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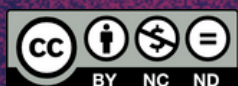
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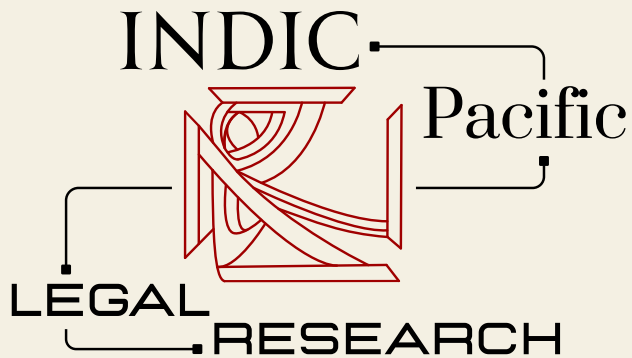
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- **Technology Law & Policy Consulting**
- **Corporate, Academic & Professional Training Programmes**
- **Publishing Services (VLA.Digital)**

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About Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law

The Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law is an artificial intelligence industry forum founded by Abhivardhan in 2018. Our mission as a not-for-profit industry forum for the analytics & AI industry in India is to promote responsible development of artificial intelligence and its standardisation in India.

Since 2022, the research operations of the Society have been subsumed under VLA.Digital by Indic Pacific Legal Research.

ISAIL has supported two independent journals, namely - the Indic Journal of International Law and the Indian Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Law. It also supports an independent media and community initiative - The Bharat Pacific.

ISAIL's India-centric AI policy insights, and contributions to AI standardisation in India have been acknowledged by the Council of Europe, quite recently.
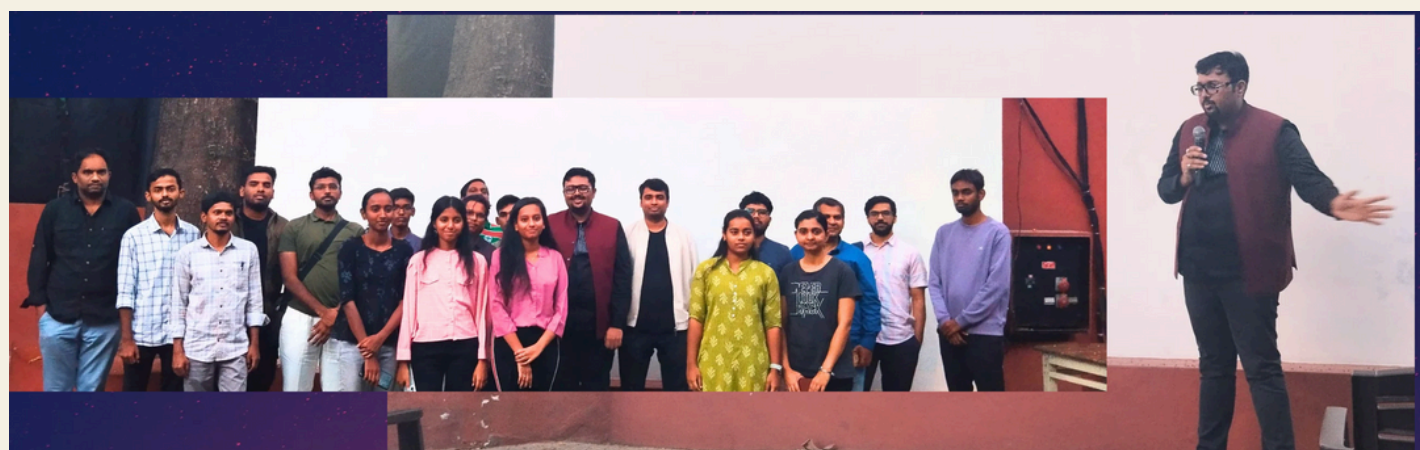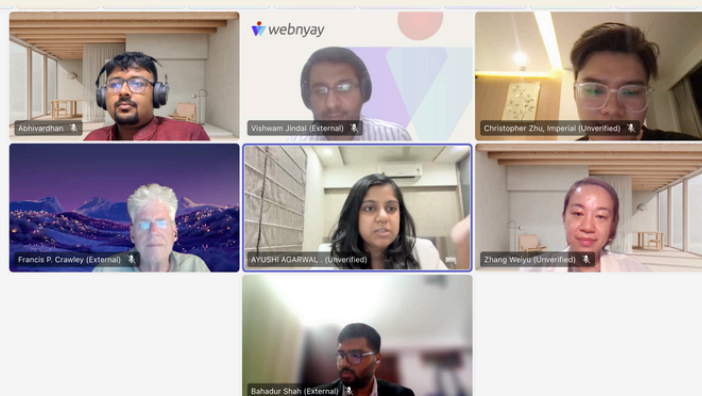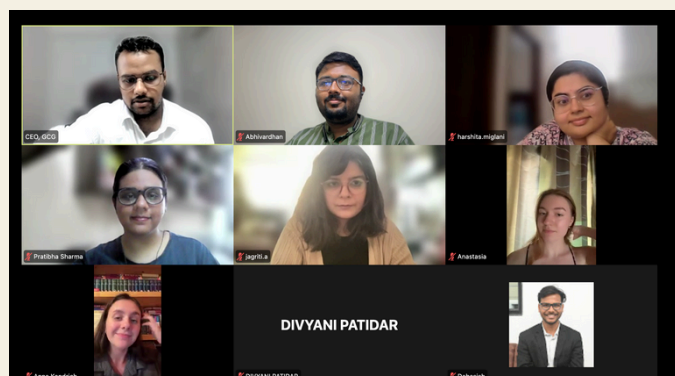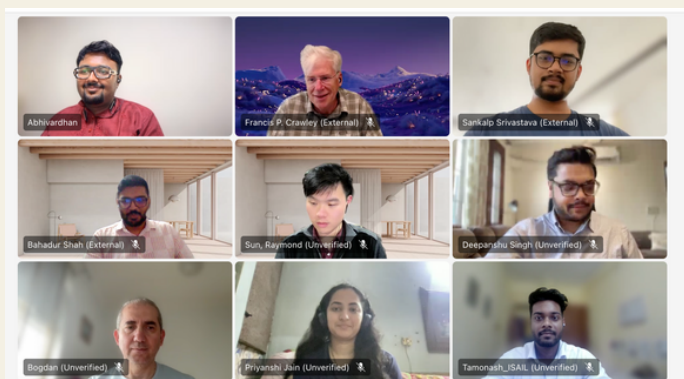
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Visual Highlights

PART 1: LETTER FROM ABHIVARDHAN, OUR FOUNDER

I can say with utmost satisfaction that at ISAIL and IPLR, we initiated most of the initiatives that we promised to initiate in the period 2024-25. This has been a dynamic year for us, with many promising developments as we pivot the purpose of these two organisations for their own specific goals.

