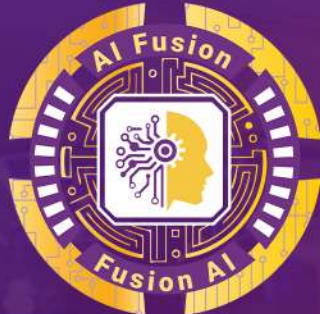


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Summit Theme

Turning AI Potential into Action

The Fusion AI Summit 2025 is where vision meets execution. As AI evolves from innovation to adoption, this summit focuses on how to translate the latest in Agentic AI, Generative AI, LLMs, Physical AI, and Decentralized AI into real-world impact.

Key Engagements

Global Keynotes

by AI thought leaders and pioneers

Fireside Chats

with disruptors and domain experts

High-Powered Panels

on industry-specific AI adoption

AI Product Demos

and use-case showcases

AI Fusion Awards

recognizing top AI innovators

B2B Networking Zones

Summit Objectives

Translate India's AI potential into scalable, real-world applications

Facilitate cross-sector collaboration across tech, industry, and governance

Position Andhra Pradesh as a rising hub for AI innovation and adoption

Promote responsible AI frameworks and policy discussions

Enable knowledge exchange, talent skilling, and startup-industry partnerships

Takeaways for Stakeholders

Business Leaders

Frameworks to implement AI-first strategies

Technologists

In-depth knowledge of cutting-edge AI tools

Startups

Investor access, exposure, and recognition

Researchers

Case studies and implementation insights

Policymakers

Models to craft inclusive AI policies

Students & Educators

Future-ready skill-building pathways

Key Themes



Agentic AI



Gen AI & AI for
Bharat



Physical AI



Cloud-Edge AI
Synergy



Cross-Sectoral AI



Decentralized AI



Hyperautomation
with AI



AI Talent & Skilling



AI for Startups &
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Hon'ble MLA
Vizag North

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N. Suresh
Center Head
Infosys, Visakhapatnam

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R.L.Narayana
Past President, **ITAAP**
Corporate Vice President &
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Keynote Speaker
Dr. Shailesh Kumar
Chief Data Scientist, CoE - AI/ML
Reliance Jio

Panel On : **Cross-Sectoral AI: Driving Innovation & Efficiency Across Industries Healthcare/FinTech/Legal..etc**

Moderator
Dr.Ravi Saripalle
Professor of Entrepreneurship
GITAM

Panel Speaker
Dr. Abhinav Dayal
Founder & CTO
Enlignce AI Labs

Panel Speaker
Jayavardhan Sambudu
Co - Founder & CEO
Curl

Panel Speaker
Sree Krishna Seelam
Founder
MiddleMen

Keynote on : **The next frontier of AI – Distributed and de-centralized intelligence**

Keynote Speaker
Mohan B V
Sr Technical Director
Bosch Global Software Technologies

Keynote on : **AI-First Startups: Rewriting Industry Rules**

Keynote Speaker
Vivek Sridhar
CTO
Microsoft for Startups

Fireside Chat On : **Lean AI Development for Small Teams (SMEs/Startups): Building Effective Solutions with Limited Resources**

Moderator
Srinivas Savaram
Partner
Alcove Partners

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Navratan Katariya
Sr Director
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Speaker/Expert
Santosh Krishna Srikantiah
Vice President, Head of Innovation Center
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**Shri. Sreedhar Kosaraju, Chairman, APDTI Network
Founder & Chairman, DTNF**

Shri. Sreedhar said, We're proud to host Andhra Pradesh's first exclusive AI summit, right here in Visakhapatnam – the City of Destiny and Jewel of the East Coast. This is not just another tech event, but a convergence of visionaries shaping the future of AI and digital innovation.

APDTI Network, a collective of technology-driven organizations, has long believed that the future lies not in traditional IT/ITES models but in convergence – where sectors powered by technology, especially AI, come together to innovate and lead. We've championed this vision alongside government and industry stakeholders.

Today, Andhra Pradesh is making bold strides – from the upcoming **Quantum Valley** to a proposed AI University in partnership with **NVIDIA**. Companies like **TCS**, **Cognizant**, **ANSR**, and infrastructure leaders like **Sattva** are investing in Vizag, creating a thriving tech ecosystem.



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This summit, co-hosted by DeepTech Naipunya Foundation (DTNF) and APDTI, is a reflection of our state's commitment to lead India's AI revolution. With AI expected to contribute over \$500 billion to India's economy by 2030, we are at a turning point — and this summit is our collective call to action.

The AI era won't wait. Let's move forward together — with purpose, with passion, and with the power to transform.

Shri. Kondapalli Srinivas, Hon'ble Minister for MSME & Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Govt of Andhra Pradesh

Shri. Kondapalli Srinivas welcomed delegates, startups, students, partners, and speakers. Reflecting on his own journey from a B.Tech graduate unsure of his career path, he stressed the value of such summits in guiding students toward emerging technologies.

He highlighted AI's transformative role across sectors like manufacturing, healthcare, and governance, and urged attendees to shed the fear that AI will take jobs, noting it will instead create new opportunities by solving unsolved problems. In Andhra Pradesh, initiatives such as WhatsApp Governance have simplified access to over 300 services, and AI is being explored to streamline industry policy queries.



Srinivas called on startups to address social challenges & support SMEs with cost-saving technologies. He outlined the state's supportive IT, GCC, & startup policies, including the upcoming Ratan Tata Innovation Hub in Visakhapatnam to foster innovation, IPR, and venture funding.

He also detailed national AI initiatives: India AI Mission with ₹10,300 crore funding, GPU & semiconductor infrastructure development, open data platforms, centers of excellence in key sectors, indigenous AI models for Indian languages, and AI's integration into education.

He noted India's leadership in AI skill penetration, rapid talent growth, & expanding AI adoption in industry.

Closing, he expressed confidence in Visakhapatnam becoming a hub for talent and futuristic technology, wishing attendees success in gaining knowledge and shaping the AI future.

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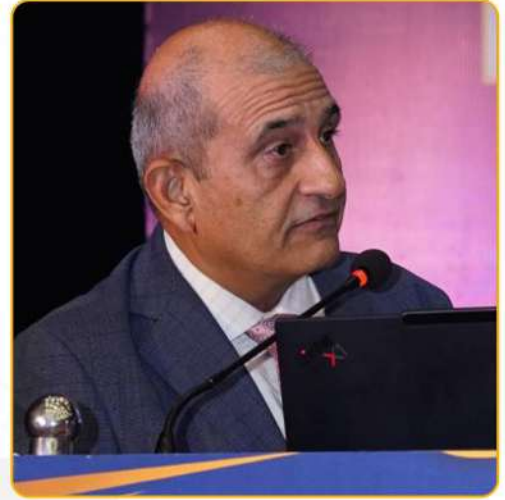
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Shri. Vishal Dhupar, Managing Director South Asia, NVIDIA

Shri. Vishal Dhupar envisioned Visakhapatnam as India's "capital of intelligence", urging leaders to move from AI concepts to tangible execution.

He introduced the idea of **AI factories**—digital production systems that turn data into valuable "tokens," the new unit of economic output. Just as industries measure barrels or cars per day, future businesses will measure **tokens per second**, each representing a monetizable digital experience.



