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Message from ARVIND KUMAR

Director General, STPI



Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as one of the most transformative technologies of 21st century. Across the world, governments, industries, researchers and innovators are exploring its immense potential to redefine economies, improve governance, accelerate businesses and address societal challenges. AI possesses tremendous power that is still in the early stages of being fully harnessed for the betterment of humanity and the advancement of all spheres of life.

While global forums and policy platforms often shape the future discourse on technology, the real impact of innovation is visible in emerging cities and regional ecosystems where young entrepreneurs transform ideas into practical solutions. These innovations not only create new business opportunities but also generate employment and improve lives at the grassroots level.

The first quarter of 2026 reflected both these dimensions of India's evolving technology landscape. From hosting the India AI Impact Summit & Expo 2026, one of the world's most significant gatherings focused on artificial intelligence, to expanding STPI's footprint in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, the period highlighted India's growing technological capabilities as well as STPI's continued commitment towards building an inclusive innovation ecosystem across the country.

The India AI Impact Summit & Expo 2026 marked a defining moment for India's rapidly growing AI ecosystem. The six-day Summit, inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16 February 2026, showcased the nation's ambition to leverage AI for large-scale societal transformation. As the fourth edition in the global AI summit series and the first hosted in the Global South, the Summit positioned India at the centre of global discussions on the future of AI and emerging technologies.

Anchored around the themes of People, Planet and Progress, the Summit brought together world leaders, policymakers, researchers, industry experts, startups and innovators from across the globe. The deliberations focused on how AI can be responsibly developed and effectively deployed to drive meaningful transformation across sectors. More importantly, the Summit reinforced India's vision of ensuring that AI becomes a force for inclusion, sustainability and equitable growth.

Complementing the Summit was the India AI Impact Expo 2026, executed by STPI, which served as a vibrant showcase of innovation and technological excellence. The Expo featured cutting-edge AI-driven solutions from startups, enterprises and research institutions across domains such as governance, healthcare, agriculture, education, manufacturing and sustainability.

The Expo also highlighted India's growing capabilities in developing scalable and impactful AI solutions tailored to real-world challenges. By bringing together innovators from different sectors and geographies, the event strengthened collaboration and further established India as a key contributor to the global AI movement.

While the global spotlight remained on artificial intelligence and emerging technologies, STPI continued to strengthen the innovation ecosystem at the grassroots level. On 26 March 2026, STPI inaugurated its 71st centre in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, marking another milestone in its mission to promote technology-led entrepreneurship beyond established metropolitan hubs. The centre was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and is expected to play a significant role in fostering innovation, startup growth and employment generation across Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

The Gorakhpur centre is the sixth STPI facility in Uttar Pradesh after Noida, Lucknow, Kanpur, Prayagraj and Meerut. Equipped with modern incubation infrastructure and plug-and-play facilities, the centre has been designed to nurture young innovators and entrepreneurs in the IT and ITeS sectors.

The launch of the Gorakhpur centre reflects STPI's long-standing vision that geography should never become a barrier to innovation. Over the years, India's entrepreneurial aspirations have expanded far beyond metropolitan cities, with a growing number of talented innovators emerging from Tier-II and Tier-III cities. These regions possess immense potential, and with the right ecosystem support, they can become major contributors to India's digital economy and startup movement.

From its humble beginning with three centres in the early 1990s, STPI has evolved into a nationwide network of 71 centres, including 63 centres located in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. This extensive presence has enabled STPI to bring world-class infrastructure, incubation support, mentorship and market access closer to aspiring entrepreneurs across the country. The organisation has played a pivotal role in nurturing a geographically diverse and inclusive technology ecosystem that empowers innovators irrespective of their location.

During the inauguration ceremony, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath aptly observed that aspiring entrepreneurs today require little more than a computer, innovative ideas and the right ecosystem support to begin their startup journey. This vision aligns closely with STPI's mission of nurturing innovation and entrepreneur ship across the country. Through state-of-the- art infrastructure, incubation facilities, mentorship, market linkages, access to funding, and industry partnerships, STPI has consistently provided a robust platform that enables startups to transform innovative ideas into sustainable and successful enterprises.

Beyond infrastructure development, STPI continues to play a proactive role in connecting startups with investors, mentors, industry leaders and global opportunities. Through its 24 Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) and various technology-focused initiatives, STPI supports startups throughout their growth journey, from ideation and incubation to scaling and market expansion.

As India moves towards becoming a global technology and innovation powerhouse, STPI remains committed to fostering emerging technologies, empowering entrepreneurs and strengthening an inclusive innovation ecosystem. By expanding opportunities beyond traditional technology hubs and supporting startups across regions, STPI continues to contribute significantly to India's vision of inclusive growth, digital transformation and technological self-reliance.



Glimpses of INDIA AI IMPACT SUMMIT 2026























India AI Impact Summit 2026:

Where the world came together to shape the future of AI

An event that took the world by storm, a name that made every innovator's head turn around and a phenomenon that left a lasting legacy — India AI Impact Summit 2026

Organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India, the six-day Summit was held from 16th–21st February, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, and inaugurated by the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. The Summit witnessed participation from nearly 6,00,000 visitors, including world leaders, policymakers, Big Tech CEOs, researchers, startups, academia, Union Ministries, State Governments and international partners from across the globe.

