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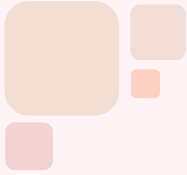
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Message from **ARVIND KUMAR** Director General, STPI



Building momentum towards the landmark India AI Impact Summit 2026, Software Technology Parks of India has undertaken a visionary nationwide initiative to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence. Through its pre-summit drive titled 'Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026', STPI is actively shaping a collaborative and innovation-driven ecosystem that connects stakeholders across sectors and regions, laying a strong and purposeful foundation for the upcoming global summit.

The pre-summit series reflects a meaningfully designed outreach strategy that emphasizes both scale and inclusivity. By hosting engagements across a wide network of cities including Lucknow, Jaipur, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Dehradun, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Kakinada, Gandhinagar, Mohali, Nagpur, Vijayawada, Guwahati, Delhi, Goa, Chennai, Kolkata, Mysuru, and Gurugram, STPI has ensured that the dialogue around artificial intelligence is geographically diverse and representative of India's multifaceted innovation landscape. Each location contributes its own unique strengths, whether in academia, industry, or entrepreneurship, thereby enriching the national discourse on AI.

These pre-summit engagements have served as dynamic platforms for knowledge exchange and collaboration. Startups, technology leaders, policymakers, researchers, and students have come together to deliberate on key aspects shaping the future of artificial intelligence. Discussions have spanned emerging technologies, responsible AI practices, data governance frameworks, skilling requirements, and sector-specific applications. By facilitating such interactions, STPI is not merely promoting awareness but actively enabling the convergence of ideas, partnerships, and actionable insights that can accelerate AI adoption across industries.

A notable dimension of this initiative is its focus on bridging the gap between innovation and implementation. By engaging a wide spectrum of stakeholders, STPI is fostering an environment where policy perspectives align with industry needs and academic research translates into real-world solutions. This integrated approach ensures that India's AI journey is both forward-looking and grounded in practical impact. It also reinforces the importance of building an ecosystem where technological advancement is accompanied by ethical considerations and societal relevance.

As India prepares to host the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in February, the significance of these pre-summit efforts becomes even more pronounced. The summit is envisioned as a global

platform that will bring together thought leaders, innovators, investors, and policymakers to exchange ideas, showcase advancements, and forge international collaborations. In this context, the pre-summit series plays a crucial role in consolidating domestic momentum, ensuring that India presents a unified, well-prepared, and forward-thinking perspective on the global stage.

In parallel with these nationwide engagements, STPI has also strengthened its institutional presence to support regional innovation ecosystems. The inauguration of a new STPI office in Patna by the Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) marks a significant step in this direction. This development underscores a focused commitment to empowering Tier II and Tier III cities by extending critical infrastructure and opportunities to regions that have traditionally been underrepresented in the technology landscape.

The STPI Patna new office is envisioned as a catalyst for local innovation and entrepreneurship, providing startups and IT enterprises with access to incubation support, mentorship, and industry networks. By creating an enabling environment within the region, STPI is helping reduce the reliance on metropolitan hubs and encouraging the growth of decentralized technology ecosystems. This approach not only broadens participation in India's digital economy but also ensures that talent from diverse geographies can contribute meaningfully to the nation's AI ambitions.

Furthermore, the establishment of the Patna facility aligns with the broader objective of fostering inclusive economic growth. By nurturing local talent, supporting skill development, and creating employment opportunities, the center is expected to have a transformative impact on the regional economy. It also reinforces the idea that innovation can thrive anywhere when supported by the right infrastructure and institutional backing.

Collectively, STPI's nationwide pre-summit initiative and its expanding regional footprint represent a comprehensive and forward-looking strategy to build a resilient AI ecosystem. By integrating grassroots engagement with global ambition, STPI is ensuring that India's journey toward becoming an AI powerhouse is inclusive, balanced, and sustainable. As the India AI Impact Summit 2026 approaches, these efforts not only build momentum but also establish a strong foundation for long-term growth and leadership in the field of artificial intelligence.



Buddy Mobility Care

A Journey of Purpose, Innovation, and Impact



Buddy Mobility Care, operated by Besure Buddy Private Limited, stands as a pioneering force in India's inclusive mobility ecosystem. Founded by Mrs. Sartaj Lamba and incubated at STPI Neuron CoE, Mohali, the organisation is built to ensure that mobility is not a privilege, but a right accessible to all, especially persons with disabilities, elderly individuals and those with limited mobility.

What began as a purpose-driven initiative has today evolved into a multi-city, impact-led enterprise delivering wheelchair-accessible transportation, assisted travel services and caregiver support across key regions including Delhi NCR, Chandigarh, Hyderabad, Goa and Bangalore. At a time when accessible mobility infrastructure in India was highly fragmented and underserved, Buddy Mobility Care identified this critical gap and introduced a structured, scalable solution.

