

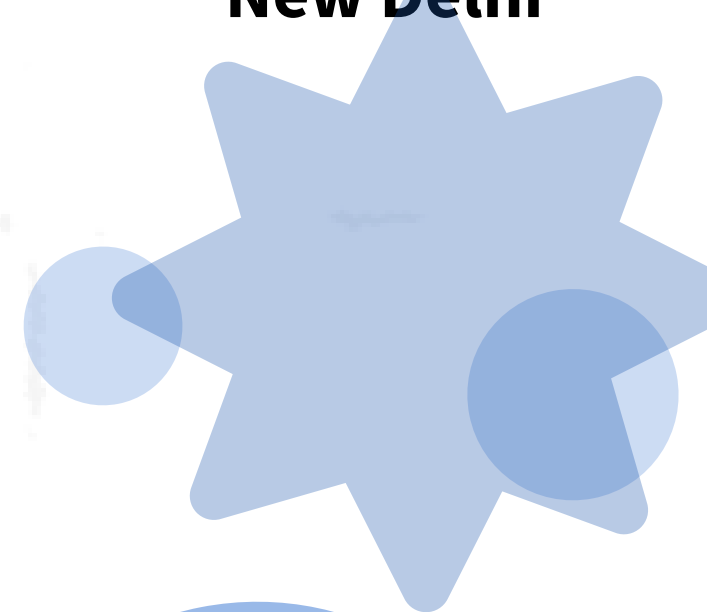
8th DIGITAL
CITIZEN
SUMMIT
2026



JanDPI: Centring People in Digital Public Infrastructure

9th & 10th December

New Delhi



What is Digital Citizen Summit (DCS)?

- Annual flagship convening by the Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF), co-organised with national and global partners.
- A platform to interrogate digital citizenship, data justice, AI ethics, algorithmic accountability, and connectivity rights.
- Gathers 300+ delegates: activists, researchers, technologists, policymakers, artists, funders and 1800+ participants from across the globe.
- Rooted in the Asia Pacific region, grounded in lived experiences, focused on justice, care, and inclusion.
- 2026 marks the 8th edition of the Digital Citizen Summit (DCS 2026). For more details, refer to <https://dsummit.defindia.org/>



What is Community Network Xchange (CNX)?

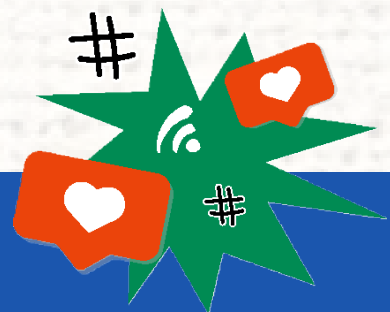
- CNX (Community Network Exchange) is a dedicated component of DCS.
- Focuses on community-owned connectivity, spectrum justice, and rural innovation.
- Features 80+ delegates and 300+ participants encompassing community network practitioners, regulators, innovators, and civil society actors.
- 2026 marks the 10th edition of the Community Network Exchange (CNX 2026). For more details, refer to www.cnxapac.org/



What is Digital Artisans of India (DAOI)?

- Focuses on recognising, honoring and working with artisans who are using digital to enhance, preserve and do storytelling of their craft tradition
- Features 60+ craft traditions, 150+ artisans, 6 workshops and showcasing of the craft heritage of India
- 2026 marks the 3rd edition of Digital Artisans of India Award. Categories include successful startup, preserving traditional art, design innovation, Indian heritage on the global map, inclusivity and technology innovation for arts and crafts. This time the ceremony will be giving cash prizes worth 7 lac.

For more details, refer to daoiawards.defindia.org/



What are the Just AI Awards?

- The 3rd Just AI Awards is a dedicated segment of the Digital Citizen Summit (DCS) 2026 that recognizes and honors ethical, inclusive, and justice-driven AI innovations.
- Focuses on Ethical AI-solutions for Social Good in the Asia-Pacific Region and recognizes AI innovations that center equity, accountability, transparency, and social justice.
- Open to civil society, startups, researchers, and grassroots innovators who have deployed AI solutions centering ethical and inclusive AI.

