Policy and Regulation: Deconstructing the India AI Governance Guidelines

Knowledge Day on AI Regulation

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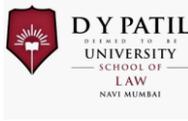
Executive Summary

It is with immense pride that we present this report on the official pre-summit event of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, titled 'Policy and Regulation: Deconstructing the India AI Governance Guidelines, Knowledge Day on AI Regulation'. The event was held at DY Patil University's Centre of Excellence in Nerul, Navi Mumbai, India, on 22nd January 2026.

Through a purposive collaboration within the School of Law, amongst students, faculty, and management, we were able to achieve the following immensely rewarding goals:

1. Bringing together 7 global researchers and thought leaders from Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, and Turkiye, with 4 domestic thought leaders from India. Two of these, Professor Simon Chesterman and Mr Rahul Matthan, represented the leadership in global and domestic policy making on AI.

2. Attracting 120 registrations of youth from the field of law in India who achieved qualified status in the Government of India's supported AI Literacy course 'Yuva AI for All'.

3. Organising a day which connected international law concerns, domestic policy drafting procedures, and topical academic research with practical AI skills for professionals in the legal industry.

4. Signing an agreement with GovernAI, a promising organisation in the field of AI literacy and skill development, for continued engagement of academia and industry to harness the potential of AI while promoting responsible AI research.

5. Receiving 63 participant opinion papers in an exercise to contribute to AI policy in India. These opinions, taken after the conclusion of the day, represent informed voices of the youth from higher legal education. 3 out of the 63 had not taken the 'Yuva AI for All' course, representing a probabilistic chance of 114 successful completions of the course from the registered 120.

As a knowledge institution, with strong social service goals, deeply concerned for the overall development of our students and stakeholders, it is heartening to see that the informed opinions of our participants echoed the principles of equality, social
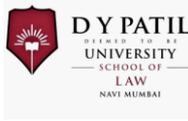
development, ethics, responsibility, accountability, and fairness, with unity. At the same time, their views on technology, innovation, youthful enterprise, social marginalisation, and environmental protection, reflected their deep knowledge of societal realities. The methodical approaches in these papers ranged from case study method, empirical, to doctrinal, showcasing that the participants applied their learned legal skills with diligent focus on the knowledge day.

We welcome you to go through the event report in the pages that follow. The key discussions you will find in there are responsible use of AI; human oversight, through training programs, in development and use of AI tools; and community-environment conscientious and harmonised regulation.

We take this opportunity to thank our patrons, the DY Patil Family, for their continued support that allows us to bring the best of legal education to our students. We would also like to thank our partners GovernAI and BCT College of Law, Navi Mumbai, for their contribution. Additionally, we emphasise the supporting work of Asian Law Schools Association, AI for Good, and Trilegal. Finally, we thank the India AI Impact Summit Team at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, for this initiative.
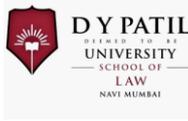
The Organising Committee

Director, Prof Dr Karuna Malviya

Professor of Practice, Mayank Suri

Assistant Professor, Dipali Khavle

Event Report

Background

DY Patil University, School of Law, applied for affiliation as a pre-summit event to India AI Impact Summit on 14th November 2025 with an amendment on 09th December 2025. Approval was received on 11th January 2026. Event was hosted on 22nd January 2026.

Section A: Basic Event Information

- **Event Title:** Policy and Regulation: deconstructing the India AI Governance Guidelines/ Knowledge Day on AI Regulation

- **Organisation:** DY Patil University, School of Law

- **Co-Organisation (if any):** GovernAI and Bhagubai Changu Thakur College of Law

- **Venue & Country:** Centre of Excellence, DY Patil University, Nerul, Navi Mumbai

- **Event Date(s):** 22nd January 2026

- **Format:** Hybrid – All attendees were in person while most speakers were online.