A key highlight of Buddy Mobility Care's journey has been its active collaboration with government bodies and institutions. Initiatives such as accessible transport deployments at major events like the Purple Fest in Goa, and engagement with airport operators have strengthened its position as a trusted and credible partner in inclusive mobility.

Buddy Mobility Care has also contributed significantly to employment generation, particularly empowering women and creating opportunities within the assisted mobility sector.

Innovation has been a continuous driver of growth. The company has embraced technology to streamline bookings, optimise fleet utilisation and enhance customer experience. It is also exploring future-ready solutions including electric accessible vehicles and AI-enabled service optimization to ensure long-term sustainability.

About the founder:

Mrs. Sartaj Lamba's leadership has been central to this transformation. With a strong foundation in empathy, resilience and entrepreneurial vision, she has successfully combined social impact with sustainable business practices. Under her guidance, Buddy Mobility Care has not only created a specialised fleet of wheelchair-accessible vehicles but has also built an ecosystem of partnerships, airport collaborations and corporate alliances. As a leader in enterprise incubation and recognised under national platforms such as STPI Neuron CoE, she has demonstrated that purpose-driven entrepreneurship can create both social and economic transformation.

Buddy Mobility Care is more than a service provider. It is a movement towards accessible infrastructure and equitable access. With a clear roadmap for expansion, strategic partnerships and a deep commitment to social impact, Buddy is well-positioned to redefine mobility standards in India.

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Technology should not replace learning—it should enhance it. Through our work, we aim to turn every child's curiosity into an immersive learning experience.”

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SARTAJ LAMBA

FOUNDER & CEO, BUDDY MOBILITY CARE





STPI inaugurates new Patna office, strengthening its Eastern India presence

Heralding new beginnings, STPI marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its new office in Patna, Bihar on 2nd December, 2025, in the gracious presence of Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY; Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI; and Shri Abhay Kumar Singh, IT Secretary, Government of Bihar.

The new office of STPI Patna is poised to play a crucial role in empowering startups, strengthening IT growth and accelerating the innovation ecosystem across Bihar and the eastern region.

During the inauguration, IT industry representatives and startups also interacted with Secretary MeitY and briefed him on their innovative ideas, technology-driven solutions and the progress shaping India's digital landscape.



Pre-Summit Event

Building momentum towards the landmark India AI Impact Summit 2026, STPI organises nationwide Pre-Summit drive

STPI, in efforts to build a strong national momentum towards the forthcoming India AI Impact Summit 2026, executed a series of Pre-summit events under the banner 'Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026'. Following successful editions in Lucknow, Jaipur, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar and Dehradun, the initiative expanded to Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Kakinada, Gandhinagar, Mohali, Nagpur, Vijayawada, Guwahati, Delhi, Goa, Chennai, Kolkata, Mysuru and Gurugram.

The Pre-summit series aimed to engage startups, industry leaders, policymakers and students from across the nation, to catalyse dialogue around India's AI ambitions ahead of the global summit scheduled for February 2026.



Bengaluru

Positioning Bengaluru as the global tech gateway with BTS 2025

STPI proudly co-hosted the prestigious Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2025 from 18th to 20th November 2025, metamorphosing the city into a global confluence of innovation, entrepreneurship and technology leadership. The summit featured over 150 STPI-nurtured startups showcasing breakthrough technologies, enlightening sessions led by esteemed speakers and visionaries, and an award ceremony to recognise top-performing export companies of Karnataka and more.

Shri Siddaramaiah, Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka, inaugurated the pulsing STPI Pavilion at the summit, in the presence of Shri D. K. Shivakumar, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister; Shri Priyank Kharge, Honourable Minister for Electronics, IT & BT; and Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI Bengaluru, along with other eminent dignitaries, marking a strong start to the landmark event.



Celebrating excellence: STPI IT Export Awards 2025 honour industry leaders at BTS 2025



Additionally, the prestigious STPI IT Export Awards 2025 were held in all grandeur on Day 2 of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 to honour outstanding companies that are redefining excellence across the IT, ITeS and ESDM sectors in the Karnataka region. The event was graced by Honourable Minister Shri Priyank Kharge; Honourable Minister Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao; Additional Secretary, MeitY & DG, NIC Shri Abhishek Singh; DG, STPI Shri Arvind Kumar; Joint Secretary, MeitY Shri K. K. Singh; Dr. Manjula N; Shri B. V. Naidu; and Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, along with other eminent dignitaries.

Herein, leading organisations including Infosys, NVIDIA, Genpact, Dell, Bosch, Amazon Development Centre, Colt, Clinisys, Excelsoft and several others were recognised for their exceptional contribution to India's export growth and digital economy.

The highlight of the ceremony, the prestigious STPI Commendation Award was bestowed on Shri B. V. Naidu, Chairman, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), in recognition of his visionary leadership and lifelong contributions to India's IT, electronics and digital ecosystem.

