UN Charts New Path for Global AI Governance

The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has launched the **Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial intelligence (AI)** and the **Global Dialogue on AI Governance**, marking a key step to harness AI benefits while managing its risks.

- **Global Dialogue on AI Governance:** It will provide an **inclusive platform within the United Nations** for states and stakeholders to discuss the critical issues concerning AI facing humanity today.
- **Independent International Scientific Panel on AI:** It acts as a bridge between AI research and policymaking. Provides rigorous, independent scientific assessments to anticipate challenges and guide global AI regulation.
  - It will present its annual reports at the **Global Dialogue on AI Governance in 2026 (Geneva)** and **2027 (New York)**.

AI Governance in India

- India currently lacks a dedicated AI law. It is regulated through existing frameworks like the **Information Technology Act of 2000** (cybercrimes, intermediary liability), **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023** (data privacy), and **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) laws** (AI-generated works).
- NITI Aayog's **National Strategy on Artificial Intelligence, 2018** guides AI Research and Development in healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities, and mobility, while its **Principles for Responsible AI (2021)** address **ethical AI deployment.**
- India is active in global AI forums. It hosted the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit** in 2023, co-chaired the **AI Action Summit** with France in 2025, and will host the **AI Impact Summit in 2026.**

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