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## AI Aspirations and Execution Dilemmas:

### *A Closer Look at India's AI Summit*

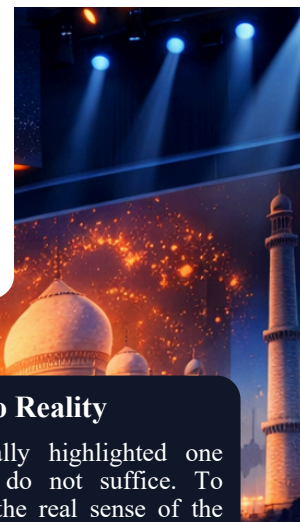


Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly evolving not just out of the realm of science fiction, but also to the heart of the Indian national strategy. During the recent India-AI Summit, the discussion was no longer about the grand concepts, but about the actual situation of serving 1.4 billion people. Though the incident demonstrated the huge potential that India has in terms of ambition to dominate the global tech world, it also meant a harsh reality: there is a long way between having a dream and seeing it being put into practice nationwide.

#### Infrastructure and Talent: the Bottlenecks

Among the key issues that were brought up in the summit was the fact that infrastructure and talent were insufficient to facilitate the adoption of AI at massive scales. Although the IT ecosystem in India is globally high, AI requires specialized resources, which are currently scarce. The high-performance computing systems and large high-quality datasets are costly and difficult to obtain by startups and academic institutions that are not located in large tech centers. Without these tangible tools the even most brilliant software concepts are left at the planning stage.

Equally pressing is the talent gap. Despite the fact that India is the source of millions of graduates every year, only a tiny part of them have advanced skills needed to participate in high-level AI research and machine learning. We do not lack in the number but we do require additional architects who can create the real brains of such systems. This gap demands a colossal investment in specialized education, reskilling training of the existing workforce, and increased cooperation between universities and the tech industry.



#### Moving the Vision to Reality

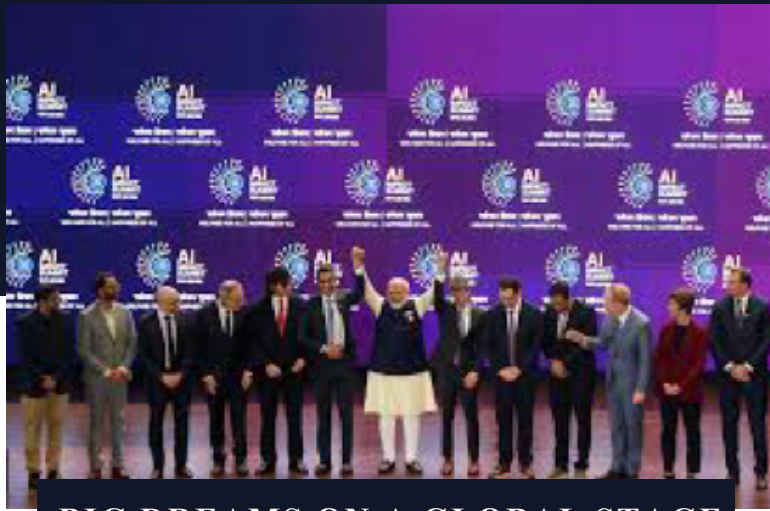
The India-AI Summit finally highlighted one important fact; aspirations do not suffice. To become a global leader in the real sense of the word, India needs to work on the execution with the same zeal as it applies to its vision. It entails leaving behind the pilot projects and coming up with clear, practical plans that put milestones that must be met first before going to the top. It involves cultivating a risk-taking culture among the participants of the private investment sector, so that the latter are not afraid of investing money in deep-tech hardware and long-term research.

To sum up, India is at a crossroad. India can turn its AI dreams into reality by working on its infrastructure, talent, and regulatory dilemmas. When these practical bottlenecks are removed, India will not only be part of the AI revolution but the main architect who will set the stage of sustainable and inclusive development of all.

#### Ethical Issues and Regulatory Problems

The other topical problem which was raised in the summit was the necessity to have an effective ethical and regulatory framework. With AI becoming an everyday reality (in the medical sector or the banking industry), the issues of privacy of information. Nonetheless, it also brings about its own dilemma: excessive regulation has the potential of unintentionally killing innovation as it will be too costly or complicated to be experimented by a start-up, whereas inadequate regulation will result in losing the trust of the population or misuse of personal data.

The final problem for the policymakers is to find the balance. The summit emphasized that regulations should be dynamic enough to adapt with the changing technology but robust enough to provide transparency.



## BIG DREAMS ON A GLOBAL STAGE

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi's Bharat Mandapam, India was clear on one thing: It doesn't just want to use AI, it wants to lead the AI revolution. With over 100 countries in attendance and global tech mandarins like Sundar Pichai and Sam Altman, it seemed like a resounding success.

India set itself apart from the West. Rather than doom-and-gloom about AI risks, it spoke about "AI for development", how it can upend healthcare, farming, education, and governance. That resonated especially well with developing countries and India looked like a natural leader of the Global South.

## THE REAL PROBLEM: WEAK FOUNDATIONS

It might sound ironic, but what we discover is that through the fact that every year so many students graduate from India, it remains a challenge for companies to find people with AI skills

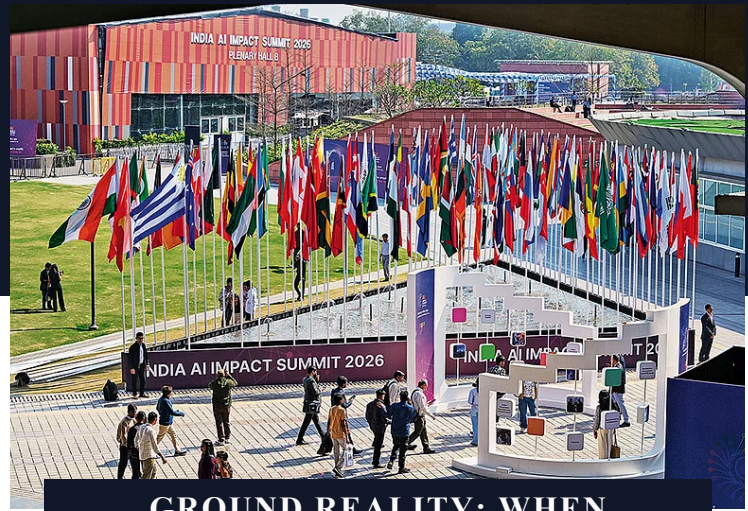
It is not about having more and more skills, it is about having the right skills. It is about having people who don't only know how to code, but also to solve real life problems.

This obviously means that the education system has to change.



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## GROUND REALITY: WHEN EXECUTION FALLS

The vision was world class. But execution was not. The summit saw a lot of basic issues, long queues, crowding and confusion on entry passes and lack of coordination from the very first day. Now it was a global AI event, but on the basics it could not manage. That's where the contradiction is. India is good at putting big things together. But when it comes to execution, it's always the little snags that mess up the whole show. And for a global show, those "little" snags are magnified.

## REALITY CHECK FROM THE GROUND

If India does not develop AI solutions that will assist with issues such as job creation, income generation, and access to opportunities, AI will continue to be relegated to a discussion at the top level without a direct relationship to the daily experiences of people.

## CONCLUSION

India AI Summit 2026 has been an inspiring exercise and one that has shown that India can have a very big vision, but this summit also reminded us that having a vision is just half the battle.

But if it couldn't fix these execution problems, India has the potential to be a country with many great ideas, which never get the traction they need to convert them into a real business.



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