The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not only transforming business operations but also reshaping the compliance and governance landscape. As organizations increasingly deploy AI-driven systems for decision-making, monitoring, and reporting, there is a growing demand for professionals who are aligned with the use of these AI technologies for better functioning. AI has added new dimension to ensure ethical corporate governance including compliances, audit, risk management, data governance and oversight, requiring a blend of technical understanding as well as regulatory expertise. With the rise of AI use in corporate functioning, there is a parallel expansion in compliance and governance-oriented employment opportunities.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AI

AADHAAR GETS A FACE: UIDAI LAUNCHES AADHAAR MASCOT UDAI (उदय)

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched the Aadhaar mascot on 8th January, a new resident-facing communication companion to simplify public understanding of Aadhaar services. The Aadhaar mascot named Udai (उदय) will be helpful in making Aadhaar-related information more relatable, and people-friendly. It will simplify communication of Aadhaar services about

updates, authentication, offline verification, selective sharing of information, new technology adoption, responsible usage and many more.

To bring this vision to life, UIDAI chose an open and inclusive route by launching national design and name competitions on the MyGov platform. The response was overwhelming. UIDAI received 875 entries from across the country – students, professionals, designers, etc. – each offering a unique interpretation of what Aadhaar represents to them. A multi-tier evaluation process was adopted to ensure fairness and rigour in the selection process. What emerged from this process is a beautiful creation – that is shaped by public imagination and refined through institutional diligence.

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THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA CALLS FOR INCLUSIVE AND FUTURE-READY AI ECOSYSTEM

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, on 1st January, 2026 conferred SOAR (Skilling for AI Readiness) certificates upon learners, including students and Members of Parliament, and announced the '#SkillTheNation Challenge' at a special ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, reaffirming India's commitment to building a digitally skilled, future-ready and inclusive nation.

This momentum will meaningfully build into the upcoming IndiaAI Summit, where India's vision, readiness and collective resolve to shape the global AI future will be powerfully articulated.

Placing Artificial Intelligence at the centre of India's growth journey, the President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, said that Artificial Intelligence is emerging as a growth driver for the Indian economy. In the coming decade, AI will play a significant role in the country's GDP, employment and overall productivity. Skills such as data science, AI engineering and data analytics will play a crucial role in developing the country's AI talent pool. She stated that the government, in collaboration with various institutions, industry partners, and academia, is ensuring that India not only adopts technology but also shapes a responsible future through it. She urged all work together with commitment to build a developed India. She said that we should contribute to making India a knowledge superpower in line with the National Education Policy and to building a tech-driven, inclusive, and prosperous India.

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BHASHINI SAMUDAYE: STRENGTHENING INDIA'S LANGUAGE AI ECOSYSTEM

The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), successfully organised BHASHINI Samudaye: Strengthening India's Language AI Ecosystem at New Delhi. The workshop represented a significant step in consolidating India's language AI ecosystem through collaborative engagement, participatory governance, and shared ownership of public digital infrastructure.

The event outlined the vision for a coordinated, sovereign, and inclusive language AI ecosystem, anchored in public digital infrastructure, community participation, and ethical data practices.

One of the session reflected on the evolution of BHASHINI as a national language AI platform, emphasizing the importance of ecosystem partnerships in scaling multilingual AI solutions for governance, education, and public service delivery. The discussion highlighted the collaborative role of government agencies, academic institutions, civil society organisations, and industry stakeholders in advancing language AI initiatives across India.

The workshop convened language experts, academic institutions, civil society organisations, and data practitioners to examine use cases and identify pathways for co-creating, governing, and scaling language AI solutions under the National Language Translation Mission (NLTM).

The BHASHINI Samudaye workshop concluded with a reaffirmation of the commitment to strengthen India's language AI ecosystem through shared ownership, coordinated action, and long-term collaboration, ensuring that language does not remain a barrier to digital inclusion and advancing the vision of democratised and scalable Artificial Intelligence for social and economic empowerment.

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NFRA - INDIAAI LAUNCH FINANCIAL REPORTING COMPLIANCE CHALLENGE TO SOLICIT AI POWER SOLUTIONS

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), in partnership with IndiaAI, has launched the IndiaAI Financial Reporting Compliance Challenge to solicit AI - powered solutions that help in monitoring financial reporting quality and speed up internal tasks.

The initiative invites Indian companies and DPIIT-recognized startups to develop an advanced engine capable of extracting data from multi-format documents and validating them against frameworks. Participants will compete for a total prize pool of ₹1.5 Crore, with up to ten teams receiving ₹5 Lakhs each during a virtual refinement stage and one winner potentially securing a two-year contract with NFRA worth up to ₹1 Crore for national-scale deployment.

The challenge seeks to produce explainable compliance validation reports, automated analytics for risk indicators, and an AI-enabled insight bot to support the NFRA's mission of safeguarding public trust and investor interests. Applications are currently open and will close on February 22, 2026.

