

Uttarakhand Accelerates AI Push as Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 Brings Technology Closer to People

Uttarakhand brings government, innovators and industry together at Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 to explore AI for safer, smarter and sustainable growth

DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND, INDIA, August 22, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What can Artificial Intelligence do for a pilgrim trying to find a safe route, a citizen waiting for a government service, a city struggling with traffic, or a mountain community facing the growing risks of climate change?



Uttarakhand wants to find practical answers to those questions.

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AI must ultimately serve people. Through the Devbhoomi AI Summit, Uttarakhand is bringing innovation closer to citizens and creating solutions for a safer, smarter and more sustainable future.”

*Pradeep Batra , IT Minister ,
Uttarakhand Cabinet*

The state will host the [Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026](#) on October 9 at Hyatt Centric, Dehradun, bringing together government leaders, technology companies, startups, researchers, investors and young innovators to discuss how Artificial Intelligence can be used to address some of the challenges people experience every day.

The summit, centered on the theme “Building an AI-Native Uttarakhand,” is being positioned as more than a technology conference. Its larger objective is to explore how AI can become a useful part of governance and everyday public services while helping Uttarakhand build a stronger and more sustainable economy.

The official summit programme focuses on areas including public administration, pilgrim safety, smart mobility, citizen services, urban intelligence, disaster management, tourism, environment

and climate technology.

Making technology useful where it matters most

For Uttarakhand, the AI conversation is closely connected to the realities of life in the mountains.

The state welcomes millions of visitors every year, including pilgrims travelling to the Char Dham. At the same time, its cities are growing, roads are becoming busier, weather patterns are becoming increasingly difficult to predict and government departments have to deliver services across challenging terrain.

These are not problems that can be solved by technology alone.

But better information, faster analysis and intelligent digital tools can help people make better decisions.

That is the thinking behind the [Devbhoomi AI Summit](#).

Instead of looking at Artificial Intelligence only through the lens of futuristic technology, the summit will examine how it can be applied to problems that are already here.

For example, AI could support authorities in understanding crowd movement during major pilgrimage periods, help improve traffic management, strengthen disaster preparedness, assist with environmental monitoring and make certain citizen services quicker and easier to access.

The emphasis is on useful AI—technology that ultimately makes a difference to people.

A Himalayan state with very different technology needs



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Uttarakhand's geography makes its technology journey different from that of a large metropolitan state.

A solution designed for a densely populated city cannot always be directly applied to a mountainous region where villages, towns and infrastructure are spread across difficult terrain.

That creates an opportunity as well as a challenge.

The state can become a testing ground for technologies designed around mountains, tourism, climate resilience, disaster management and large seasonal movements of people.

The Devbhoomi AI Summit aims to bring together the people who can make those solutions possible—government departments that understand the problems, technology companies that can build solutions, startups willing to experiment, researchers developing new approaches and investors looking for ideas that can grow.

Putting people at the centre of AI

One of the most important questions surrounding AI today is not simply what the technology can do, but how it should be used.

For governments, that question becomes even more important.

Citizens need services that are accessible and responsive. Officials need reliable information to make decisions. Technology must be secure, responsible and transparent.

The summit therefore places AI within a wider conversation about governance and public value.

Its focus on citizen services, public administration and data governance reflects an effort to explore how technology can support—not replace—human decision-making.

The objective is a government that can respond faster while remaining accountable to the people it serves.

Safer journeys through smarter technology

Pilgrim safety is one of the areas where the potential impact of AI is particularly visible.

Every year, large numbers of pilgrims travel through Uttarakhand's mountain routes, creating complex challenges around traffic, crowd movement, weather and emergency response.

The summit will explore how technology and AI can contribute to better management of these journeys.

The possibilities range from analysing movement patterns and predicting congestion to providing timely information and supporting emergency coordination.

For an elderly pilgrim, a family travelling with children or a first-time visitor to the Himalayas, these may sound like technical concepts.

In reality, they can translate into something much simpler: a safer journey and better information when it matters.

Technology for Uttarakhand's cities

The AI conversation also extends to the state's urban centres.

As Dehradun and other towns continue to expand, governments face familiar problems—traffic congestion, construction activity, infrastructure pressure and growing demand for public services.

The summit's focus on smart mobility and urban intelligence reflects an interest in using data and AI to understand these problems more effectively.

Instead of responding only after a problem occurs, intelligent systems can potentially help authorities identify patterns and anticipate where intervention may be needed.

That shift—from reacting to problems to anticipating them—is one of the most promising applications of AI in public administration.