India at the epicenter of an AI revolution: Lead-up, precursor & more

As the fourth in the global series of AI summits following the Bletchley Park AI Safety Summit (2023), AI Seoul Summit (2024) and AI Action Summit in Paris (2025), the India AI Impact Summit 2026 marked the first edition hosted by a Global South nation. Moreover, for the India AI Impact Summit 2026 alone, 550+ pre-summit events and conferences were organised nationwide leading up to the main event to facilitate early consultations and focussed thematic discussions.

Featuring 13 country pavilions representing Australia, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Serbia, Estonia, Tajikistan and Africa, the movement firmly positioned India at the heart of the global AI conversation.

Anchored in the three pillars: People, Planet and Progress

Guided by the three foundational sutras — People, Planet and Progress — the Summit focussed on promoting human-centric AI, environmentally sustainable innovation and inclusive economic growth.





The seven chakras of global AI collaboration

The India AI Impact Summit 2026, announced by Hon'ble PM of India at the France AI Action Summit, revolved around the theme of Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya or 'welfare for all, happiness for all'.

The Summit's deliberations were organised through Chakras or Working Groups structured around seven interconnected thematic areas, translating the Sutras into actionable global priorities.

Each Chakra represented a distinct yet interconnected sphere of multilateral engagement through which the potential of AI can be harnessed to deliver tangible benefits aligned with the three Sutras. Together, they offered a comprehensive framework that enabled countries, international organisations and stakeholders to coordinate AI deployment strategies that enable the maximization of collective benefits while still addressing shared challenges.

- **Human Capital**
- **Inclusion for Social Empowerment**
- **Safe and Trusted AI**
- **Science**
- **Resilience, Innovation and Efficiency**
- **Democratizing AI Resources**
- **AI for Economic Development & Social Good**

India: The heartbeat of the global AI conversation

The Summit further encompassed revolutionary dialogues on disruption and AI innovation, led by the biggest names shaping global AI policy and tech infrastructure, including Sundar Pichai, CEO, Google; Sam Altman, CEO, OpenAI; Dario Amodei, CEO, Anthropic; Brad Smith, President, Microsoft; Shantanu Narayen, CEO, Adobe; Cristiano Amon, CEO, Qualcomm, among others.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 quickly evolved into one of the largest AI gatherings ever held globally, uniting delegates from 118 nations. As the conversations sparked here turned into collaborations and real-world impact, India stood not just as a mere participant, but as a driving force shaping the future of AI for the world.









India AI Impact Expo: A radiant chapter of the global India AI Impact Summit 2026

A crucial part of the Summit was the India AI Impact Expo, which emerged as one of the world's largest AI showcases, bringing together more than 650 exhibitors across 10 thematic pavilions reflecting national and global priorities. Instead of broad, unfocussed tech displays, every pavilion successfully highlighted AI systems that solve concrete problems: climate resilience, scientific discovery, inclusive development, secure governance, workforce skilling and more. Global technology leaders like Microsoft, Airtel, Google, Meta, Adobe and Schneider Electric further elevated the significance of the Expo.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the India AI Impact Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, describing it as a powerful convergence of ideas, innovation and intent that showcases India's growing leadership in Artificial Intelligence. Sharing highlights of the inauguration on X, the Prime Minister said the Expo reflected the extraordinary potential of Indian talent in shaping the future of AI for global good.

> **"India AI Impact Expo 2026 was a powerful convergence of ideas, innovation and intent. It showcased the extraordinary potential of Indian talent in shaping the future of Artificial Intelligence for global good. Above all, it reaffirmed our commitment to harnessing AI responsibly, inclusively and at scale for human progress."**
>
> **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**

The Prime Minister also shared that being among innovators, researchers and technology enthusiasts offered a glimpse into the transformative potential of AI and Indian innovation. ***"Together, we will shape solutions not just for India but for the world,"*** he added.

The Expo, spread across 70,000 square metres, unveiled a curated community of exhibitors, global partners, enterprises and investors all in one place, unfurling multitudinous product demos, launches, mentoring sessions and masterclasses featuring AI experts. The varied B2B meetings and showcases led into scalable business conversations and structured deals and what resulted ultimately was cross-border collaborations designed for integration, market entry and sector-level rollouts.







STPI at India AI Impact Summit 2026

STPI served as a key institutional anchor by exhibiting a massive and vibrant startup ecosystem it nurtured over the years at the India AI Impact Expo. The startups gained significant momentum as they presented game-changing solutions spanning sectors like healthcare, defence, spacetech, agriculture and fintech.



