World Bank ranks India among top 10 in AI readiness

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The World Bank report 'India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity' (6 Oct 2026) placed India among the top 10 emerging markets in AI readiness. Private AI investment in India more than tripled, from $1.2 billion in 2024 to $4.1 billion in 2025.

Key facts

Report	India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity
Private AI investment	$1.2 bn (2024) → $4.1 bn (2025)
GCC jobs	1.9 million → 2.36 million
AI adoption	About 23% of Indian firms (US about 43%)
Strengths	Tech workforce, global IT sector, digital public infrastructure
Growth forecast	FY27 GDP growth 7.1% (World Bank)

Background

- IndiaAI Mission: approved in March 2024 with ₹10,371.92 crore; run by MeitY; thousands of GPUs for shared compute.
- AI summits: Bletchley Park (UK, 2023), Seoul (2024), Paris (2025) and the 'India AI Impact Summit' in New Delhi (Feb 2026) – the first in the Global South.

- Digital public infrastructure (DPI): Aadhaar, UPI (2016), DigiLocker and ONDC form the base for AI use in India.
- Science: John McCarthy coined 'Artificial Intelligence' at the 1956 Dartmouth conference; Alan Turing proposed the 'Turing test' in 1950.
- World Bank Group: IBRD (loans to middle-income countries), IDA (concessional loans to the poorest), IFC, MIGA and ICSID. The IMF and World Bank were born at Bretton Woods in 1944.

Tamil Nadu link: Chennai and Coimbatore are major hubs for Global Capability Centres; IIT Madras hosts the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI); Tamil Nadu released a 'Safe and Ethical AI Policy' in 2020.

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