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Federal Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja Announces Indus AI Week 2026 as Pakistan's Flagship National Artificial Intelligence Initiative

Islamabad, 14 January 2026 - Following today's event, Federal Minister for Information Technology & Telecommunication Shaza Fatima Khawaja announced the launch of Indus AI Week 2026, Pakistan's flagship national initiative on artificial intelligence, scheduled to be held from 9 to 15 February 2026. Launching the year with a major national technology initiative, Indus AI Week reflects Pakistan's continued focus on advancing its AI agenda at a national level.

Organised by the Ministry of IT & Telecommunication (MoITT) through a public-private partnership, Indus AI Week 2026 is a time-bound national platform designed to align government, industry, academia, startups, and the wider ecosystem around a shared approach to artificial intelligence. The initiative aims to strengthen AI awareness, build national capability, encourage responsible adoption, and support practical engagement across sectors.

Indus AI Week will feature a coordinated programme of activities in Islamabad and across Pakistan, bringing together policymakers, technology leaders, enterprises, universities, and research institutions. The week will combine policy dialogue, innovation showcases, skills development activities, and public engagement initiatives to ensure that AI discussions translate into learning, collaboration, and institutional participation nationwide.

The initiative will commence with the Indus AI Summit at the Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad, on 9 February 2026, followed by the Innovation, Learning and Engagement Arena at the Islamabad Sports Complex on 9 and 10 February. From 9 to 15 February, universities, companies, public institutions, and ecosystem partners across the country will host co-branded AI activities under the Indus AI Week banner.

Announcing the initiative, Federal Minister Shaza Fatima Khawaja said, *"Indus AI Week reflects Pakistan's intention to take artificial intelligence beyond discussion and into wider adoption. By bringing together innovation, collaboration, and learning, this initiative connects policy, industry, and talent. I encourage students, startups, and companies to actively engage, as Indus AI Week offers an important opportunity to build capability, showcase ideas, and become part of Pakistan's growing AI ecosystem."*

Indus AI Week 2026 is expected to serve as a key national platform for engagement on artificial intelligence, offering students, startups, companies, and institutions the opportunity to gain exposure, build connections, and participate in shaping Pakistan's evolving AI landscape.