

PM Modi welcomes world leaders at Bharat Mandapam during India AI Impact Summit

NEW DELHI, Feb 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday warmly welcomed several world leaders at Bharat Mandapam, as the global leaders in tech and policymaking on Artificial Intelligence (AI) converged in the national capital for the ongoing India AI Impact Summit 2026.

Among the dignitaries received were Pedro Sanchez Peces-Castano, President of Spain; Peter Pellegrini, President of the Slovak Republic; Ozhod Bektenov, Prime Minister of Kazakhstan; Petteri Opo, Prime Minister of Finland; Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of Sri Lanka; and Alar Kari, President of Estonia.

Prime Minister Modi also welcomed Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius; Tshering Tobgye, Prime Minister of Bhutan; Sebastian Pillay, Vice President of Seychelles; Dick Schoof, Prime Minister of the Netherlands; Kyriakos Mitsotakis, Prime Minister of Greece; and Andrej Plenkovic, Prime Minister of Croatia.

Global institutions were



represented by Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, and Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, as well as Vice Presidents Bharat Jagdeo of Guyana and Edmundo Lara Montano of Bolivia.

The series of high-level

conferences at Bharat Mandapam highlighted India's leadership in promoting global cooperation on artificial intelligence, innovation, and digital transformation. Leaders attending the summit are expected to discuss AI-driven solutions, economic

growth, sustainable development, and technology partnerships.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 brings together nations and international institutions, reflecting India's focus on multilateral collaboration and the use of AI to address global challenges and unlock new opportunities for shared growth.

India is hosting the AI Impact Summit 2026 from February 16 to 20. It is an annual global event, one of the pillars, or 'Sutras', People, Planet and Progress.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the India AI Impact Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on Monday.

The Summit, the first global AI gathering to be hosted

in the Global South, has witnessed unprecedented participation, with over 20 Heads of State, 60 Ministers, and 500 global AI leaders.

Bringing together policymakers, technology companies, innovators, academia, and industry leaders, the Summit seeks to translate global AI deliberations into actionable development outcomes under the India AI Mission and the Digital India initiative.

PM Modi will deliver the inaugural address on February 19, setting the tone for enhanced global cooperation and advancing India's vision for inclusive, trusted, and development-oriented artificial intelligence. (ANI)

7-minute translation for a 3-minute speech: SC questions transcripts in Sonam Wangchuk Case

NEW DELHI, Feb 18: The Supreme Court has expressed concern over the accuracy of transcripts submitted by the Centre in its case against activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was detained under the National Security Act (NSA), 1980, in September last year after protests in Leh turned violent. The bench recently heard a habeas corpus petition filed by his wife, Gitanjali Angmo. Questioning the government's version of events, a bench comprising Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice P N Varadachari, Additional Solicitor General K M Narasimha Reddy, asked for an authentic transcript of Wangchuk's speech. According to the Tribunal, the judges observed that the transcript provided by the Centre appeared to be a verbatim transcription of the original speech, which was 7 minutes long. "We want the actual transcript of the speech. What he said and what you say are different," the bench remarked. The court's direction came after Sonam Wangchuk's lawyer, Kapil Sibal, appearing for Angmo, pointed out inconsistencies between Wangchuk's original (Ladakhi) statements (Angmo's).

ent. We will check. The transcript must be placed before us... Your translation runs for seven to eight minutes, whereas the speech is for three minutes. We are in the era of Artificial Intelligence. Translation accuracy is at least 98 per cent," the bench remarked. The court's direction came after Sonam Wangchuk's lawyer, Kapil Sibal, appearing for Angmo, pointed out inconsistencies between Wangchuk's original (Ladakhi) statements (Angmo's).

Whatever Mohan Bhagwat said is correct: Maulana Razvi

BAREILLY, Feb 18: After RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat stated that Muslims living in India are also Hindus, they have not come from Arabia, All India Muslim Jamaat President Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi on Wednesday backed the remarks, saying Bhagwat was correct.

He further said it is true that the ancestors of Indian Muslims were Hindus.

