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**Theme: AI, Governance and the
Future of SDG Delivery**

SDG Coordination and Acceleration Centre (SDGCAC), Haryana welcomes you to their fortnightly newsletter series **SDG ACCELENSE** - designed to help share knowledge, spotlight ideas and focus on innovations shaping sustainable development. We hope this “lens” provides multiple perspectives on developmental issues and drives real acceleration on the ground helping achieve a **‘VIKSIT HARYANA’**. Each edition will explore development through either of the three lenses — the **Social Lens**, capturing stories of people, inclusion, and environment; the **Tech Lens**, highlighting digital and technological enablers of change; and the **Economic Lens**, focusing on growth, finance, and resilience. Together, they will endeavour to provide impetus for the state to be a “Non-stop Life Force” in its path to become globally competitive, inclusive and sustainable Haryana.



**Haryana Uses AI to
Strengthen Governance
and Public Participation**

**AI is not just technology,
but a new mantra of development:
Nayab Singh Saini**

Source: <https://haryanacmoffice.gov.in/cmoharyana-press-release-1-february-2026>

Honorable Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has emphasized the role of artificial intelligence and digital technologies in strengthening governance and improving public participation.

This edition focuses on the role of artificial intelligence in strengthening governance, enhancing citizen participation and accelerating SDG delivery.

- AI-enabled citizen participation in budget consultations
- Real-time monitoring through NEEV platform
- Emerging global AI governance trends

9,000+ citizen inputs received through AI-enabled budget consultations in Haryana



AI Enabled Public Participation in Haryana Budget Preparation



The Government of Haryana has stated that information technology and artificial intelligence are being used to strengthen citizen participation in the preparation of the 2026 to 2027 budget. According to the official release, an AI based app launched on 6 January 2026 for pre-budget consultations had received more than 9,000 suggestions by 27 January 2026, alongside consultations with stakeholders across sectors. The Government has indicated that credible public inputs will be considered for incorporation into the budget in order to align fiscal planning with citizen priorities.

Development Impact:

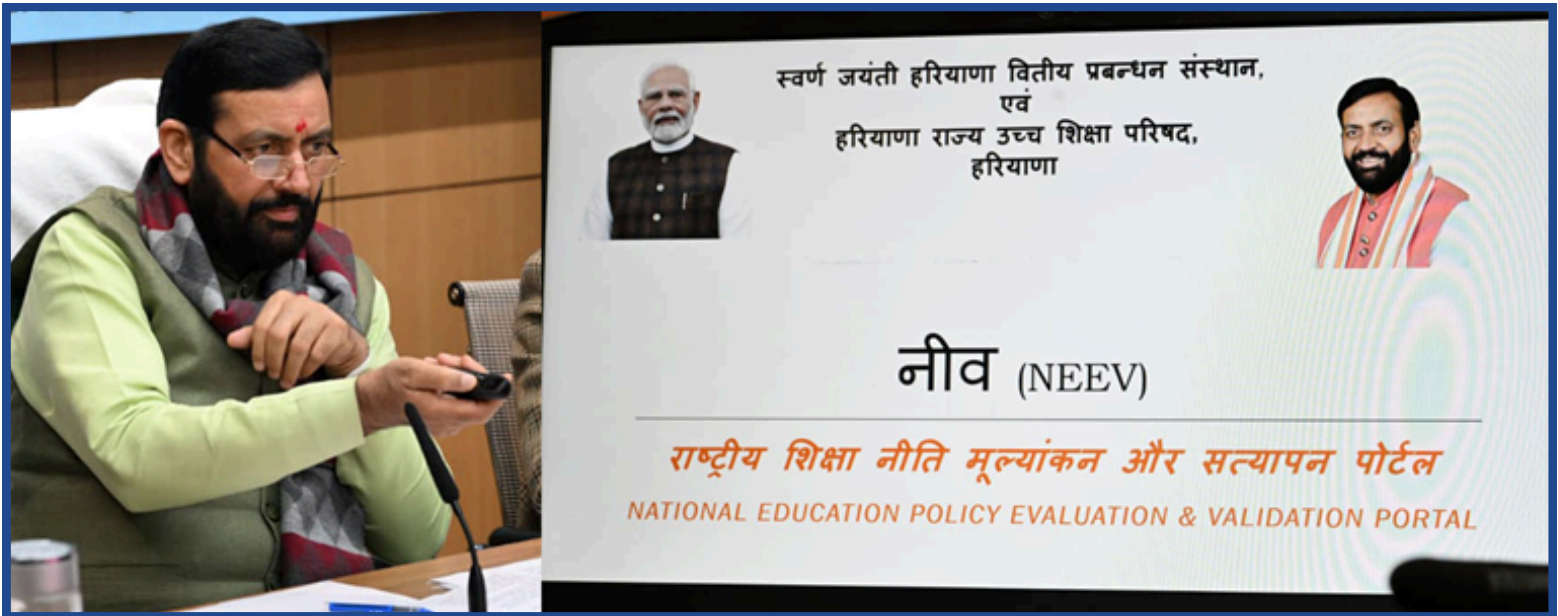
AI-enabled citizen engagement strengthens participatory governance and transparency, ensuring public finance decisions are more inclusive and data-driven