The Expo showcased a diverse portfolio of STPI-nurtured startups working across AI, deep tech, robotics, agritech, climate tech, cybersecurity, blockchain, enterprise software, logistics and IoT. Participating startups included Brenin Technologies, Esniff Devices, Evigway Technologies, Inflynx Technologies, Matference Technologies, Predulive Innovations, Talentspotify, Testaing Solutions, Voptimaise Climate Tech Solutions, YellowSense Technologies, Agnistoka Digital Universe Tech, Agniware, Ashaa.AI, Daakia, Devick Biz Solutions, DSeT Consulting, Farmoid Robotech, Hanu AI, INTELIQUANT AI, Inweon IT Innovations, Kubar Protocol, Manodayam, Miimansa AI, QuaaPeak Tech, Spotless AI Robotics, Sreyas Software Solutions and Pragyaa.ai. Together, these startups demonstrated innovative solutions ranging from AI-powered platforms and intelligent automation to smart agriculture, sustainable technologies, advanced analytics and next-generation digital infrastructure.

Further, STPI played a pivotal role by curating a series of high-impact sessions during the Expo that explored AI's transformative potential across sectors. From AI-powered digital connectivity and future networks to healthcare, fintech, infrastructure, startup ecosystems, education, ethics and regional AI hubs, STPI-led discussions brought together some of the most influential voices in policy, industry, academia and entrepreneurship.

One of the key STPI-led dialogues was the session on ***"AI Powered Bharat through Universal Digital Connectivity"***, which explored how next-generation connectivity is enabling inclusive digital transformation and accelerating the vision of an AI-enabled India. Another major conversation, ***"Scaling Innovation: Building a Robust AI Startup Ecosystem"***, focused on strengthening India's startup landscape through mentorship, incubation, funding readiness and ecosystem partnerships. Sessions on ***"Universities and Innovation Institutions as Drivers of Responsible AI at City Scale"*** dived deep into how collaborative ecosystems can translate cutting-edge research into scalable, socially beneficial solutions. ***"The AI Infrastructure Story: Data Centres and Cloud in Action"*** by STPI explored India's evolving AI infrastructure stack, from sovereign, secure hyperscale data centres to sustainable cooling, green energy integration, cloud-delivered AI services and edge computing.



STPI joins forces with NPC and TiE Delhi NCR to bolster India's innovation and startup ecosystem

Reinforcing its commitment to collaborative innovation, STPI also exchanged key memorandums of understanding (MoUs) during the Summit with the National Productivity Council (NPC) and TiE Delhi–NCR.

In order to catalyse the productivity ecosystem, STPI and NPC partnered with the shared vision to accelerate the adoption of Industry 4.0 and AI-led transformation across MSMEs and enterprises.

Moreover, STPI, STPINEXT and TiE Delhi–NCR came together to elevate the next phase of India's entrepreneurial growth through joint programmes, innovation challenges, mentoring initiatives and structured ecosystem outreach.





Sneak peek into the STPI Startup Felicitation 2026

Another significant moment was the STPI Startup Felicitation 2026, where exceptional startups were recognised for their outstanding achievements in revenue growth, funding, employment generation, women workforce participation, innovation and AI-led impact during FY 2024–25.

Suhora Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Revenue (up to ₹50 Cr)
Fuevation Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Funding (up to ₹50 Cr)
Sequretek IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Employment (up to ₹50 Cr) ▪ Highest Women Employment (up to ₹50 Cr) ▪ Highest AI-based Impact based on Revenue
Atmik Bharat Industries Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Impact based on Beneficiaries
MobilePe E-Commerce Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Impact based on Beneficiaries (2nd Position)
Devnagri AI Pvt. Ltd.	Highest AI-based Impact based on Revenue (2nd Position)
Dectrocel Healthcare & Research Pvt. Ltd.	Most Innovative
Easiofy Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Most Promising Innovation
Strangify Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Women Employment (up to ₹25 Cr)
Canectar Foods Pvt. Ltd.	Most Innovative (2nd Position)
Fuselage Innovations Pvt. Ltd.	Most Promising Innovation (2nd Position)
Phoenix Marine Exports & Solution Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Revenue (up to ₹25 Cr) ▪ Highest Impact based on Revenue (Tier-II/III)
Zimyo Consulting Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Funding Raised (up to ₹25 Cr)
Swadha Agri Pvt. Ltd.	Highest Employment (up to ₹25 Cr)





'Unlearn, learn and adapt', DG STPI delivers an inspiring address at the summit

Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, addressed the gathering during the India AI Impact Summit 2026 and highlighted STPI's extensive national footprint, supporting over 1,800 startups through incubation, mentorship, product development and global exposure.



With 70 centres across India and 24 domain-specific Centres of Entrepreneurship (CoEs) supporting IT/ITES industry and startups in emerging technologies like AI, blockchain and healthtech, STPI renders 360-degree support. *"AI development must reflect India's linguistic, cultural and regional diversity, requiring large datasets and localised AI models to ensure inclusive growth,"* he added, while advocating for responsible and ethical AI under the FASTP (Fair, Accountable, Secure, Transparent, Privacy-aware) framework. *"In the AI era, ideas matter more than coding expertise and innovators must focus on "unlearn, learn, and adapt","* DG STPI concluded his address.