He likened building AI capability to forming a championship IPL team: identify raw talent, then refine it through intense simulation until it can perform at world-class levels. Likewise, AI factories require both infrastructure and continuous training to produce value.

India, with its billion smartphones, renewable energy progress, and deep developer base, is uniquely positioned to lead. But unlike in the past—where Indians wrote the code for global tech but gained little recognition—this time we must own the platforms, products, and value.

He called on Andhra Pradesh to build AI infrastructure in every city so local talent thrives at home, global companies invest here, and prosperity is created locally. "When you think of fashion, you think of Milan; when you think of intelligence, why not Visakhapatnam?" he concluded, urging everyone to get on board this "spaceship" now.

Shri. Ravi Vemuru, President, APNRT Society, Govt of AP

Shri. Ravi Vemuru Though I don't come from a tech background, I've spent the last decade as an advisor to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, supporting and promoting tech ecosystems.

I deeply admire leaders like Shri Sridhar Kosaraju for their tireless efforts in building this industry.

Standing among technocrats, I offer a **common man's perspective** on AI — especially the big question: What happens to jobs?

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With every technological revolution — electricity, computers, the internet — fear came first. But history shows that technology doesn't eliminate work, it **transforms** it. Yes, some roles disappear, but many more are created. AI will be no different.

What's unique about AI is **hyper-personalization** — in medicine, education, finance, and more. We're moving away from "one-size-fits-all" solutions to services tailored to the individual.

But AI has no fear, no hope, no empathy — and no moral compass. So, the **responsibility lies with us**. The question is no longer just "Can we build this?" but "Should we?" Ethics must guide innovation.

In terms of jobs, roles that rely on **human emotion, empathy, and dexterity** — like nurses, firefighters, electricians, and even CEOs — will be harder to replace. AI may impact many fields, including medicine, but not all at once.

In short, AI will reshape work, not erase it. Those who **adapt will thrive**. Those who resist may struggle.



Shri. Dr. Suresh Batha, Addl Director & OIC Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

Shri. Dr. Suresh Batha It's a privilege for **STPI** to be part of the **Fusion AI Summit 2025**. My compliments to **Shri Sridhar Kosaraju** and the APDTI team for bringing this high-impact event to **Visakhapatnam**.

STPI, under MeitY, has been instrumental in promoting IT exports since 1991. Today, we have **68 centers across India**, including **4 in Andhra Pradesh**, and have seen exports grow from ₹52 crore to ₹10 lakh crore. Vizag alone contributes **95% of AP's IT exports**.

To support innovation, STPI has built **Centers of Excellence (COEs)** and **NGIS locations**, nurturing 1,400+ startups, helping them raise over ₹574 crore.



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In Vizag, our Kalpataru COE focuses on Industry 4.0, offering labs, seed funds, internships, and real problem statements from PSUs. It's the only COE from AP selected for the Samridh scheme, offering ₹40 lakh in support per startup.

AI is rapidly transforming industries – manufacturing AI adoption alone rose from 8% to 22% in just a year. With the India AI Mission and various PLI schemes, now is the time for startups to act and innovate.

I urge participants to fully engage with the summit. Take inspiration from success stories like Ram Kumar, who turned years of effort into a thriving startup. Focus not just on funding – but on building value.



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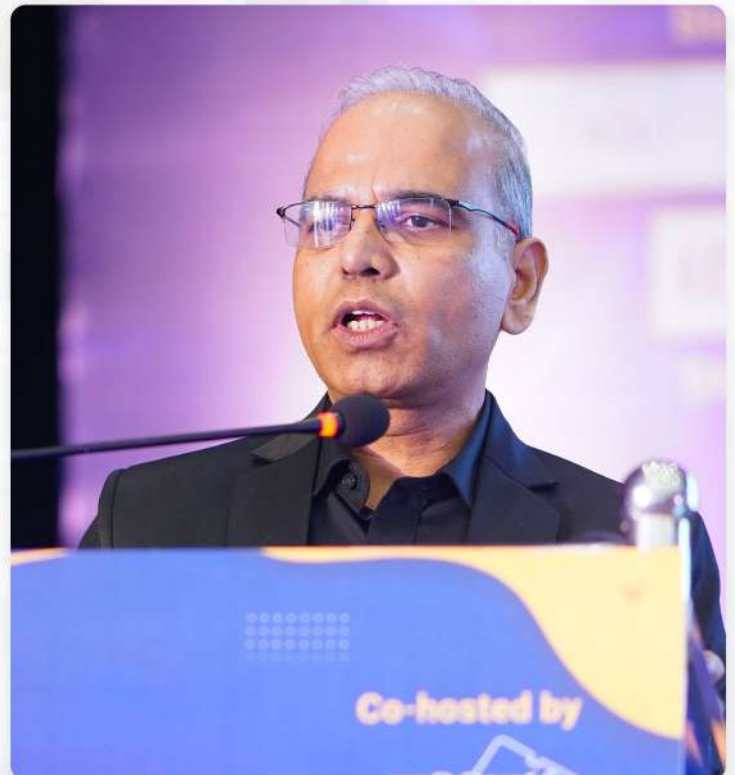
Keynote on Evolution of Agentic AI



Ashok Panda
Global Head-AI & Automation
Infosys

Shri Ashok Panda highlighted how agentic AI can transform lives in India by simplifying complex processes. He shared the example of a farmer seeking flood compensation, where AI could handle everything – from understanding the request in a local language, verifying records, checking satellite images, and authenticating identity, to directly transferring funds – without the farmer visiting any office. Similar automation could speed up telecom services, troubleshoot routers remotely, and even bring affordable healthcare by interpreting medical reports and offering advice in local dialects.

He stressed AI's potential in education, where personal assistants could guide continuous learning in small, relevant modules. Calling for local innovation, he envisioned an "AI factory" in Vizag to build solutions for India and the world. Panda outlined the journey from reactive agents to autonomous systems, noting that while full autonomy is still emerging, the real risk lies in not adapting. Just as computers fueled India's growth, he sees the AI era as a chance for the nation to lead globally.



Panel On Agentic AI vs. Human Jobs: Collaboration or Replacement?



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Ranjan Relan
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The panel explored the evolving role of Agentic AI, focusing on whether it will complement human capabilities or replace jobs entirely. Speakers highlighted that Agentic AI – AI systems capable of autonomous decision-making and execution – has the potential to revolutionize industries by handling repetitive, data-driven, and high-precision tasks, thereby allowing humans to focus on creativity, strategic thinking, and complex problem-solving.

Rather than framing AI as a threat, the panel emphasized a collaboration-first approach, where humans and AI work together to achieve better outcomes. Examples were shared from manufacturing, healthcare, and customer service, illustrating how Agentic AI can automate operational processes while still relying on human oversight for ethical, contextual, and empathetic decision-making.

The discussion also covered workforce transformation, noting that while certain job roles may evolve or disappear, new categories of work will emerge – particularly in AI design, governance, ethics, and oversight. This shift underscores the urgent need for upskilling and reskilling programs to prepare the workforce for AI-augmented roles.

