

*Administrative Circular for the
1st Virtual Meeting of the
Democratizing AI Resources Working Group*

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WORKING GROUP ON DEMOCRATIZING AI RESOURCES

Administrative Circular

1st Virtual Working Group Meeting

Overview

The Government of India will host the AI Impact Summit 2026 on the 19th and 20th of February 2026 in New Delhi, India.

In preparation for the India - AI Impact Summit 2026, we are pleased to invite government representatives and international organisations to the **First Working Group Meeting of the Democratizing AI Resources Working Group**. This meeting will be held virtually on **November 06, 2025 from 1730-1900 hours IST (GMT + 05:30)**.

Anchored around the three Sutras (pillars) of **People, Planet, and Progress**, the Summit charts a path towards a future where the transformative impact of AI serves humanity, advances inclusive growth, fosters social development, and promotes people-centric innovations that protect our planet.

Building upon the three foundational Sutras, the deliberations at the AI Impact Summit will be organized around seven interconnected Chakras or **thematic working groups** which will collectively shape the Summit's outcomes.

The Democratizing AI Resources Working Group represents one of the critical Chakras of the India - AI Impact Summit. This working group addresses the need to ensuring equitable access and affordability to foundational AI resources. The detailed **Issue Note** of the Working Group is placed at Annexure I for reference.

During this kick-off meeting, we will introduce the working group's mandate, discuss priority areas, and outline the path toward key deliverables. This virtual meeting will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to align on objectives, share initial perspectives, and set the path forward for ensuring democratization of foundational AI infrastructure resources through improving affordability and access for all nations to foster inclusive technological progress.

This Administrative Circular is intended to provide delegates and participants with information regarding the administrative and logistical arrangements, as well as other general information regarding the 1st meeting of the Working Group on Democratizing AI Resources. Delegates will be notified via email of any amendments or additional information.

Provisional Agenda

#	Time (IST)	Discussion areas
1	5:30 PM – 5:40 PM	Welcome Remarks
2	5:40 PM – 5:50 PM	Introduction to AI Impact Summit
2	5:50 PM – 6:00 PM	Presentation on Democratizing AI Resources Working Group; Priorities; Deliverables
3	6:00 PM – 6:55 PM	Open Discussions
5	6:55 PM – 7:00 PM	Concluding Remarks

Registration And Virtual Meeting Link

Registration:

All delegates attending the 1st Virtual Meeting for the Working Group on Democratizing AI Resources are requested to kindly fill in this form:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/b_jvig00Qoat6hP5y4c49A

Meeting Link:

The meeting link will be automatically sent to all participants post successfully submitting the registration form.

The organisers shall be opening the above call link one hour before the meeting for the convenience of delegates to conduct any test audio and video check for the Meeting. It is encouraged that delegates participate in the test run to ensure the meeting runs smoothly.

For any additional technical assistance, the delegates are requested to write to impactsummit.wg@indiaai.gov.in with the Subject Line “AI Impact Summit | Democratizing AI Resources Working Group | Technical Issue for WG Meeting”

Personal Information:

The Government of India will collect personal information to facilitate participation in the Virtual Working Group Meetings. The data of the delegates will be fully protected and accessible only to a limited number of personnel of the India AI Impact Summit Secretariat under the prevailing laws and regulations of the Republic of India.

At the conclusion of the Summit, all personal data will be destroyed in a safe and secure manner.

Contact Information

Delegates and participants may contact the India AI Impact Summit Secretariat by email at impactsummit.wg@indiaai.gov.in or impact-summit@indiaai.gov.in for further inquiries and assistance.

Important Dates

#	Description Date	Description Date
1	Last date for Registration	November 05, 2025
2	Virtual Kick-off Meeting for the Working Group on Democratizing AI Resources	November 06, 2025
3	Sharing Written Inputs on Issue Note & Presentation (if any)	November 13, 2025

This Administrative Circular is issued by the India - AI Impact Summit Secretariat for the First Virtual Meeting of the Democratizing AI Resources Working Group. For the latest updates and information, please visit: <https://impact.indiaai.gov.in/>

Annexure 1

Democratizing AI Resources

Issue Note

Context & Background

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to transform economies and societies across the globe, access to critical AI resources has become a key determinant of whether its benefits can be realized equitably and sustainably. The democratization of foundational AI resources, such as AI compute, datasets, foundation models, and skilled talent, offers a pathway to ensure that innovation serves all, fostering inclusive growth and enabling nations to leverage AI in alignment with their development priorities.

Widespread access and affordability of AI resources can unlock new possibilities for individuals, enterprises, and communities worldwide to create locally relevant solutions across critical sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, disaster management, and public service delivery. By empowering innovation at every level, AI democratization can strengthen the global AI ecosystem, drive balanced economic participation, and enhance collective resilience.

At present, the uneven concentration of essential AI inputs, such as compute infrastructure, high-quality datasets, advanced models, and specialised AI talent, increases the risk of marginalizing many countries, particularly in the Global South, in this transformative journey of AI advancement for social good.

Democratizing AI resources presents a powerful opportunity for shared global progress. Improving access to AI infrastructure and resources can strengthen the global AI ecosystem by diversifying innovation, reducing systemic risks due to concentration, and enhancing resilience in global supply chains. Enabling a wider range of stakeholders to participate in AI design and development processes can accelerate innovation, unlock new use-cases, and advance AI research and development.

Shared compute hubs and wider distribution of compute facilities can help reduce carbon concentration in existing clusters and expand AI markets worldwide. Broader access to

foundation models and training datasets can improve the global representativeness of AI systems, mitigate biases, and facilitate applications that cater to diverse interests and needs across ethnic, geographic, cultural, professional, and financial backgrounds. This can accelerate AI adoption across new markets and enhance interoperability, expanding the global market for AI-driven applications.

The experience of countries in developing open, interoperable Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods demonstrates how inclusive access to core digital resources can scale innovation effectively and sustainably. Similar principles can guide the evolution of foundational AI resources as shared global Public Goods, thereby serving as fundamental building blocks for solution development in the AI age.

As AI advances, these resources will increasingly serve as critical inputs for other public goods and infrastructure with vital benefits to society. Compute, data, and models can be used to power applications in healthcare, education, climate action, and public service delivery, thereby amplifying the impact of Digital Public Infrastructure and Digital Public Goods across multiple sectors. Viewing AI resources through this lens underscores their potential to support not only national priorities but also collective global progress.

In recent years, the need to democratise foundational AI resources has gained global momentum and has been featured in previous global AI dialogues. The AI Impact Summit 2026, being held in a developing country, presents a pivotal opportunity to translate this discourse into actionable deliverables.

International cooperation premised on shared knowledge, resources, and capacities has consistently yielded collective prosperity across nations. This principle finds resonance in the Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: "the world is one family", underscoring the interdependence of global progress. This experience has reaffirmed that complex global challenges require collective action transcending national boundaries.

In line with the overarching vision of the AI Impact Summit, the Democratizing AI Resources Working Group aims to promote access and affordability of foundational AI resources for all. The Working Group aims to advance dialogues and identify practical pathways for collective efforts and international collaboration towards equitable access to AI resources.

Guiding Questions

1. How can international cooperation promote and ensure greater access to and affordability of foundational AI resources, particularly for the Global South?
2. What practical pathways can be used for enhancing pooling and sharing of AI infrastructure to support the equitable development of AI ecosystems?
3. What role can development institutions, technology providers, and advanced economies play in supporting access and affordability of foundation models and infrastructure?