Let's begin with ISAIL first.

When I started ISAIL, it was initiated as a mere legal community in the space of AI, long before the world became enamoured with conversational AI bots and large language models. The year was 2018, since ISAIL was incorporated when our idea was validated. How?

I wrote a paper on AI ethics and International Law in 2018 during my student days. It was flawed - but somehow it gave me some hope to know more about AI in 2018, long long before GPTs.

Then - I did a session in September 2019 for NMIMS Bengaluru - where I spoke on AI and Law for an audience of 100 people. Went well - and I flew for SOLAIR Conference 2019 organised by Alžběta Solarczyk Krausová for Czech Academy of Sciences. That inspired me further to formalise the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law in November 2019.

As we march ahead, we have aligned ourselves to focus on infusing our expertise at Indic Pacific, and our knowledge base in the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law rather deeply in the global and Indian AI ecosystems.

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To achieve that, we have re-evaluated the relationship between Indic Pacific and the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law, and cemented our mandates of AI standardisation.

Since ISAIL.IN's foundation was largely community-based - from being a legal community in 2020-22, to now being an AI community with stakeholders from different fields, we will double down on the essence of multidisciplinary engagement in AI ecosystems, with our legal knowledge base on the IndoPacific.App.

Usually, people see academic works or any publications in the policy space as another armchair commentary. However, our publications always had a unique space.

When ISAIL.IN used to publish academic research and support journals (until April 2022) - we intended to shape community-developed research on AI and Law with an India focus.

When the research directorate of ISAIL.IN was shifted to Indic Pacific, we never lost our focus, and never published with a herd mentality.

This is why Indic Pacific Legal Research stands out as the most innovation technology law consulting and research firm, in the Indian AI space, since we do not think or function like traditional law firms.

Our research may not be the most popular since according to few stakeholders with vested interests, since they believe what they opine is public policy insight. However, we publish because we strongly believe the market needs us and our inputs. In fact, we have helped our clients, and also those entities who contribute to the cause of the ISAIL community through our inputs available at VLA.Digital and IndoPacific.App.

In addition, we made our entire library of publications on IndoPacific.App open-access (with few exceptions).

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We knew that there are organisations that would aspire to copy-paste and plagiarise our original research. However, originality is our USP, which makes us special.

For example, Indic Pacific is the only firm in India that has done an extensive coverage of the economic law implications of AI Market Hype (also known as AI Hype) from November 2022 to July/August 2025 - spanning around 15 publications (reports, manual and articles).

Anyways, we have strived to keep this year's Joint Annual crisp and simple, but I can assert that we have too much to tell this year, so brace our lengthy report this time of the year as well.

Abhivardhan

Founder and Managing Partner
Indic Pacific Legal Research

Founder and President
Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law

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Of Indic Pacific Legal Research

- The Fifth Version of India's First Privately Proposed Artificial Intelligence Regulation, AIACT.IN was released, marking 1.5 years to the inception of the AIACT.IN initiative in attaining feedback and inputs on regulating a technology like artificial intelligence.

- A significant report on "Averting Framework Fatigue in AI Governance, IPLR-IG-013" was developed for and presented in a 42.ai workshop for product managers, developers and legal practitioners, which was held in February 2025 in Hyderabad.

- The "Indo-Pacific Research Ethics Framework on Artificial Intelligence Use" was developed for and presented in the Manipal Research Colloquium, organised by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka.

- India's first detailed Handbook on AI Inventorship "AiInventorship.com" was developed under the leadership of Kailash Chauhan, Bhavana J Sekhar, and our Founder, Abhivardhan.

- We announced our partnership with Future Shift Labs and Governance Consulting Group.

- As a joint partnership initiative with ExtensityAI, an Austria-based AI company, and Schematise LDA, we published our infographic report on "Artificial Intelligence, Market Power and India in a Multipolar World".

- Our Founder, Abhivardhan published a significant chapter on AI and Data Governance for the Handbook of Human-Centered AI with Springer and Tsinghua University Press.

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Of the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law

- **Datence Technologies becomes the first Alliance Member of ISAIL.IN.**
- **We announced our Knowledge Partnerships with Chakra Dialogues Foundation, BeyondBar and Governance Consulting Group.**
- **We conducted a Joint Session - a Network Dialogue with the UNU Global AI Network on "AI Governance Localisation" on June 27, 2025**
- **9 Committee Sessions & Virtual Dialogues were conducted in the 2024-25 span from August 2025 to August 2025. The Outcome Documents of most of these sessions are published.**
- **Our Advisory Council Experts made representations in a UNESCO Readiness Assessment Methodology Consultation held in early June 2025 and submitted their recommendations to UNESCO.**
- **The President of ISAIL.IN had made representations for ISAIL in events organised by the Government of Karnataka, Commonwealth Legal Education Association, Observer Research Foundation, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, South Asian University, Startup20 Brazil (2024) and others.**
- **ISAIL.IN mentored around 200+ students of law, policy, technology and social sciences in the January 2020 to July 2025 period, and marked the conclusion of its 5-year long Research Internship Programme.**
- **The President of ISAIL.IN, Abhivardhan, along with Deepanshu Singh, Distinguished Expert, Advisory Council, Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law, authored a significant policy paper on "Government with Algorithms: Managing AI in India's Federal System – Number 70" for the Forum of Federations.**
- **We published a significant outcome documentation out of a Knowledge Partnership we underwent with the Himachal Pradesh National Law University, Shimla (HPNLU Shimla) on AI and Intellectual Property Law in August 2025. This documentation was achieved in line with ISAIL.IN's Knowledge Partnership with HPNLU Shimla for their essay competition.**
- **We conducted another significant Joint Session with the Data Science & AI Association of Australia on "Indo-Pacific AI Governance Perspectives for Industries".**

