's the vision of this Summit?

Today, AI stands at a civilisational inflection point. It can expand human capability in unprecedented ways, but it can also test existing social foundations if left unguided. That is why we have deliberately framed this Summit around Impact that ensures meaningful and equitable outcomes, not just innova-

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tion. The guiding spirit, "Sarvajan Hitay, Sarvajan Sukhaye", reflects India's civilisational philosophy. The end goal of technology should be 'Welfare for All, Happiness of All'. Technology exists to serve humanity, not replace it.

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How do you see AI's role in Viksit Bharat 2047?

AI represents a transformative opportunity in India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Leveraging AI mindfully, with a strategic lens, helps address deep developmental challenges while creating entirely new economic opportunities, enabling inclusive growth, bridging the urban-rural divide and expanding access to opportunity.

In healthcare, AI is already delivering impact. We are seeing AI-based solutions addressing early detection of tuberculosis, diabetic retinopathy, epilepsy and many other ailments at primary and district health centres.

In education, AI-powered personalised learning plat-

forms in Indian languages are helping students in rural and government schools receive customised academic support. In a unique initiative, Amul is leveraging AI to reach 36 lakh women dairy farmers across thousands of villages, providing real-time guidance in Gujarati on cattle health and productivity, empowering grassroots women producers.

In agriculture, the Bharat Vistaar initiative aims to integrate AI into crop advisory, soil analytics and weather intelligence, helping farmers make better, localised decisions.

Even in heritage preservation, AI is enabling the digitisation and interpretation of ancient manuscripts, unlocking India's civilisational knowledge systems.

At a time when the world is worried about AI deepening divides, India is using it to dissolve divides.

In your speech at AI Action Summit 2025 in Paris, you emphasised the bias and limitations of AI. From now and then, has the scenario

changed? How do you see India addressing this issue?

The concerns regarding bias and limitations in AI remain deeply relevant. As AI adoption accelerates, the risks also scale. AI systems can inadvertently perpetuate biases related to gender, language and socio-economic background.

For India specifically, we face unique challenges and opportunities. Our diversity — linguistic, cultural, regional — means that AI bias can manifest in ways that might not be obvious in Western contexts. An AI system trained primarily on

English data or urban contexts may perform poorly for rural users or speakers of regional languages. The positive development is that India is beginning to address this more systematically. We're seeing increased focus on creating diverse datasets that represent India's plurality, greater emphasis on AI development in regional languages, and growing research on fairness and bias in Indian academic institutions and tech companies.