

**Karnataka Invites Pan India Participation for DeepTech Elevate Programme:
Shri Sanjeev Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission**

Bengaluru, January 29, 2026: *“We are coming out with the DeepTech Elevate Programme... And any startup from pan-India, not only based in Karnataka, can participate in this programme. We are opening up the gates for the pan India. Because I think the strong ecosystem here of entrepreneurship and innovation can be leveraged by the deep tech startups from all across India,”*

Shri Sanjeev Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission, addressing the India Digital Summit 2026, which is being held on January 29-30 in Bengaluru.

The theme of the conference is “India’s AI Moment: Leveraging the Intelligent Economy.” IDS 2026 is the official pre-summit event of the AI Impact Summit 2026.

Emphasising on Bangalore and Karnataka’s role in being a catalyst of innovation, Shri Gupta said, “Bangalore is the engine of innovation for India and Bharat.”

Shri Gupta also reiterated the state’s focus on democratization entrepreneurship. “We in Karnataka have started a concept on the democratization of entrepreneurship. Trying to make sure that the entrepreneurship at the tier two and tier three level is being harnessed to their potential and all the parameters,” he said.

He highlighted the seven-goals the state is trying to achieve which ultimately will have a huge impact on the Bharat journey. These goals revolve around democratising AI, doubling of GDP with the use of AI and other technologies, spurring entrepreneurship among others.

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