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Changes in Divisions, Brands, Products & Services

Technology Law Consulting in areas such as:

Technology Law

- Regulatory Advice on Data Protection Law Practice & Compliance
- Web3-related Regulatory and Innovation Advice

Artificial Intelligence & Law

- Responsible & Explainable AI Regulatory Advice
- Responsible & Explainable AI Auditing
- Responsible & Explainable AI Governance Guidance & Management

Tech + Intellectual Property law

- Copyright & Trade Mark Consulting for Digital & AI Technologies
- AI, Designs & Patent Law Consulting
- AI & Knowledge Management Consulting

Service

Product & Brand

Our Research & Innovation Division

Visual Legal Analytica

Our Technology Law Media Section

Product

INDOPACIFIC.APP

Our digital law and policy archive - spanning 300+ research outputs, and outcome documents affiliated to Indic Pacific Legal Research and the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law

Product

The Indic Pacific Glossary

Our Technology Law "Dictionary" of Terms

Product & Brand

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India's first Privately Proposed AI Regulation

Product

Indic Pacific Training Programmes

Training Programmes developed for Technology Teams, Legal Professionals and Startups on Technology Law & AI Governance

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Changes in Divisions, Brands, Products & Services

VLiGTA

Our Research Division

VLA

Our Technology Law Media Section

VLiGTA® has been subsumed into VLA.Digital, making VLA.Digital our research & innovation division with Visual Legal Analytica (VLA) continuing as our technology law media.

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The IndoPacific.App completes 2 years of its existence as a fully-fledged technology law, and public policy archive, featuring all downloadable works of Indic Pacific Legal Research & the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law.

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Both AIACT.IN and the Indic Pacific Glossary would complete 2 years of their inception by October and November 2025 respectively.

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Making Sense of our Unique Knowledge Base

As we have told, the IndoPacific.App hosts a lot of downloadable publications affiliated to Indic Pacific Legal Research and the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law.

What are these downloadable publications? They include the following:

- Technical Reports, Handbooks and Policy Briefs by Indic Pacific Legal Research
- Past Publications of Journals and Magazines previously maintained by the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law
- Outcome Documents developed as a part of community-led AI standardisation efforts of the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law under the AiStandard.io Alliance

We also host a technology law media publication, called "Visual Legal Analytica", under our Research & Innovation Division, VLA.Digital. Now, yes - we host readable "blogs". However, since the inception of VLA.Digital in April 2022, we have hosted around 100+ of such significant law & policy inputs.

We proudly call this (IndoPacific.App + VLA.Digital) - "our knowledge base", because unlike AI-generated slop and copypasted content, our knowledge base is significant.

Still, why does it really matter? It's just "academic research", right?

Interestingly, it does matter because not only this makes the IndoPacific.App the biggest technology law and AI governance archive in India, it also makes this archive one of the most original and independent law & policy ecosystem efforts at a pan-India level.

Let's talk about our numbers first, then we will understand the value of this knowledge base in brief. Check out the next page.

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Numbers related to Publications on IndoPacific.App as of August 15, 2025

244

Number of Original Authors registered in the archive (the archive was formed in 2023)

310+ approx.

Total Number of Contributions (Standalone publications and chapters)

300+ approx.

Total number of times authors have been attributed as "authors" or "contributors" in our archives

205+ approx. **out of 310+** approx.

are the Number of Technology Law & AI Governance Contributions

~66.13%

of the Knowledge Base on IndoPacific.App consists of Technology Law and AI Ethics & Governance Publications, mostly authored or developed by Indian stakeholders.

Now, let's understand what does this mean for our Knowledge Base.

Usually, any law or public policy area when becomes the centrepiece of governance priorities, makes it important for its domestic markets to anticipate governance, regulatory and implementation challenges. However, in a span of 5 years, this knowledge base of downloadable feedback inputs, articles in our previously supported periodicals, technical reports, tells us the following:

- Our Knowledge Base has many original India-specific technology law & policy takes.

- These downloadable required third party financial support, and were achieved in enhancing the research portfolio of several people for their career endeavours.

- Our knowledge base is built around what actually matters to markets and end-users facing real problems, not what appeals to government circles or generates media buzz.

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Unlike the prevalent media practice of publishing every regulatory update, policy speech, or government statement as newsworthy content—regardless of practical relevance—Indic Pacific Legal Research and ISAIL.IN have maintained a solution-oriented, market-centric approach to law and policy.

We recognise that this reactive, government-focused reporting has become a global problem in legal and policy journalism, where content is often driven by what generates clicks rather than what delivers genuine value to practitioners and businesses.

Our knowledge base—which forms over 90% of IndoPacific.App's content archive—is built around what actually matters to markets and end-users facing real problems, not what appeals to government circles or generates media buzz. This means we prioritize:

- Practical implications over political rhetoric

- Market-relevant analysis over press release regurgitation

- Solution-focused insights over update-for-update's-sake reporting

- Real-world applicability over government messaging

While this approach may not align with traditional media incentives or government communication preferences, the research expertise of Indic Pacific as a research firm, and the ISAIL.IN community have consistently outperformed conventional regulatory journalism by focusing on substance over noise. This distinction becomes particularly evident when examining the practical utility of our archived content versus typical government-centric legal reporting that dominates mainstream media.

And we achieved this independently. This is significant.
We have also achieved a system of enabling both community-led (ISAIL.IN) and client-focused efforts (Indic Pacific) in addressing and eventually solving technology law & policy problems in India and Asia with a market approach.

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Here's a specific example of why our Knowledge Base yields a lot of value.