The award acknowledges his pioneering role in shaping India's early internet infrastructure, his transformative leadership at STPI Bengaluru and Hyderabad, and his continued efforts in building Karnataka as a global digital economy hub through the "Beyond Bengaluru" mission.



Leading up to the landmark India AI Impact Summit 2026

The Pre-Summit event included a series of high-impact thematic sessions like 'Unbox: Unboxing the GCC Corridor for Startups', 'Capital Conversations: Cracking the Code to AI Startup Funding', 'AI Fusion: Integrating Research, Innovation and Real-World Application', 'AI for Citizens' and a plenary talk on 'Smart Money for Smart Startups'.

These sessions brought together industry leaders, investors, academia and technologists to deliberate on AI adoption, funding, research translation and inclusive innovation, setting a strong intellectual foundation for the big Summit.



Nagpur

AI transforming Indian agriculture: STPI Nagpur hosts Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026', as part of Agrovision 2025

The Pre-Summit event held on 22nd November, 2025, hosted by STPI Nagpur at Agrovision 2025, on "Transforming Indian Agriculture through AI: Opportunities and Challenges", was graced by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Honourable Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, who underscored the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in strengthening India's agricultural ecosystem. The session brought together policymakers, technologists, industry leaders and innovators to deliberate on how AI can enhance productivity, sustainability and farmer empowerment.

The event witnessed the presence of several eminent dignitaries including Shri Anoop Kumar, Retd. Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra; Dr. Prem Lal Patel, Director, VNIT Nagpur; Shri Ajay Shrivastava, Director, STPI Pune; along with leading startup founders and ecosystem enablers such as Shri Shashikant Chaudhary, Co-Founder of Happyeaters.ai and Babyverse.app, and Shri Sachin Suri, Co-Founder and Managing Director, CropData Technology. The discussions highlighted the growing role of AI in precision farming, crop intelligence, supply chain optimisation and agri-innovation.

On the sidelines of Agrovision 2025, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Honourable Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other senior dignitaries also visited the STPI Pavilion, where they were briefed about STPI's initiatives and cutting-edge innovations being developed by STPI-nurtured startups, reflecting the growing convergence of technology, governance and entrepreneurship.



Thiruvananthapuram

Deep-dive dialogues on Responsible and Secure AI at Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026'

The Pre-Summit event in Thiruvananthapuram on 20th November, 2025 featured a series of insightful sessions that examined the critical balance between innovation, trust and security in the age of AI. A thought-provoking panel discussion moderated by Shri Krishnaprasad S.V., Director, ISACA Trivandrum Chapter, brought together leading voices including Shri Senthil Subramaniam E.S.R, Global CISO, Infinite Computer Solutions; Dr. N. S. Sreekanth, Associate Professor & HoD, Kannur University; Shri Sasi Kumar R, AI Infrastructure Specialist and former Solution Architect at NVIDIA; and Smt. Lakshmi Das, Co-founder and COO, Prophaze. This was followed by an engaging fireside chat on "From Principles to Practice: Building Trust through AI Governance", moderated by Smt. Krithi V. Shetty, Associate Director, Privacy Pillar, with Dr. Sunil T.T., Director, ICFOSS, and Shri Senthilkumar K.B., Associate Director, CDAC, who shared practical approaches to implementing responsible AI frameworks in real-world systems.

Further, expert sessions emphasised the strategic role of safe AI in India's \$1 trillion digital economy, with Shri Georgie Kurien, CISO and Head of Cyber Assurance Business, SecnSure, underscoring trust as its foundation. A dialogue on ecosystem collaboration featured KSITM and M2P Fintech leaders, highlighting cross-sector partnerships. Meanwhile, Dr. V. Anil Kumar, Chief Scientist, 4PI, CSIR Bengaluru, addressed AI's role in cyber threat intelligence, while Dr. Prince Joseph, Global CIO, NeST Group (SFO Technologies) and Dr. Sheena, Associate Professor, NIT Surathkal, shared case studies on deploying trusted AI at scale.



Vijayawada

Driving disruptive innovation: STPI Vijayawada hosts Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026'

STPI Vijayawada hosted an insightful Pre-Summit event on 28th November, 2025 on the theme "AI and Digital Technologies as Drivers of Disruptive Innovation in India". The event brought together eminent industry leaders, technology experts and policymakers to deliberate on how emerging technologies are reshaping businesses, governance and society at large.

The knowledge-rich sessions, focussed on AI, digital platforms and deep-tech innovations driving scalable, inclusive and future-ready growth for India, featured distinguished speakers including Shri Rama Krishna Dasari, Managing Director, Efftronics Ltd.; Ms. Kavitha C, Director, STPI Hyderabad; Shri Jignesh Talasila, Founder, Perspect AI; Shri Krishna Kovvuri, CEO, Krify Software; Shri Indrajit Anne, CEO, Inventiz and State President, ITAAP; Dr. Ramaraju Poosapati, Head of Enterprise Architecture, TCS; Shri Kiran Sangita, CEO & MD, Sails Software Inc.; and Ms. Vyshali Sagar from Micron India.



