

AI IN FOCUS



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CoRE-AI is a multi-stakeholder initiative on AI, housed at **The Dialogue**.



Message from the Executive Committee

The transformative impact of AI has already begun reshaping our lives. Whether we know it or not, whether we acknowledge it or not, AI is the Operating System that is powering our lives - this may be incremental for now, but go full-throttle soon.

It has never been more important for stakeholders to assess, innovate, and implement with transparency and collaboration. CoRE-AI, which brings together start-ups, academics, industry experts, Big Tech, and policy-makers, has a unique advantage: it has an early lead, and it believes fully in the potential of AI to transform lives responsibly and effectively.


CoRE-AI applies great rigour and discipline to assessing the different requirements that come into play with AI: for example, it enables info-swapping on learnings about guardrails; it provides its growing roster of members with regular updates on tech and regulatory developments; it facilitates regular brain-storming to identify gaps in design to course-correct innovation so that it's deliberate and proactive.

At CoRE-AI, the aim is to use AI to lower the barrier to entry for the vast benefits that this new tech can deliver. The focus on an equitable advantage for all can change the lives of millions of Indians with bigger efficiencies of time and cost than ever imagined.

It's essential to spend as much time thinking about the benefits of AI, and how to deliver them to the widest population, as it is to meditate on the possible risks. CoRE-AI is committed to that approach.

Suparna Singh

Member, Executive Committee, CoRE-AI
CEO and Co-Founder, Frammer AI



Message from the Secretariat

In the last decade, artificial intelligence (AI) has transitioned from a nascent concept to a transformative force shaping industries, economies, and societies worldwide. India, with its vibrant tech ecosystem and robust policy aspirations, stands at a pivotal juncture to drive responsible AI.

We established CoRE-AI in July 2024, realising the need and value of a concerted approach by bringing in industry, startups, civil society and academia to contribute towards responsible AI in India. Over the past six months, CoRE-AI has successfully executed several projects, making a significant impact among key stakeholders and solidifying its position as India's leading multi-stakeholder coalition. What began as a 25-member body has now grown into a thriving coalition of over 45 members. From intersectional research to participating in crucial policy and regulatory conversations; driving capacity-building sessions and engaging with key stakeholders, CoRE-AI has been contributing to Responsible AI dialogue in India. And in 2025 we plan to build on last year's success, to deliver on impactful projects with the larger objective of advancing responsible AI in India.

It gives me great pleasure to see the CoRE-AI's newsletter come to life! With a focus on AI policy and regulation, as well as informing stakeholders on CoRE-AI's outputs, we hope that you find value in the newsletter.

Happy reading!

Kazim Rizvi

Secretariat, CoRE-AI
Founding Director, The Dialogue



CoRE-AI Highlights

A Look at Our Engagements



1. Workshop on 'Reimagining Data Protection for the AI Landscape'

CoRE-AI, in collaboration with Infosys, hosted a workshop on **September 18, 2024**, titled "**Reimagining Data Protection for the AI Landscape.**" The event included three in-person panel discussions at the Infosys campus in Bengaluru, focusing on the privacy challenges posed by AI and the applicability of existing data protection laws in regulating these technologies.

Key topics included the legal basis for processing personal data in AI innovation, with an emphasis on consent, handling sensitive personal data, and accessing publicly available information while addressing privacy concerns. Additionally, we examined the impact of the DPDP Act 2023 on AI innovations.

Our members attended the workshops, and we engaged a diverse group of stakeholders as panelists, including representatives from civil society, academia, and industry experts.



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2. inSIG 2024: Discussion on 'Regulatory Approaches to AI Governance'


CoRE-AI participated in the India School of Internet Governance (inSIG) Conference 2024, held at IIM Bangalore from **October 1 to October 3, 2024**.

Alongside various external speakers, CoRE-AI members were invited to participate in a panel discussion on "Regulatory Approaches to AI Governance."



The discussion tried to capture the landscape of AI governance in India' underscoring the inevitable need to govern the harms and risks associated with AI, such as bias, security, safety, privacy, and ethics—which are widely recognized as integral to the conversation on AI regulation. As India prepares for regulatory approaches that address these issues, our speakers highlighted how it is essential to adopt a principles-based approach that fosters inclusivity by bringing together diverse stakeholders. Such collaboration could ensure that governance frameworks are not developed in isolation but are layered into principles, rules, and guidelines that effectively address context-specific concerns.

