PROSPERITY FUTURES: CHILD SAFETY TECH SUMMIT

Official Pre-Summit Event of the AI Impact Summit 2026

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1. Background and Rationale

India is witnessing a historic transformation in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), guided by the visionary leadership of the Hon ble Prime Minister, rooted in a mission to democratise technology for social good. With rapid advancements in AI infrastructure, indigenous large language models, geospatial systems and digital public goods, India has built one of the world s most robust and inclusive AI ecosystems.

While AI is accelerating economic development, its greatest promise lies in strengthening human development and safeguarding vulnerable populations, particularly children. India is continuing efforts to eliminate the child marriages, widespread child trafficking, missing children and an overwhelming share of Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) circulating online. AI has the potential to create unprecedented tools to predict, prevent and respond to these challenges in real time.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026 organised by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), will demonstrate how AI innovation can drive the next generation of prosperity for children and lead with cutting-edge child protection systems. In this context, Just Rights for Children (JRC) along with its strategic partner India Child Protection (ICP) proposes an affiliated, high-level workshop Prosperity Futures: Child Safety Tech Summit to showcase India s pioneering AI-driven solutions to build a future of growth and prosperity by eliminating child marriage, countering trafficking and disrupting CSEAM networks.

2. About Just Rights for Children

Just Rights for Children (JRC) is a nationwide network of over 270 civil society organisations dedicated to ending violence against children, with a strong emphasis on child marriage, child trafficking and online/offline child sexual abuse. It deploys an intensive, prosecution-focused model strengthened by legal interventions, tech solutions, data systems and community mobilisation.

Key Achievements (2023 2025)

- Petitioned the Supreme Court, which in its landmark judgement in *Just Rights for Children Alliance vs S. Harish, 2024*, established doctrines on constructive possession, reversal of burden of proof and platform accountability in CSEAM offences.
- Prevented and stopped 4,27,849 child marriages across 439 districts in 28 states and Union territories.
- As part of Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (BVMB), mobilised 25 crore citizens to take pledge against child marriage in November 2024.
- Assisted in prosecution of 16,815 trafficking cases in 2024-25, nearly matching the global annual average.

JRC s work demonstrates how frontline data, community systems, legal action and tech solutions can be meaningfully combined with AI to protect vulnerable children at scale.

3. Purpose of the Workshop

The "Prosperity Futures: Child Safety Tech Summit" seeks to convene ministries, government officials, technologists, policymakers, law enforcement agencies, researchers, AI innovators, CSR leaders and grassroots organisations to deliberate upon AI-driven tools for child protection and a safe and prosperous future for children.

The workshop will showcase India's advancements and strengthen multi-stakeholder collaboration to integrate AI into existing national protection frameworks.

4. Key Objectives

1. Demonstrate AI-powered prototype for enhancing child protection and data-driven decision making in reducing vulnerability, child marriage prevention, trafficking detection and CSEAM identification.
2. Define implementation pathways, governance models and data-sharing protocols.
3. Forge partnerships between government, technologists and civil society for scale-up across districts and states.
4. Develop a roadmap for national and global replication of India's child protection AI models.

5. Alignment with India AI Impact Summit Themes

The workshop directly advances the Summit's agenda, especially:

- AI for Economic Development and Social Good – by demonstrating how AI reduces social vulnerabilities and strengthens governance; laying the building blocks for development and prosperity.
- Inclusion for Social Empowerment – by ensuring technology benefits the most marginalised: children at risk of exploitation, creating pathways for education and social and economic empowerment for the last mile communities.

6. Thematic Areas

A. Eliminating Child Marriage: AI and GIS for Predictive Prevention

India's nationwide campaign, Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat, launched on November 27, 2024, ignited unprecedented public commitment. By combining community mobilisation, institutional coordination, and cutting-edge technology, the country can dramatically accelerate progress toward a child marriage free India and realise the larger dream of Viksit Bharat.

Building on this, JRC's partnership with NITI Aayog across 73 aspirational districts has connected 1.59 million vulnerable families to welfare schemes.

AI-driven innovations include:

- Vulnerability prediction models based on socio-economic and field data.
- Geospatial mapping of hotspots, community structures and unusual ceremonial gatherings.
- Real-time heat maps to flag high-risk areas and support swift intervention.

These systems strengthen institutional coordination and accelerate progress towards SDGs on gender equality, reduced inequalities, education and strong institutions.

Integrating AI and GIS tools in protection systems represents not just an innovative step forward, but a necessary evolution in our national child protection architecture, ensuring every girl grows up healthy, educated, safe and empowered, and simultaneously leading to the economic prosperity of the country.

