

GLOBAL VOICE

Geopolitical stakes in AI race

Time for India to step in & take lead role

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The conversation between former Google CEO Eric Schmidt and Harvard's Graham Allison, held at the Kennedy School's John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum, underscores a pivotal moment in the evolution of artificial intelligence (AI). Schmidt's latest book, *Genesis*, co-authored with Henry Kissinger and Craig Mundie, highlights AI's transformative power and associated risks. For India and other emerging nations, this discourse offers significant insights into navigating the opportunities and challenges of the AI revolution.

The intensifying AI rivalry between the United States and China dominated the discussion. The two nations are racing to achieve technological supremacy in AI, with China rapidly catching up in areas like large language models and advanced AI capabilities. This competition is not merely technological but deeply geopolitical, shaping global power dynamics in the 21st century.

China's government has heavily invested in AI,

following strategies similar to its successes in solar panels and battery technologies, creating significant competitive pressure on the U.S. While the U.S. still holds an edge due to its innovation ecosystem and semiconductor technology, the gap is narrowing. Schmidt and Allison emphasized the need for cooperative frameworks, akin to Cold War-era nuclear agreements, to prevent destabilising AI-driven arms races.

For India and other emerging nations, this AI rivalry presents a dual challenge: balancing strategic alignments with these superpowers while developing indigenous AI capabilities to avoid over-reliance on external technologies.

Lessons from Ukraine

The war in Ukraine serves as a live example of how AI and autonomous systems are reshaping the battlefield. Ukraine's innovative use of drones to counter Russia's superior conventional military forces demonstrates the disruptive



potential of low-cost, AI-driven systems. These technologies have enabled Ukraine to secure the Black Sea for grain shipments and challenge traditional defense architectures.

For India, which faces security threats from both conventional and asymmetric warfare, the lessons from Ukraine are clear. Modernizing defense strategies with AI-

driven technologies, such as autonomous drones, can enhance deterrence and reduce human casualties. However, this also raises ethical and governance questions about the deployment of autonomous weapons, requiring India to actively participate in global AI governance initiatives.

Schmidt and Allison stressed the importance of

keeping certain AI decisions, particularly on weapon deployment, under human control. They highlighted the risks of unchecked AI systems capable of recursive self-improvement, calling for strict human oversight to prevent unintended consequences.

For emerging nations like India, this is a critical consideration.

The development and deployment of AI systems must be guided by robust ethical frameworks, ensuring technology serves societal good rather than exacerbating risks. Collaborative efforts, especially in areas like climate change, can also be an area where India plays a leading role. Leveraging AI for sustainable development, agriculture, disaster management, and healthcare aligns with India's development priorities while contributing to global stability.

Global dynamics

India, with its vibrant tech ecosystem and growing investments in AI, is well-positioned to influence global AI dynamics. As the US and China dominate the AI superpower narrative, India and other emerging nations must craft strategies that prioritise self-reliance in critical technologies. Initiatives like India's semiconductor mission and AI policy frameworks are steps in the right direction but need acceleration to stay

competitive.

Moreover, India should advocate for inclusive AI governance frameworks that reflect the concerns of developing countries. This includes addressing issues like algorithmic bias, equitable access to AI technologies, and ensuring AI solutions cater to diverse cultural and economic contexts.

The AI rivalry between the U.S. and China is shaping a new world order, with implications that extend far beyond these two superpowers. For India and other emerging nations, the key lies in striking a balance: fostering technological self-reliance, modernizing defense architectures, and participating in global efforts to regulate AI responsibly.

AI offers unparalleled opportunities to solve pressing challenges, from climate change to healthcare. However, it also poses risks that demand vigilance, collaboration, and ethical governance. As Schmidt and Allison observed, AI will define the future of humanity - and nations like India have a vital role in shaping that future.

Aus bans social media for children below 16

Australia's Senate on Thursday approved a landmark legislation that will ban children under 16 from using social media, marking the world's most stringent regulations on social media access for minors.

The ban - which will not take effect for at least 12 months - could see tech companies fined up to A\$50m (\$32.5m) if they don't comply, *BBC* reported.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese says the legislation is needed to protect young people from the "harms" of social media, something many parent groups have echoed.

This is not the first attempt universally to restrict children's social media use, but it involves

the highest age limit set by any country, and does not include exemptions for existing users or those with parental consent.

"This is a global problem and we want young Australians essentially to have a childhood," Albanese said when introducing the bill to the lower house last week. "We want parents to have peace of mind", he said, according to the *BBC* report.

Having passed the Senate by 34 votes to 19 late on Thursday, the bill will return to the House of Representatives - where the government has a majority meaning it is sure to pass - for it to approve amendments, before becoming law.

Critics, however, have raised concerns

about the feasibility and privacy implications of the ban, which will require platforms to implement age-verification technologies. Digital experts warn that such measures could be ineffective and easily circumvented through

tools like VPNs. The law exempts gaming and messaging platforms, as well as websites that don't require user accounts, such as YouTube.

The specifics of which platforms will be determined by the communications minister

in consultation with the eSafety Commissioner.