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Ethical considerations were a recurring theme, with panelists stressing the importance of transparency, fairness, and accountability in AI deployment. They called for policies that balance innovation with human well-being, ensuring AI augments rather than undermines livelihoods

The panelists also acknowledged that adoption will vary by sector and geography, influenced by cultural attitudes toward automation, infrastructure readiness, and regulatory frameworks. In regions with strong digital infrastructure and supportive policy environments, Agentic AI integration could be rapid and transformative, while in others, gradual adoption may allow more time for workforce adaptation and social safeguards.

In conclusion, the panelists agreed that the future of work will not be about AI replacing humans, but about redefining roles and responsibilities to maximize the strengths of both. The challenge lies in shaping this transition proactively, with governments, industry, and academia working together to build a collaborative human-AI ecosystem.



Keynote on Gen AI in Indian Enterprises



Srini Sandaka

CTO

MOURI tech

Shri Srini Sandaka, shared insights on the adoption of Generative AI in Indian enterprises, highlighting practical use cases and lessons learned. He spoke about deploying AI assistants to support customer service teams, where product knowledge was moved into vector databases, allowing human agents to focus on communication while AI fetched relevant information. This deployment has been running successfully for over a year, with plans to extend it directly to customers. Another example was an agentic inventory service for a global hospitality company that uncovered \$3 million in new revenue, though it required building a custom framework after existing ones proved inadequate.

Srini emphasized that scaling AI requires strong data governance, data lineage, and secure handling of sensitive information, as much of the effort in AI projects lies in preparing and managing quality data.

He also stressed the importance of knowing when to use Gen-AI and when to rely on classic machine learning, noting that Gen-AI is not reliable for deterministic tasks like mathematical calculations. For instance, in a churn prediction project, 80% of the work was classic ML and only 20% Gen-AI for interaction. He shared a personal anecdote about a friend who found ChatGPT to be an invaluable mentor and companion after retirement, underscoring how AI can be deeply enriching on an individual level, while also introducing humorous challenges at home.

Concluding his keynote, Srini envisioned a future workforce where human employees work along side AI agents in hybrid teams, forming a new service model. He urged embracing Gen-AI & Agentic AI with purpose, responsibility, and vision—not out of fear of missing out, but as a means to reshape the way we work and contribute to society.



Keynote on Top 10 trends of AI & Vibe Coding



Rajesh Dhuddu
Partner - Emerging Tech
PwC

Shri. Rajesh Dhuddu, framed today's shift as moving from machines with brute power to machines with cognitive power. He illustrated fast-emerging behaviors like AI-to-AI "data over sound" conversations and introduced "wipe coding," where natural language replaces syntax so functional apps that once took 60–90 days can be built in hours. He walked through the spectrum—ML, deep learning, RPA, generative and agentic AI—and the software arc from humans writing code to software writing software, with agents acting autonomously. He argued this unlocks modernization at scale, even rewriting decades of legacy code within a few years, and set the stage for AGI as systems begin to model intent rather than just math.

At the same time, he cautioned against hype and blind spots: models often don't know what they don't know, still stumble on structured reasoning (the "Einstein puzzle"), and reflect statistical bias from the data they ingest. He highlighted teacher-student training (e.g., DeepSeek) as proof that chips and raw data aren't everything, but stressed the need for RLHF, explainable and responsible AI. Over-reliance can cause cognitive decline—so banning tools isn't the answer; guided, contextual use is. His takeaway: the landscape is racing from Gen-AI to agentic AI to wipe coding & toward AGI; use these tools to experiment and fail fast, modernize responsibly, and keep human judgment at the center.



Panel On LLMs in Enterprise: Transforming Workflows and Decision Making



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Director of Engineering
Syren

The panel discussion on “LLMs in Enterprise: Transforming Workflows and Decision Making” offered an insightful exploration into how Large Language Models are revolutionizing the way organizations operate. The conversation brought together experts from diverse domains, who highlighted that LLMs are no longer just experimental tools—they are now integral to enhancing productivity, automating complex tasks, and enabling data-driven decision-making at scale. From drafting reports and analyzing large datasets to improving customer engagement, LLMs are streamlining processes and unlocking new efficiencies across industries.

The speakers emphasized the shift from task-specific AI tools to more versatile, context-aware systems that can adapt to varied enterprise needs. They discussed how LLMs can augment human capabilities by providing rapid insights, facilitating better communication, and reducing the time spent on repetitive, low-value tasks. This, in turn, allows employees to focus on strategic & creative problem-solving, fostering innovation within organizations.

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Ethics and governance emerged as recurring themes, with the panel underscoring the importance of responsible AI deployment. The discussion covered challenges such as data privacy, bias mitigation, and the need for transparent decision-making processes. Panelists agreed that successful integration of LLMs requires not only technological readiness but also cultural adaptation, workforce training, and strong governance frameworks.

Looking ahead, the experts predicted that the next phase of LLM adoption will involve deeper integration with enterprise systems, making AI a seamless and invisible collaborator in day-to-day operations. As LLMs become more personalized and domain-specific, they will be able to deliver even more relevant and actionable insights, reshaping workflows and decision-making across sectors. The key takeaway was clear: LLMs, when implemented thoughtfully, have the potential to redefine enterprise efficiency and strategic agility—ushering in a future where human expertise and AI capabilities work hand in hand to drive growth.



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Keynote on Physical AI



Derick Jose
MD- Industrial AI
Accenture

Shri Derick Jose, began his keynote by framing **Physical AI** as the intersection of AI, robotics, sensors, and the Internet of Things (IoT) – where AI doesn't just process data but acts in and impacts the physical world. He explained that while most AI advancements have been concentrated in the digital domain (such as text, images, and speech), the next frontier is embedding AI into machines, devices, and infrastructure so they can sense, decide, and act autonomously in real-world environments. This shift, he noted, will transform industries like manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, agriculture, and smart cities.

He emphasized the **technological enablers** driving Physical AI's emergence – including advanced computer vision, real-time edge processing, 5G connectivity, improved actuator & sensor technologies, and the integration of AI models directly into embedded systems. Through examples such as autonomous industrial robots, AI-driven quality inspection in factories, and adaptive drones for precision agriculture, he illustrated how Physical AI is creating systems that are faster, safer, and more efficient. However, he also cautioned that this convergence demands solving challenges in safety, interoperability, scalability, and human-AI collaboration, especially in high-risk environments.

Derick concluded by highlighting the **strategic imperative** for businesses and policymakers to prepare for a Physical AI world. He stressed the importance of multi-disciplinary talent that blends AI engineering with mechanical, electrical, and domain-specific expertise. He called for ethical frameworks, robust testing, and regulatory clarity to ensure these systems are reliable and trusted. Ultimately, he positioned Physical AI not just as a technological trend but as a transformative force that will redefine how humans and machines coexist, collaborate, and create value in the real world.



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Panel On The Future of Automation: AI, Robotics, and the Physical World



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The panel opened with an exploration of how **automation is rapidly expanding beyond digital workflows into the physical world**, driven by advancements in AI, robotics, and IoT.

Speakers emphasized that automation is no longer limited to manufacturing or assembly lines; it now spans industries such as healthcare, logistics, agriculture, and infrastructure. They discussed how the convergence of AI's cognitive capabilities with robotics' physical precision is enabling machines to not only perform repetitive tasks but also adapt, learn, and make decisions in dynamic environments.