STPI marks another milestone; expands its innovation footprint to Gorakhpur with 71st centre

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of its 71st centre in Gorakhpur on 26th March, 2026 by Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, ushering in a new era of innovation and growth for Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

Aligned with the vision of empowering the next generation of tech entrepreneurs and innovators, the new centre is set to strengthen the region's IT ecosystem, foster a vibrant startup culture and accelerate inclusive growth across the technology landscape in Tier-II and Tier-III cities beyond the metros.



Spread across ~25,000 sq. ft. in a Ground + 1 configuration, the state-of-the-art facility offers a comprehensive ecosystem for startups, innovators and IT enterprises. Key features include a 50-seater Plug & Play space, ~12,000 sq. ft. of incubation area (comprising 6,000 sq. ft. raw and 6,000 sq. ft. semi-furnished space), along with an auditorium, conference and meeting rooms, a Network Operations Centre (NOC), cafeteria and more, all designed to promote collaboration, creativity and growth.

Marking the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also performed a Rudraksha tree plantation, symbolising a new beginning of innovation and sustainable development. He interacted with STPI-supported startups, engaged with innovators and reaffirmed the state's commitment to technology-led development and entrepreneurship.

During the inauguration, Shri Yogi Adityanath highlighted that the centre will give "new wings to the dreams" of the youth in Gorakhpur and Eastern Uttar Pradesh. He emphasised that aspiring entrepreneurs will only need a computer to begin their startup journey, with STPI providing the necessary infrastructure, including workspace, electricity and essential facilities, through its plug-and-play model.



On the occasion, Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, noted that the centre will position Gorakhpur as a key hub for entrepreneurs in Purvanchal to access global markets. He added that IT exports from Uttar Pradesh have nearly tripled over the past decade and this centre will further accelerate growth through incubation, mentorship and global exposure.

As a Tier-II city, Gorakhpur holds immense untapped potential and this initiative reflects STPI's continued commitment to enabling innovation across emerging hubs.





STPI accelerates startup growth in North East India through OctaNE Growth Summit 2026

STPI OctaNE CoE, in association with IIM Calcutta Innovation Park (IIM-CIP), successfully hosted the OctaNE Growth Summit 2026 in Guwahati, bringing together startups from OCP 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0 cohorts. The summit served as a dynamic platform connecting emerging startups with mentors, investors and ecosystem partners to accelerate innovation in North East India.

The event took place on 13-14th March, 2026 in the presence of distinguished dignitaries Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Director, STPI; Prof. (Dr). A. Elayaperumal, Director, NIT Nagaland; Shri Rakesh Dubey, Director, STPI-HQ; Dr. Soumya Prakash Otta, Director STPI, Guwahati; Shri Kadirvel Govindasamy, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VI; Shri Sridhar Muppidi, Co-founder, Purple Talk Inc. and Chief Mentor, STPI OctaNE CoE, Kohima, among others, and featuring engaging discussions on investment opportunities, emerging technologies and strategies for scaling startups.

STPI joins forces with NIT Nagaland and AADA to strengthen innovation, research and the AVGC-XR ecosystem





A key highlight was the exchange of MoUs between STPI and the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Nagaland, and between STPINEXT and Assam AVGC-XR Development Association (AADA), aimed at strengthening collaboration in innovation, research and the AVGC-XR ecosystem.

While the partnership with NIT Nagaland aims to strengthen the startup and innovation ecosystem by jointly supporting students and startups through mentorship, technical guidance, infrastructure access and industry exposure, the one with AADA is expected to benefit the start-up community, professionals, academia and other industry stakeholders in the similar field through joint activities.

The summit also featured panel discussions, mentoring sessions and demo day showcases, where startups presented cutting-edge solutions across sectors. With a strong focus on capacity building, investment linkages and ecosystem strengthening, the initiative reinforces STPI's commitment to positioning North East India as a vibrant and emerging startup hub.

STPI showcases AI leadership insights at Progressive Punjab Investors Summit

STPI participated in the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit (PPIS), which brought together global and domestic investors, industry leaders, policymakers and innovators to explore opportunities in Punjab's evolving economic landscape.

During the summit held between 13-15th March, 2026 in Chandigarh, Shri Shailendra Tyagi, Director, STPI Mohali, addressed a thought-provoking session on AI, in the gracious presence of Shri Sanjeev Arora, Honourable Minister of Industry & Commerce, Investment Promotion and Power & Dept. of Local Government, Government of Punjab.

Through plenary sessions, B2B/G2B meetings and exhibitions, PPIS highlighted Punjab's strengths in manufacturing, agriculture, food processing, IT, renewable energy, electric mobility and industrial parks.



Meeting with Uttar Pradesh leadership: DG, STPI pays visit to CM, UP

Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, was paid a courtesy visit by Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI. During the meeting, he apprised the Chief Minister of STPI's ongoing schemes and initiatives. The interaction also included meaningful discussions on expanding STPI centres across the state and further strengthening the startup ecosystem, particularly in key sectors such as Agritech, Medtech and Deeptech. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Senior Director, STPI, and Shri Praveen Dwivedi, Additional Director, STPI, were also present during this meeting.



