

JAN-AI CONCLAVE 2025

**Co-creating
Inclusive AI for
Rural Future**



About JanAi

Jan-AI is Head Held High's vision to make Artificial Intelligence inclusive, practical, and rooted in rural realities. By building literacy, enabling rural innovation, empowering youth entrepreneurs, and creating AI-first communities, Jan-AI ensures that technology is co-created with people, not imposed on them.

The JanAI Conclave IIIT Dharwad at a glance

250+ participants from academia, government, startups & rural communities

10+ partners including IIIT Dharwad, KDEM, AVPN, Catalyst AI

15+ sessions on rural innovation, literacy, women's empowerment, and AI ethics

10 Youth Ambassadors certified as Jan-AI leaders

Global voices including MIT Media Labs, TiE Bengaluru, InMobi, and leading VCs

The Conclave set the stage for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration - rooted in co-creation and community voice.



Key Speakers



Madan Padaki
Managing Trustee,
Head Held High
Foundation

Jan-AI begins with the people - by making every citizen AI-literate, protecting communities from misuse, enabling youth to co-create solutions, and nurturing rural entrepreneurs who can take these ideas to every village.



Pankaj Singh Thakur
CEO, Head Held High
Foundation

With AI tools, we can transform entrepreneurship - building women-led enterprises, creating market linkages, and scaling impact faster than ever before. We set up about four to five thousand women-led enterprises a year. We think we'll double that this year.



Balu Masti
Entrepreneur Advisor
& Ecosystem Builder

We are great innovative adopters and thinkers, we need to create a lot of new things that will solve our local problems leveraging technology.



Prof. Mahadeva Prasanna
Director, IIIT-Dharwad

Generative AI is creating disruption worldwide. The elites should not only have the benefits. Jan means the common man, and AI should reach every common man.



Prof. Santanu Bhattacharya
MIT Media Labs

For India to grow exponentially, rural incomes must rise significantly. AI can play a transformative role in strengthening agriculture, healthcare, and language technologies. Voice-based modules could go a long way in easing rural challenges.

Certification



Key Takeaways from Jan-AI

AI literacy must be local — delivered in vernacular and rooted in context.

Youth Ambassadors will drive innovation — rural youth as creators, not just consumers.

Communities must own the solutions — co-creation ensures sustainability.

AI-First Villages are a concrete path forward — not a dream, but a direction.



Be Part of the Movement

AI for All. AI from All.