Sources:

<https://haryanacmoffice.gov.in/cmo-haryana-press-release-27-january-2026-0>

NEEV Portal for NEP 2020 monitoring



Haryana announced the NEEV Portal (National Education Evaluation and Validation), described as a data-driven decision support system for continuous monitoring of NEP 2020 implementation using real-time data, performance indicators, and predictive analytics. The state said the rollout starts with universities first and will later extend to colleges and other institutions.

Development Impact:

Real-time monitoring improves learning outcomes, accountability, and evidence-based education reforms under NEP 2020.

Inclusive and data-driven



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Haryana EdTech: EDUSAT telecast and e-learning schedules formalize digital learning continuity



Time window: February 2026 | Geography: Haryana

The Directorate of School Education, Haryana published EDUSAT telecast schedules for complementary and supplementary support to teachers and students, including week-wise programming linked to school education needs. The Utkarsh Society's Haryana EDUSAT platform continues to position satellite and digital delivery as a state-level backbone for curriculum delivery, teacher support, and access to resource persons, with the hub located in Panchkula and multi-channel operations covering elementary, secondary, technical and higher education streams.

Development Impact:

Bridges rural-urban learning gaps by ensuring equitable access to quality educational resources across geographies.



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School Education Department, Haryana: EDUSAT telecast schedule notice (Publish date 2 Feb 2026) – <https://schooleducationharyana.gov.in/regarding-edusat-telecast-for-complementary-supplementary-support-for-the-teachers-and-students-for-school-education-department-schedule-for-02-02-2026-to-08-02-2026-30-01-2026/>

WEF Davos 2026: AI-led acceleration is now a cybersecurity and governance issue



As global leaders convened at Davos for the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2026, technology discussions increasingly treated artificial intelligence as core economic infrastructure rather than an optional innovation layer. In parallel, the World Economic Forum's Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2026 flagged that cybersecurity risk is accelerating, fuelled by advances in AI, geopolitical fragmentation, and the complexity of supply chains, creating a threat environment where the speed and scale of attacks test traditional defenses.

Development Impact:

Highlights the need for secure digital ecosystems to sustain economic growth and protect public digital infrastructure.