STPI and the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Chhattisgarh sign on the dotted line to bolster IT/ITeS and ESDM sectors



STPI and the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of Chhattisgarh signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), in the gracious presence of Honorable Chief Minister Shri Vishnu Dev Sai at the CM's Residence Office.

The agreement, aiming to promote IT, ITES, ESDM and the startup ecosystem in the state in areas such as AI, MedTech based on forest and medicinal products, smart city solutions and smart agriculture, was signed by Shri Ravi Kumar Verma, Director, STPI Bhopal, and Shri Ankit Anand, Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of Chhattisgarh.

Under the agreement, STPI will act as the implementing agency to establish a Center of Entrepreneurship (CoE) in Chattisgarh in collaboration with the state government and other stakeholders. Additionally, STPI will also establish an Electronics System Design and Development (ESDD) Center in the state, which will provide comprehensive facilities for product design, prototyping, skill development and capacity building.

STPI and IWAI join hands to boost cyber security, data centre operations and cloud technologies

STPI and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on enhancing institutional capacity and extending mutual support in shared priority areas, including Cyber Security Management, Data Centre Operations and Cloud Technologies.

The MoU was signed by Shri Pavitra Aggarwal, Scientist-F, STPI Noida, on behalf of STPI, and Col. Harsh Vardhan, Secretary, IWAI, on behalf of IWAI.





STPI propels deep-tech innovation at Samarth Incubation Demo Day Cohort-II

The Demo Day of the Samarth Incubation Program Cohort-II, powered by C-DOT and implemented by STPI, was successfully held in New Delhi on 12th March, 2026, bringing together startups, industry leaders, mentors and investors on a common platform. The event was graced by the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay, CEO, C-DOT; Ms. Geetika Dayal, DG, TiE Delhi-NCR; Shri Pradeep Gupta, Chairman, Cyber Media Group; Ms. Shikha Shrivastava, EVP-II, C-DoT; among other dignitaries.

The event featured an engaging "Launchpad" pitch round, where 17 startups presented cutting-edge solutions across domains such as 5G/6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), cybersecurity, quantum technologies, and telecom software. This was followed by the Elevate-cum-Award Ceremony, where select startups were recognised and awarded Stage-II grants of ₹5 lakh each to further scale their innovations.

In his address, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, highlighted the evolution of India's startup ecosystem, noting a clear shift from consumer internet and SaaS-led growth to a stronger focus on deep-tech innovation since 2023. He emphasised the growing importance of sectors such as semiconductor design, enterprise AI and energy technologies, and underscored the Government of India's role in supporting strategic innovation through initiatives in AI, semiconductors, and advanced infrastructure.

Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay, CEO, C-DOT, reiterated the importance of startups in building a technology-driven nation and highlighted C-DOT's legacy in deep-tech R&D. He emphasised that while innovation is critical, commercialisation remains key to long-term success and programmes like Samarth play a vital role in bridging this gap through mentorship, technical guidance and funding support.

From cheque and certificate distribution for the Stage-II grant to inspiring pitches by Cohort–II startups, the event showcased cutting-edge solutions in 5G/6G, AI & IoT, Cybersecurity, Quantum Tech Telecom Software & more. With mentorship, funding and guidance, these startups are now ready to transform their ideas into impactful market-ready innovations.







Industrial visit expands IT horizons for the students of PMShri ZPHS, Itikalapally



Students from Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) – Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Itikalapally, visited STPI Warangal as part of an industrial exposure programme. During the visit, the students were introduced to STPI's key initiatives, its role in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and its contributions towards strengthening India's startup ecosystem. The interaction provided valuable insights into emerging technologies, the startup landscape and the opportunities available for aspiring innovators and entrepreneurs.

STPI Mysuru enables industry exposure for students of NIE First Grade College

STPI Efficiency Augmentation (EA) CoE organised an industrial visit for students of NIE First Grade College, Mysuru. The session offered insights into emerging technologies, the startup ecosystem, and STPI's key initiatives, providing students with valuable industry exposure.



Pre-summit events herald the landmark India AI Impact Summit 2026

In the lead-up to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, STPI continued its series of pre-Summit events to build momentum and foster dialogue within the AI and technology ecosystem.

STPI hosts pre-Summit event, Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026, at APDTS 2026 in Vizag





STPI Visakhapatnam, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Digital Technology Industry Network (APDTIN) and DeepTech Naipunya Foundation (DTNF), co-hosted the Andhra Pradesh Digital Technology Summit (APDTS) 2026 on 9-10th January 2026, bringing together leaders, innovators and stakeholders from across eight sectors of the digital technology industry.

The event featured impactful innovations by STPI-nurtured startups, engaging panel discussions, addresses by eminent speakers, and insightful dialogues on the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI), ahead of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

ASSOCHAM and STPI Kolkata host the pre-Summit event, Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026, in the city of joy

Themed around "AI and Data Protection: Strategies for a Secure Tomorrow", the Kolkata chapter brought together eminent policymakers, technologists and industry leaders to deliberate on the role of AI in transforming data security.