Mohali

Building Trusted and Ethical AI: STPI Mohali launches 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026'

STPI Mohali convened the Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' on the theme "Building Trusted and Ethical AI for the Future", on 29th November 2025 in Mohali.

The programme featured an insightful panel discussion on ethical AI and a fireside chat on "Ethical Implications of AI in Society". The event comprised esteemed speakers including Shri Kamal Kishor Yadav, Secretary Industries, Government of Punjab; Shri Shailendra Singh, Director, STPI Mohali; Shri I. S. Paul, Chairman, DRISH Infotech, Mohali; and Shri V. K. Sharma, Director, CDAC Mohali, among other dignitaries.



Guwahati

Pre-Summit Event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' reaches the Gateway to Northeast India

One of India's biggest AI movements, 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026', as a run-up to the grand India AI Impact Summit 2026, reached Guwahati on 11th December, 2025, and encompassed enlightening panel sessions and an inaugural session with esteemed speakers like Shri K.S. Gopinath Narayan, Principal Secretary, IT, Govt of Assam; Shri K. K. Singh, Joint Secretary, MeitY, Govt of India; Ms. Vandana Srivastava, Director, STPI Guwahati; Shri Kalyan Kar, Managing Director - Rezolve AI India and Chief Mentor - STPI OctaNE CoE, Agartala; Dr. Suman Deb, Associate Professor, NIT Agartala, and Mentor at STPI OctaNE CoE, Agartala; and more dignitaries.

The themes here revolved around Democratising AI Resources and focussed on "AI as the New Co-Founder: How Artificial Intelligence is Redefining Ideation to Product Development".



Goa

Deliberation & AI Discourse: Pre-summit event, 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' takes place in Goa

Replete with thought-provoking panel discussions revolving around "AI in Education" and special addresses by visionary leaders and industry experts, the event continued on an inspiring note in the gracious presence of Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Director, STPI; Prof. Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM, Goa; Smt. Pratima G. Dhond, President, Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Shri Mangirish Salelkar, Director Umang Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Goa; Shri Ajay Prasad Shrivastava, Director, STPI Pune, among others.



AIC STPINEXT Initiatives and GIM Goa join hands to bolster the country's innovation sector and startup ecosystem

The Pre-Summit event, held on 18th December, 2025, also saw AIC STPINEXT Initiatives and the Goa Institute of Management (GIM) exchanging a memorandum of understanding (MoU). The MoU, exchanged between Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Director, STPI and Professor Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM Goa, aims at promoting and supporting activities related to startups, innovation, entrepreneurship and multidisciplinary development.

Kolkata

AI Leadership and Transformation: Pre-summit event, 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' in Kolkata

The Pre-summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026', organised by STPI Kolkata in association with Cognitive AI Institute, unfolded on 19th December, 2025, with an inspiring inaugural session and invigorating panel discussions in play. With thought leaders and experts gracing the occasion, including Subrata Chatterji, Founder & CEO, Cognitive AI Institute; Shri Sanat Chattopadhyay, President, Manufacturing Division at Merck; Shri Subhanjan Das (IAS), Secretary of the IT and Electronics Department, Govt. of West Bengal; Shri Sanjay Kumar Das, Addl. Secretary, Sci. & Tech, & Biotechnology, SISO, Govt. of West Bengal; Shri Manjit Nayak, Director, STPI Kolkata; and others, the dialogue centered on harnessing AI as a catalyst for leadership, innovation and transformative growth across industries.



Chennai

AI Impact on Banking & Finance: STPI Chennai presents Pre-summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026'

The AI movement coloured the capital city of Tamil Nadu and the Gateway to South India - Chennai - with its tech brilliance as STPI Chennai received the baton to host the next Pre-Summit event on 19th December, 2025.

Bringing forth insightful dialogues around AI tech disruption and its impact on finance, the event was graced by the presence of Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, as a keynote speaker, who offered his valuable perspectives on the transformative role of AI, *"AI represents a new Y2K moment—a massive opportunity for job creation, application development and productivity gains. AI will enhance human capability rather than replace it. Cognitive jobs will transform, but new roles and opportunities will emerge."*

Dignitaries who joined the event, hosted collaboratively by STPI Chennai, IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation and Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT), included Professor V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras; Shri Brajendra Navnit,

Principal Secretary to Government, Information Technology and Digital Services, Govt. of Tamil Nadu; Shri Arun Jain, CMD of Intellect Design Arena Ltd. & Chief Mentor, Finblue; Ms. Tulika Pandey, Scientist 'G' and Group Coordinator, MeitY, Government of India; Shri Mahadesha V, Director, STPI Chennai.