One key theme was the **shift from fixed automation to adaptive automation**. Panelists explained that earlier robotic systems relied on pre-programmed routines and rigid environments, whereas modern systems leverage AI models, computer vision, and real-time data to adjust operations on the fly. This enables autonomous robots in warehouses, collaborative robots ("cobots") in factories, and AI-powered delivery drones to function safely and efficiently alongside human workers, reducing downtime and improving productivity.

The discussion also touched on **human-robot** collaboration as a cornerstone of the future automation landscape. Rather than replacing human labor entirely, panelists envisioned a future where machines handle hazardous, monotonous, or highly precise work, while humans focus on creativity, strategic decision-making, and oversight. They stressed the importance of designing intuitive interfaces, natural language controls, and transparent AI decision-making to ensure seamless interaction and trust between humans and automated systems.

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A major focus was on the role of **edge computing and real-time analytics** in automation. As robots and autonomous systems increasingly operate in unpredictable physical settings, the ability to process data locally—without relying solely on the cloud—becomes essential. This enables faster decision-making, improved safety, and reduced network dependency. Panelists cited examples such as autonomous vehicles navigating traffic in real time, agricultural robots adjusting irrigation based on soil conditions, and AI-driven inspection drones identifying defects instantly.

The panel also addressed the **challenges and ethical** considerations surrounding automation. These included workforce reskilling, cybersecurity risks in connected devices, and ensuring AI-driven machines operate within ethical and legal boundaries. Speakers emphasized that governments, industry leaders, and educational institutions must collaborate to prepare workers for new roles created by automation, while establishing clear regulatory frameworks to govern AI-powered physical systems.

Looking ahead, panelists predicted **an era of “hyper-automation”**, where AI, robotics, digital twins, and IoT ecosystems converge to create self-optimizing, self-healing systems. This could transform entire industries—smart factories adjusting production in real time to demand changes, construction robots assembling complex structures autonomously, or urban infrastructure adapting dynamically to energy usage patterns. They stressed that the organizations that adopt automation strategically, with a focus on augmenting human capabilities rather than replacing them, will be best positioned to thrive.

The session concluded with a call to action: while the technology is advancing at unprecedented speed, **its successful integration into the physical world depends on human vision, responsible design, and societal readiness**. The future of automation is not just about building smarter machines—it’s about reimagining the way humans and technology co-create value in the real world.



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Keynote on AI in Cloud



Srinivas Karri

VP, AI CoE

Oracle, UK

Shri. Srinivas Karri focused on the transformative potential of **edge computing in the cloud** and its role in driving AI-powered innovation. The speaker explained that edge computing distributes computation between cloud infrastructure, enterprise data centers, and devices such as mobile phones, vehicles, and embedded systems. These devices not only process AI models locally, reducing latency and costs, but also enhance **security and privacy** by keeping sensitive data on-device. Edge devices act as vital data collection points, feeding into the broader AI ecosystem to support use cases across industries.

Illustrative applications included **port operations** for logistics and compliance, **manufacturing** for predictive maintenance, **agriculture** for plant disease detection, and **healthcare** through federated learning for localized lung disease diagnostics. This last example showcased how AI models can be tailored to regional health patterns while respecting patient privacy, and still contribute to collective improvement through shared, anonymized insights.

Looking ahead, the speaker emphasized that rapid advances like **6G connectivity** and IoT proliferation will massively expand AI's potential. The call to action was clear: entrepreneurs, enterprises, and policymakers should adopt a bold, experimental approach—failing fast, iterating, and focusing on **transformational value creation**. With the combination of local talent, incoming capital, and ambitious vision, regions like Andhra Pradesh can become catalysts for equitable AI-driven economic growth.



Fireside Chat On AI-Powered Edge-Cloud Synergy



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The panel explored how **edge computing and cloud infrastructures can work together** to unlock the full potential of AI. Panelists noted that while edge computing offers low-latency, privacy-preserving, and localized processing—ideal for time-sensitive or security-critical applications—the cloud remains indispensable for large-scale computation, heavy AI model training, & massive storage requirements. The consensus was that the future lies in a **balanced hybrid** approach, where edge devices handle local inference and real-time processing, and the cloud powers deep analytics, model training, and global data aggregation.

A recurring theme was **data privacy and security**, especially in sensitive sectors like defense and healthcare. Panelists discussed **federated learning** as a promising architecture—allowing decentralized devices to train on local data while sharing only model updates, thus avoiding direct exposure of sensitive datasets. Examples ranged from defense projects monitoring soldier vitals in real time, to healthcare applications where patient data remains on-site but contributes to global AI improvements.

The conversation also touched on **sustainability and responsible AI**. Panelists highlighted the environmental costs of large AI models and stressed the need to track energy footprints, optimize inference efficiency, and set industry-wide carbon neutrality goals. They pointed out that companies are already adopting environmental, social, and governance (ESG) targets, with mandates expected by 2050 for carbon neutrality.

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On societal impact, there was recognition of AI's benefits in safety, diagnostics, and operational efficiency, but also a candid warning that **job displacement could outpace job creation** if left unchecked. Economic responses—such as taxing efficiency gains from automation to support those displaced—were proposed alongside technological solutions.

Finally, panelists emphasized that **human values must remain at the center of AI deployment**. AI should reflect societal ethics, empathy, and cultural priorities, with India having the opportunity to develop AI models aligned to its own values. Public awareness on AI's environmental and social effects was seen as crucial for collective responsibility.

The session concluded with the message that **edge-cloud synergy is not just about technology—it's about combining performance, privacy, sustainability, and humanity** to ensure AI serves everyone.



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Inaugural Session with Guest Speeches - Day2



Chief Guest

Shri. M. Sri Bharat

Hon'ble MP
Visakhapatnam



Guest of Honour

Shri. P. Vishnu Kumar Raju

Hon'ble MLA
Vizag North



Guest

N. Suresh

Center Head
Infosys, Visakhapatnam



Guest

Shri. RL Narayana

Past President, ITAAP
Corporate Vice President
WNS



Welcome note

Shri. Sreedhar Kosaraju

Chairman, APDTI Network
Founder & Chairman, DTNF

**Shri. Sreedhar Kosaraju, Chairman, APDTI Network
Founder & Chairman, DTNF**

Shri. Sreedhar said, Honorable dignitaries, esteemed speakers, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and future changemakers—welcome to Day 2 of the **Fusion AI Summit 2025**, India's premier AI convergence on the East Coast. Yesterday, over 1,000 participants joined us for the inaugural edition, marking the beginning of an annual platform to shape India's intelligent future.

AI is no longer confined to labs—it's transforming every sector, from agriculture to space. The question is not whether to adopt AI, but how fast we can scale it. On Day 1, we explored NVIDIA's India roadmap, AI factories in Vizag, and breakthroughs in ascetic, generative, and physical AI, blurring the lines between the digital and physical worlds.

Today, we advance the dialogue with sessions on AI-first enterprise strategies, cross-sectoral innovations in healthcare, fintech, and law, decentralized intelligence, and lean AI for startups. We'll also discuss AI skilling, disruption insights, and investment strategies in deep tech.



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This summit proves Vizag is ready—and committed—to leading India's AI revolution. It's not just about ideas but actionable partnerships and implementation roadmaps. Let's use today to cement Vizag's place as India's AI innovation hub and carry forward the momentum for India's AI decade.