Held on 16th January, 2025, the event encompassed insightful panel sessions and valuable insights from distinguished speakers like Shri Debashis Sen, Founder Director & CEO, New Bengal Consulting Pvt. Ltd.; Shri Manjit Nayak, Director, STPI Kolkata; Shri Sunando Bhattacharya, Chief Revenue Officer, Yotta Data Services Pvt Ltd; Dr. Satyajit Chakrabarti, Founder & Owner, IEMA Research & Development Pvt. Ltd & IEM Group; Shri Sumantra Bose, Counsel at Khaitan & Co; and Shri Abhijit Pal, Executive Director, Alphaxine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.



Democratising AI Resources: STPI's pre-Summit event, Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026, paints Mangaluru in tech brilliance

The AI momentum hit the coastal city of Karnataka on 17th January 2026, where STPI Mangaluru hosted the pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026'. Revolving around the theme "Democratising AI Resources: Focus on Harnessing AI to Build India's Digital Public Infrastructure", the event explored how AI can be harnessed to strengthen India's digital public infrastructure, enabling inclusive growth and empowering communities across the nation.

It fostered meaningful dialogues on responsible and inclusive AI, featuring enlightening sessions with esteemed guests including Shri Sudeep Shrivastava, Joint Secretary, MeitY, Govt. of India; Dr. Sanjay Tyagii, Director, STPI Bengaluru; Dr. Jnaneshwar Pai Maroor, Principal, Nitte Institute of Professional Education; Shri Prashanth Shenoy Katpady, Co-Founder & CTO, UniCourt; Shri Anand Fernandes, CEO, EG India; Shri Subodh Shetty, CEO, Prasanna Technologies; among others.



Delhi pre-Summit event sets the stage for India AI Impact Summit 2026, advances AI–telecom dialogue



STPI, in collaboration with TRAI, hosted the pre-Summit event, Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026, in New Delhi on 21st January 2026. Focussed on "AI Frontiers and Innovations in Telecommunication," the event brought together key stakeholders to discuss AI-driven telecom networks, responsible AI and enhanced customer experience.

The event was held in the gracious presence of eminent dignitaries, including Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI and Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI. In his address, DG STPI highlighted the vision of autonomous, AI-enabled telecom networks and emphasised inclusive and accessible AI for all.

Herein, speakers underscored the importance of indigenous AI, trust and robust regulatory frameworks. Discussions highlighted how AI is transforming telecom through improved efficiency, security and personalised services, while stressing transparency, data privacy and ethical deployment. With engaging sessions on AI-powered network transformation and responsible AI, the Delhi Pre-Summit strengthened collaboration across the ecosystem, paving the way for the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Paving the Path to India AI Impact Summit 2026 by STPI Deoghar concludes the pre-Summit series on a grand note



The pre-Summit event 'Paving the Path to India-AI Impact Summit 2026' by STPI Deoghar took place in Jharkhand in all grandeur, in the gracious presence of Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Godda Constituency, Jharkhand; Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI; Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, CEO, UIDAI; Shri Madan Padaki, Managing Trustee, JAN AI; Dr. Shreeram Iyer, Chairman, Prisma.ai; and Dr. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Sr. Director, STPI.

The event was replete with thought-provoking discussions, dialogues on disruption and AI empowering people. Themed around "AI for Public Interest & Healthcare", the sessions invited distinguished speakers like Shri Sanjay Kumar, Scientist-F, STPI Patna; Shri Amit Bansal, Director STPI-HQ; Dr. Dibyasundar Das, Assistant Professor, BIT Mesra; Dr. Manish Raj, Associate Professor, AIIMS Deoghar; Shri Shree Krishan Choudhary, Founder & CEO, MobilePe; Shri Swapnil Kishor, CEO, Covints Solutions, among others. The thought leaders shared practical insights on how AI can drive inclusive, people-centric impact across sectors, reinforcing the vision of responsible and accessible AI for India.





"AI is not new—but data, scale and digital public infrastructure have made it transformative today", DG, STPI shares valuable insights at BES EXPO 2026

Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, joined the BES EXPO 2026 held in New Delhi, as a key speaker and outlined India's accelerating AI journey, driven by government-led digital public infrastructure and STPI's pivotal role in expanding support for deep-tech startups.

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) is undertaking multi-pronged efforts to democratise AI, including GPU subsidies, AI hackathons, application development initiatives and the creation of 500 AI labs nationwide by March 2026, equipped with advanced AI tools, he added in his address.

Highlighting innovation, he cited startups like SparshMind, which leverages AI with AR/VR to enable rapid neurological diagnosis within 10–15 minutes, alongside startups delivering immersive AR/VR-based skill training for industrial applications.

Emphasising the media sector's potential, he noted that AI thrives on data and media—being data-rich—can benefit across content creation, personalised distribution and consumption analytics using AI, NLP and computer vision.

STPI and KDEM join hands to boost the innovation ecosystem



AIC STPINEXT INITIATIVES (STPINEXT) and Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) exchanged a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the KDEM Annual Meet 2026 in Bengaluru, with a shared vision to foster an ecosystem that enables seamless knowledge exchange and strengthens innovation and entrepreneurship.

