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**India to host Global Technology Summit in Delhi from April
10-12: Key agendas, theme and other details**



- **Global Technology Summit:** The 9th edition of the Global Technology Summit (GTS) is all set to take place in the national capital from April 10 to 12, bringing together some of the brightest minds from across the world. The event will be inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, who will deliver the opening address during the summit's inaugural session.
- The GTS is India's premier platform for high-level dialogue on geo-technology and is jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Carnegie India. Carnegie India, founded in 2016 and based in New Delhi, is part of a robust global network that includes over 170 scholars. According to a press release issued by the MEA, the summit is designed to bring together leaders from government, industry, academia, and civil society to engage in key discussions around innovation, resilience, and international cooperation in the tech space.

Theme of this year's Global Technology Summit

- The theme for this year's Summit is "**Sambhavna**" -- a Hindi word meaning possibilities. It will focus on how emerging technologies can be harnessed to promote inclusive growth, strengthen digital governance, and foster cross-border partnerships.

AI chips not ice creams - minister's dig at **Indian** **start-ups** sparks debate



- India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's recent comments about the country's start-up ecosystem have sparked a massive debate on social media and evoked strong reactions from some entrepreneurs.
- At the second edition of Startup Mahakumbh, a government-led start-up conclave last week, Goyal seemed to take a hard look at India's consumer start-ups as he urged entrepreneurs to explore more innovations in technology in order to help the country progress.
- Poking fun at the rise of food delivery apps, artisanal brands and online betting apps in the country, he compared them with the innovations being made by the "other side", which many took to mean China.
- He said that while "they" were making leaps in machine learning, robotics and building "next-gen factories that can compete with the rest of the world", India's start-ups were still largely focussed on lifestyle products like gluten-free ice creams.
- His comments sparked a flurry of reactions from India's top innovators, with some arguing that he was only encouraging creators to be more ambitious and others calling it an unfair criticism of the start-up ecosystem, a major contributor to the country's economy.

How to protect your device privacy when crossing borders



- The U.S. government reported a five-fold increase in the number of electronic media searches at the border in a single year, from 4,764 in 2015 to 23,877 in 2016.¹ Every one of those searches was a potential privacy violation. Our lives are minutely documented on the phones and laptops we carry.
- Our devices carry records of private conversations, family photos, medical documents, banking information, information about what websites we visit, and much more.
- Moreover, people in many professions, such as lawyers and journalists, have a heightened need to keep their electronic information confidential. How can travelers keep their digital data safe?

Perplexity AI to bring real-time search to WhatsApp soon. Here's what to expect



- Aravind Srinivas led Perplexity AI seems to be in a hurry to add new features to artificial intelligence powered search engine. In the latest sequence, Srinivas on Monday confirmed that the company will work towards bringing its search engine directly on WhatsApp.
- The announcement by Srinivas came shortly after he confirmed that Perplexity AI can now be used directly on Telegram and can even be summoned in group chats. Notably, Elon Musk led xAI's Grok chatbot had also recently been made available for Telegram's paying customers.
- The recent rush to bring AI products to personal messaging apps, suggests that they could be the next frontier where the AI battle may be heading.
- Notably, ChatGPT has already been available to use on WhatsApp for a while. Meta AI is available on all of company's apps like Instagram, Messenger and more.
- Earlier, Perplexity AI and Grok had become the two chatbots available to be used directly on X (formerly Twitter). These chatbots have often been summoned during conversations on the social media platform to fact check a claim or get more information about a particular subject.

**Sam Altman hints at major OpenAI feature drop, teases o3
and o4-mini models ahead of GPT5 roll out**



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has set the tech world abuzz with a series of revealing posts on his social media platform X, hinting at significant upcoming developments in the company's AI roadmap. In a post shared early on Thursday, [Altman](#) expressed his excitement over a new feature set to launch, writing, "A few times a year I wake up early and can't fall back asleep because we are launching a new feature I've been so excited about for so long. Today is one of those days!" The comment has sparked speculation across the AI community, with many eagerly awaiting details of the surprise release

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang's 'I feel like you're interviewing Elon Musk' answer to biographer when asked about

- Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has drawn a clear line between his approach to artificial intelligence (AI) and that of Tesla's Elon Musk, according to a new biography titled "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia, and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" by Stephen Witt. The book, released in the US on April 8, details how Huang prefers to focus on building practical solutions rather than bold, futuristic ideas. When asked by Witt to describe the future he envisions, Huang reportedly replied, "I feel like you're interviewing Elon right now, and not me."
- "I'm going to just build the hardware these guys need, and see where it's going," he told Witt as per a Business Insider report.





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- The biography compares the contrasting styles of the two tech leaders. According to Witt, Elon Musk often starts with an ambitious end goal—like living on Mars—and then works backward to develop the technology needed. In contrast, Huang takes a more grounded approach, building step by step based on existing tools and real-world needs. Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has drawn a clear line between his approach to artificial intelligence (AI) and that of Tesla's Elon Musk, according to a new biography titled "The Thinking Machine: Jensen Huang, Nvidia, and the World's Most Coveted Microchip" by Stephen Witt.
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