- **Total Attendance:** Onsite 120 | Online 6

Section B: Branding & Visibility

- **Photos (attach separately):**
  - Stage/Backdrop with India AI branding: Attached
  - Group/Participation shot: Attached
  - Other relevant photos: Attached

- **Links to media/social coverage (if any):** GovernAI (https://www.linkedin.com/posts/govern-ai-co_we-are-proud-to-announce-a-landmark-milestone-activity-7421409106399424512-k5qy?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABu4560BqfOo1foZNw-KOt9XIj6d7xWbbow), DYPU (https://www.linkedin.com/posts/dypu-school-of-law-33000637a_knowledgeday-airegulation-indiaaiimpactsummit2026-activity-7420464974571032576-3g8B?utm_source=social_share_send&utm_medium=member_desktop_web&rcm=ACoAABu4560BqfOo1foZNw-KOt9XIj6d7xWbbow).
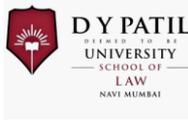
Photo naming convention:

Speaker_Activity_ Sequence

Example: Simon_Screening_ 01

Section C: Programme Schedule & Contributors

● **Signing of 'Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GovernAI and DY Patil University, School of Law' | 22nd January 2026 | 9am | Parishrut Jassal and Karuna Malviya** | The signing of this MoU marked the beginning of the day on a note filled with purposive and responsible energy. Both leaders, Karuna Malviya and Parishrut Jassal, spoke at length about their experience in using technological developments for the betterment of society and environment. They set the tone of for the day by setting out their expectations and goals under the MoU which primarily aims to establish a Responsible AI Practice and Policy Division within a Technology Law Centre at DY Patil University's School of Law.

● **Screening of 'We, the robots? AI, regulation, and the SDGs' AI for Good Keynotes (2021) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NlRsi-IR0iQ) | 22nd January 2026 | 10 am | Simon Chesterman** | This screening brought to fore international understanding of the dichotomy of development and apprehension related to AI technology proliferation. Through his research, Simon Chesterman, took the gathering through important concepts (speed, autonomy, and opacity) which helped unravel the potential and challenges of AI. Additionally, Simon's talk was an important signpost for international harmonisation of approaches to regulating AI in a way that keeps sustainable development at the heart of these efforts.

● **Keynote on 'Policy and Regulation: deconstructing the India AI Governance Guidelines' (2025) | 22nd January 2026 | 11 am | Rahul Matthan** | This Keynote took the gathering through the process of drafting of the India AI Governance Guidelines through the lens of the drafter. Rahul Matthan provided an insider's view of the process that elucidated crucial steps and motivations that formed the backdrop of this important national development. To young minds, this Keynote became the building block on which they would view their policy making ambitions towards national and international interest.

● **Editors' roundtable on 'Regulating AI' | 22nd January 2026 | 1:15 pm | Khong Wye Keen, Robert Walters, Andy Shi, Harsha Rajwanshi, Alessio Azzutti, Asha Hemrajani, Deniz Onur Aras** | This roundtable brought together researchers from University of Chicago Booth School of Business (USA), Multimedia University (Malaysia), Victoria University (Australia), Gujarat National Law University (India),

DY Patil University (India), University of Glasgow (UK), Izmir Katip Celebi University (Turkiye), and Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). These researchers with varied experiences in terms of duration and geography brought together case studies and concepts to inform the gathering of the challenges and responses they have observed.

● **Masterclass on 'Executing Responsible AI Practices: Use, Misuse & Accountability for the AI-Generation Lawyers' | 22nd January 2026 | 3 pm | Alvin Antony, GovernAI** | Adding the final learning outcome of the day was this masterclass by GovernAI's Alvin Antony. Alvin brought the gathering of young and experienced minds to a space of learning and contribution by exploring the world of AI tools and their concomitant ethical use. Through case studies and specific statute identification, he trained the gathering in the use of productive AI tools while maintaining due diligence, care, and other burdens of responsibility.

● **Session for 'Participant Opinion Papers' | 22nd January 2026 | 5 pm | Participants** | Modelled on a public consultation, this session invited the views of the participants who had completed the Government of India's 'Yuva AI for All' course and witnessed a day full of discussions that are highlighted in the previous points. As a result, the informed participants, most of whom were university students, became an effective group of interested participants who shared their opinions on the societal relevance, challenges, and solutions of AI.