The MoU was exchanged in the esteemed presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI & Chairman, STPINEXT; Shri Rahul Sharanappa Sankanur, Director, Department of Electronics, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka and Managing Director, KITS; Shri B. V. Naidu, Chairman, KDEM; Shri Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, CEO, KDEM; Shri E. V. Ramana Reddy, Chairman, Karnataka Skill Development Authority (KSDA); Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, Director, STPI Bengaluru, among other dignitaries.

Umagine TN showcases innovation & entrepreneurial spirit in the Gateway of South India







Supported by STPI, the 4th edition of Umagine TN, Tamil Nadu's premier technology and innovation summit, was held in all fervour on 8-9th January, 2026, featuring extensive networking, vibrant exhibitions and a 50,000 sq. ft. experience zone.

At a buzzing STPI Pavilion, a prominent part of the tech fest, STPI-nurtured startups displayed cutting-edge solutions as Director, STPI Chennai, Shri Mahadesha V, along with other dignitaries, interacted with the exhibitors and explored their innovations.

The fest firmly placed Tamil Nadu as a top tech hub by showcasing cutting-edge, future-ready solutions by exhibitors and insights from eminent speakers from engaging panel discussions on groundbreaking technology.









STPI ignites India's innovation spark at INDIASOFT 2026: STPI Connextions Lounge becomes the epicenter of collaboration

STPI co-hosted the three-day INDIASOFT 2026 - India's largest international IT and technology expo, a global IT networking and business collaboration exhibition, between 23rd-25th March, 2026 as the STPI Connextions Lounge opened its doors to startups, investors and innovators at New Delhi's Bharat Mandapam.

The event, graced by eminent dignitaries including Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, and Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, set the stage for three days of dynamic collaboration and innovation-driven engagement. The vibrant lounge came alive with insightful investor-startup interactions as 50+ STPI-nurtured startups and IT companies showcased their breakthrough solutions and emerging technologies. Founders, investors and acceleration partners engaged in meaningful conversations, exploring future-ready innovations and the next wave of transformative opportunities.

As the expo unfolded, Shri Arvind Kumar, DG STPI, reminded the world that India is rapidly emerging as a global hub for innovation, driven by AI, startups and next-generation technologies. He spoke of AI's global impact, the rise of Tier-2 and Tier-3 city innovators and the three pillars shaping India's future: electronics manufacturing, strategic sectors, and semiconductors.

The energy crescendoed when Shri Arvind Kumar was felicitated with the Innovation & Startup Leadership Award by the Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC India), recognising transformative leadership and enduring contributions to India's digital and entrepreneurial journey. The award was presented by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of Law and Justice (Independent Charge), in the gracious presence of Shri Veer Sagar, Chairman, ESC; Shri Gurmeet Singh, CEO & ED, ESC; Shri Sandeep Narula, Director, Atlanta Systems and other distinguished dignitaries.

STPI powers innovation as a partner at the 33rd HYSEA Annual Summit & Awards 2026





As a proud partner at the HYSEA Annual Summit & Awards 2026, the 33rd edition of Hyderabad's premier technology leadership event, hosted by the Hyderabad Software Enterprises Association (HYSEA) and held in Hyderabad, STPI provided a platform for its innovative startups including Tryitfirst Labs, Frayit, Testaing Solutions Private Limited, AIBridge ML Pvt Ltd, Metabrix Labs and PerfectFit Systems, to showcase cutting-edge solutions and breakthrough technologies.

The event, held on 5th March, 2026, brought together industry leaders, innovators and changemakers, featuring insightful sessions, expo showcases, expert-led masterclasses, and high-impact networking opportunities.

STPI participates in the Uttar Pradesh Regional AI Impact Conference held in Lucknow

STPI actively participated in the Uttar Pradesh Regional AI Impact Conference held in Lucknow, where Shri Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI, led an engaging panel discussion on "Leveraging AI Tools to Strengthen India's Healthcare." The session brought together eminent policymakers, technologists and healthcare leaders to deliberate on the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in transforming healthcare delivery across India.





The panel comprised Dr. Pinky Jowel, Secretary, Medical Health & Family Welfare and Managing Director, NHM Uttar Pradesh; Prof. R. K. Singh, Head, Department of Telemedicine, Digital Health & Emergency Medicine, SGPGIMS, Lucknow; Dr. Sanjay Sood, Project Director, eSanjeevani, C-DAC Mohali; Prof. Sriram Ganapathy, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc); Col. Sameer Kanwar, Director – Digital Health & AI, PATH; and Dr. Sujoy Kar, Chief Medical Information Officer & Vice President, Apollo Hospitals TeleHealth.

The discussion explored how AI-driven tools can strengthen India's healthcare ecosystem by empowering frontline healthcare workers–including doctors, nurses, ASHAs, Anganwadi workers, and ANMs–while expanding telemedicine and remote care services to underserved and remote populations.

The session highlighted practical, field-tested use cases, along with the policy, infrastructure and system enablers required for the responsible, inclusive, and scalable adoption of AI across both community-based and facility-based healthcare delivery.