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NIXI MARKS ONE YEAR OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE INTERNSHIP & CAPACITY BUILDING SCHEME

The **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** marked the successful completion of one year of its **Internet Governance Internship & Capacity Building Scheme (IGICBS)** with a commemorative event held in New Delhi on 19th January 2026.

The milestone event celebrated a year of focused efforts towards building awareness, skills, and leadership in the field of internet governance among India's young digital talent. The initiative has brought together students, academic institutions, and policymakers to strengthen India's participation in global internet governance processes.

The **IGICBS portal was officially launched**, and the **IGICBS Impact Report was unveiled**, highlighting the programme's progress and key milestones achieved over the past year.

The event reaffirmed NIXI's continued focus on academic collaboration, youth engagement, and capacity building in areas critical to India's digital future. The IGICBS programme aligns with the Government of India's broader vision of fostering a secure, inclusive, and resilient digital ecosystem through knowledge-led initiatives.

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INDIA TO SHOWCASE AI IMPACT, SOVEREIGN MODELS AND SAFETY FRAMEWORKS AT AI IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

The **India–AI Impact Summit 2026** will be the **first global AI summit to be hosted in the Global South**.

The **Summit** has been designed with a clear focus on outcomes. The first objective of the Summit is **impact** — how AI models, applications and the overall AI ecosystem can be used to improve efficiency, increase productivity and create a multiplier effect for the economy.

The second objective, is **accessibility**, particularly for India and the **Global South**. Drawing parallels with India's success in building the **UPI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** stack.

The third objective of the AI Impact Summit, is **safety**. The need to address apprehensions around AI by building appropriate guardrails, guidelines and safety features, and stated that the regulatory and safety stack for AI should also be built in India.

Global leaders and technology leaders will participate in the Summit, alongside investment announcements and the rollout of India's AI models.

The India AI Impact Expo is expected to feature **over 300 exhibitors, from 30 Countries, across more than 10 thematic pavilions.**

Taking forward outcomes from major international AI forums, India's approach through the India–AI Impact Summit 2026 will focus on translating global discussions into development outcomes aligned with national priorities under the IndiaAI mission and Digital India Initiative. It will strengthen multilateral cooperation while advancing practical, people-centric AI frameworks relevant to India's governance, economy, and society.

Recognising the strategic importance of AI, the Government of India has accorded high priority to building a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem. Initiatives such as the **IndiaAI Mission**, **development of AI compute infrastructure, promotion of indigenous AI models, and large-scale capacity-building programmes** are laying a strong foundation for responsible and trusted AI adoption in the country.

Further, the **India–AI Impact Summit 2026** will focus on strengthening global collaboration, promoting responsible and ethical AI, and accelerating AI adoption across priority sectors of the economy. The Summit is expected to play

a catalytic role in positioning India as a global hub for AI innovation and deployment, aligned with the vision of a digitally empowered and technology-driven India.

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OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL SCIENTIFIC ADVISER RELEASES WHITE PAPER ON STRENGTHENING AI GOVERNANCE THROUGH TECHNO-LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) to the Government of India has released a White Paper titled "Strengthening AI Governance Through Techno-Legal Framework", outlining India's approach to building a trusted, accountable, and innovation-aligned artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem.

The White Paper emphasises the contours of "techno-legal" AI governance framework that aims to mitigate risks while preserving flexibility and innovation. It highlights India's pro-innovation approach to AI governance, which integrates baseline legal safeguards, sector-specific regulations, technical controls, and institutional mechanisms.

Key focus areas covered in the White Paper include understanding the techno-legal approach to AI governance; enabling safe and trusted AI across the full AI lifecycle; technological pathways for operationalising techno-legal governance; implementation considerations for India's AI governance framework; and the development of techno-legal tools and compliance mechanisms.

This publication is the second in the White Paper Series on 'Emerging Policy Priorities for India's AI Ecosystem, an initiative by OPSA that aims at deepening understanding and fostering informed discussion on critical AI policy issues. The first White Paper in the series, released in December 2025, focused on "Democratising Access to AI Infrastructure", highlighting the need to treat AI infrastructure as a shared national resource and identifying key enablers such as access to high-quality datasets, affordable computing resources, and integration with Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

These White Papers, framed as explanatory knowledge documents, are intended to support informed deliberations on various policy priorities to shape the evolving AI ecosystem, and to reinforce India's catalytic role in shaping the global AI governance discourse.

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AI FACTS AND TERMINOLOGY

AGENTIC AI

Highly autonomous system that senses and responds to its environment and takes actions to achieve its goals.

HUMAN IN THE LOOP/HUMAN-ALLIED AI

Involving human expertise in the AI lifecycle particularly during training and deployment to actively improve system performance & reliability.

LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

Foundation models capable of understanding and generating natural language.

MODEL BIAS

Systematic errors in a model arising from erroneous assumptions during the modelling process, that cause it to consistently make incorrect or skewed predictions.

TRANSPARENCY

Making information about an AI system available to relevant stakeholders in an accessible and understandable manner, to the extent technically feasible.

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