Protecting the Himalayas with technology

For Uttarakhand, development and environmental protection cannot be separated.

The mountains are the foundation of the state's tourism economy, but they are also home to communities, forests, rivers and fragile ecosystems.

The Devbhoomi AI Summit will therefore examine the role of AI in environmental monitoring, climate technology and disaster management.

Artificial Intelligence, combined with satellite data, sensors, mapping technologies and other digital tools, could help authorities monitor environmental changes, identify risks and make better-informed decisions.

The goal is not to replace traditional knowledge or human expertise.

It is to give people better tools to protect the places they call home.

Giving startups a seat at the table

The summit also provides an important opportunity for Uttarakhand's emerging startup and innovation community.

Many of the most interesting AI solutions are being developed by small teams that understand a specific problem and are willing to experiment with new ideas.

Connecting those innovators with government departments, investors and larger technology companies can help turn promising concepts into solutions that are actually deployed.

The official summit programme includes startup engagement, innovation showcases, research presentations, AI workshops, an innovation expo and investor connect, creating opportunities for ideas to move beyond the conference stage.

That could be one of the summit's most valuable outcomes.

The real measure of an AI summit is not how many presentations take place on stage. It is what happens after the event.

Bringing government and technology into the same conversation

The summit will feature senior leadership from the Government of Uttarakhand alongside technology and innovation professionals.

The official speaker lineup includes Lt Gen (Retd) Gurmit Singh, Governor of Uttarakhand; Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand; Pradeep Batra, IT Minister & Good Governance, Uttarakhand; Dr. Pankaj Kumar Pandey, IT Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand; and Alok Pandey, Director, ITDA.

Technology and innovation voices listed for the summit include Ravi Shankar Singh, CTO and GM AI and Emerging Tech, ITDA and Head SeMT; Ashish Upadhyaya, DGM Cyber Security; Manoj Kumar, Co-founder, MatterCodeAI and IIT Kanpur; and Umesh Joshi, Co-founder, Calibr.AI, CPTO at MindSpark, Co-founder of Hush and IIT Kanpur.

Their participation reflects the summit's central idea: meaningful digital transformation happens when policymakers, technologists and communities work together.

From a technology event to a state-wide conversation

There is also a larger ambition behind the summit.

Uttarakhand wants to demonstrate that innovation does not have to be limited to India's biggest technology centres.

The challenges of a Himalayan state can themselves become opportunities for innovation.

How do you manage millions of visitors in a sensitive mountain ecosystem?

How can emergency services respond faster across difficult terrain?

How can technology help a citizen access government services without travelling long distances?

How can cities grow without placing unnecessary pressure on the environment?

And how can young people in Uttarakhand participate in the new AI economy?

These are questions with local roots but potentially global relevance.

Mountain regions around the world face many of the same challenges.

Solutions developed in Uttarakhand could therefore become useful far beyond Uttarakhand.

Building an AI future without losing the human connection

The excitement around AI can sometimes make the technology feel distant from everyday life.

Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 offers a different perspective.

For Uttarakhand, the future of AI is ultimately about people.

It is about making a difficult journey safer.

Making a government service easier to access.

Helping an administrator make a better decision.

Helping a startup turn an idea into a business.

Helping a city manage growth.

Helping communities prepare for disasters.

And protecting the Himalayan environment for the next generation.

That is what makes the state's AI journey particularly interesting.

Uttarakhand is not trying to become a technology state by leaving its identity behind. It is exploring how technology can work with its geography, its people and its unique challenges.

A new chapter for Uttarakhand's digital journey

The Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 will take place on October 9, 2026, at Hyatt Centric, Dehradun.

As policymakers, innovators, researchers and industry leaders gather in the state capital, the conversation will be about much more than algorithms and machines.

It will be about what kind of state Uttarakhand wants to become in the next decade.

The answer emerging from the summit is one where technology is expected to be practical, responsible and people-focused.

Where innovation is connected to real problems.

And where the mountains themselves become a source of inspiration for the next generation of solutions.

For Uttarakhand, the AI journey is beginning not with a question about how advanced technology can become, but with a more human question:

How can technology make life better for the people who live, work and travel in the Himalayas?

The Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 aims to bring those people, ideas and possibilities into the same room.

About Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026

Devbhoomi AI Summit 2026 is Uttarakhand's flagship AI gathering, bringing together government, industry, startups, academia and investors to explore practical applications of Artificial Intelligence across governance, public safety, mobility, tourism, citizen services, climate technology and sustainable Himalayan development.

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