A key highlight of the Pre-Summit event, STPI and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation exchanged an MoU to promote ShaktiDB, an open-source database ecosystem aimed at strengthening India's digital infrastructure and advancing a digitally empowered nation. The MoU was exchanged between Shri J. Shankar Raman, CEO, IITM Pravartak and Shri Mahadesha V, Director, STPI Chennai.



Gandhinagar

AI in FinTech: Vibrant Pre-Summit event convened by STPI Gandhinagar

STPI Gandhinagar hosted a vibrant Pre-Summit event on "Revolutionary AI Tools in FinTech: Balancing Innovation & Trust", contributing directly to the core values of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

The event, held on 20th November, 2025, featured regional AI-FinTech startup showcases, insightful panel discussions and ecosystem interactions, highlighting how responsible AI can drive financial inclusion while maintaining trust and security.



New Delhi

A world with inclusive AI: STPI & NCPEDP host Pre-Summit event at STPI Delhi on World Disability Day



The revolutionary AI movement finally reached the national capital as STPI, in association with the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP), rolled the Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' into action on the occasion of World Disability Day on 3rd December.

Held at STPI Delhi with great enthusiasm and purpose, the event centred around the theme "AI for Accessibility – Transforming Lives Through Innovation" and was graced by Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY.

The event featured thought-provoking discussions and expert perspectives from leading academicians, policymakers and industry leaders, including Shri Pradeep Gupta, Chairman, CyberMedia Group; Ms. Deepa Nagraj, Global Head of Communications, Sparkle Innovation Ecosystem, ESG and CSR at Mphasis; and Dr Chandrasekhar Buddha, CEO, Anuvadini AI and COO, AICTE; Dr. Gaurav Raheja of IIT Roorkee; Dr Ravinder Singh, Sr. Scientist, ICMR; Ms. Prachi Bhatia, Meta and others.

In his address at the Pre-Summit event, Shri S. Krishnan highlighted the Govt. of India's vision for ethical, inclusive and people-centric AI, emphasising that AI must ensure equity, empowerment and access for persons with disabilities and underserved communities.

Strengthening synergies: STPI collaborates to boost medical innovation, bolster the country's Assistive Technology (AT) ecosystem

AIC STPINEXT Initiatives (for STPI MedTech CoE at SGPGI, Lucknow) and the Govt. Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) joined forces at the Pre-Summit event, where the MoU was exchanged between Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, MD, AIC STPINEXT INITIATIVES and Dr Rambha Pathak, Dean - GIMS. The partnership aims to strengthen the HealthTech startup ecosystem of India through infrastructure, expertise, mentoring, funding and industry outreach.

Moreover, STPI and the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) joined hands to boost startups through mutual collaborative activities focussed on innovation around AI. The MoU was exchanged between Shri Rakesh Dubey, Director, STPI-HQ and Shri Sanjay Wandhekar, Centre Head, C-DAC Pune at the Pre-Summit event.

To mark the World Disability Day, AIC STPINEXT Initiatives and the National Centre for Promotion of Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) also collaborated to bolster the country's Assistive Technology (AT) ecosystem, combining STPI's vast tech and incubation network with NCPEDP's cross-disability and cross-disciplinary expertise. The MoU was exchanged by Shri Arman Ali, Executive Director, NCPEDP and Shri Rakesh Dubey, Director, STPI, during the Pre-summit event at STPI Delhi.

The Delhi Pre-Summit marked a significant step towards shaping an AI-driven future that is inclusive, accessible and empowering for all, fully aligned with the broader vision of the India-AI Impact Summit 2026.



Mysuru

Invigorating AI dialogues & visionary keynotes at STPI Mysuru's Pre-Summit event

The AI momentum flowed into the heritage city on 22nd December, 2025, where STPI Mysuru, in association with JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSSAHER), convened the Pre-Summit event. Revolving around the theme "Democratising AI Resources", the event comprised dynamic exchanges among thought leaders, industry pioneers, innovators and dignitaries, included Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Honourable Member of Parliament (Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency); Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director STPI Bengaluru; Dr. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSSAHER, Mysuru; Shri Sudhanva Dhananjay, CEO/MD, Excelsoft; Ms. Savitha Mallappa, CEO Rprocess; and others, who explored how AI can be harnessed to strengthen India's digital public infrastructure.



Gurugram

Growth & Governance in AI: Pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026' in Gurugram

The AI wave hit the Millennium City, as STPI Gurugram, with South Asian University, New Delhi, hosted the Pre-Summit event, Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026 centered on the theme "Safe & Trusted AI for Bharat: Enabling Inclusive Growth & Governance".

The gathering, held on 30th December, 2025, in the presence of dignitaries Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY; Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, President, SAU; Dr. Ravindra Kumar Soni, Registrar, SAU; Shri Ashok Gupta, Director, STPI Gurugram; among others, spotlighted how AI can be harnessed to drive inclusive development, strengthen governance and accelerate India's digital transformation journey.