For more details, refer to justai.defindia.org/



What is the Museum of Digital Society?

- 2026 marks the inaugural edition of the Museum of Digital Society (MoDS), at the 8th Digital Citizen Summit.
- Features the documented journey of digital development in India: innovation, information and inclusion.
- Open to students, artists, designers, photographers, journalists, researchers, practitioners, collectives and others from across India and the Asia-Pacific.

For more details, refer to [@museumofdigitalsociety](https://twitter.com/museumofdigitalsociety)



Who Attends and Why?

Academic Institutions and Think Tanks:

Students, research scholars, and professors from various central and state universities.

Government and Public Institutions:

Ministry of Information Technology & Electronics, Emerging Technologies Wing, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India; state IT departments; TRAI; and public sector agencies.

Community Leaders:

Examining the digital experiences of marginalised communities, particularly women, gender-diverse individuals, and caste-affected groups, focusing on identity, recognition, access, and the pursuit of justice and equality.

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📶 Civil Society Actors:

Feminist tech collectives, rural innovators, rights-based organizations, and social justice advocates.

📶 Tech Sector, Startups, Regulators, and Ethical AI Practitioners:

Leading tech companies, startup founders, regulators, and AI ethics researchers.

📶 Artists, Storytellers, Artisans, and Digital Content Creators:

Artists, artisans' rights organizations, digital storytellers, and creators producing diverse digital content.

📶 Session Engagement Formats:

- Plenary sessions, panels, workshops, exhibitions
- Fireside chats, cultural performances, meme showdowns
- Games, paper presentations, dialogues, showcasing



What Can Be the Takeaways?

- New collaborations and long-term partnerships.
- Actionable insights on digital rights, platform regulation, algorithmic justice, connectivity.
- Co-developed policy papers and cross-sector solution sessions.
- Deeper understanding of digital ecosystems rooted in community realities.



Why Partner with DCS 2026?

10M+

Digital impressions

300K+

Social media engagements

10+

Countries Participation

- National and regional press coverage
- Digital public policy and civil society advocacy

Sharp Focus

- Cross-sectoral dialogue on platform governance, disinformation, AI, and access
- Deep community-grounded sessions
- Supports meaningful South-South exchange

- Unprecedented Grassroots Participation
- Includes first-time speakers and delegates from rural, tribal, and underserved regions
- Fellowship support for travel and participation ensures wide access
- High Academic and Institutional Participation
- Strong presence of universities, research centres, think tanks
- Engagement with state and national policy actors
- Growing interest from philanthropy, donor agencies, and civic tech coalitions