Section D: Content & Outcomes

1. **Key Discussions / Highlights:** Responsible use of AI, human oversight, through training programs, in development and use of AI tools, and community-environment conscientious and harmonised regulation were the key points of discussion.

   Keeping social-cultural-ethical questions at the forefront of developments and approaches to regulation of those developments were an underlying theme of most discussions. Discussions, while positive and encouraging about AI development, increasingly pointed at the role of law as a partnering institution to the development.

   It was also discussed that in an increasingly multilateral world, harmonised approaches to regulation were important. In this light, the increasing cooperation of nations in AI Summits was welcomed as motivating and positive step. The discussions brought out that AI development should be viewed as a complex social development.

   Views of utopian achievement through the development were demanded to be discounted by the institutional and social reforms required at the grass root

level of most societies. The monolithic nature of engineering developments should be looked at from a social welfare angle through the lens of ethics.

The role of standardisation organisations and safety institutions was highlighted with a view to ensuring trust and fairness in AI tools. A need for collecting literature from different parts of the world was felt, through the insights of the various speakers, as developments in some parts are more advanced than in others. The consequential fall outs or lessons from those developments seemed to provide important ready reckoners for development of policy and law. More collaboration on this front, knowledge creation and collection, was emphasised.

A complimenting emphasis was laid on the human aspect i.e. moulding developments through regulations in an inclusive way so that international fraternisation is increased in a peaceful and socially beneficial way.

2. **Outputs:**

☐ Policy note/brief: No.

☐ Toolkit/resource: Yes, GovernAI Masterclass Presentation attached.

☐ Partnerships / MoUs: Yes, GovernAI-DYPU MoU attached.

☐ Research paper / academic output: Yes, 63 Participant Opinion Papers attached.

☐ Other (specify): Yes, participants were mandated to undertake the MeitY, Government of India, and IndiaAI Mission, supported skill development program 'Yuva AI for All'. This was to be done prior to 22nd January 2026.

Section E: Contribution to the AI Impact Summit

● It is our considered opinion that the following suggestions should inform the Summit deliberations:

1. Develop an international higher education body for annual cooperation on AI training, education, and regulation.

2. Publish regular international advisories (through UN) on beneficial and verified AI tools.

3. Increase grassroot level legal and AI literacy to enable end users to reap benefits of AI tools while remaining in ethical confines.
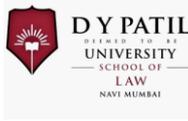
● Summit-week follow-up interest:

☐ **Yes**, interested in presenting outcomes during Summit week

Section F: Additional Information

● Other collaterals (flyers, recordings, reports): attached.

● Reflections (what worked well, what could be improved): External participant outreach could have been better. Financial budget for inviting speakers was asked for but denied.

Section G: Declaration

We hereby certify that the information and materials provided in this Post-Event Report, including event details, agenda, speakers, outputs, photographs, and other supporting documents, are true, complete, and accurate to the best of our knowledge.

We confirm that the event was conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of affiliation under the Call for Proposals, including compliance with branding and attribution guidelines. We understand that IndiaAI and the Government of India may use the submitted materials for documentation, knowledge sharing, communication, and dissemination purposes, with due attribution where applicable.

Authorised Signatory:

Name & Designation:

Organisation:

Date:

__Summary Analysis__

This section records paper-wise admission of having taken the 'Yuva AI for All' course and summarises each paper's main policy suggestion.

1. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Access to quality education and healthcare in rural and economically backward areas
2. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Access to accurate and reliable information across educational institutes regardless of class disparities
3. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Technology induced job displacement, economic insecurity, and social stress
4. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Bridging the justice gap while ensuring AI safety
5. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Access to mental health resources and early warning systems
6. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Advocating for a comprehensive but balanced legislation on AI
7. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Addressing existential threats of AI through the issues of loss of privacy and autonomy
8. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - Balancing AI's productivity promises with its potential for increasing inequality
9. Yuva AI for All course taken
   - AI induced job displacements in manufacturing and transportation
10. Yuva AI for All course taken
    - Ensuring personal freedom and dignity from the challenges of privacy and surveillance
11. Yuva AI for All course **not** taken
    - Balancing the natural freedom to choose with AI's influencing nature

12. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Ensuring AI meets legal and ethical concerns relating to accountability and transparency

13. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Human centrism to achieve inclusive AI for all

14. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Need for proactive harm analysis from AI use in governance functions

15. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Risk based regulation to ensure rule of law

16. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Importance of ethical use and regulation through a deeper understanding of AI functionality

17. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Human agency at the heart of AI use

18. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Environmental protection as a core principal of AI development

19. Yuva AI for All course taken
- The challenge of water wastage in maintaining global AI compute and solutions thereof

20. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Human critical thought as an oversight mechanism

21. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Public education and responsible governance to combat AI created misinformation

22. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Lack of literacy as a reason for stricter AI regulation and education

23. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Industrial accidents as a prelude to AI risk and a reason for AI regulation

24. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Defecation of data as a challenge to human ingenuity and societal good

25. Yuva AI for All course taken
- The role of regulation in making AI support social good

26. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Managing risk as the principle for AI governance that enables responsible innovation

27. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Role of yuva/youth in developing a real world framework of AI regulations

28. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Text and data mining exception to copyright protection and the balance with technological progress
29. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Labour force focused AI development for inclusive economic growth
30. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Identifying party-responsible in AI use to ensure safe deployment and use
31. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Regulation as a necessary foundation for a just AI ecosystem
32. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Social causes as the goal for AI development and deployment
33. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Ensuring coverage of marginalised and minority communities in AI benefits
34. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Cautionary usage as the cornerstone of regulation addressing privacy challenges in AI
35. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Social and economic equality through strong AI policy that protects rights of masses
36. Yuva AI for All course taken
- AI for strengthening grassroot communities and routing infrastructure demands
37. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Influence of AI on dissemination and validation of knowledge
38. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Addressing the digital dementia caused by overreliance on AI tools
39. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Harnessing the positive power of AI for societal good by ensuring accountability and fairness
40. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Advocating use of AI in sectors of social need
41. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Addressing the language barrier so that coverage of marginalised people is achieved
42. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Institutional reforms to address consequences and challenges of AI
43. Yuva AI for All course taken
- Right to explanation as an obligation on AI in public services
44. Yuva AI for All course taken

- India's role in international AI governance

45. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Determination of clear principles of liability to protect victims

46. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Harnessing AI innovation for economic progress while ensuring accountability

47. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Evolving regulations that address dynamic AI development

48. Yuva AI for All course taken

- A holistic approach to guiding principles on AI keeping in mind environmental protection

49. Yuva AI for All course taken

- The challenge of the progressive weakening of human judgment in social, educational, and democratic life

50. Yuva AI for All course taken

- A techno-legal approach to AI regulation through proactive evidence gathering via audit techniques

51. Yuva AI for All course **not** taken

- Doctrinal basis for a comprehensive AI law

52. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Use cases and limits on AI use in legal work especially in criminal trials

53. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Future principles for AI regulation based on present proven benefits and limits of AI

54. Yuva AI for All course taken

- A critical evaluation of the India AI Governance Guidelines

55. Yuva AI for All course taken

- A principled approach in addressing the challenges of Generative AI

56. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Viewing AI as a social phenomenon that requires a multi-stakeholder approach to regulation

57. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Regulation as the promoter of ethical and responsible AI

58. Yuva AI for All course **not** taken

- Addressing accountability gaps through regulation and knowledge based events like the Indian AI Impact Summit

59. Yuva AI for All course taken

- Principles that ensure egalitarian social development by harnessing the potential of AI

60. Yuva AI for All course taken
    - The job transition challenge induced by AI
61. Yuva AI for All course taken
    - Embedding ethical principles in AI development to preserve human agency and address skill atrophy
62. Yuva AI for All course taken
    - Drafting AI regulations from a social harm perspective
63. Yuva AI for All course taken
    - Balancing the power of AI with human oversight, supervision, and control, with an aim to solve current social ills