STPI and SAU strengthen ties for fostering startup and research ecosystem

A key highlight of the Pre-Summit event in New Delhi was the exchange of an MoU between STPI and South Asian University (SAU), marking a significant step towards advancing entrepreneurship, research, technology development and capacity building for South Asia's regional development.





A symphony of startups, a chorus of innovation, an anthem of impact: India Mobile Congress 2025

Startups gain opportunity to showcase inventive solutions at the MeitY Pavilion, interact with dignitaries

Amidst a vibrant tech buzz, STPI participated in the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 held from 8th to 11th October 2025 in New Delhi, by showcasing cutting-edge innovations from STPI-nurtured startups at the MeitY Pavilion. The event, one of Asia's largest technology congregations, witnessed enthusiastic participation from policymakers, industry leaders, global investors and technology experts.

During the event, several eminent dignitaries including Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY; Shri Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, MeitY & DG, NIC, Shri ; and Chairman, TRAI, Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti visited the STPI pavilion, where they were welcomed by Director General, STPI, Shri Arvind Kumar. They interacted with startups Nav Prayukti Pvt. Ltd. (Guwahati-based, STPI OctaNE CoE incubatee delivering IoT solutions for process optimisation), Daakia Pvt. Ltd. (STPI IMAGE CoE incubatee providing video-first SaaS solutions to MSMEs, educators and enterprises), Garudalytics Pvt. Ltd. (an AI-powered geospatial platform and STPI NGIS-beneficiary) and Matference Technologies India Pvt. Ltd. (STPI NGIS-beneficiary building AI-powered, field-enabled loan resolution infrastructure for rural population), and were briefed about their innovative products and solutions, reflecting STPI's pivotal role in strengthening India's digital innovation and startup ecosystem.

Setting the tone for India's next leap in tech and digital innovation: Samarth Acceleration Session – Cohort II launched at IMC 2025

The Samarth Incubation Programme-Cohort-II: Acceleration Session, powered by C-DOT and implemented by STPI, was formally launched at IMC 2025 in the distinguished presence of DG, STPI, Shri Arvind Kumar; CEO, C-DOT, Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay; Executive Director, TiE Delhi-NCR, Ms. Upasana Sharma; and Chairman, Cyber Media Group, Shri Pradeep Gupta, among others.

The launch, which marked the induction of 18 shortlisted startups into the acceleration programme, witnessed inspiring addresses by industry stalwarts who further emphasised the collective vision of nurturing startups solving real-world challenges through innovation and technology.

Herein, DG STPI expressed, *"Samarth is perhaps one of the only programmes which provides end-to-end support to startups."* Inspiring entrepreneurs, he added, *"You must believe in yourself."* Whereas, CEO, C-DOT spotlighted various programs by C-DOT that aim to accelerate startups. *"For Samarth II, we launched problem statements on AI, Li-Fi, security and drones. We received quite a lot of applications and, after a rigorous process, we selected 18 startups. This acceleration programme recognises them."*

Strengthening international cooperation, STPI hosts high-level Cuban delegation

Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, warmly welcomed the delegation from Cuba at the STPI Headquarters. The delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Marsan Aguilera, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba, accompanied by Mrs. Guadalupe de Regla Fromet Gomez, Deputy Head of Mission; Mr. Angel Oscar Pino Hernandez, Director General, XETID; and Mr. Samuel Tejeda Díaz, Commercial Director, XETID.

During the visit, the Cuban delegation was briefed on STPI's services and key initiatives fostering the growth of India's IT/ITeS sector. The discussions with the delegation primarily focused on IT development in Cuba and policy-related matters, opening new avenues for collaboration in the digital and technology domains.





Powering India's creative economy: STPI leads innovation at IndiaJoy 2025

STPI fuelled innovation as the Incubation Partner at IndiaJoy 2025, held on 1st-2nd November 2025 in Hyderabad. The STPI Pavilion buzzed with excitement as esteemed dignitaries, delegates, investors and wealth managers explored the plethora of cutting-edge innovations showcased by STPI IMAGE CoE and STPI OCTANE CoE startups. The pavilion featured innovative solutions in gaming, animation, immersive technologies and AI, reaffirming STPI's leadership role in strengthening India's next-generation startup ecosystem.

Further, STPI officials engaged with visitors and highlighted the organisation's flagship initiatives aimed at catalysing the country's tech startup ecosystem and digital growth.

Boot Camp on "Design Thinking to Startup Launch" in New Delhi to nurture future entrepreneurs

A three-day Boot Camp on "Design Thinking to Startup Launch" commenced on 7th October 2025, organised by KEIC Foundation and K.R. Mangalam University in association with STPI and Wadhvani Foundation. The programme, designed to equip aspiring entrepreneurs with practical skills to transform innovative ideas into scalable startup ventures, focussed on key aspects such as design thinking, customer validation and financial planning, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and young innovators.