B. Tackling CSEAM: Advancement in Addressing CSEAM and Creating a Safe Digital Space

India Child Protection (ICP), partner of JRC, and the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau have pioneered an AI-enabled approach to address the growing digital threat of CSEAM.

The Child Protection Unit (CPU) processes:

- Millions of images and videos through AI-based machine vision to detect CSEAM.
- User behaviour and sharing patterns to identify offenders and victims.
- Network analysis to map online dissemination groups.

The theme will outline the resource architecture, governance requirements, and a national scale-up roadmap. It emphasizes collaborative and responsible technology to build safer digital spaces for every child, enabling children to use technology for education, growth, interaction, and meaningful digital participation.

C. Combating Child Trafficking and Missing Children: AI for Predictive Analytics for Pre-emptive Action

India has made significant strides in strengthening child protection systems, particularly in child trafficking, missing children and runaway children. A critical pillar of this progress is the strategic partnership between the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and JRC. This collaboration combines the institutional capacity of RPF with the grassroots intelligence and community network of JRC to create a highly responsive and coordinated mechanism for tracking, identifying and rescuing missing and trafficked children.

The RPF-JRC partnership has transformed field intelligence into actionable rescue operations. Between 2018 and 2024, the RPF rescued 84,119 children across India's vast rail network.

By integrating AI-driven predictive analysis, heat-map visualisation and real-time monitoring, the RPF can exponentially increase its capacity in:

- Predictive analytics to detect traffickers' patterns, routes and timings.
- Combining heat maps and AI to help RPF identify high-risk stations, corridors, and peak vulnerability windows.
- Behavioural AI analysis of CCTV to flag suspicious adult-child interactions.
- Cross-border and inter-state coordination support for transnational trafficking cases.

Such an approach will not only enhance operational efficiency but also save thousands of children from exploitation, abuse and long-term trauma.

India stands at the forefront of using data-driven strategies to combat child trafficking and protect missing children. By combining RPF's extensive presence across the railway system with JRC's grounded intelligence and the power of AI-driven analytics, the country can build a technology-enabled, prevention-focused and child-centric model of protection.

D. AI, Awareness and Action: Communication and Narrative for the Future

Leveraging media, communication platforms and AI-driven systems for safer children's interactions and interfacing with technology and digital tools, enabling detection to education, empowerment and prosperity.

- Role of media and communications in shaping narratives and behaviour around online safety
- Risks, Rights, and Responsibilities for children in digital age
- How AI-powered tools are developed and deployed for child protection
- Convergence of AI, law and grassroots action

7. Program design

The programme will be structured through an inaugural session followed by parallel thematic sessions, designed to facilitate informed deliberation, multi-stakeholder engagement, and outcome-oriented discussions.

The inaugural session will establish the overarching context, objectives, and priorities of the programme. It will convene policymakers, domain experts, practitioners, and key stakeholders to develop a shared understanding of child-safe digital ecosystems and the strategic vision for national scale-up. The inaugural session will also include the formal launch of the Raksha AI tool, underscoring the role of responsible and collaborative technological solutions in strengthening digital safety frameworks for children.

The parallel sessions will be conducted concurrently and will focus on identified thematic areas, including resource architecture, showcasing of tech products, governance and regulatory frameworks, responsible technology design, and child-centric digital content inclusion. These sessions will be moderated and will feature expert presentations and structured discussions to elicit diverse perspectives, identify implementation challenges, and generate actionable recommendations.

The outcomes and recommendations from the parallel sessions will be synthesized to inform the development of a national roadmap, supporting scalable, coordinated, and responsible approaches to ensuring safer digital environments and meaningful digital participation for every child.

8. Participants

The workshop will see participation from government ministry officials, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY), Ministry of Home Affairs, I4C, Railways Protection Force, and representation from NITI Aayog. AI researchers, data scientists, child protection NGOs, law enforcement agencies, especially from Telangana Police, RPF, CSR/industry leaders and community stakeholders (survivor groups and grassroots activists) will also participate in the workshop.

9. Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced Child Protection Systems through AI-integrated workflows and data-driven decision making.
- AI Tools refined through stakeholder consultation for accuracy, usability and field relevance.
- Roadmap for scaling and global replication, including pilots, governance models, and policy enablers.

India stands at a decisive moment where technological innovation can redefine the future of child protection. By combining AI, geospatial intelligence, legal frameworks and community action, the nation is building a model that not only protects children today but shapes a safer, more equitable and prosperous tomorrow.

The Prosperity Futures: Child Safety Tech Summit will showcase India's leadership and invite global collaboration toward a world where every child is free, safe, empowered and prospering.