Calling AI the "third major revolution", DG STPI explicated that the human history has witnessed three major revolutions – electricity, the internet and now AI. While electricity and the internet compressed time and enhanced quality of life, AI is poised to drive an even deeper, cross-sectoral transformation, especially in healthcare and diagnostics.

Delineating the benefits of AI in healthcare, DG STPI touched upon how AI models trained on foreign data can yield inaccurate outcomes for Indian conditions. For an intelligent,Indian-led healthcare system, Indian data–properly anonymised and responsibly shared– is critical, he added.

STPI strengthens regional startup ecosystem with Startup Sync 3.0

STPI Electropreneur Park (EP) CoE, Bhubaneswar organised Start-up Sync 3.0 under GENESIS on 14th March, 2026, successfully bringing together innovators, investors, mentors and ecosystem leaders for insightful sessions, masterclasses and startup success stories in Berhampur, Odisha to empower startups in emerging regions of India.

The programme, held in the gracious presence of dignitaries including Shri Manas Ranjan Panda, Director, STPI Bhubaneswar; Shri Vinod Babu Bollikonda, Group Chief Executive Officer, Blue Cloud Softech Solutions Ltd; Shri Surya Kumar Pattanayak, Scientist F, STPI Bhubaneswar; Dr. Sukant K. Mohapatra, Founder, NIST University; Shri Saurjya Ranjan Patra, Additional Director, STPI Bhubaneswar, among others, featured expert talks on the Indian startup ecosystem and the GENESIS scheme, inspiring journeys of successful startups and engaging interactions that fostered collaboration.



STPI marks milestone with groundbreaking ceremony for additional facility in Delhi





STPI marked a significant milestone with the groundbreaking ceremony for its additional HQ facility in New Delhi on 11th March, 2026. The ceremony was held in the presence of Shri Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI, along with senior officials, reinforcing the organisation's commitment to strengthening infrastructure and supporting future growth.

STPI celebrates International Women's Day with appreciation and insight

In a light-hearted and engaging International Women's Day celebration on 8th March, 2026, DG, STPI Shri Arvind Kumar conveyed his heartfelt wishes to all the women employees of STPI, wishing them success and happiness in both their personal and professional lives.

He highlighted that while women are steadily making their mark across workplaces and the participation of women in the workforce has grown significantly, there is still a need to see more women in leadership and decision-making roles. In a thoughtful note, he shared that women often lead with common sense, empathy and practical wisdom — qualities that make them effective leaders and managers.

DG, STPI also appreciated the valuable contributions of women employees at STPI and acknowledged their role in driving the organisation forward.



STPI fosters investor-startup collaboration through Prayog 2026

STPI organised an insightful National Investor Connect Program - Prayog 2026 (Platform for Resilient, Ambitious & Young Organisations for Growth) in Bhubaneswar on 13th March, 2026, bringing together industry experts, stakeholders, investors, innovators and startups on a common platform to foster collaboration and growth within the startup ecosystem.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for entrepreneurs and innovators to gain insights from distinguished speakers including Mrs. Rashmita Panda, Commissioner cum Secretary MSME Department, Govt. of Odisha and Chairperson & CEO, Startup Odisha; Shri Kashyap Pandya – Former President, TiE Surat; Shri Manas Ranjan Panda, Director, STPI Bhubaneswar; Shri Amarendra Sahu, Chief Mentor, STPI EmTek CoE, AIC STPINEXT; and Shri Surya Kumar Pattanayak, Scientist 'F', STPI Bhubaneswar, among others.





Swachhata in action at STPI: Employees join cleaning drives during Swachhta Pakhwada 2026 for a brighter tomorrow

As a part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2026 (1–15 February 2026), officials and staff across STPI centres actively participated in a series of cleanliness and sustainability initiatives. The campaign encompassed tree plantation drives, landscaping and lawn development, cleaning of office premises and surrounding areas, as well as systematic weeding out and disposal of obsolete records and files to promote an organised and efficient workplace.

The collective efforts undertaken during the campaign resulted in the successful plantation of 406 trees, reinforcing STPI's commitment to environmental stewardship, sustainable development and workplace efficiency. By integrating eco-friendly practices with organisational discipline, STPI continues to nurture a cleaner, greener and more productive ecosystem.

STPI drives startup readiness with AI-powered workplace strategies

STPI hosted an insightful virtual session on "Building the AI-Ready Digital Workplace for Today's Businesses" for its startups. Led by industry expert Shri Venk Gorty, founder of SysMind Tech Pvt. Ltd. and Melp App, the session explored scalable strategies for digital transformation and practical frameworks to build future-ready, AI-powered workplaces.



Industrial visit in Pune highlights STPI's innovation and startup support system

STPI Pune organised an insightful industrial visit for the students and faculty of Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune, offering them a firsthand understanding of STPI's key services, incubation ecosystem and initiatives aimed at promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and technology-driven growth. The participants were also briefed on various opportunities available for startups, emerging technologies and STPI's role in nurturing the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.



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