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India's Proposals at G7 Evian: "IMPACT" and Suggestions on AI

International relations | News context: the Prime Minister's three addresses at the G7 Summit (Evian, France), 16-17 June 2026 | Published: 18 October 2026

Background and Context

The G7 is a group of seven industrialised countries and India is not its member; the host country invites India to outreach sessions. The address of an invited country's leader often carries policy proposals and expectations, but they are not the group's decisions. So while reading these addresses it is necessary to see which point is India's proposal and which is the G7's agreement.

Why in the News

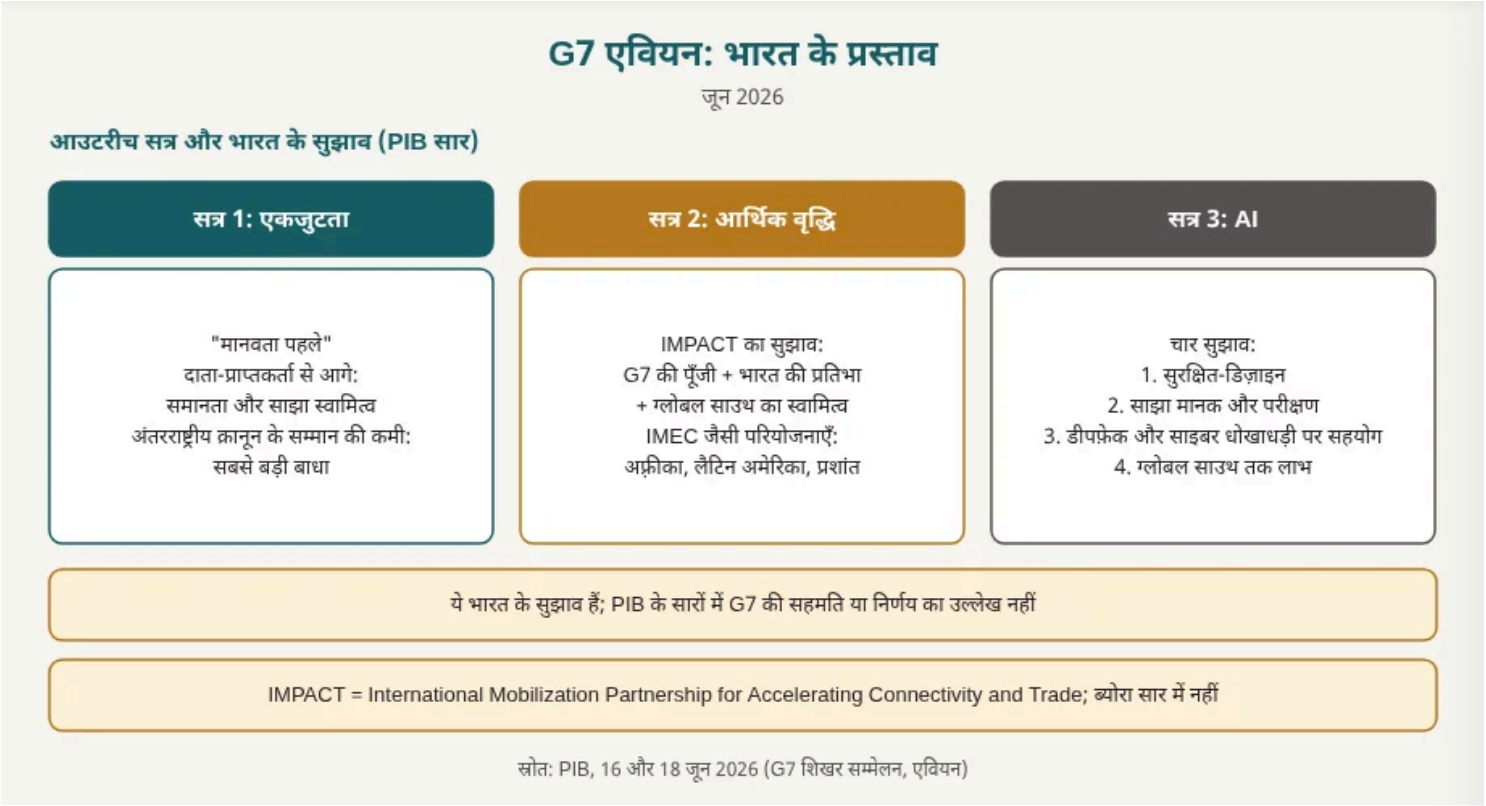
According to Prime Minister Modi's departure statement (PIB, 13 June 2026), he was on a visit to France and the Slovak Republic from 13 to 18 June 2026 and participated in the G7 Summit on 16 and 17 June. PIB released summaries of his three addresses in the outreach sessions: "New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity", "Balanced, Shared and Sustainable Economic Growth" and "Safe, Rapid and Efficient Diffusion of AI".