Further, it was highlighted that there is a need for a comprehensive approach that recognizes that AI governance must be multifaceted, encompassing the complexities of its impact on society and the economy. Experts also indicated that the Indian market ecosystem has for long been characterized by regulatory practices of audits and self-disclosure, which in the case of AI can also facilitate greater accountability among AI developers and users. As sector-specific regulations, particularly in financial services and healthcare, are expected to evolve, a nuanced understanding of the unique challenges each sector faces will also be vital.

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3. Stakeholder Consultation on AI Safety Institute:

CoRE-AI Secretariat alongside some members took part in the stakeholder consultation on AI Safety Institute organized by MeitY on **October 7, 2024**, where we contributed our insights on what should India's approach be with respect to the establishment of its AI Safety Institute. Towards this, in order to ensure an inclusive approach, we also convened an internal all-members call to deliberate on this topic and are in the process of compiling multi-stakeholder inputs to closely inform the government's work on this.

Proposed under the "Safe and Trusted AI" pillar of the IndiaAI Mission (launched in March 2024 with a ₹20 crore allocation for this pillar), AISI is proposed to develop guidelines and frameworks to ensure responsible AI growth without functioning as a regulatory body.

Globally, countries like the UK, USA, Singapore, and Japan have established AI safety institutes of their own. Senior Program Manager at The Dialogue, Jameela Sahiba wrote on the key considerations that should be kept in mind towards the constitution of India's AI safety institute; her insights can be found [here](#).

4. Roundtable with Legislators on 'AI Governance and Regulatory Approaches':

On **November 27**, we hosted a roundtable for Hon'ble Members of Parliament to facilitate discussions on **AI governance and regulatory approaches**. The roundtable featured expert speaker Professor Martin Ebers, President of the Robotics & AI Law Society (RAILS), Germany, who shared insights and learnings from the EU AI Act.

Bringing together 15 MPs from across party lines, the event enabled constructive discussions on governance frameworks, highlighting key opportunities and challenges in shaping India's AI policy. The roundtable served as a crucial platform for open dialogue, fostering meaningful engagement between policymakers and stakeholders to develop a balanced and effective AI governance roadmap for India. A detailed event report will be published shortly on our website.



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5. Roundtable on 'Navigating Human-AI Interaction in the Labour Market'

CoRE-AI, in partnership with GPAI, successfully hosted a roundtable on **"Navigating Human-AI Interaction in the Labour Market"** on **November 28, 2024**, at the CEMCA Office, in New Delhi.

The session brought together experts to discuss the evolving role of AI in the labor market, particularly its impact on labor-intensive industries such as customer support, creative content, and agriculture. Key discussions explored AI-induced shifts in job structures, labor costs, and the sustainability of roles across formal and informal sectors. The roundtable also focused on strategies to mitigate negative outcomes while enhancing positive transformations through upskilling, AI literacy, and fostering inclusive AI adoption.

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6. CoRE-AI Showcase at the UK-India Responsible AI Event

On **5th and 6th December 2024**, CoRE-AI participated in the UK-India Cooperation Towards a Fair AI Horizon event, held at the Infosys campus in Bangalore. This two-day event was a collaboration between The Dialogue, Infosys, the British High Commission in India, and Nasscom, to bring together leaders and stakeholders working on advancing Responsible AI.

On the second day, CoRE-AI presented a comprehensive showcase of our work. The session provided an opportunity to:

- Highlight the initiatives and projects we have undertaken so far.
- Introduce our members and their invaluable contributions.
- Share insights into our vision and future plans for advancing AI innovation and governance.

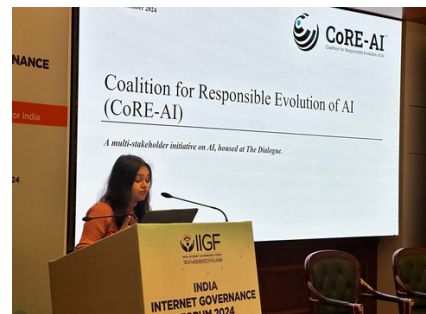


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7. CoRE-AI Showcase at the India Internet Governance Forum 2024

On December 9th, 2024 CoRE-AI had the opportunity to present a showcase of our work at the India Internet Governance Forum at Bharat Mandapam. The session highlighted our key initiatives and ongoing projects.

