



**SAIGS 2025**

Safe AI for the Global South

Empowering the Global South with safe and responsible AI ecosystems

# SAFE AI FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH

TRUSTED, AND HUMAN-CENTRIC  
INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE  
DEVELOPMENT

*(Official Pre-Summit Event of the AI  
Impact Summit 2026)*

**13 DECEMBER 2025**

## AI SAFETY RESEARCH LAB

AMRITA VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM, AMRITAPURI



**Pre-Summit Event**  
India - AI Impact Summit,  
Ministry of Electronics and IT,  
Government of India

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## HOST INSTITUTION

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham  
(Amrita University)

## FORMAT

Hybrid

# OVERVIEW

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is a multi-disciplinary, research-intensive private university with a student strength of over 30,000, supported by more than 2,000 faculty members. Accredited with the highest 'A++' grade by NAAC, the university offers over 250 undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs spanning diverse fields, including Computing, Engineering, Management, Medical Sciences etc. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has been ranked 8th in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025. In the Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2025, which evaluates universities worldwide for their contributions to social and economic sustainability, Amrita has been placed among the Top 50 globally. The university is recognized as one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher learning in India, having

established over 180 collaborations with top 500 world-ranked universities within just 18 years.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham has emerged as a national leader in Artificial Intelligence research and innovation, with a focus on responsible, ethical, and trustworthy AI. The university has consistently bridged cutting-edge technical research with societal impact, drawing on its interdisciplinary strengths across computer science, social sciences, medicine, and sustainability. A key recognition of this leadership is Amrita's selection under the IndiaAI Mission for its pioneering work in the Safety and Trusted AI pillar especially to build context-aware evaluation framework to identify domain-specific risks to enable safer and more trustworthy AI deployment.

## EVENT OBJECTIVES



To advance national and regional discourse on Safe and Trusted AI and establish measurable pathways for responsible innovation.



To position India and the Global South as co-architects of global AI governance standards



Generate actionable policy recommendations and industry best practices that address the unique challenges of emerging economies.



Bridge the gap between global governance frameworks and local realities through inclusive dialogue.



To promote human-centric, equitable, and sustainable AI deployment aligned with the SDGs.



To develop practical policy, governance, and design frameworks that ensure accountability, fairness, and ethical integrity across AI lifecycle as a focussed on-going research activity as part of Amrita's AI Safety Lab

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKER	FORMAT
9:30 am 9:40 am	<b>Welcome address and introduction</b>	<b>Dr. Maneesha Vinodini Ramesh</b> , Pro Vice Chancellor, UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation & Development.	Plenary
9:40 am 10:00 am	<b>Inaugural Address:</b> AI for a Safer Future: Reimagining Safety, Trust, and Governance for the Global South	<b>Shri. Abhishek Singh</b> , Additional Secretary, MeitY, CEO, India AI Mission	Plenary
10:00 am 10:20 am	<b>Keynote 1:</b> Towards Human-Centric, Responsible, and Inclusive AI Ecosystems for Global South	<b>Isabel De Sola Criado</b> , Head of Coordination UnitUN Office for Digital and Emerging Technologies (Representing <b>Dr. Amandeep Singh Gill</b> , United Nations Under-Secretary-General and the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Technology)	Keynote
10:20 am 10:45 am	<b>Keynote 2:</b> AI for People, Planet & Progress – Trustworthy AI for Inclusive Development	<b>Dr. Yuko Harayama</b> , Secretary General, GPAI Tokyo Centre.	Keynote
10:45 am 11:10 am	<b>Keynote 3:</b> Governing Agentic Intelligence: Safety-by-Design Strategies for Emerging Economies	<b>Ms. Gabriela Ramos</b> , Assistant Director-General, Social and Human Sciences of UNESCO Architect of the largest global standard on the ethics of AI that committed 194 member states	Keynote
11:10 am 11:25 am	<b>Tea Break &amp; Networking</b>		
11:25 am 12:40 pm	<b>Panel Discussion 1:</b> Bridging the AI Divide – Building Capacity and Trustworthy AI Ecosystems for key sectors such as Healthcare, Education, Banking etc., for the Global South	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Prema Nedungadi</b>, Associate Dean, School of Computing, Amritapuri</li> <li><b>Dr. Magan Naidoo</b>, CTO, World Food Programme, Geneva.</li> <li><b>Dr. Sheshagiri</b>, NPOL Director.</li> <li><b>Mr. Avinash Agarwal</b>, Deputy Director General, Telecommunication Engineering Center, Ministry of Communications.</li> <li><b>Gopichand Katragadda</b>, CEO Myelinfoundry.com</li> </ol>	Moderated Panel



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12:40 pm 1:05 pm	<b>Keynote 4:</b> Accountability in Action – Co-Creating Standards for Responsible AI Deployment	<b>H. E. Dr. Avinash Ramtohul</b> , ICT Minister, Republic of Mauritius.	Keynote
1:05 pm 1:50 pm	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
1:50 pm 3:05 pm	<b>Panel Discussion 2:</b> Trust by Design – Embedding Fairness, Safety & Ethics into Agentic AI Ecosystems	1. <b>Mr. Vinay Chandran</b> , Partner, Quantum Black, AI by McKinsey, Middle East. 2. <b>Prof. Raghu Dharmaraju</b> , CEO, AI & Robotics Tech Park @ IISc   AI for society, economy, sovereignty (ARTRAC) 3. <b>Girish Krishnamurthy</b> , CEO, TATA MD 4. <b>Ankit Bose</b> , Head AI, Nasscom Head AI, Nasscom 5. <b>Mr. Purushottam Kaushik</b> , Head, Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution India The World Economic Forum India Liaison Office	Moderated Panel
3:05 pm 3:30 pm	<b>Keynote 5:</b> Securing the Age of Agentic Intelligence: Opportunities, Risks, and the Path Forward	<b>Prof. Christoph Lutge</b> , Director, TUM Institute for Ethics in Artificial Intelligence, Technical University of Munich.	Keynote
3:30 pm 4:30 pm	<b>Tools Demo by Vendors</b>		
4:30 pm 4:45 pm	<b>Tea Break &amp; Networking</b>		
4:45 pm 6:00 pm	<b>Panel Discussion 3:</b> Gender Algorithm: Rethinking Safety, Sovereignty and Social Impact of AI - A Women's Perspective.	1. <b>Ms. Kavitha Bhatiya</b> , Scientist 'G', COO IndiaAI, e-Governance Leader, Digital Payments Innovator, Advocate for Emerging Technologies and Multilingual Solutions 2. <b>Dr Kalika Bali</b> , Microsoft Research	Moderated Panel
6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Closing Plenary:</b> A Collective Roadmap for Safe & Inclusive AI for the Global South	<b>Prof. Sivaramakrishanan R Guruvayur</b> , <b>Prof. Krishnashree Achuthan</b>	Synthesis & Call to Action

**Duration:** Eight Hours (Hybrid Format)

**Participants:** Approximately 150 in-person delegates and 300 virtual attendees.

**Stakeholder Groups:** Policymakers, industry executives, AI researchers, civil-society organizations, and international partners.

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