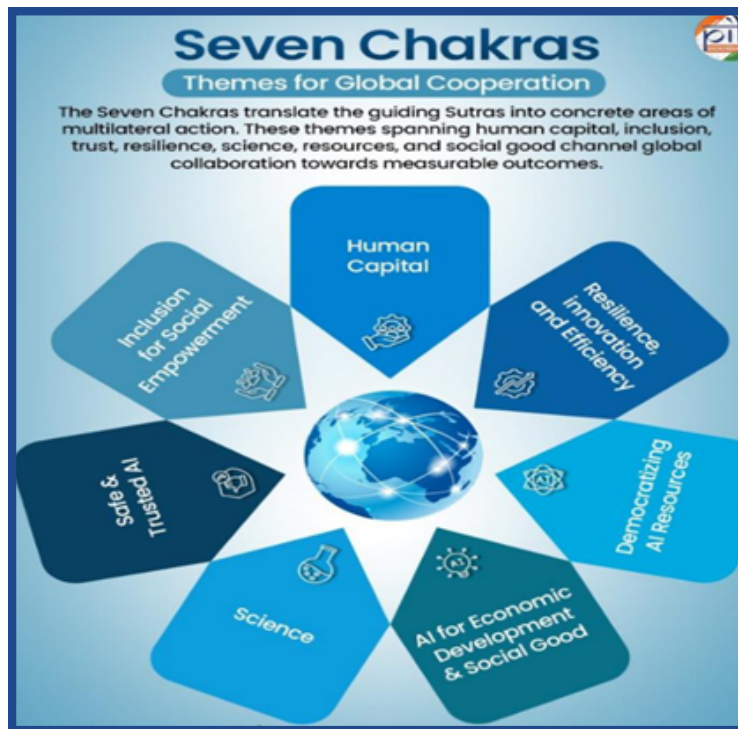
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World Economic Forum: Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2026 (12 Jan 2026) – <https://www.weforum.org/publications/global-cybersecurity-outlook-2026/in-full/>

India AI Impact Summit 2026: New Delhi Declaration and global deliverables



India hosted the India–AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, with the Summit concluding with adoption of the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact and endorsement by 92 countries and international organisations. The Summit positioned AI as development infrastructure for the Global South and translated governance discussions into practical deliverables, including voluntary commitments by frontier model providers, a portfolio of playbooks and guidance notes, and a replication-oriented repository of proven AI-for-impact use cases.

The Summit announced a package of deliverables across seven working themes, including the Global AI Impact Commons featuring 80+ impact stories across 30+ countries, the Equitable AI Transition Playbook in partnership with the International Labour Organization, a Playbook for Advancing Resilient AI Infrastructure, guidance notes on AI governance endorsed by partner countries, and the Trusted AI Commons with partner countries prior to formal launch. A separate announcement highlighted an Alliance for Advancing Inclusion Through AI endorsed with UNICEF, and a Network of AI for Science Institutions.

Development Impact:

Global collaboration on AI governance accelerates inclusive and responsible technology deployment for development.



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NITI Aayog Frontier Tech Hub: Agentic AI and GPU-ready data centres enter the national services roadmap



NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released the report "India's Technology Services – Reimagination Ahead", positioning generative and agentic AI, cloud infrastructure, and digital engineering as key levers for India's technology services sector to scale from about \$265 billion today to an aspiration of \$750–850 billion annual revenue by 2035. The report explicitly calls out an "Agentic AI play" and identifies the need to develop GPU-enabled data centres for agentic workloads, with an indicative shift in GPU share to align with global momentum.

Development Impact:

AI-driven services sector expansion creates high-value jobs and strengthens India's global digital economy position.



Sources:

NITI Aayog Frontier Tech Hub report (Feb 2026) –
<https://niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-02/Technology-Services-Reimagination-Ahead.pdf>

Bharat-VISTAAR proposed as a multilingual AI advisory layer over AgriStack and ICAR packages



Union Budget 2026–27 proposed “Bharat-VISTAAR” as a multilingual AI tool intended to enhance farm productivity, improve farmer decision-making, and reduce risk through customized advisory support. The PIB release states that the platform is expected to integrate AgriStack portals and ICAR packages on agricultural practices with AI systems, signaling a move toward voice-first, localized, data-backed advisories that can be scaled through digital public infrastructure.

Development Impact:

AI advisory improves farm productivity, reduces risk, and enhances farmer incomes through data-driven agriculture.



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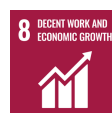
Fintech: UPI continues record-scale throughput, and RBI refreshes Digital Rupee FAQs for public clarity



NPCI reported that UPI processed ~17.7 billion transactions worth ~₹28.33 lakh crore in January 2026. RBI's updated Digital Rupee (₹) FAQs reiterate that ₹ is RBI-issued currency at par with cash, with settlement finality and cash-like usability.