It also served as a platform to share our future plans and engage with stakeholders committed to shaping responsible AI development.



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AI Policy Pulse

Insights from Around the World

GLOBAL

November, 2024

Australia



Senate Committee Report on AI Adoption: 13 key recommendations announced, including:

- New AI regulations for high-risk applications.
- Focus on sovereign AI development.
- Transparency in AI's impact on jobs and creative industries.
- Stronger governance for automated decision-making.
- Sustainable AI infrastructure.

December, 2024

South Korea



AI Basic Act Passed: The Act mandates a three-year AI promotion plan. - Establishes National AI Committee. - Regulates "high-impact" AI in critical sectors (healthcare, employment, essential services). - Requires AI-generated content disclosure. - Foreign AI firms must appoint local representatives if they meet revenue/user thresholds.

January 2025

USA



Project Stargate: A \$500B initiative led by OpenAI, Oracle, and SoftBank. The initiative proposes an initial buildout of 10 datacenters, which has already begun in Texas and another 10 to be built across the United States.

Policy Shift: Trump revoked Biden's 2023 AI oversight executive order, aiming for a more aggressive AI strategy with reduced regulatory constraints.

January, 2025

China



DeepSeek R1 Release: Claimed to rival OpenAI's ChatGPT at a fraction of the cost (~\$6M vs. \$100M for GPT-4). - Led to a decline in US tech stocks, including Nvidia. - Became the most downloaded free app on Apple's US App Store. - Demonstrated that cutting-edge AI models can be built with limited computational resources.

January 2025

India



[Sub-Committee's Report on AI Governance Guidelines: Key recommendations include:](#)

- Proposed principle-based AI governance approach from an AI lifecycle lens.
- Recommendations floated around an Inter-Ministerial AI Coordination Committee, Technical Secretariat, etc.
- AI risk database for reporting and continuous learning.

Report is open for public consultation till 27th February, 2025.

February 2025

India



NITI Aayog has released its discussion paper, ['The State of AI - Understanding the Recent AI Shifts and Implications'](#). The paper highlights that "the goal is not just to build AI but to own the disruption. By fostering a world-class AI ecosystem, driving vertical AI applications, and leading ethical and responsible AI at scale, India can not only secure its technological future but also shape AI for the benefit of the world."

February, 2025

European Union



[EU AI Act Prohibitions: The deadline for bans on certain AI systems to kick in has lapsed.](#)

Banned AI Systems: Social scoring, real-time facial recognition, biometric categorization (race, sex life, etc.), and manipulative AI tools - **Fines:** Up to €35 million (\$35.8M) or 7% of global revenue, whichever is higher. -**Next Deadline (2 Aug 2025):** EU member states must designate enforcement authorities and implement penalty rules.

February, 2025

France



[Paris AI Action Summit](#)

On 10 and 11 February 2025, France hosted the AI Action Summit. India was the official co-chair for the Summit. The summit featured discussions on critical themes, including greater access to AI infrastructure to ensure inclusion, the responsible use of AI, AI for public interest, making AI more diverse and sustainable, and ensuring safe and trusted governance of AI.

Spotlight on Our Latest Publications

Key Insights and Developments

- [Event Report | Reimagining Data Protection for the AI Landscape](#)
A collaborative effort with CORE-AI and Infosys, this report explores the evolving data protection challenges and regulatory considerations in the AI era.
- [Can AI Understand the World? | The Role of Linguistic Diversity in LLMs](#)
- [Determining the Legal Base for Processing Personal Data | Legitimate Interest & the Way Forward](#)

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What's Next for CoRE-AI

Theme	Focus Areas
AI & Copyright	Examining the intersection of AI and copyright law, with a focus on Generative AI tools.
AI Governance & Policy	Strengthening collaborations with relevant ministries to inform their work around AI Safety, Governance Guidelines, implications with other laws like copyright, data protection, concerns around deepfakes, competition concerns, safe harbour, etc.
Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) & AI	Analyzing DPI architecture to explore responsible AI integration and developing guiding principles for AI in public service delivery.
AI & Synthetic Content	Addressing risks of AI-generated deepfakes and malicious synthetic content while safeguarding fundamental rights.

Through these efforts, we aim to contribute to a more ethical, inclusive, and forward-looking AI ecosystem.



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