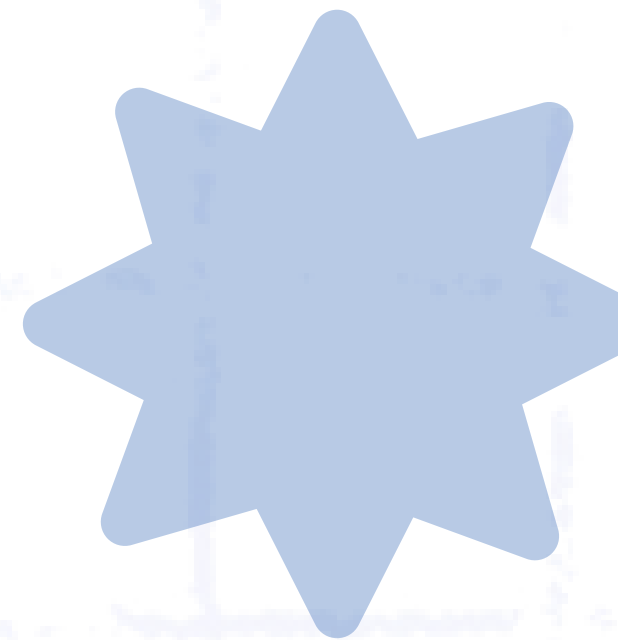


Partnership Tiers & Benefits

Principal Partner

₹4.2L / \$5000

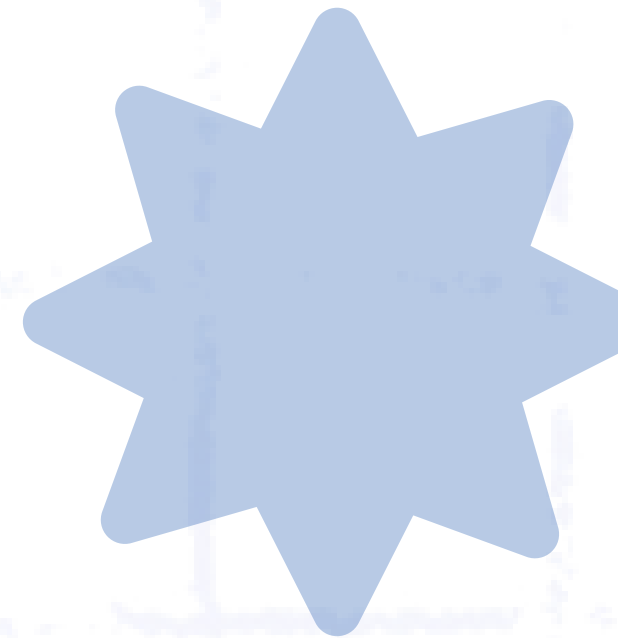
- Co-branding on all audio-visual displays during the Summit
- Co-branding on banners, standees, badges, social media
- Website recognition with backlink
- Right to host parallel sessions (with approval)
- Opportunity to contribute to post-summit publication
- Booth (2×1 ft) in exhibition area
- VIP delegate kits for each representative



Associate Partner

₹2.1L / \$2500

- Recognition on all audio-visuals during the Summit
- Recognition on all banners, standees, badges, social media
- Website recognition
- Session partnership rights (with prior approval)
- 5 VIP delegate kits for representatives



Broadcasting Partner

₹1.25L / \$1500

- Recognition on all audio-visuals, banners, standees, badges, and website
- Title partnership credit for videos produced
- Covers full-day recording, editing, and telecasting costs

Outreach Partner

In-kind

- Recognition on all promotional materials
- Minimum 10 social media posts before and 10 after the event
- Listing as Outreach Partner in post-event publications

Fellowship Partner

₹1.25L / \$1500

- Recognition on all visual and print materials and website
- Covers travel, boarding, and lodging for at least 5 grassroots participants
- Strengthens grassroots representation at the Summit

Logistics Partner

In-kind or ₹1L+

- Recognition across all media
- Provide local transportation for participants
- Open to transport service providers and mobility solution companies

Knowledge Partner

- Recognition across all materials and website
- Contribution can be financial, research-based, or session management (moderation, speakers, white papers)
- Open to academic/research institutions, think tanks

Philanthropic Partner

Join as a Philanthropic Partner for the Mentorship and Scaling Fund to support best practices recognised by the 3rd Just AI Awards.

- Supports the Mentorship & Scaling Fund, enabling high-potential Just AI Award projects to grow their social impact

Award Sponsor

Fund an award category for the Digital Artisans of India Award

- Recognition across all materials and website
- Contribution can be financial, research-based, or in-kind (moderation, speakers, white papers)
- Open to academic/research institutions, think tanks

Impact Scaling Coach

A mentor or coach in the 3rd Just AI Awards, focused on scaling AI projects that deliver high social impact, guiding them through scaling challenges while maintaining their core mission

Mentors Just AI Award winners, helping them overcome scaling challenges while preserving their core social-impact mission.

Join us in building a digital future rooted in rights, accountability, and community agency.

Partner with DCS 2026

Shape the narrative. Share the platform.



Principal Partners

