

Bringing India at the Forefront of AI Research

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Questions

- Imagine it's 2035, and India is leading the world in AI research. What do you think we did differently to get there?
- If India's AI future depends on young minds like yours, what's one step you can take today to contribute to it?

Background

- 2006 - 2010 B.E @ Truba (Now SAGE)
- 2010 - 2011 Associate Software Engineer @ Accenture
- 2012 - 2014 M.Tech @ IIT Delhi
- 2014 - 2017 Researcher SX-ACE @ NEC
- 2015 Visiting Scholar @ UC Berkeley
- 2017 - 2019 Assistant Manager NLP @ Rakuten
- 2019 - 2021 Sr. TPM Applied ML @ Amazon
- 2021 - 2025 PhD @ Tokyo Institute of Technology
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- A need for large-scale AI research initiatives.

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Gap?

- Total Papers at CVPR 2022:
 - 8,161 papers were submitted.
 - 2,063 papers were accepted.
- India's Contribution in 2022:
 - Only 164 papers (2% of total) were submitted from India.
 - There are about 50 top institutes in India.
 - This means, on average, each institute submitted about 4 papers ($164 \div 50$).
- Goal: India Contributing 25% to CVPR
 - If India wants to contribute 25% of the total papers, we need to submit 2,040 papers (25% of 8,161).
 - If each institute still submits 4 papers, we would need 510 elite institutes ($2040 \div 4$).
- The Big Gap:
 - Right now, we have only 50 elite institutes.
 - To reach the 25% goal, we need 510 institutes—10× more elite institutes than today!

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- The future isn't waiting—it's yours to create!

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