Collaboration with the Government of Chhattisgarh for innovation-led growth

Director General, STPI, Shri Arvind Kumar joined a series of high-level meetings with state leadership to strengthen collaboration for startup and innovation-led growth. He met the Honourable Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, along with Chief Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Shri Vikas Sheel and other senior officials on 7th October, 2025, wherein he briefed them on STPI's ongoing initiatives, forthcoming startup-centric programmes and various activities being undertaken in the state as well as across the country to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.



CII CONNECT 2025 in Coimbatore highlights India's AI-driven future

The 23rd edition of CII CONNECT, the flagship ICT event of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), held in Coimbatore on October 16-17, 2025, was organised with support from the Government of Tamil Nadu and STPI on the theme "TransformAltion into the NextEra of Intelligence."

The event brought together industry leaders, policymakers and entrepreneurs to explore how AI can drive innovation, foster collaboration and accelerate India's digital transformation. Herein, innovators were encouraged to actively contribute by developing AI training modules, curating sector-specific datasets and building specialised Small Language Models (SLMs).

With its focus on AI-powered solutions, CONNECT 2025 reinforced Tamil Nadu's position as a hub for ICT growth and future-ready technologies.



STPI co-hosts Chhattisgarh Tech Start, as part of Chhattisgarh Rajat Mahotsav, showcasing the state as a key growth engine of Central India

As part of the grand Chhattisgarh Rajat Mahotsav celebrating 25 glorious years of the state, STPI, in collaboration with the Government of Chhattisgarh, hosted 'Chhattisgarh Tech Start'. The event was graced by the Shri Vishnu Deo Sai, Honourable Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, who was warmly received by Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, along with eminent dignitaries, industry leaders and innovators. During the programme, the Honourable CM also interacted with startups showcasing cutting-edge technologies.

In line with its vision to create a digitally empowered and innovation-driven economy, the event brought together government officials, startups and investors to position Chhattisgarh as an emerging hub for IT, digital services and innovation.

"If you have an idea, today's technological tools can help you bring it to life," DG, STPI, during his address at Chhattisgarh Tech Start, reflected on India's inclusive and robust digital revolution, highlighting STPI's pivotal role in propelling the IT/ITeS industry from ₹52 crore exports in its early 90's to over ₹20 lakh crore today.

Furthermore, MoUs were signed with various organisations to promote startups and industries and to strengthen the state's technology and innovation ecosystem.



STPI joins IGDC 2025 in Chennai to power India's animation, gaming and immersive technology ecosystem

STPI participated as the Industry Partner at the 17th edition of the India Game Developer Conference (IGDC) 2025, held from 5th to 7th November 2025 in Chennai. One of the country's largest game developer gatherings, IGDC is known for bringing together global game developers, studios, creators, investors and technology leaders under one roof.

During the event, STPI-nurtured startups including Anahata Interactive, Little Tag Art Studios, Kyrel Games, Sherlock Games, STEAMIFIED, Zimension 3D Technologies, Haika Studios, REDDEVIL Studio, AIZALIQ Studios, Pireality Metaverse, AbracaDabra Software Solutions and Shroom Interactive showcased their innovative products and creative capabilities.



'India today stands as the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world': DG, STPI launches open source NCR Community at Sharda University

Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, during the launch of the Open Source NCR Community at Sharda University, commended the initiative as a rare and forward-thinking step for any academic institution. Praising the Open Source NCR Community initiative, he co-related its transformative potential to UPI, calling it a powerful model that can bridge academia and industry, inspiring other universities to follow suit.

During the programme, he highlighted the impact of flagship initiatives such as Digital India and Startup India, underscoring India's position as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem and the largest IT/ITeS service producer. He also invited students to actively participate in and witness India's growing AI ecosystem at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, scheduled for February 2026.





STPI hosts workshop on Secure Coding Practices in Thiruvananthapuram to foster cybersecurity capabilities

STPI Thiruvananthapuram organised a hands-on workshop on Secure Coding Practices, led by Shri Deepu Chandran, Associate Vice President – Technical, LDRA, and attended by professionals and developers from the region.

The workshop covered critical areas including secure software design principles, code review best practices, CERT coding standards and security compliance using LDRA tools and STPI offerings. The initiative aimed to enhance awareness and technical competence in building secure and resilient software systems.

In a bid to promote entrepreneurial excellence, STPI co-hosts TiEcon Delhi-NCR 2025

STPI co-hosted TiEcon Delhi-NCR 2025, a prestigious conglomeration bringing together entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers and industry leaders to deliberate on emerging trends in technology and entrepreneurship.

Here, STPI-nurtured startups, comprising Deepsight AI Labs Pvt. Ltd., NebulARC Technologies, Benlycos Pvt. Ltd., Inweon IT Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Navstream Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Is Going Online and Verdant Motor Pvt. Ltd., showcased their innovative solutions before a distinguished audience, highlighting STPI's role in enabling startups to scale and compete globally. The event featured inspiring keynote addresses, insightful panel sessions and provided high-impact networking opportunities to the participants.



