

CCG CONNECT

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Greetings from the CCG team,

Hope you are doing well.

At CCG, the past few weeks have been extremely busy as team members prepared to represent the organisation at events both regionally and globally — strengthening engagement with various stakeholders including governments, funders, international and peer organisations. Some highlights:

- Invitations to speak at panels by IndiaAI and Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR)
- Judges training in Bhutan as part of UNESCO and UNDPs AI and the Rule of Law programme.
- Essay contribution to 'Strategic Priorities for India: Essays on AI Policy' from Digital Futures Lab

As we reach the last months of the year, we are excited to announce our upcoming publications. Read on to know more.

Speaker engagements, Workshops and Events

Our Executive Director Jhalak spoke at "The Future of AI Safety: Institutions, Capacity and Cooperation," a panel convened by IndiaAI in collaboration with the UK AI Security Institute (AISI), held as part of the 10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 in New Delhi. The session examined the evolving global AI safety landscape, with particular attention to building strong national AI safety institutions, technical evaluation capabilities, and mechanisms for international cooperation.



She also spoke at "Emerging Online Harms & Offences Against Children" - National Consultation hosted by Matri Sudha-A Charitable Trust, and Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR). The conversation centered around measures to address emerging digital risks, including online grooming, exploitation, cyberbullying, deepfakes, and AI-enabled harms.



Vidya attended the Naumann Academy of Politics seminar, "The Big Wave – Innovation Policy in the Age of AI & Beyond," organised by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom. The seminar, held in Thailand, looked at how a liberal approach to innovation and AI policy might work in practice, drawing on interactive discussions, case studies, workshops, and group exercises. Vidya was among 20 participants representing countries across five continents in FNF's global network. Read her reflections here.



Over in Bhutan, Sudisha facilitated a UNESCO and UNDP judicial training on AI and the Rule of Law for judges in Bhutan. Her sessions addressed the ethics of AI, touching on its human rights implications and the ethical assessments required within judicial systems.

Meanwhile, our colleague Medha was invited to participate in the inception workshop for the World Public Sector Report 2027, organised by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs' Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government. Held at UN Headquarters in New York, the workshop aimed to shape the report's focus on AI in public administration, considering the opportunities, country contexts, challenges, and risks involved.

Gopika and Rishiti represented CCG at the 17th Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum 2026 (APrIGF) in Kathmandu, Nepal, where discussions ranged across internet resilience, digital inclusion, multistakeholder governance, and the broader challenges shaping the Asia-Pacific digital ecosystem.



Rishiti also spoke on a panel titled "Governing Generative AI for Electoral Integrity: Building Resilient and Trustworthy Digital Spaces in South and Southeast Asia," alongside Nirjana Sharma (UNESCO), Santosh Sigdel (Digital Rights Nepal), Liza Garcia (Foundation for Media Alternatives), and Catherine Setiawan (Global Index on Responsible AI). You can watch the recorded session here.

Back in New Delhi, Vidhi took part in the 7th global edition of "AI Governance in Practice: Developing Secure and Innovative Frameworks," a training workshop organised by the International Telecommunication Union with support from the EU Delegation to India's Global Gateway project.

Research and Writing



Jhalak and Joanne contributed to Strategic Priorities for India: Essays on AI Policy, an essay volume from Digital Futures Lab supported by the Samagata Foundation. Their essay starts from the premise that AI systems are largely developed without regard for the lived experiences, priorities, and safety needs of the Global Majority and traces the evolving global AI governance landscape through the lens of AI safety and the emergence of AI Safety Institutes. They argue for an evidence based approach to AI safety with the Global Majority as collaborators and designers, not just subjects. The essay provides insights into the structure, functions, and role that India's AISI should adopt to develop AI safety approaches grounded in the social, economic, and cultural realities of India.

The book was launched in Bangalore last month. Read here.

Alongside this, our team has been working on a report examining the on-ground realities of AI reliability in education and healthcare, looking at how practitioners, deployers, and other stakeholders are responding to the

challenges these systems raise. As part of this work, we're also studying how individuals use generative AI tools like ChatGPT and Claude in their personal and professional lives, and we'd love your input. If you'd like to contribute, do fill out this form. All responses are anonymous.

Our team has undertaken the task of a research report that conceptualises the harms of non-consensual synthetic imagery (NCSI) targeting women in Global Majority contexts, examines the dynamics driving it, identifies gaps in current responses, and proposes policy and technical pathways forward. We invite you to the launch of this report, Illustrated Fakely: Uncovering Implications of Non-Consensual Synthetic Imagery (NCSI) for Women, accompanied by an art display on 16 November 2026 in New Delhi. For more on this and to register, click here.

MAP-AI

We are delighted to share that 87 civil society organisations, academics, technologists, and experts have endorsed Centering Human Rights in AI Governance, an open letter published by the Multistakeholder Approaches to Participation in AI Governance (MAP-AI) Project, a joint initiative of CCG and the Global Network Initiative (GNI). The letter calls on governments, companies, and the United Nations to build AI governance and international cooperation grounded in international human rights law, drawing on existing institutions and addressing today's lived realities alongside tomorrow's technological frontier. It argues that urgency should not come at the cost of inclusivity, and makes the case for an ecosystem of coherent, intersecting initiatives rather than a single treaty or global regulator.

If this resonates with you, we'd be grateful if you could read the letter, endorse it and share it with your networks.

AfriSIG and Africa IGF: October 27–November 1 and November 2 –5 (Accra, Ghana)

At the Africa School of Internet Governance (AfriSIG) Sudisha Mishra, a Programme Officer at CCG, and Elonnai Hickok, GNI Managing Director, hosted a session on "The Private Sector and AI Accountability" at 9:00 am - 10:00 am AM GMT/UTC on October 31. A few days later at the Africa IGF, they partnered with Research ICT Africa's Liz Orembo to hold a workshop on "Defining Regional African Priorities for Global AI Governance" at 9:40 - 10:40 AM GMT/UTC on November 3. You can view the full Africa IGF Agenda here.

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Day 0 Events: December 14 (Nairobi, Kenya)

We are also excited to announce that we will be hosting two day-zero events at the Internet Governance Forum. In collaboration with IT for Change, Association for Progressive Communications, and the Global South Alliance, MAP-AI is hosting a workshop on Local AI for Regenerative Economies. We'll also be partnering with WITNESS to host an event exploring how civil society can advance human rights at the second UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance (UNGDAI).

That's it from our side. Until we write to you next time, stay connected with us on LinkedIn, YouTube, X, and Instagram.

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