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**Tech can lead to progress only if democratised; for
India AI means 'All Inclusive': Modi**



- Technology can lead to progress only when it is democratised," the Prime Minister said at Vivatch 2026.
- In the last decade, he said, India has been going through a rapid transformation powered by technology.
- "From creating the world's largest digital identity system to the world's largest digital payments platforms, we are using technology at a massive scale for financial inclusion, education, telemedicine...", he added.
- Vivatch is Europe's foremost gathering of technology and innovation, and India has set up the largest national pavilion at this edition as a symbol of the potential for partnership between Indian and European innovation ecosystems.

PM Modi outlines India's AI vision at VivaTech 2026, invites global tech giants to invest



- Addressing the 10th edition of the VivaTech Summit in Paris, Europe's largest technology and startup event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined India's vision for Artificial Intelligence (AI). He emphasised that AI must be democratised to ensure its benefits reach everyone, noting that for India, AI stands for "all-inclusive". PM Modi highlighted that AI technology improves access, drives economic growth, and helps sustain a healthy planet.
- As an example of India's AI application, he cited "Sarlaben," a voice-first AI assistant launched by Amul that helps women dairy farmers manage livestock nutrition and health. The Prime Minister rolled out the red carpet for top tech companies, noting that his government is easing regulations and expanding the ease of doing business. He invited attendees to visit the India pavilion, which showcases the prowess of the country's startup ecosystem through emerging technologies like the world's first 3D-printed rocket engine, advanced genetic engineering therapies, and cancer-detecting AI solutions.



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India must invest in deep tech, not rely on global trends: Neelkanth Mishra



- India cannot rely solely on world trends and must instead build a domestic innovation ecosystem, invest in deep tech capabilities, and develop globally competitive products across strategic sectors, senior economist Neelkanth Mishra said on Saturday.
- He was speaking at the 15th convocation ceremony of the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN).
- Mishra, the chief economist at Axis Bank and chairman of Unique Identification Authority of India, spoke about the economic opportunities in the country, the challenges of escaping the middle-income trap, and the need for India to become a technology and product-driven nation.
- "India cannot depend on global trends or foreign technology alone but has to build its own innovation ecosystem, invest in deep tech capabilities and develop globally competitive products across multiple strategic sectors," an official release said, quoting Mishra.

Source: https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-must-invest-in-deep-tech-not-rely-on-global-trends-neelkanth-mishra-126062000892_1.html

Elon Musk predicts AI may surpass combined human intelligence in 4-5 years



- Elon Musk has said that artificial intelligence will probably exceed the combined intelligence of all humans within the next four to five years, offering another glimpse into the future he believes is rapidly approaching.
- The Tesla and xAI CEO made the remark in a post on X while responding to entrepreneur and author Peter H Diamandis, who argued that human ingenuity is limited not just by intelligence but by the number of people with access to tools and resources. As humanity expands into space, Diamandis suggested, those limits could be shattered.

Source: <https://www.firstpost.com/tech/elon-musk-predicts-ai-may-surpass-combined-human-intelligence-in-4-5-years-14024845.html>

Genesis AI bets against humanoid trend with general-purpose robot 'Eno'



- French robotics startup Genesis AI has unveiled Eno, its first general-purpose robot, taking a markedly different approach from rivals that are racing to build humanoid machines resembling human workers. Backed by former Google chief Eric Schmidt and armed with a reported \$105 million seed funding round, Genesis AI is betting that businesses care more about capability than appearance.
- While much of the industry's attention has focused on humanoid [robots](#), Genesis AI is taking a different path. Rather than building a robot that looks like a coworker, the company is focused on creating one that can perform the work efficiently.
- The company describes Eno as a robot designed to move, adapt, and learn continuously across a wide range of workplaces, from factories and laboratories to hospitals, hotels and eventually homes.