Coding, Creativity and Collaboration: STPI supports BPUT Hackathon in Odisha

STPI supported the BPUT Hackathon held at Biju Patnaik University of Technology (BPUT), Rourkela, Odisha, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and young innovators. The hackathon brimmed with energy as participants set up their workstations and dove into intensive rounds of coding, creativity and collaboration.

The initiative reflected STPI's continued efforts to nurture grassroots innovation and build a strong pipeline of future-ready technocrats by providing students with a puissant platform to apply their skills to real-world challenges.



Cloud innovation and digital transformation in action: STPI participates in Cloud & Data Centre India 2025 Annual Conference

STPI proudly joined as the Ecosystem Partner at the flagship Bharat Exhibitions event, Cloud & Data Centre India 2025 Annual Conference, in New Delhi, where leaders from ICT, BFSI, healthcare, energy, FMCG, transport and the government converged to explore the future of cloud, data centres, edge computing and emerging tech. From multi-cloud strategies to security innovations, the conference delivered a 360° view of disruption and opportunity.



Fostering a culture of cleanliness: STPI joins Swachhotsav 2025 celebrations at MeitY

Following a successful and elaborate Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) 2025 campaign, STPI actively participated in the Swachhotsav event organised at MeitY, marking the Swachh Bharat Diwas. The event witnessed participation from officials of MeitY and its associated organisations, exhibiting their collective commitment towards cleanliness and civic responsibility.

During the programme, Secretary, MeitY, Shri S Krishnan appreciated the concerted efforts of all participating organisations for successfully driving the nationwide cleanliness campaign and encouraged everyone to uphold the same spirit of cleanliness in their daily lives.



National pride and glory: STPI observes Constitution Day

STPI observed Constitution Day on 26th November with deep respect and national pride, as Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, administered the Constitution Day pledge to officers and staff. The officials solemnly recited the Preamble of the Constitution, commemorating 76 years of its adoption and reaffirming their commitment to uphold the principles of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Constitution Day, also known as Samvidhan Diwas, is observed every year on 26th November to mark the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1949. The theme for 2025, "Hamara Samvidhan – Hamara Swabhiman" ("Our Constitution – Our Pride"), resonated strongly with the spirit of the occasion, reinforcing the values that continue to guide India's democratic and institutional foundations.

Reinforcing the spirit of Seva, accountability and people-first governance, STPI centres across India participate in Karmayogi training

STPI officials, led by the Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, successfully completed a comprehensive training under the Rashtriya Karmayogi Large-Scale Jan Seva Programme, aimed at strengthening a citizen-centric, ethical and service-oriented approach among government officials.



एसटीपीआई मुख्यालय में राजभाषा हिन्दी पर कार्यशाला का आयोजन

राजभाषा हिन्दी के प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन एवं सांविधिक दायित्वों की समझ को सुदृढ़ करने के उद्देश्य से एसटीपीआई मुख्यालय में "राजभाषा नीति का कार्यान्वयन और हमारे सांविधिक दायित्व" विषय पर एक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।

इस अवसर पर अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों को राजभाषा नियमों, हिन्दी पत्राचार के लक्ष्यों तथा द्विभाषी दस्तावेजों से संबंधित प्रावधानों से अवगत कराया गया।



Students from Government Polytechnic, Kotdwar gain insights into India's vibrant tech and startup ecosystem at STPI Dehradun

Students from the Government Polytechnic, Kotdwar visited STPI Dehradun on an industrial visit, wherein they gained valuable insights about various initiatives of STPI and its role in fostering India's startup ecosystem.



STPI Apiary CoE equips startups for market success

STPI Apiary CoE hosted the Market Readiness & GTM Strategy session, led by industry expert Shri Deepak Ghadge (Senior Vice President, IDS), to help startups refine their market approach, strengthen customer strategy and prepare for real-world deployment.



Exploring Industry 4.0: Students visit STPI KALPATARU CoE's advanced lab facilities

Students of Gayatri Vidya Parishad College, Visakhapatnam visited STPI KALPATARU CoE, wherein they explored the Industry 4.0 lab facilities.



Bridging academia & industry: STPI Chennai hosts an engaging industrial visit for NITTTR staff

STPI Chennai organised an industrial visit for the National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research, Chennai staff and Polytechnic faculty to strengthen academia-industry ties. Herein, Shri Mahadesha V., Director, STPI Chennai, outlined STPI's role in boosting IT growth and startups, stressing on academia's role in building a skilled, future-ready talent pool.

STPI MedTech CoE hosts an insightful industrial visit at CSIR-IITR Lucknow

An industrial visit was organised by STPI Medtech CoE at CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow, wherein the students were apprised about various services offered by STPI to bolster India's startup ecosystem.



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