Shri. M. Sri Bharat, Hon'ble MP, Visakhapatnam

Shri M. Sri Bharat shared AI's potential through personal experiences as an educationist and public servant. In education, AI-driven marketing tools are transforming outreach for Gitam University, while AI-enabled hospital equipment enhances diagnostics, leaving doctors to focus on ethical decision-making.

In governance, he described an ambitious smart city project starting with Beach Road, replacing speed breakers with AI-powered cameras for speed and traffic regulation. The initiative has expanded to cover the entire city, integrating AI for traffic management, crime prevention, illegal parking detection, and early identification of infrastructure damage—shifting from reactive to preventive governance.

He also highlighted AI's role in solving urban challenges like congestion from upcoming malls on RK Beach Road, using AI modeling to design strategic parking, shuttles, and pedestrian-friendly solutions. Bharat stressed the need for cybersecurity, integration of physical infrastructure with AI, and pilots currently underway with multiple technology partners.

Looking ahead, he emphasized Visakhapatnam's transformation with major investments, including Infosys expansion, Google's largest data center outside the US, and a landing station for internet cables. While optimistic, he cautioned about AI deepening societal inequities and urged a balanced, inclusive approach. He invited businesses to collaborate in shaping Vizag's AI-driven future.



Shri. P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, Hon'ble MLA, Vizag North

Shri. P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, highlighted Visakhapatnam's strengths as an ideal hub for IT and AI, citing its natural beauty, quality of life, and growing infrastructure.

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He shared his personal academic journey and early contributions to IT development in the city, emphasizing that many entrepreneurs prefer Vizag for setting up operations.

He praised the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and CM Chandrababu Naidu for attracting massive investments and fostering technological growth, with plans to transform Vizag similar to Hyderabad's IT success.

He noted that AI is already transforming governance, healthcare, and industry, and with new state incentives for employers and employees, Andhra Pradesh is well-positioned to lead in this space.

Raju urged students to dream big, work hard, and leverage AI for future leadership, assuring entrepreneurs that the government will support and resolve industry challenges to make Vizag a capital for AI in India.



Shri. N. Suresh, Center Head, Infosys, Visakhapatnam

Shri N. Suresh, emphasized that mastering AI and LLMs must go beyond technical learning to practical business implementation. He has worked with engineering colleges to revise curricula, introducing business process understanding—like retail and supply chain management—so students can integrate technology into real-world scenarios. Collaborations with IIM Visakhapatnam aim to better prepare graduates for industry needs.



Sharing a notable use case, he described working with a global sports goods manufacturer to cut sample production costs from ₹99 million to ₹9 million and reduce product cycle time from 24 months to just 4 months, using AI-driven system integration. This transformation, piloted for the Japan Olympics, showed how blending business insight with technology delivers major efficiencies.

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Looking ahead, Suresh highlighted the influx of IT companies into Visakhapatnam, which could create 1 lakh jobs in five years. He stressed the need to use AI for smart city planning to avoid congestion and environmental challenges faced by other metros, pledging to work with government and industry to keep Vizag livable and sustainable.

Shri. R.L.Narayana, Past President, ITAAP Corporate Vice President & Location Head, WNS

Shri. RL Narayana, expressed ITAP's commitment to partnering with APDTI and other stakeholders to position Visakhapatnam as a prime destination for investment & equitable growth. He highlighted the city's recent recognition as India's number one emerging city, noting the responsibility to guide its development in the right direction.

Narayana praised the support from both the Andhra Pradesh and central governments, acknowledged growing interest from leading brands, and emphasized ITAP's readiness to collaborate in any capacity to sustain the city's growth.

He concluded by wishing the Fusion AI Summit continued success.



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Keynote on The AI-First Enterprise: Strategies for Transformation & Competitive Advantage



Dr. Shailesh Kumar
Chief Data Scientist, CoE - AI/ML
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Shri. Dr. Shailesh Kumar urged organizations to evolve from fragmented, task-specific AI solutions to intelligent, workflow-centric operating systems. He emphasized that traditional “use case thinking” leads to disconnected tools (“digital slums”), whereas effective AI transformation requires building interoperable systems that span sensors, records, analytics, operations, and user interactions across entire ecosystems—whether it’s a smart city, telecom network, or healthcare infrastructure.

He introduced a layered model of intelligence—**assisted, augmented, autonomous, proactive, and ecosystem intelligence**—and illustrated its application through real-world scenarios. In agriculture, AI-enabled workflows can process farmer queries in local languages, combine satellite and sensor data, leverage knowledge graphs, and deliver contextual, personalized advice directly to farms. In healthcare, AI assists in diagnostics and treatment planning, working hand-in-hand with doctors to scale expertise while preserving crucial human oversight.

Dr. Kumar called for a shift in design philosophy: move from optimizing model accuracy to building **domain-operating systems** that orchestrate workflows & can be adapted as plug-and-play solutions for different sectors, such as retail, education, and agriculture. He stressed that enterprise “AIfication” should be guided by principles like digital standardization, technology-agnostic infrastructure, automation, inclusive design, personalization, democratized participation, and ethical awareness.

In closing, he argued that the true power of AI lies not in isolated models, but in rethinking entire ecosystems as living products—capable of learning, adapting, and scaling.

By building AI with trust, inclusivity, and system-level thinking, enterprises can unlock real transformation and establish sustainable competitive advantage.



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Panel On Cross-Sectoral AI: Driving Innovation & Efficiency Across Industries Healthcare/FinTech/Legal..etc



Dr. Ravi Saripalle
Professor of Entrepreneurship
GITAM



Dr. Abhinav Dayal
Founder & CTO
Enlignce AI Labs



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The panel discussion on **Cross-Sectoral AI** explored how artificial intelligence is breaking industry silos to drive innovation, improve operational efficiency, and unlock new opportunities in diverse sectors such as healthcare, fintech, legal services, manufacturing, and beyond. The conversation emphasized that while AI adoption patterns may vary by industry, the underlying principles of leveraging data, automation, and intelligent decision-making are universally applicable. Panelists highlighted that the convergence of AI capabilities across domains is not only accelerating innovation cycles but also enabling organizations to respond to market shifts faster and more effectively.

In healthcare, panelists discussed the transformative role AI plays in diagnostics, personalized medicine, and patient care management. They shared insights on how AI-driven predictive analytics can help detect diseases earlier, improve treatment accuracy, and optimize hospital resource allocation. By combining machine learning algorithms with real-time patient data, healthcare providers can enhance both clinical outcomes and operational efficiency. The panelists also stressed the importance of addressing ethical considerations, such as patient privacy and algorithmic transparency, to ensure public trust in AI-powered healthcare solutions.

The fintech sector was cited as another area where AI is making a profound impact, particularly in fraud detection, risk assessment, and personalized financial services. Panelists described how AI models can analyze massive datasets in milliseconds to detect suspicious transactions, predict credit risk with higher accuracy, and provide tailored investment advice to customers. They noted that AI's predictive power can significantly reduce financial losses, enhance compliance, and improve customer experience. However, they also cautioned that financial institutions must guard against model bias and ensure regulatory alignment in their AI deployments.