Mohan Bhagwat had said, "Muslims living in India are also Hindus. They have not come from Arabia. They also need to be converted back to Hindu, but this work will happen gradually." He made these remarks during a social harmony meeting in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Expressing concern over the declining population growth rate among Hindus, Bhagwat also said there should be at least three

children in every family. "Currently, the population rate is 2.1. It should be at least 3. Now, tell all those who are getting married to have at least three children," Mohan Bhagwat said.

Speaking to IANS, Maulana Shahabuddin Razvi said, "Mohan Bhagwat's point that Muslims did not come from Arabia is correct. Those who were

Hindus, Buddhists, Dalits and tribals in India were subjected to injustice. When Muslim rulers came and made decisions based on justice, they gave humans the status of humanity."

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India sets Guinness Record with 2.5 lakh AI responsibility pledges in 24 hours



NEW DELHI, Feb 18: Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vashnaw, on Wednesday announced that India has successfully achieved the Guinness World Records title for the "Most pledges received for an AI responsibility campaign in 24 hours," with a staggering 250,946 valid pledges received during the 24-hour period from February 16-17.

The announcement was made during the India AI Impact Summit 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in the presence of S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Deputy), Ashish Singh, Additional Secretary, MEITY, CEO, India AI Mission and DG, NIC; Kavita Bhatia, COO, India AI; Srivastava Iyengar, SVP and GM, Central Engineering

Group, Intel, and Pravin Patel, Guinness World Records adjudicator, who officially verified the achievement.

The nationwide AI Responsibility Pledge campaign, launched under the India AI Mission collaboration with Intel India on February 16, sought to mobilize citizens across the country to commit to the ethical, inclusive, and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence through the dedicated portal, airesponsibility.gov.in.

The initiative encouraged participants to reflect on key principles such as privacy, accountability, transparency, and data security through scenario-based questions, thereby reinforcing India's vision of building trustworthy and human-centric AI ecosystem. Participants who

completed the pledge received a digital badge and access to AI learning pathways.

Addressing the media, Vashnaw hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of engaging youth in the responsible and ethical use of AI. "It is his vision that inspired us to reach out to colleges, engage with faculty members, and encourage students to take this pledge to use AI as a tool for the good of society — as a technology that improves our lives — and to ensure it is used responsibly. A special round of applause to take this pledge to use AI as a tool for the good of society — as a technology that improves our lives — and to ensure it is used responsibly."

The Minister highlighted that the record-setting participation — far exceeding the initial target of 5,000 pledges — reflects strong public engagement and growing awareness around responsible AI adoption. Honored that the campaign represents a significant milestone in citizen-led digital responsibility and demonstrates India's commitment to shaping the global AI discourse with a focus on inclusion, ethics, and public trust. (ANI)

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF (IMMOVABLE) / MOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) / (8) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable / Movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch	Description of the Immovable / Movable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	A) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	B) Net Outstanding Amount as on 31.01.2026	C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI ACT 2002	D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs)	B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD)	Date and Time of Inspection of Property	Date/Time of E-auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1.	TINSUKIA, M/S. TEA AND TEA	1. Bandana Hussain (Partner), O/o Farnah Hussain, Palcoo Park, Plot 29, Chachal, Sachi Nagar, 6 Mile, Khanapara, Kamrup, Assam-781022	A) 16.02.2026 B) Rs. 3,31,54,820.56 plus further interest & cost C) 31.10.2025 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 144.00 Lakhs for Immovable Property for Rs. 122.00 Lakhs for Plant and Machinery B) Rs. 14.40 Lakhs for Immovable Property and Rs. 12.20 Lakhs for Plant and Machinery (Rs. 28.60 Lakhs) C) Rs. 20,000/-	20.02.2026 26.03.2026 10.00 AM 05.00 PM	27.03.2026 11.00 AM 4.00 PM	NIL				
2.	Farnah Hussain (Partner), O/o Late Amlak Hussain, Sookrateng No. 8, Doom Dooma, Assam-786151	Equitable mortgage of land and structure thereon measuring 19.08-13.24 covered by Dag No. 29(08) / 106(new) of P.P. No. 1(00) / 2(New) situated at Village Badesthote TE 11/11/14 NR, Mouza: Doom Dooma under Doom Dooma Revenue Circle, Dist. Tinsukia, Assam in the name of Mrs. Bandana Hussain. The Property is Bounded by: North-West: Residence of Naren Hazarika, N.M. Deka and K. Nag, East-South: Road, North-East: Vacant Land, South-West: Vacant Land of Mrs. Kadam Pal.	A) 16.02.2026 B) Rs. 3,31,54,820.56 plus further interest & cost C) 31.10.2025 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. 144.00 Lakhs for Immovable Property for Rs. 122.00 Lakhs for Plant and Machinery B) Rs. 14.40 Lakhs for Immovable Property and Rs. 12.20 Lakhs for Plant and Machinery (Rs. 28.60 Lakhs) C) Rs. 20,000/-	20.02.2026 26.03.2026 10.00 AM 05.00 PM	27.03.2026 11.00 AM 4.00 PM	NIL				