While supported by many Australian parents, tech giants like Google, Snap, Meta, and TikTok have criticized the legislation for its broad scope and lack of clarity, with some questioning

its compatibility with international regulations. Youth advocates have also expressed frustration at being excluded from the conversation, arguing for more inclusive solutions.

As Australia leads the way, other nations,

including Norway and the UK, are closely watching

the outcome of this controversial legislation.

Russia flays Ukraine NATO aspirations

Full membership of Ukraine in NATO would be unacceptable for Russia, it is a threatening event, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday.

Earlier in the day, the European Pravda news portal, citing a document, reported that on the day of the start of the NATO ministerial meeting, the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry made public its official position regarding possible security guarantees, which stated that full membership of Ukraine in NATO is the only real guarantee



of security for Kiev, as well as a deterrent to "further Russian aggression" against Ukraine and other states.

"This is in absolute contrast to our thesis on the indivisibility of security, and the security of one country cannot be ensured at the expense of the security of another country. This is an immutable rule of international relations, which we are guided by. Therefore, potentially such a decision is simply unacceptable for us, because it is an event that threatens us. This does not eliminate the root causes of what is happening now," Peskov told reporters

Biden's preemptive pardons to save colleagues from Trump's ire

Washington: US President Joe Biden's administration is considering introducing preemptive pardons for current and former officials to protect them from possible prosecution after President-elect Donald Trump takes the Oval Office in January, Politico reported on Thursday, citing senior Democratic Party sources.

The White House is concerned that the appointment of Trump aide Kashyap "Kash" Patel as the next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) could lead to large-scale investigations and indictments of the president-elect's critics, as Patel has already vowed to investigate those who have spoken out against Trump, the sources said.

Among the people most likely to be pardoned are current and former Biden administration officials, members of the investigative committee that looked into the events of January 6, 2021, including Senator Adam Schiff and ex-Congresswoman Liz Cheney, the sources also told the newspaper, adding that a preemptive pardon for Anthony Fauci, the former head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who was heavily criticized by Republicans during the COVID-19 pandemic, is also being considered.

The US government is reportedly discussing the move with caution because it could lead to criticism and accusations of abuse of power, as well as concerns that some affected people might refuse the offer.

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Date of Auction	20.01.2025
Time of Auction	Between 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 Minutes
Reserve Price	Rs.64,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Only)
Earliest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs.6,40,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand Only)
Last Date For Submission of EMD with KYC	18.01.2025 up to 6:00 p.m. (IST)
Description of All that piece and parcel of property situated at Namakkal District, Namakkal The Secured Registration, Trichengode Sub-Registration, Trichengode Taluk, Anangur Village, R.S.No.47/9/902a, in P.A.3.40, Kist Rs.5.27, wherein p.a.1.13 cents of land being converted into layout sites and site no.10b whose boundary description is as follows: - East of the remaining land of Marmuthu Gounder, West of Ramasamy land, North of East West road, South of East West road, In This Ad Site Measurement: - East West on the North Side, 54'- On the South Side, 81'- North South on the East Side, 89'- On the West Side, Total Extent 4590 sq.ft of land with the right over the mamool pathway cart track etc.	
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The borrowers' attention is invited to the provisions of sub section 8 of section 13, of the act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured asset. Borrowers in particular and public in general may please take notice that if in case auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty. In case of any clarification/requirement regarding assets under sale, bidder may contact Mr. Vignesh Prabhu S. (Mob No. +919892919036), Mr. Veithurugan K. (Mob No. +91989478336) & Mr. Vishal Adhisheshan (mob no. +9941016800), bidder may also contact the bank's ivr no. (+91-9152219751) for clarifications, for detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html and provided in the bank's website i.e. www.kotak.com and/or on http://bank.auctions.in/	
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1.	Chindru Thevar, Saaramathi Anbalagan	House no -Old S.F.No:456/2, New S.F.No:456/2PE, Sular Village & Town Panchayat, Sular SRO, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, 641402	03-01-2024	839,250	13-03-2024	1,200,000	120,000	21-12-2024 (11am-2pm)	19-12-2024 (upto 5pm)	9500289348
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Company Name : e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger). Help Line No. :079-35022160 / 149 / 182 Contact Person : Ram Sharma -8000023297 e-Mail id : ramprasad@auctiontiger.net and support@auctiontiger.net.		http://www.homefirstindia.com https://homefirst.auctiontiger.net		9120036268117- Home First Finance Company India Limited - Axis Bank Ltd., MIDC, Andheri East.		UTIB0000395		Authorized Officer, Home First Finance Company India Limited		
Bid Increment Amount - Rs. 10,000/-. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal (https://homefirst.auctiontiger.net). E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, declaration, General Terms & Conditions of online auction sale are available at Portal Site. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties/put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of Home First. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to Home First. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/ rights/ dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. In case of any discrepancy English Version of the Notice will be treated as authentic.										
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The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned in the demand notice along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.										
Date: 06-12-2024 Place: Coimbatore						Signed by Authorized Officer, Home First Finance Company India Limited				