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Legal services, traditionally seen as resistant to technological disruption, are now embracing AI to streamline research, contract review, and compliance processes. Panelists illustrated how natural language processing (NLP) tools can quickly analyze legal documents, extract key clauses, and flag potential risks—tasks that once took human teams hours or even days. This not only reduces operational costs but also allows legal professionals to focus on more strategic & advisory roles. They emphasized that AI in legal contexts must be carefully designed to preserve accuracy, confidentiality, & ethical integrity.

Beyond these sectors, the discussion expanded to manufacturing, logistics, and customer service, where AI is optimizing production lines, predicting maintenance needs, and enabling hyper-personalized customer engagement. Panelists underscored that the real power of AI lies in its cross-sector applicability—techniques developed in one industry often inspire innovations in another. For instance, predictive models from healthcare are now being adapted for equipment maintenance in industrial settings, while fraud detection algorithms in fintech are being used to identify anomalies in supply chain operations.

The panel also addressed the critical enablers of cross-sectoral AI success, including data interoperability, cloud infrastructure, and AI talent development. They stressed that breaking down data silos is essential for maximizing AI's potential, as insights often emerge at the intersection of datasets from different domains. The availability of skilled AI professionals who understand both technology and domain-specific challenges was identified as a major factor influencing the pace and quality of adoption.

In conclusion, the discussion made it clear that cross-sectoral AI is not just a technological trend—it is a strategic imperative for future-ready organizations. By adopting a collaborative and ethical approach, industries can share learnings, avoid repeated mistakes, and accelerate the delivery of AI-driven value. The panelists urged organizations to look beyond immediate sectoral boundaries, embrace experimentation, and invest in AI capabilities that can adapt across contexts, ensuring resilience and competitive advantage in the rapidly evolving digital economy.



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Keynote on The next frontier of AI - Distributed and de-centralized intelligence



Mohan B V
Sr Technical Director
Bosch Global Software Technologies

Shri. Mohan BV highlighted how AI is reshaping industries by enabling faster innovation, cost optimization, and entirely new business models. For startups, he emphasized agility as a key advantage over large enterprises, allowing them to experiment, pivot, and bring AI-driven solutions to market quickly.

He discussed how data is the foundation of AI innovation, urging startups to adopt data-first strategies and leverage open-source tools, cloud AI platforms, and collaborative ecosystems to reduce development costs.

Mohan stressed the importance of solving real-world, high-impact problems rather than chasing hype. He encouraged founders to focus on scalable, domain-specific solutions where AI can create measurable value.

In closing, Mohan urged startups to embrace continuous learning, adapt to fast-evolving AI trends, and maintain ethical AI practices to ensure trust and long-term success.



Keynote on AI-First Startups: Rewriting Industry Rules



Vivek Sridhar
CTO
Microsoft for Startups

Shri. Vivek Sridhar highlighted how the startup landscape has transformed with the rise of **large language models (LLMs) and AI tools**. The speaker emphasized that being an AI-first company isn't simply about using AI tools—it's about identifying specific customer problems and solving them fundamentally through AI. By leveraging readily available platforms, pre-trained models, and a growing ecosystem of agentic AI tools, founders can bootstrap quickly, reduce development cycles, and move from idea to market with unprecedented speed and efficiency.

One striking example was August AI, a healthcare solution that operates entirely via WhatsApp to assist doctors and patients in remote regions. Through intelligent personalization, the system flags potential medication conflicts—such as interactions between depression medication and newly prescribed drugs—enabling timely interventions that improve patient safety. This kind of real-world impact, achieved with minimal infrastructure, illustrates the core principle of AI-first innovation: solving tangible problems with scalable, accessible technology.

The keynote also explored how modern AI tools can radically accelerate product development. From uploading a simple hand-drawn website layout and having AI generate production-ready HTML, to using GitHub's new conversational development features to build entire applications, the process has become far more streamlined. However, the speaker cautioned that while AI reduces repetitive coding and boosts speed, human oversight remains essential—especially for complex, architecture-heavy systems. Ultimately, the next generation of startups will succeed by blending AI's automation capabilities with human expertise, focusing on revenue per employee, operational efficiency, and deep problem-solving.



Fireside Chat On Lean AI Development for Small Teams (SMEs/Startups): Building Effective Solutions with Limited Resources



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Srinivas Savaram
Partner
Alcove Partners



Navratan Katariya
Sr Director
Nasscom CoE



Santosh Krishna Srikantaiah
Vice President, Head of Innovation Center
NTT Data

The panel focused on how small teams—especially **SMEs, startups, and student-led initiatives**—can build impactful AI solutions despite limited resources. Panelists stressed that success starts with defining the business problem clearly and ensuring there is real market demand before investing in AI development. Rather than chasing cutting-edge AI research, small teams should prioritize product-market fit and integrate AI only when it adds genuine value to solving their specific problem.

They emphasized that today's ecosystem offers numerous cost-effective tools and open-source resources that make AI development more accessible than ever. With just a few laptops, small teams can cluster computing power to run large models, experiment with small language models, or fine-tune existing ones without heavy infrastructure. Many AI platforms now enable rapid prototyping, allowing startups to move from concept to testable product quickly.

Team size and resource allocation should be determined dynamically, based on project scope and the productivity gains achieved through available AI tools. Agile methods combined with automation allow teams to assess manpower needs more efficiently than traditional processes. The key is leveraging the right mix of lightweight AI frameworks, APIs, and no-code/low-code solutions to speed up development cycles without ballooning costs.

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Market validation was a recurring theme, with panelists urging startups to use AI tools for research but also to gather direct feedback from domain experts and potential customers. They pointed out that areas like healthcare, agriculture, and high-impact sustainability projects could attract strong investor interest if the solution is well-targeted. ROI assessment should drive decisions about whether to bootstrap or seek funding for larger teams.

The discussion also touched on the cultural aspect of AI adoption. Panelists agreed that small teams should both adopt AI (use it as a tool) and adapt to AI (integrate it into workflows), while also exploring innovative “third way” approaches unique to their context—neither copying high-cost Western models nor low-transparency approaches elsewhere.

In closing, the message was clear: lean AI development is about creativity, focus, and resourcefulness. With the right mindset, a clear understanding of market needs, and smart use of available AI tools, even small teams can create solutions that compete globally and lead in their niche.



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Panel On Building the AI Skilling Ecosystem: Preparing for the Future Workforce



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Dr. Abhinav Dayal
Founder & CTO
Enlignce AI Labs



Dr. Ravi Saripalle
Professor of Entrepreneurship
GITAM



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Founder
MiddleMen

The panel explored the urgent need to equip the future workforce with AI skills, emphasizing that the demand for AI talent is rapidly outpacing supply. Panelists highlighted that the AI skill gap is not just about technical know-how but also about critical thinking, ethical awareness, and domain-specific application. They stressed that skilling initiatives must integrate AI into real-world problem solving rather than treating it as an abstract, stand-alone discipline.

A recurring theme was the importance of micro-learning and adaptability over long, rigid curricula. Given the pace at which AI technologies evolve, traditional three- or four-year academic cycles often fail to keep up. Instead, short, modular training focused on core concepts, problem-solving, and tool-agnostic skills can prepare learners to adapt quickly as tools and frameworks change. This approach helps learners focus on the "why" and "how" of AI rather than just the "what."