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herewith have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://banknet.com> on 27.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM.
- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://banknet.com> and www.pnb.in.

Date: 19.02.2026
Place: Dibrugarh

Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) / (8) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank
ARMB, Hem Barua Road, Panbarua, Guwahati, Pin-781001

e-Auction Sale Notice FOR SALE OF (IMMOVABLE) PROPERTIES

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1.	ARMB Guwahati Branch	All that part and parcel of 3 BHK residential flat along with a private terrace bearing flat no 281 on the 8th floor in tower II, Block A, measuring area 1447 sq ft upper built up area in the multi storied building namely 'Fortune residency (South City) situated at Lokhra Road, Guwahati alongwith undivided proportional share of land measuring 0.40 ac in Dag no 813 of S.P. Patta no 194 of revenue village - Sarvagaj under Mouza Bholia, Dist-Kamrup (M), Assam together with 1 (one) open car parking space in the said building with common amenities and land is built and bounded by North: Land of Manoj Ghosh South: Land of Jitu Ray East: Land of Nagen Kiliang West: Road	A) 21.08.2024 B) Rs. 56,91,91.16 as on 30.07.2024 plus interest and other charges w.e.f. 31.07.2024 C) 04-12-2024 D) Physical Possession	A) Rs. 57,60,000 B) Rs. 57,60,000 C) 04.03.2026 up to 4 PM D) 0.50 Lac	06.03.2026 08.03.2026 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known					
2.	SMT. RANJITA BASUMATRY (WIDOW)	W/o Sougandham Debnath Singh Address: 1 Fortune Residency, south city apartment, tower 2, Block A, Flat no-281, 8th floor, Lokhra Road, Guwahati, Dist. Kamrup (M), pin 781038	A) 21.08.2024 B) Rs. 56,91,91.16 as on 30.07.2024 plus interest and other charges w.e.f. 31.07.2024 C) 04-12-2024 D) Physical Possession	A) Rs. 57,60,000 B) Rs. 57,60,000 C) 04.03.2026 up to 4 PM D) 0.50 Lac	06.03.2026 08.03.2026 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known					
3.	W/o Sougandham Debnath Singh Address: 1 Fortune Residency, south city apartment, tower 2, Block A, Flat no-281, 8th floor, Lokhra Road, Guwahati, Dist. Kamrup (M), pin 781038	W/o Sougandham Debnath Singh Address: 1 Fortune Residency, south city apartment, tower 2, Block A, Flat no-281, 8th floor, Lokhra Road, Guwahati, Dist. Kamrup (M), pin 781038	A) 21.08.2024 B) Rs. 56,91,91.16 as on 30.07.2024 plus interest and other charges w.e.f. 31.07.2024 C) 04-12-2024 D) Physical Possession	A) Rs. 57,60,000 B) Rs. 57,60,000 C) 04.03.2026 up to 4 PM D) 0.50 Lac	06.03.2026 08.03.2026 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM	Not known					

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- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://banknet.com> on 06.03.2026 from 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM.
- For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://banknet.com>.
- The authorised officer or the bank shall not be responsible for any change in encumbrances or any other dues to the government or anyone else in respect of properties/encumbrances of property tax, known to the bank. The interested Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues, etc.
- The authorised officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided.

Date: 19.02.2026
Place: Guwahati

Sgt. Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank