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PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY 2 ▪ Thursday, 15 October 2026

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM
Main Hall

OPENING
Welcome Back

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM
Main Hall

KEYNOTE
Opening Keynote: Journalism, Democracy and Trust in the Age of AI

- **H.E. Marisa Gerards**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, Nepal and Bhutan

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Main Hall
Parallel session

PANEL
Trust, Safety & Equity: Journalism in a Changing Information Ecosystem

- **Apar Gupta**, Advocate and Co-Founder, Internet Freedom Foundation (IFF)
- **Dhara Mungra**, Co-Founder and CTO, SimPPL
- **Suhasini Haidar**, Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu
- **Vedanta Agarwal**, Founder, Peek TV
- **Kunal Majumder**, Asia-Pacific Program Coordinator, Committee to Protect Journalists
- **Jency Jacob**, Managing Editor, BOOM

Moderator: **Sonia Bhaskar**, Senior Programme Coordination Consultant, Centre for Social Research

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Roundtable Room
Parallel session

ROUNDTABLE
Reframing Technology-Facilitated Forms of Gender-Based Violence

- **Madelaine Coelho**, PhD Candidate, University of Toronto

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

WORKSHOP
Building Safer and Smarter AI

- **Dhruv Khosla**, Practice Director, Everest Group
- **Akash Pugalia**, Chief Digital Officer, TP

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM
Main Hall
Parallel session

SPOTLIGHT
I4C, Saksham Senior and Meta Collaboration for Cyber Awareness Month

A spotlight on how I4C, Saksham Senior and Meta are working together for Cyber Awareness Month.

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
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PANEL

Reach, Revenue & Responsibility: What AI Changes for India's Creators

- **Ninad Raikar**, Chief Operating Officer, Indian Institute of Creative Technologies
- **Neha Agrawal**, CEO, Mathematically Inclined; Independent Consultant, Google Gemini
- **Urvashi Kapoor**, Executive Editor & Head of Literacy Projects, Jagran New Media
- **Maroof Culmen**, Content Creator, Culmen Creative Concepts

Moderator: **Aman Taneja**, Partner, Ikigai Law

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

WORKSHOP

Mastering Digital Parenting with Google

An interactive session for parents on Google's product safety features, and on how generative AI can support students' learning.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
Roundtable Room
Parallel session

ROUNDTABLE

Growing Up With AI: Lessons from Young People and Educators

- **Manoj Shakya**, Associate Professor, Kathmandu University (Lead)
- **Dr. Rupa Munakarmi**, Assistant Professor, Head of Department, Kathmandu University School of Education
- **Haribol Acharya**, Faculty Member, Amrit Campus, Tribhuvan University

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12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

FIRESIDE CHAT

Technology, Learning, and the Next Generation

- **Adam Seldow**, Senior Director of Education Policy, Roblox

Moderator: **Vivek Abraham**, Managing Principal, Technology Strategy, The Asia Group

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12:45 PM – 1:00 PM
Roundtable Room
Parallel session

SPOTLIGHT

Small Markets, Big Platforms: Understanding Online Safety in Sri Lanka and Beyond

- **Ashwini Natesan**, Legal Consultant / Research Fellow / Director, Digital Trust Alliance

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SPOTLIGHT

From Tech Hinsa to Tech Respect: Putting Young People at the Heart of a Safer Digital Future

- **Satviki Varma**, Program Lead, Girl Effect

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

WORKSHOP

Designing With, Not For: Youth Co-Design as a Safeguarding Tool for AI Companionship

- **Nina Bual**, Founder, Cyberlite

1:15 PM – 2:20 PM
Lobby

Lunch Break

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Roundtable Room
Parallel session

ROUNDTABLE

Age, Access and Safety: Building an Age-Appropriate Digital Ecosystem for Children in India

An open discussion on how India can build an age-appropriate digital ecosystem for children.

2:20 PM – 2:50 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

FIRESIDE CHAT

Navigating Social Media Across a Generation Gap

- **Pari Dua**, Digital Creator
- **Shruti Seth**, Actor and Television Host

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

WORKSHOP

Building Better Technology for Children: A Global South Approach to Child-Centred Design

- **Caroline Simangaliso Makumbe**, CEO & Co-Founder, Kutunga Design Academy & Innovation Lab
- **Margaret Gichanga**, Fundraising and Research Consultant, Kutunga Design Academy & Innovation Lab
- **George Kalu**, Capacity Development Manager, Moxii Africa
- **Pranay Dixit**, Volunteer Policy Counsel, Software Freedom Law Center, India (SFLC.in)
- **Maina Korir**, Research Director & Program Lead, iLabAfrica, Strathmore University



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PANEL
Combatting Trafficking: Building Stronger Partnerships to Prevent and Respond to Exploitation
- **Ravi Kant**, National Convenor, Just Rights for Children
- **Triveni Acharya**, President and Co-Founder, Rescue Foundation
- **Hasina Kharbhih**, Founder; Head of Strategic Partnership, Impulse NGO Network / Impulse Social Enterprises
- **Manoj Kumar Meena**, IPS, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)

Moderator: **Smita Mitra**, Founder, LifeFutureSkills

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM
Roundtable Room
Parallel session

ROUNDTABLE
Rethinking Image-Based Abuse in South Asia
- **Dr. Abigail Bentley**, Independent Researcher, AB Research Consulting Ltd

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

PANEL
Open Source AI: Standards, Safeguards and Shared Responsibility
- **Ankit Bose**, Head of AI, Nasscom
- **Tarunima Prabhakar**, Co-Director / Co-Founder, Tattle Civic Tech
- **Vaibhav Pulekar**, Assistant VP, TUV SUD South Asia Pvt Ltd
- **Aishwarya Salvi**, Digital Policy Advisor, Indo-German and EU-India Digital Dialogues, GIZ (German Development Cooperation)

3:35 PM – 3:50 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

SPOTLIGHT
Google's Architecture of Responsible AI
- **Kartikeya Mitra**, Lead, Global Insights, Google India

3:50 PM – 4:10 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

SPOTLIGHT
Report Launch: Designing for Online Safety: Reimagining India's Digital Service Regulation
- **Rohit Kumar**, Founding Partner, The Quantum Hub (TQH)



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4:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Roundtable Room
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ROUNDTABLE

Can South Asia Build a Shared Framework for Child Online Safety?

Facilitator: **M. C. Rasmin**, CEO, International Foundation for Digital Child (IFDC)

- **Shiromi Samarakoon**, Founder and Chairman, Digital Safeguarding Centre
- **Anil Raghuvanshi**, Founder, ChildSafeNet
- **Pratishtha Arora**, CEO, Social & Media Matters

4:10 PM – 4:50 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

PANEL

Closing Plenary: Trust & Safety at a Crossroads: How Should We Rethink Safety, Responsibility and Human Wellbeing for the Next Era of Technology?

- **Shikha Dahiya**, Joint Director, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India
- **Rob Lewington**, SVP, Head of Global Trust & Safety, TP
- **Amlan Mohanty**, Head of Policy, India, Anthropic
- **Manisha Kapoor**, CEO & Secretary General, The Advertising Standards Council of India
- **Rajesh Ranjan**, Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google

Moderator: **Sayoni Aiyar**, Business Head, English Videos, The Indian Express

4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
Workshop Room
Parallel session

WORKSHOP

Digital Wellness Hour: A Guided Journalling Workshop for Teens

- **Shreyasi Tripathi**
- **Ishika Ladda**

4:50 PM – 5:00 PM
Main Hall
Parallel session

Festival Closing

Closing remarks to bring two days of TASI 2026 to a close.

