[DT10] Digital Disruption and Transformation International Summit & Exhibition (10th Edition)
"AI by Design: India and Tamil Nadu's Moment to Build, Own and Lead (Atmanirbhar Bharat/Tamil Nadu)"

Thursday, 30 July 2026 at Hotel Ramada Plaza, Guindy, Chennai

FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council successfully organized the **10th edition of its flagship Digital Disruption and Transformation International Summit & Exhibition** on the theme **"AI by Design: India and Tamil Nadu's Moment to Build, Own and Lead (Atmanirbhar Bharat/Tamil Nadu)"** on **30 July 2026** in Chennai. The summit brought together eminent speakers from government, industry, and academia for insightful discussions on building an ethical and responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem while positioning Tamil Nadu and India as global leaders in AI-driven innovation and digital transformation.

Thiru Dr. Kumar R, Hon'ble Minister for Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology and Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu, emphasized the importance of creating an ethical AI ecosystem through collaboration among universities, research institutions, industries, and technology experts. He highlighted that policymakers, entrepreneurs, and developers are collectively building knowledge-sharing platforms to promote responsible AI adoption. The Minister further noted that AI education would be introduced across all grades and appreciated the efforts of educational institutions in nurturing future AI talent capable of driving innovation responsibly.

Dr. Atul Anand, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Information Technology and Digital Services Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, highlighted that industries require AI by ethical design, where human intelligence remains central to solving real-world challenges. He emphasized the need to introduce AI education from the school level to prepare future generations for industry requirements and stressed the importance of developing a robust data-sharing policy that can create wider societal benefits.

Dr. GSK Velu, Chairman, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council, observed that Tamil Nadu continues to emerge as a preferred destination for global investments, driven by its skilled human capital, enabling policy environment, citizen-centric governance, and robust infrastructure. He emphasised that the AI revolution has the potential to transform key sectors including healthcare, agriculture, education, and public services, creating significant opportunities for inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Mr. Bhupesh Nagarajan, Co-Chair, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council, noted that the summit comes at a crucial juncture as industries worldwide are witnessing rapid digital disruption. He highlighted that Artificial Intelligence is becoming a key driver of innovation and competitiveness and emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts between government, industry, and academia to accelerate AI adoption and strengthen Tamil Nadu's digital leadership.

Dr. Rajaram Venkataraman, Convenor & Head, FICCI TNSC Technology Panel and Member, FICCI National Committee on ICT, highlighted that Tamil Nadu's AI Research Park, strong presence of global IT companies, vibrant

startup ecosystem, and skilled talent pool provide a strong foundation for building a responsible AI ecosystem. He emphasized that close collaboration between industry, academia, and government, supported by focused skill development initiatives, will be critical in shaping the next generation of AI innovators and accelerating AI adoption across industries.

The summit concluded on an optimistic note, with participants reaffirming that ethical, responsible, and innovation-led adoption of Artificial Intelligence will play a pivotal role in strengthening Tamil Nadu's digital leadership and advancing India's vision of an **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.

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