Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chairs roundtable with Founders of 10 new-age Indian Startups who use AI in Education, in New Delhi

Ministry of Education to organise Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave 2026 on 12–13 February 2026 to Deliberate on AI's strategic role in transforming education

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Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, chaired a roundtable with Founders of 10 new-age Indian Startups who use AI in education, at IIT Delhi today. The event was also graced by Shri Sukanta Majumdar, MoS for Education and Development of North Eastern Region, and Shri Jayant Chaudhary, MoS for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (IC).

The Roundtable brought together policymakers, academic leaders, and emerging technology entrepreneurs to discuss how AI can be leveraged to transform India's education system, aligning with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This is part of a series of initiatives by the Ministry of Education to harness the potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The Roundtable

showcased a new generation of Indian startups developing AI-first solutions across K-12 learning, test preparation, upskilling, language learning and skill education, with a focus on students in underserved areas. Participating startups included Arivihan, Fermi AI, Khare.AI, Seekho, SpeakX, SuperKalam, SuperNova, Vedantu , ConveGenius, and Virohan.

The interaction was organised as a precursor to the upcoming India AI Impact Summit. The insights from the Roundtable will inform policy and ecosystem deliberations at the India AI Impact Summit, with a focus on responsible AI adoption, safeguards, and pathways for scaling impact across sectors, including education.

The Roundtable will be followed by a two-day event - **Bharat Bodhan AI Conclave** on 12–13 February 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Conclave will bring together senior policymakers from the Centre and States, researchers, academic institutions, and industry leaders to deliberate on AI's strategic role in transforming India's education ecosystem, with a focus on innovation, scalable adoption, and national capacity building.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan expressed his happiness to engage in in-depth discussions with home-grown start-up founders who are building indigenous 'AI powered solutions from India to the World', particularly for transforming and redefining the educational landscape.

The Minister was pleased to learn that all these founders belong to middle-class and tier-III city backgrounds. Their innovative solutions and deep understanding for integrating 'AI in Education' and creating impactful solutions for addressing real-world and India-centric educational challenges inspire great confidence, he added.

The Minister emphasised that technology is a powerful instrument of empowerment and inclusion, capable of bridging the gap between hope and opportunity. He underscored the central role of AI in advancing the vision of **Viksit Bharat @ 2047**.

Shri Pradhan encouraged these pioneers to build creative solutions tailored to Indian values, languages, contexts and needs, while also ensuring global relevance. He assured them of all the support in harnessing the transformative power of AI for addressing national educational and skilling priorities, shaping Bharat's technological and digital sovereignty and building impactful DPIs in education.

Shri Ashutosh Sharma, a long-term investor in India's digital ecosystem, reiterated the importance of viewing education technology as a national capability rather than a short-term commercial opportunity. He emphasised that technology remains the only truly scalable solution to bridging India's education gap, and that AI marks a historic inflection point, enabling quality learning to reach every learner, irrespective of geography or income.

Senior officials and key stakeholders participating in the Roundtable included Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy; Dr Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education; Shri Rangan Bannerjee, Director,IIT Delhi; Prof V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras; Shri Ashutosh Sharma, Head of Investments and M&A for India and South East Asia at Prosus; Heads of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), IT Skill Sector Council, National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), and National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET); Commissioner of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS); Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE); Commissioner of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS); Chairman of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS); along with other distinguished stakeholders and senior officers from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

At @iitdelhi along with Shri @jayantrld ji and @DrSukantaBJP ji, engaged in in-depth discussions with home-grown start-up founders who are building indigenous AI stacks 'for the world, from India', particularly for transforming and redefining the educational landscape…. pic.twitter.com/ybt8JAcgdO

— Dharmendra Pradhan (@dpradhanbjp) February 11, 2026

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