The AI Bubble and how it creates Economic Law Issues

Several investor reports, including the infamous 300+ page report on AI Investment trends by a technology investment firm, BOND protect some interesting numbers around AI use, and the proliferation of data centres. While some of the projections made could or could not be true, our concern as a technology law consulting firm was around the economic law impact of the "AI Bubble".

So let's ask: is there a real AI "Bubble"? If yes, then what?

There have been some significant AI advancements, for sure. However:

- most of those advancements are not delivering a consistent business and knowledge worker model for AI startups to self-sustain themselves in the long-run;

- the legal implications are muddy because despite the absence or presence of AI regulations across the globe, the market sentiment around AI is mixed due to the unreliability of the larger large language models-led ecosystem due to:

  - behavioural issues in the LLM and large vision models segment (hallucination, lack of model explainability, consent manipulation causing consumer and vendor-level trust issues)

  - AI compute becoming the most significant resource burden for most AI startups to scale, grow or even make revenues

  - lack of trustworthy market practices despite the omnipotence of AI systems impacting multiple sectors either indirectly, or through solving market & public governance challenges.

In fact, our research suggests that models like GPT-5, Grok and others have plateaued and apart from larger models like Gemini, Claude and Qwen's latest version as of August 15, 2025, the "bigger" large language models may not yield as per reasonable market expectations.

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While all of this might make no direct sense as to why market hype still matters, we have to understand that while a market can involve in promoting AI products and services - many of which might lack any reliability or customer / vendor value, the legal implications do not end since many AI risks naturally emerge.

Please note that an AI risk does not emerge because an AI regulation has defined it. Yes, regulations are important in categorising what constitutes a "risk" in fields like data protection, cybersecurity, trade secrets and others. However, AI risks happen by design because AI (which is an umbrella term) involves systems which can automate or augment. Now, even if they don't offer DIRECT VALUE at times, as we know it, their spread in the market creates sufficient legal and ethical challenges for multiple stakeholders:

- Governments, because they have to eventually regulate;
- Investors, because they have to invest in entities which deliver value in some shape or form;
- Incubators, because while AI has a lot of scope to cover, it needs a business model that makes a company / startup survive in these times;
- Researchers in the AI space, because they publish technology papers to keep their credibility alive;
- Vendors, because they engage in general or hybrid solutions in the larger technology value and supply chain.

We kind of anticipated this very well, since Indic Pacific Legal Research had published around 15 Publications on AI Hype and Economic Law, covering very simple questions:

- What are the features of market hype in the context of AI technologies?
- Does this form of market hype constitute anti-competitive practices?
- How does this affect the global AI talent ecosystem?
- How does it affect any AI company to have a sustainable business model?
- How do we ensure that a potential AI company sustains well but also undergoes a form of technology law compliance (in data protection, AI and IP), which not only delivers their business goals but also strengthens the resilience of their organisation. amidst regulatory uncertainty?

This "Knowledge Base" has helped several AI researchers, and AI startups. Check the next page.
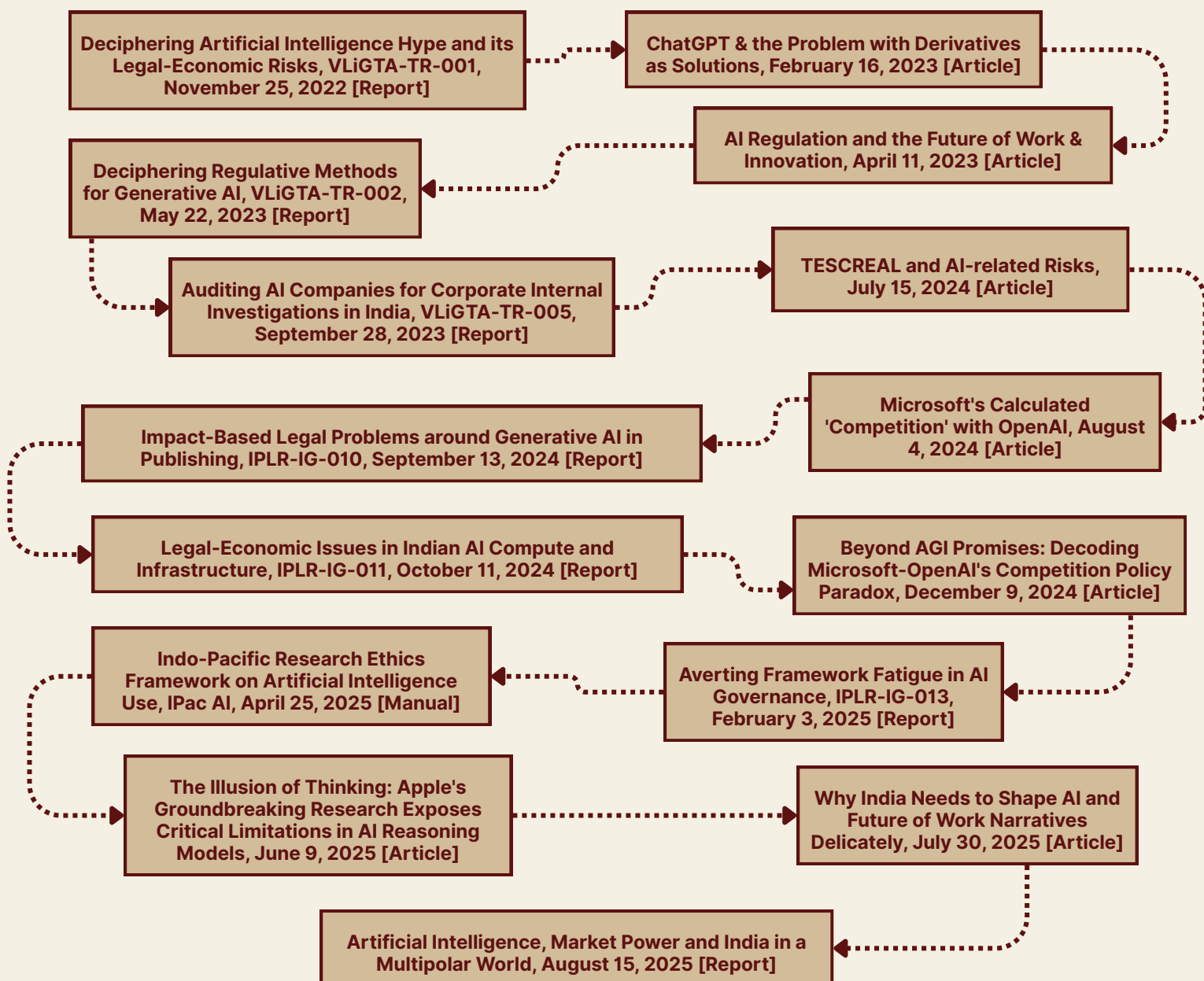
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Here's a simple flowchart which offers you a "chronology" of the key publications delivered by Indic Pacific Legal Research from November 2022 to August 2025.

- Find the technical reports & manuals on IndoPacific.App
- Find the articles on vla.digital

Deciphering Artificial Intelligence Hype and its Legal-Economic Risks, VLiGTA-TR-001, November 25, 2022 [Report]

ChatGPT & the Problem with Derivatives as Solutions, February 16, 2023 [Article]

AI Regulation and the Future of Work & Innovation, April 11, 2023 [Article]

Deciphering Regulative Methods for Generative AI, VLiGTA-TR-002, May 22, 2023 [Report]

Auditing AI Companies for Corporate Internal Investigations in India, VLiGTA-TR-005, September 28, 2023 [Report]

TESCREAL and AI-related Risks, July 15, 2024 [Article]

Microsoft's Calculated 'Competition' with OpenAI, August 4, 2024 [Article]

Impact-Based Legal Problems around Generative AI in Publishing, IPLR-IG-010, September 13, 2024 [Report]

Legal-Economic Issues in Indian AI Compute and Infrastructure, IPLR-IG-011, October 11, 2024 [Report]

Beyond AGI Promises: Decoding Microsoft-OpenAI's Competition Policy Paradox, December 9, 2024 [Article]

Indo-Pacific Research Ethics Framework on Artificial Intelligence Use, IPac AI, April 25, 2025 [Manual]

Averting Framework Fatigue in AI Governance, IPLR-IG-013, February 3, 2025 [Report]

The Illusion of Thinking: Apple's Groundbreaking Research Exposes Critical Limitations in AI Reasoning Models, June 9, 2025 [Article]

Why India Needs to Shape AI and Future of Work Narratives Delicately, July 30, 2025 [Article]

Artificial Intelligence, Market Power and India in a Multipolar World, August 15, 2025 [Report]

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Major Research Achievements

Averting Framework Fatigue in AI Governance, IPLR-IG-013

- **Market Impact:** This research addresses the critical bottleneck where overlapping AI regulatory frameworks create compliance paralysis for businesses. By identifying framework fatigue patterns, it provides actionable guidance for companies navigating multiple AI governance requirements simultaneously, reducing compliance costs and regulatory uncertainty.

- **Commercial Application:** The report offers practical risk assessment matrices for enterprise AI deployment, enabling businesses to prioritise compliance efforts based on actual regulatory overlap rather than theoretical framework coverage. This translates to measurable cost savings in legal and compliance budgets.

- **Strategic Value:** Companies can use this research to build regulatory arbitrage strategies, understanding which frameworks provide the most operational flexibility while maintaining compliance. This creates competitive advantages for early adopters who can move faster than competitors still paralysed by framework confusion.

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Version 5 of Artificial Intelligence (Development & Regulation) Act, 2023 [AIACT.IN Version 5]

- **Market Opportunity:** This framework analysis reveals specific skill gaps in government AI procurement and oversight, creating lucrative consulting and training market opportunities for private sector players who can address these competency deficits in public sector AI implementations.

- **Business Intelligence:** The report's behavioural, functional, and domain-specific competency mapping provides competitive intelligence on government AI adoption patterns, enabling strategic positioning for companies targeting public sector AI contracts worth billions in India's digital transformation initiatives.

- **Revenue Generation:** Companies can leverage the competency framework to develop targeted AI training programs and certification services, capturing substantial market share in the rapidly expanding govtech education sector while positioning themselves as preferred vendors for government AI projects.

An interesting trivia: AIACT.IN got so popular that it was commended by Justice M Sundar, Madras High Court in a Commonwealth Legal Education Association Conference on Law & Technology of August 2024, and the Dharmashastra National Law University had adapted the ideas of this major work to organise a legislation drafting competition on AI.

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## Major Research Achievements

Indo-Pacific Research Ethics Framework on Artificial Intelligence Use

- **Research Quality Monetisation:** The framework addresses the critical market gap where AI-driven research lacks standardised ethical protocols, creating significant liability and credibility risks for academic institutions, consulting firms, and research-dependent businesses. By providing actionable guidelines on AI use justification in contracts and research quality protection, it enables research organisations to command premium pricing for ethically-compliant AI-assisted research services.

- **Institutional Partnership Strategy:** The framework's focus on enhancing partnerships with key players in the AI space provides strategic positioning advantages for academic institutions and research organisations seeking lucrative collaboration opportunities with technology companies. The comprehensive coverage of AI governance principles across public and private sectors enables research institutions to position themselves as preferred partners for government and corporate AI initiatives requiring ethical oversight.

- **Competitive Research Advantage:** As "one of India's first full-fledged research ethics manual on how to use AI tools in research, ethically, and safely", early adopters gain first-mover advantages in the rapidly expanding ethical AI research market. The framework's Indo-Pacific Principles of Legal and Policy Writing and Large Reasoning Models usage guidelines create defensible intellectual property for research methodologies, enabling licensing opportunities and competitive differentiation in AI-assisted research services across the region.

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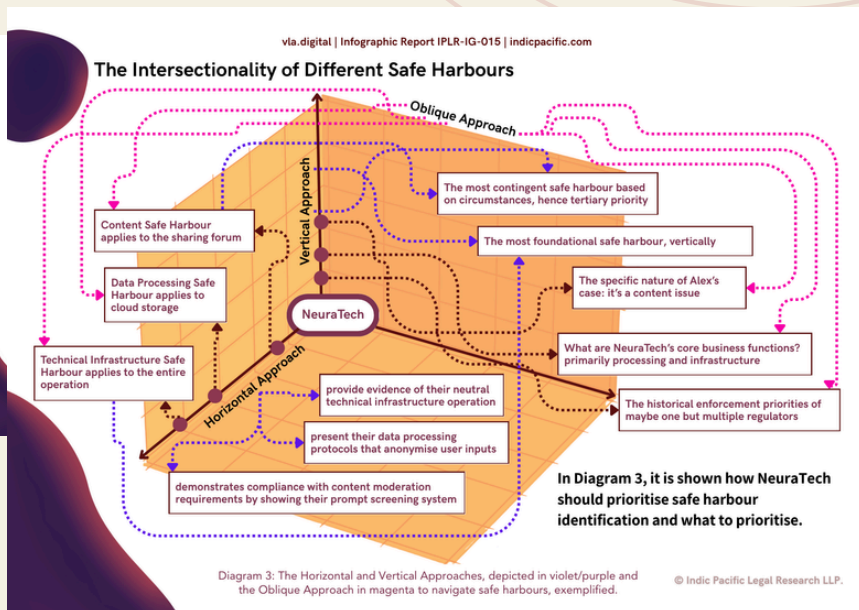
Reckoning the Viability of Safe Harbour in Technology Law, IPLR-IG-015

- **Legal Cost Optimisation:** The research provides hierarchical frameworks for applying multiple safe harbour provisions, enabling technology companies to structure their operations to maximise legal protection while minimising compliance costs across different regulatory domains.

- **Business Model Innovation:** The analysis of how economic law issues are often easier to address than tech law issues from the same B2B transactions creates opportunities for restructuring business arrangements to favor more predictable economic regulation over complex technology law compliance.

- **Strategic Risk Management:** Companies can use the safe harbour hierarchy insights to design platform architectures that optimise liability protection, reducing insurance costs and legal exposure while maintaining operational flexibility in multiple jurisdictions.

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## Major Research Achievements

The Global AI Inventorship Handbook, First Edition

- **Patent Strategy Monetisation:** The handbook provides practical guidance on AI's role in patent applications and inventorship claims, enabling technology companies to maximise patent portfolio value and licensing revenue from AI-assisted innovations.

- **Market Timing Intelligence:** Understanding global AI inventorship trends and patent office positions allows strategic timing of patent applications and R&D investments to capture first-mover advantages in emerging AI technology areas before competitive patent landscapes develop.

- **IP Portfolio Optimisation:** The research enables data-driven decisions on AI development investments, helping companies allocate R&D resources toward AI innovations with the highest patent protection potential and commercial licensing value.

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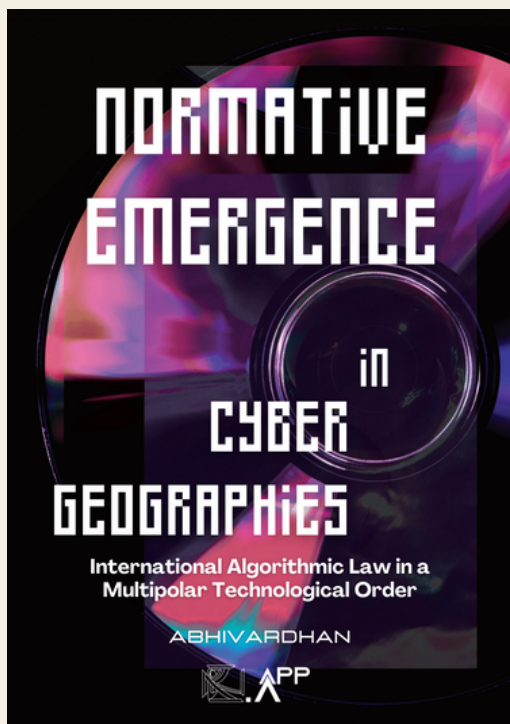
Normative Emergence in Cyber Geographies

- **Regulatory Arbitrage:** Analysis of normative emergence patterns in cyber geographies provides strategic intelligence for global technology companies on regulatory timing and jurisdiction selection, enabling optimal market entry strategies and regulatory forum shopping.

- **Policy Influence Strategy:** Understanding how cyber norms emerge and cascade across jurisdictions allows proactive engagement in norm-setting processes, giving companies disproportionate influence over future regulatory frameworks that will govern their business operations.

- **Market Prediction:** The research provides early warning systems for regulatory shifts in cyberspace governance, enabling strategic positioning ahead of regulatory changes and capturing market opportunities created by evolving cyber governance frameworks before competitors recognize the shifts.

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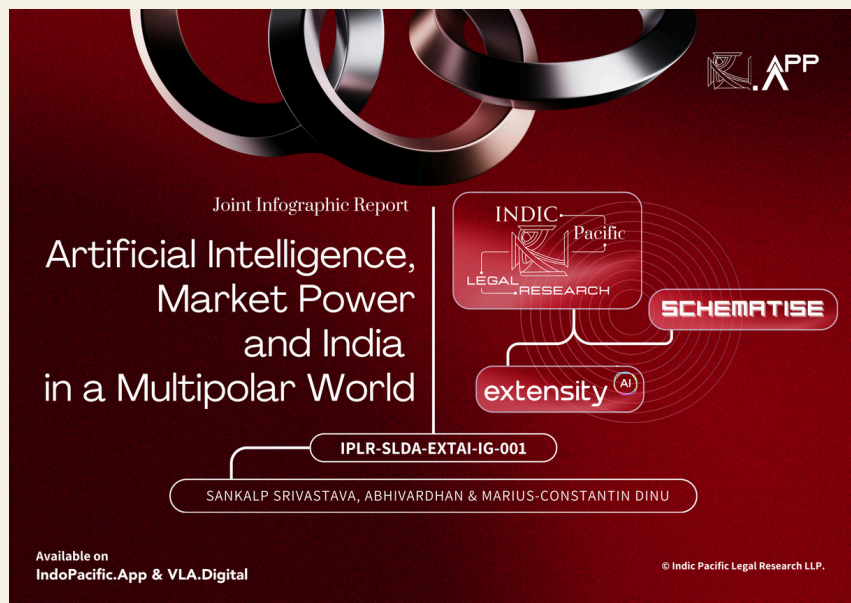
Artificial Intelligence, Market Power and India in a Multipolar World

- **Contractual Risk Mitigation:** The research exposes three-way conflicts between training data producers, AI development frameworks, and end-users, enabling proactive legal strategy development for companies operating across the AI value chain. Businesses can use these insights to structure partnerships and licensing agreements that optimise their position while avoiding the regulatory arbitrage risks that have plagued companies like the collapsed Builder.ai.

- **Market Differentiation Through Ethics:** The report's analysis of emerging compensation frameworks (System-Level vs Individual-Level Attribution, Macro vs Micro-Level Monetary compensation) creates opportunities for companies to build competitive moats through early adoption of ethical AI practices. Early implementers can capture premium market positioning as "ethical AI providers" while competitors struggle with reputational risks from exploitative labour practices and indigenous knowledge appropriation.

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Future Initiatives

- We are transitioning Indic Pacific's focus from technical legal and policy research to focus on more technology-centric methods and approaches, which are market-friendly and supportive.

- We have decided to expand the AIACT.IN project into a legal intelligence technology initiative. To begin with, we are developing a report on AI industry-policy implementation and adoption challenges from a purely future of work perspective for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

- We have revisited our collaborative relationship with the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law (ISAIL.IN). Here are some changes:

  - We will support ISAIL.IN in creating and enabling The Bharat Pacific AI Stack, a AI and business methodology co-developed by Abhivardhan from Indic Pacific Legal Research and Bogdan Grigorescu, Bahadur Shah and Shruti Kakade representing ISAIL.IN. This Stack methodology helps in documenting AI use cases (AI applications) and AI skills in a sector-neutral way, which generates reasonable feedback and input about AI use cases, AI skills and any plausible underlying relationship among them.

  - Indic Pacific will be the primary research partner for ISAIL.IN in pushing ISAIL.IN's AI standardisation efforts under the AIStandard.io Alliance, including the upcoming editions of the AiStandard.io Summit.

  - Indic Pacific will expand options to convert the legal intelligence and workflows devised in India's first privately proposed AI bill, AIACT.IN into a plausible machine learning-based knowledge graph-enabled method.

  - Indic Pacific will be open to collaborate with ISAIL.IN Individual and Alliance Members for any projects to support them, and bolster the cause of AI Standardisation.

PART 4: THE PROGRESS & VISION OF ISAIL.IN

The ISAIL.IN System

The Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law, has been, by and large - an Artificial Intelligence community, and an AI industry forum. This flowchart below (updated as of May 17, 2025 - gives an accurate picture of the decision-making system of ISAIL.IN.

Please note:
- Yellow indicates executive bodies.
- The magenta border indicates the bye-laws governing committees, groups, divisions and consortiums, specifically.
- Green indicates categories of ISAIL members.
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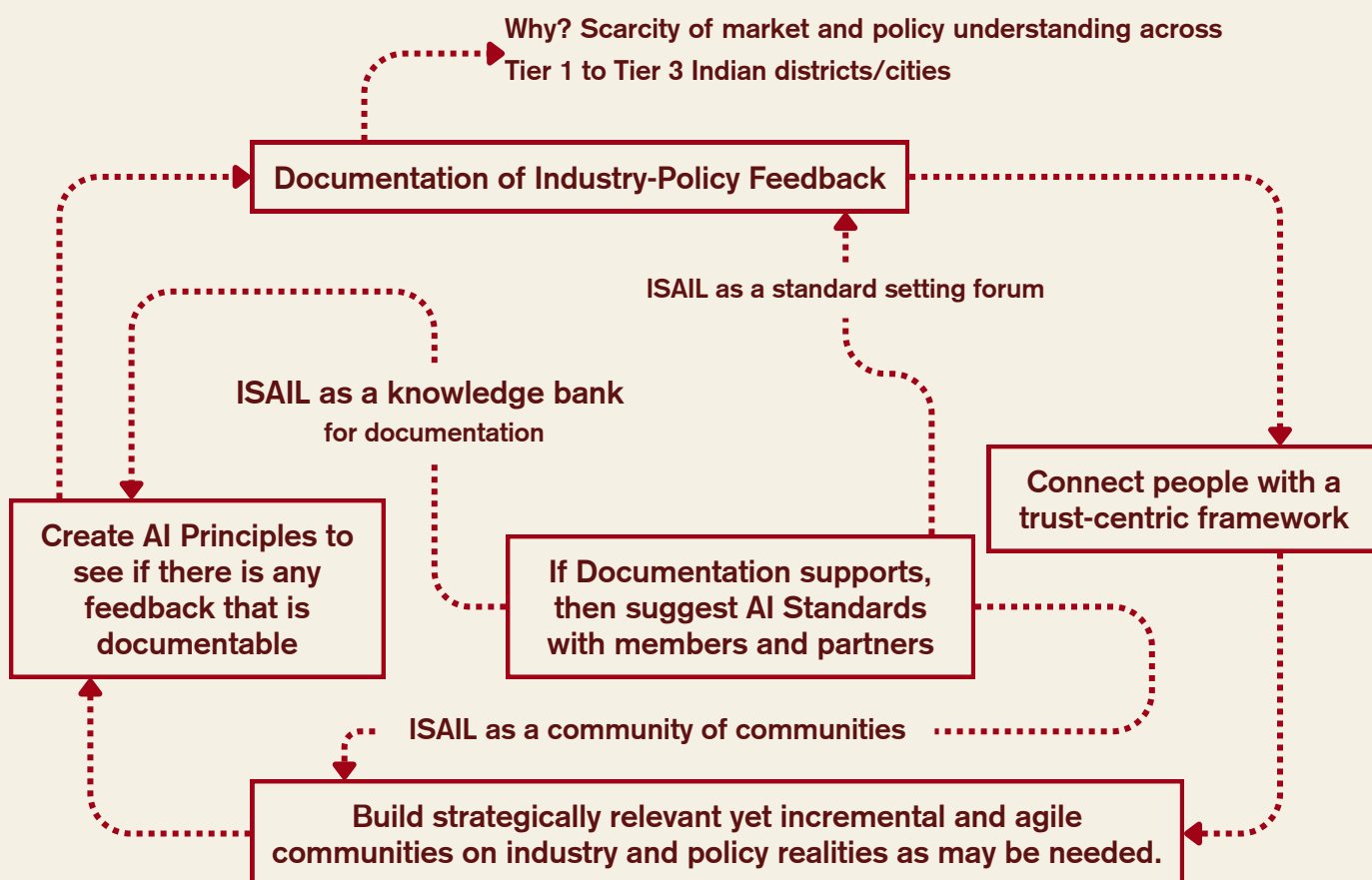
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Our AI Standardisation Mandate

As announced as early as of mid-2024, the mandate of AiStandard.io was established early-on. The flowchart below clearly explains what is the purpose of ISAIL.IN and why do we intend to engage in AI Standardisation.

Why? Scarcity of market and policy understanding across Tier 1 to Tier 3 Indian districts/cities

Documentation of Industry-Policy Feedback

ISAIL as a standard setting forum

ISAIL as a knowledge bank for documentation

Create AI Principles to see if there is any feedback that is documentable

If Documentation supports, then suggest AI Standards with members and partners

Connect people with a trust-centric framework

ISAIL as a community of communities

Build strategically relevant yet incremental and agile communities on industry and policy realities as may be needed.

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Enforcing AI standards in the Indian and Indo-Pacific market is hard and it requires us to collect data and inputs associated with the market tendencies around three facets of artificial intelligence: its adoption, research around it, and its real-life policy implications across as many sectors as possible. In fact, in the lingo of public policy, there are 3 types of realities that markets, government institutions and technical stakeholders face:

- The knowns (something that we know)
- The unknowns (something that we don't know)
- The unknown unknowns (something that we don't know that we don't know)

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Since ISAIL.IN as a trust is a community, no documentation published is guided by commercial expectations. All outcome documents that we produce are guided to provide some tangible data, anecdata and inputs on the state of market practices around the adoption of, research in and the impact of AI.

So now, let's ask: What is AiStandard.io?

The AiStandard.io Alliance intends to establish an allies of AI entities in India, Asia and the Global South, to develop market-friendly AI standards, with sector-specific, and sector-neutral contexts.

The standards could be legal, economic, ethical, or purely policy-based. They could be limited to - let's say - things like - HR policy, or knowledge management, or cybersecurity, or the use of specific classes of fourth party AI tools.

The AiStandard.io Alliance is administered by the Indian Society of Artificial Intelligence and Law, under the Principles of AI Standardisation and the AiStandard.io Alliance Charter (Ai-AC).

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AiStandard.io Alliance Updates

Here's what we have achieved in a span of 1 year.

4 Knowledge Partnerships were finalised in line with the Schedule 6 of the AiStandard.io Alliance Charter

1 Entity has joined as an Alliance member, more are subject to negotiations

13 Committee Sessions and Joint Dialogues were held since April 2024

18 Outcome Documents have been uploaded on the IndoPacific.App

2 Event-specific Knowledge Partnerships were finalised in line with the Schedule 6 of the AiStandard.io Alliance Charter

Partnering entities include

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End of an Era: Research Internship Programmes

Owing to our increased focus towards achieving AI Standardisation, the Board of Trustees of ISAIL.IN decided to discontinue the 5-year long Research Internship Programmes that we had started in January 2020.

Here are some stats around the Research Internship Programme.

200+ approx. — Students of law, policy, technology and social sciences were mentored through this programme in 5 years

~73% — Students completed the full term of the Research Internship Programme

We also assessed students based on a list of specific attributes: (1) Teamwork; (2) Communication Skills; (3) Leadership and Conviction; (4) Time Management; (5) Academic Brevity; (6) Academic Credibility; (7) Research Consistency; (8) All-Comprehensiveness.

The table below gives an estimate of Skill Area Performance Averages (Active Students Only).

Skill Area	Average
Teamwork	72.1
Communication Skills	74.2
Leadership and Conviction	71.3
Time Management	70.8
Academic Brevity	75.4
Academic Credibility	70.2
Research Consistency	67.1
All-Comprehensiveness	67.9

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We also estimate that around 32 students were top performers, with an average score of 85.5.

The table below represents some Programme Effectiveness Metrics of the Research Internship Programme.

Metric	Value	Value
Overall Completion Rate	89.30%	Industry: 75%
Average Efficiency Score	71.8	Target: 70+
High Performer Rate	21.50%	Target: 20%
Skills Gap Areas	Research, Time Mgmt	Focus Areas

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Future Initiatives

- ISAIL.IN will launch a set of fellowships to support young law, policy and tech students to understand AI ethics, and gain research skills in understanding technology & AI governance.

- The Board of Trustees and the Secretariat have unanimously decided to standardise the ISAIL Individual Membership Application Procedure.

- ISAIL.IN is set to organise the 4th edition of the AiStandard.io Summit 2026 on January 23-24, 2026 at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scientific Convention Center, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India.

- Indic Pacific will be the primary research partner for ISAIL.IN in pushing ISAIL.IN's AI standardisation efforts under the AIStandard.io Alliance, including the upcoming editions of the AiStandard.io Summit.

- ISAIL.IN will continue with its AI Standardisation efforts as an AI industry-policy community.

- ISAIL.IN will create and enable The Bharat Pacific AI Stack, a AI and business methodology co-developed by Abhivardhan from Indic Pacific Legal Research and Bogdan Grigorescu, Bahadur Shah and Shruti Kakade representing ISAIL.IN. This Stack methodology helps in documenting AI use cases (AI applications) and AI skills in a sector-neutral way, which generates reasonable feedback and input about AI use cases, AI skills and any plausible underlying relationship among them.

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