The discussion also examined how AI adoption should be inclusive and equitable. While AI offers powerful efficiency gains, panelists cautioned against its misuse or narrow deployment that benefits only a few stakeholders. They cited examples like online physiotherapy platforms where AI adds costs without necessarily improving accessibility, underscoring the need for technology deployment that benefits society as a whole.

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Faculty training emerged as a critical bottleneck. Many educators are still rooted in older teaching patterns, repeatedly delivering the same coding exercises without fostering deeper understanding. Panelists suggested that educators should integrate AI tools directly into classrooms—not necessarily to master every programming language, but to teach analytical thinking, debugging, and decision-making with AI support.

The panel also touched on the evolving definition of “writing” and “creating” in the AI age. Just as typewriters, word processors, and grammar tools were once considered radical but are now commonplace, generative AI is becoming a normal part of knowledge work. Using AI to draft questions, code, or content should be seen as an augmentation of human capability, not a replacement for human originality.

When asked whether technological evolution might surpass human evolution—reaching the so-called point of singularity—panelists acknowledged both the potential and the risks. They noted that, throughout history, the “survival of the fittest” principle has driven shifts in dominance, and AI could represent a new form of intelligence that challenges human primacy. However, they stressed that our focus should remain on building technology that is ethical, sustainable, and beneficial to humanity.

Ultimately, the panel concluded that preparing for the AI future is less about mastering a fixed set of tools and more about cultivating a mindset of adaptability, critical thinking, and ethical responsibility. AI literacy—both technical and societal—will be an essential foundation for the workforce of tomorrow.



Keynote on “AI as the Innovation Engine “ for Startups



Bala Prasad Peddigari
Chief Innovation Officer
Tata Consultancy Services

Shri. Bala Prasad Peddigari highlighted how AI is transforming the startup ecosystem by enabling rapid innovation, automating routine tasks, and improving decision-making. Startups can now turn ideas into prototypes and blueprints within hours instead of months, accelerating time-to-market. AI-powered tools enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and help create personalized, human-centered solutions that solve real problems rather than just deploying technology for the sake of it.

A key message was that successful AI-first startups focus on solving problems, not selling technology. Demonstrating clear value to users drives adoption & scalability, while persistence & problem-centric innovation are critical. Case studies such as Niramay in healthcare and CITA in mental health illustrate how AI can directly impact lives and create meaningful solutions by leveraging data, personalized experiences, and AI-assisted workflows.

The keynote also emphasized leveraging the AI ecosystem, democratization of AI tools, and continuous differentiation. Startups should build data literacy, iterate quickly with prototypes, and use available infrastructure rather than reinventing the wheel. With government support and global success stories showing rapid growth and adoption, AI provides startups with a powerful engine to scale, innovate, and create lasting market impact while keeping human judgment at the core.



Fireside Chat On Disrupting Industries with AI: Startup Strategies for Innovation



Bala Prasad Peddigari
Chief Innovation Officer
Tata Consultancy Services



Ramesh Loganathan
General Partner
SucSEED Ventures



Ravi Eswarapu
Director & CEO, A-Hub
Board Member, TiE Vizag

The panel explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping competitive landscapes. The discussion opened with an acknowledgment of AI's transformative role across sectors—from manufacturing and logistics to healthcare and finance—enabling startups to challenge established incumbents with speed, agility, and precision. Panelists highlighted that the real disruption lies not just in adopting AI tools but in rethinking business models around data-driven insights, automation, and customer-centric innovation.

A recurring theme was **the advantage of being small but nimble**. Startups, unlike large enterprises, can pivot rapidly to leverage emerging AI technologies without bureaucratic delays. This agility allows them to experiment with novel applications—such as AI-driven personalization, predictive analytics, and autonomous decision-making—that can rapidly scale. Several case studies shared by the speakers demonstrated how early adoption of niche AI models can create significant market differentiation, even in saturated industries.

The conversation also delved into strategic considerations for building AI-first startups. Panelists stressed the importance of aligning AI adoption with clear business objectives rather than adopting technology for its own sake. Building domain-specific datasets, integrating human-in-the-loop feedback systems, and focusing on explainability were seen as critical factors for creating trustworthy and scalable AI solutions. They also advised founders to view AI as a co-creator in innovation rather than just a cost-cutting tool.

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Funding and resource optimization emerged as another crucial topic. Investors on the panel emphasized that while AI startups attract significant interest, the differentiator lies in how founders can demonstrate sustainable value creation and defensible technology. Open-source AI frameworks and cloud-based AI services were noted as cost-effective starting points, allowing startups to experiment without heavy upfront investment in infrastructure. Partnerships with academia, industry alliances, and even competitor collaborations were suggested as effective strategies for resource sharing..

The panelists also explored the **regulatory and ethical dimensions** of AI disruption. They urged startups to embed ethical AI practices from the ground up, ensuring fairness, transparency, and data privacy. Ignoring these aspects could not only hinder funding opportunities but also damage brand reputation in the long term. Startups that actively communicate their responsible AI practices, they said, are more likely to build lasting trust with customers and stakeholders.

In closing, the discussion underscored that the next wave of industry disruption will not come from technology alone, but from visionary founders who can blend AI capabilities with deep market understanding and creative problem-solving. Startups that can identify underserved needs, apply AI in transformative ways, and scale responsibly will be best positioned to lead the next era of innovation. The panel left attendees with a clear message: **in the age of AI, the boldest ideas backed by the smartest strategies will define the future.**



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'Vizag uniquely positioned to lead AI transformation'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Visakhapatnam: The two-day Fusion AI Summit 2025, organised by the DeepTech Naipunya Foundation, commenced in Visakhapatnam on Friday. The event brought together policymakers, global tech leaders, and industry pioneers to accelerate India's AI transformation from vision to execution. According to the organisers, this is the first-of-its-kind exclusive AI summit in Vizag, hosting

over 1,000 participants.

The event was inaugurated by state minister Kondapalli Srinivas, who spoke about AP's commitment to becoming an AI-first economy. "Numerous use cases demonstrate how human-AI collaboration will shape a futuristic Andhra Pradesh, enhancing both productivity and quality of life," said Srinivas.

NVIDIA's managing director for South Asia, Vishal Dhupar, delivered the keyno-



te address on "realising India's AI potential," highlighting NVIDIA's investments in Andhra Pradesh's AI ecosystem. "From AI vision to execution, India and Vizag must focus on three key principles: the 1-2-3 laws of AI adoption, lessons from AI's historical evolution, and establishing AI factories. Vizag is uniquely positioned to lead this

transformation," said Dhupar.

Other dignitaries included Ravi Vemuru (president, APNRT Society), Dr Suresh Batha (additional director, STPI), and Sreedhar Kosaraju (chairman, APDTI Network). "Hyper-personalisation through AI isn't just a global trend — it's Andhra Pradesh's opportunity to elevate its workforce and industries. Change is not to be feared but embraced as a catalyst for societal progress," said

Ravi Vemuru. "With hundreds of startups incubated and 75% efficiency gains in public services, Andhra Pradesh is bridging the innovation gap between government and entrepreneurs through targeted initiatives like Kalpataru CoE," said Suresh Batha.

Sreedhar Kosaraju said state's vibrant talent pool and thriving innovation ecosystem make it the perfect launchpad for India's AI revolution.

Fusion AI Summit kicks off as premier conclave on east coast

Andhra Pradesh set to become AI-first economy: Minister Kondapalli

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THE Fusion AI Summit 2025, India's premier AI summit on the East Coast,

commenced here on Friday with a star-studded inaugural session. The event brings together policymakers, global tech leaders, and industry pioneers to accelerate India's AI transformation from vision to execution. The summit was inaugurated by Kondapalli Srinivas, Minister for MSME, SERP, and NRI Empowerment & Relations, who emphasised "AP's commitment to becoming an AI-first economy."

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investments in Andhra Pradesh's AI ecosystem.

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Minister Srinivas in his remarks emphasised, "numerous use cases demonstrate how human-AI collaboration will shape a futuristic Andhra Pradesh, enhancing both productivity and quality of life."

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Vemuru connected global



AP MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurating Fusion AI Summit in Visakhapatnam on Friday

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to be feared but embraced as a catalyst for societal progress." Dr. Batha quantified AP's progress: "With 100s of startups incubated and 75 percent efficiency gains in public services, Andhra Pradesh is bridging the innovation gap between government and entrepreneurs through targeted initiatives like Kalpataru CoE." Kosaraju quoted that, Andhra Pradesh's vibrant talent pool and thriving innovation ecosystem make it the perfect launchpad for India's AI revolution. The summit is where visionaries unite to turn Vizag into the East Coast's hub of AI-driven transformation.

The summit is attended by 1,100 delegates that includes, CXOs, business leaders, delegates, startups, research scholars and students.

AI Summit - 2025 Kicks Off as India's Premier AI Conclave on the East Coast

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, July 25 : The Fusion AI Summit 2025, India's premier AI summit on the East Coast, commenced on 25th Jul 2025 at VMRDA, Children's Arena, Visakhapatnam with a star-studded



inaugural session. The event brings together policymakers, global tech leaders, and industry pioneers to accelerate India's AI transformation from vision to execution. Inaugural Highlights: The summit was inaugurated by Kondapalli Srinivas, Hon'ble Minister for MSME, SERP, and NRI Empowerment & Relations, Government of Andhra Pradesh, who emphasised "AP's commitment to becoming an AI-first economy," emphasised, "Numerous use cases demonstrate how human-AI collaboration will shape a futuristic Andhra Pradesh, enhancing both productivity and quality of life."

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roadmap for impact: "From AI vision to execution, India and Vizag must focus on three key principles: the 1-2-3 Laws of AI Adoption, lessons from AI's historical evolution, and establishing AI Factories. Vizag is uniquely positioned to lead this transformation."

Ravi Vemuru connected global trends with local potential: "Hyper-personalization through AI isn't just a global trend—it's Andhra's opportunity to elevate its workforce and industries. Change isn't to be feared but embraced as a catalyst for societal progress."

Dr. Suresh Batha quantified AP's progress: "With 100s of startups incubated and 75% efficiency gains in public services, Andhra Pradesh is bridging the innovation gap between government and entrepreneurs through targeted initiatives like Kalpataru CoE."

Sreedhar Kosaraju quoted that, Andhra Pradesh's vibrant talent pool and thriving innovation ecosystem make it the perfect launchpad for India's AI revolution. This summit is where visionaries

unite to turn Vizag into the East Coast's hub of AI-driven transformation. This summit was attended by 1100+ delegates that includes, CXOs, Business leaders, delegates, Startups, Research scholars and students.

Day 1: Cutting-Edge Discussions: The summit featured high-level dialogues on: Agentic AI: Debating autonomous systems' role in the future of work, led by Infosys and industry experts.

Generative AI for Enterprises: Strategies to deploy Indic LLMs and multimodal AI in BFSI, healthcare, and logistics.

Physical AI: Showcasing AI-powered robotics and smart manufacturing use cases by Accenture and Bosch.

Edge-Cloud Synergy: Oracle and Accenture experts discussed distributed intelligence for India's infrastructure. Global Participation, Local Impact: With 30+ speakers from Fortune 500 companies, the summit addressed different trends of AI on Agentic AI, Gen AI, Physical AI, Edge AI, Cloud-Edge Synergy

Fusion AI Summit calls for converting AI potential into real-world action

The benefits include improved access to nutrition, education, legal safeguards, and essential entitlements

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- Sreedhar Kosaraju, Chairman, APDTI

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VISAKHAPATNAM

THE Fusion AI Summit the first of its kind here for two days witnessed soul-searching deliberations here on how to turn AI potential into real-world action and promote decentralised intelligence and startup-driven innovation. In an informal chat with Bizz Buzz, Sreedhar



Kosaraju, Chairman, Andhra Pradesh Digital Technology Industry (APDTI) Network, said this is first summit of its kind with over 1,000 participants from various new age tech domains. He said DeepTech Naipunya Foundation (non-profit) with the support of local industries played a key role for success of the summit, adding the initiative will help make AP's developing deeptech ecosystem vibrant. Kosaraju

said: "The Fusion AI Summit isn't just about ideas—it's about actionable collaborations. From Vizag's smart city aspirations to India's AI leadership, our collective resolve will turn vision into reality." Distinguished leaders from government, industry and academia underscored the imperative of ethical AI, education and collaborative ecosystems to harness technology for societal and economic progress.

Leadership perspectives on AI's transformative potential were discussed in depth.

The summit's opening session featured visionary addresses by eminent dignitaries, who highlighted AI's role in shaping a sustainable and inclusive future. MP M. Sriharat stressed the tangible impact of AI in public infrastructure and healthcare.

He championed ethical AI frameworks for hospitals and universities alongside smart city innovations like adaptive traffic control and predictive road maintenance.

Visakh North MLA P. Vishnu Kumar Raju shared his personal journey to illustrate the transformative power of education. Reaffirming his commitment to Vizag's IT growth, he highlighted past achievements in developing Ruzhikonda as an IT hub and

outlined plans to resolve

land allocation challenges, ensuring the city becomes a magnet for global investments. Center Head, Infosys, Visakhapatnam, N. Suresh urged students to transcend theoretical learning and apply AI tools like LLMs to real-world scenarios—from supply chain optimisation to sports analytics. He advocated industry-aligned curricula and sustainable planning to accommodate Vizag's projected IT job surge without compromising its environmental legacy.

Keynote by Shailesh Kumar, Chief Data Scientist, Jio, explored strategies for building AI-first enterprises, emphasising transformation and competitive advantage. Experts from healthcare, fintech and legal sectors debated AI's role in driving ef-

iciency, with calls for regulatory sandboxes to foster innovation.

Mohan B V from Bosch outlined the next frontier—distributed intelligence—as a paradigm shift for privacy and scalability.

Vivek Sridhar, CTO for Startups, Microsoft and Bala Prasad Peddigar, CIO, TCS highlighted on AI development and disruptive strategies for SMEs, with the AI Innovation Awards celebrated groundbreaking startups.

During the valedictory, many experts reinforced the summit's mission to bridge policy, industry, and academia. Speakers unanimously endorsed public-private partnerships to scale AI solutions, with a focus on skilling, ethical governance, and sustainable urban development.

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The event aims to position the state as a leader in India's AI revolution



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