Core Concept: Proposal vs Decision

In PIB's summaries the Prime Minister put points in forms like "suggested", "called for" and "proposed". For instance the "suggestion" of IMPACT (International Mobilization Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade); "four suggestions" on AI. In these PIB summaries there is no mention of the G7's agreement, a

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Key Facts and Figures

Occasion	G7 Summit, Evian, France, 16-17 June 2026. Per the Prime Minister in the departure statement, this is the eighth consecutive G7 Summit to which India has been invited (the Prime Minister's statement).
Session 1: solidarity	The Prime Minister said trade and technology are being "misused for narrow interests", creating a deficit of trust. He stated the principle of "humanity first" and mentioned the International Solar Alliance, CDRI, the Global Biofuel Alliance, Mission LiFE and "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam". He spoke of taking partnership beyond a donor-recipient frame towards equality and shared ownership, and called the declining respect for international law the biggest obstacle.
Session 2: economic growth	Growth should be measured not by GDP or trade figures alone but by people's inclusion and well-being. Mention of IMEC. A call to international financial institutions to build mechanisms giving economic resilience to developing countries. Suggestion to consider connectivity projects like IMEC linking Africa, Latin America and Pacific island countries. IMPACT: a suggestion to connect G7 capital, India's talent and the Global South's ownership.

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Session 3: AI	India's "human-centric (MANAV)" approach to AI. Four suggestions: AI systems be "safe-by-design"; shared standards, testing frameworks and regulatory guidelines; effective global cooperation against deepfakes, disinformation and cyber fraud; AI's benefits reach the Global South. Also, access for democratic countries to AI models that keep critical information infrastructure secure.
Mention of trade	The Prime Minister said India is working towards trade agreements with G7 members and several other countries. No specific agreement is named in the summary.

How to Read the Addresses

Nature of an outreach session: India is not a G7 member; it is invited. The host decides the subjects of outreach sessions. PIB's summaries are not any joint text issued on the host's behalf; they are the Indian side's summary.

The form of IMPACT: per the summary IMPACT is a "suggestion" whose blueprint, financing or membership details are not in the summaries. Until a joint document or follow-up announcement comes, treat it as a proposal.

Why This Subject Matters

The Global South's voice: in the departure statement the Prime Minister said India will "give voice to the aspirations of the Global South" at the G7. This is the Indian side's claim; PIB's text carries no reaction of Global South countries.

The AI-governance debate: the four suggestions - safe-by-design, shared standards, action on deepfakes, access for the Global South - map onto the live global agenda of AI regulation. In mains these can be used as India's stated positions.

Distinction of Concepts

Keep three separations: (1) member vs invited country - India is the latter; (2) proposal vs decision - PIB's summaries record proposals; (3) session summary vs summit communique - only the second binds the group. No communique text is used in this article.

Mains View

GS-II: international groupings, India's foreign policy, AI governance. In answers name proposals as proposals (IMPACT, four AI suggestions) and avoid claiming G7 adoption.

UPSC CSE Mains Style: Core Practice Question

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India's outreach addresses at G7 Evian carried proposals on connectivity (IMPACT) and AI governance. Discuss how such proposals serve India's foreign-policy goals despite India not being a G7 member.

(Answer in 150 words) | 10 marks

Outline of the Answer

Introduction: the outreach format and India's eighth consecutive invitation. Main body: agenda-setting without membership; IMPACT as a capital-talent-ownership triangle; the four AI suggestions as norm entrepreneurship; Global South positioning; limits - proposals are not decisions. Conclusion: value lies in shaping the agenda; watch for follow-ups.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Short answer: per PIB's summaries, at G7 Evian (16-17 June 2026) the Prime Minister made the IMPACT connectivity partnership suggestion and four suggestions on AI. These are India's proposals; we have not read of any G7 agreement or follow-up action.

Question: What is the difference between India's proposals and adopted decisions at the G7?

In PIB's summaries the Prime Minister put points in forms like "suggested", "called for" and "proposed" - such as the IMPACT suggestion and the four AI suggestions. The summaries carry no mention of the G7's agreement, a declaration or any decision. So read them as "India proposed", not "the G7 adopted".

Question: What are the four suggestions on AI?

AI systems be safe-by-design; shared standards, testing frameworks and regulatory guidelines; effective global cooperation against deepfakes, disinformation and cyber fraud; and AI's benefits reach the Global South.

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