Development Impact:

Digital payments promote financial inclusion and enable seamless, transparent economic transactions at scale.



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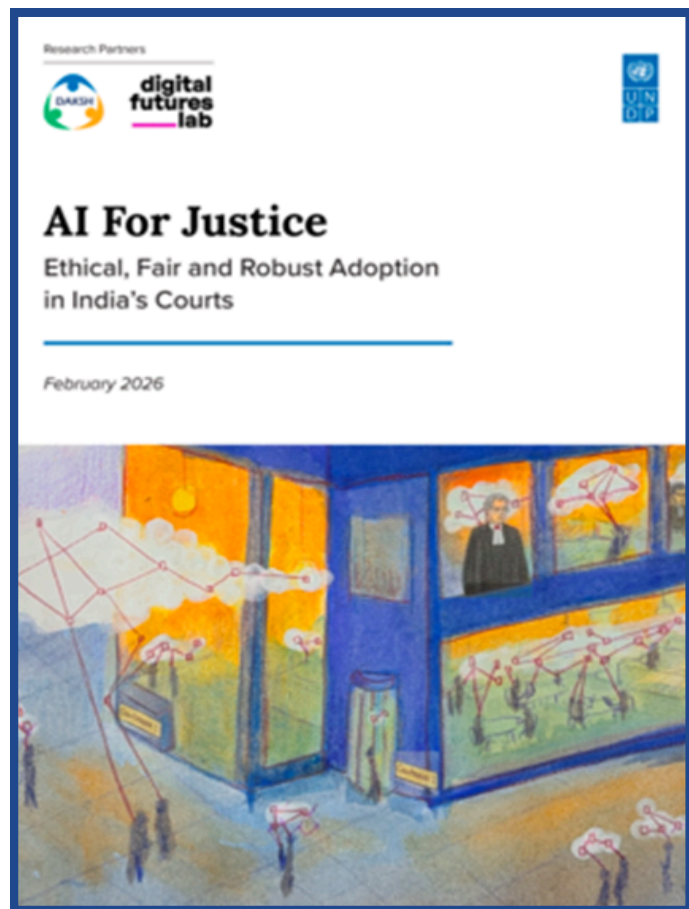
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Turning AI Signals into a Deployable State Playbook

The most visible technology shift since December 2025 is that AI is moving from isolated pilots to shared infrastructure and reusable governance. The India–AI Impact Summit 2026 operationalised this shift by pairing the New Delhi Declaration with a toolkit stack: 12 deliverables across seven themes, the Global AI Impact Commons for replicating proven deployments, the Trusted AI Commons, workforce and infrastructure playbooks, and the New Delhi Frontier AI Impact Commitments that make multilingual evaluation and real-world usage measurement explicit requirements for frontier model deployment. PIB also reported public-scale engagement and investment announcements across the AI value chain, signalling that the next wave is ‘deployment at scale’, not ‘proof of concept’.

At the same time, India’s technology services roadmap is explicitly investing in agentic AI operating models and GPU-ready data centres, which means public systems will increasingly interact with AI that can execute workflows end-to-end under human oversight. For governments, the strategic advantage comes from building compute readiness, procurement standards, and evaluation capacity together, rather than in separate silos.

A strong operational reference for rights-based adoption is UNDP India’s February 2026 report “AI for Justice”, which proposes a structured assessment process for courts that covers institutional readiness, rights-based risks, technical evaluation, and ongoing monitoring. Even outside the legal domain, the same four-part structure can be reused for any citizen-facing AI service: readiness, risk, technical evaluation, and monitoring.



Development Impact:

The transition from AI pilots to infrastructure reflects a systemic shift toward scalable, inclusive, and accountable digital governance models aligned with SDG targets.



Sources:

UNDP India: AI For Justice report page (Feb 2026) – <https://www.undp.org/india/publications/ai-justice-ethical-fair-and-robust-adoption-indias-courts>



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