

02. Framing the future: An introduction to Ārohaṇa: Growth with Impact



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India is on the verge of transformation, with a future centred on innovation, sustainability, inclusive growth and a growing role as a global leader. As the world undergoes rapid transformation driven by advancements in AI and the pressing need to tackle climate change, India is poised to adapt and lead the way forward.

At this crucial juncture, *Ārohaṇa: Growth with Impact*, organised by Deloitte, aims to be a flagship platform dedicated to shaping the country's growth trajectory. Titled *Ārohaṇa*, a Sanskrit word that translates to "ascension" or "rising," this summit symbolises India's rise to becoming a global leader. The theme, Growth with Impact, reflects the core of this gathering, emphasizing a commitment to sustainable development, where every action leads to transformative, lasting change for communities, the environment and future generations.



As India approaches 2047, it has a unique opportunity to shape a promising future through careful decisions, actions and priorities.



Ārohaṇa: Growth with Impact is a forum that brings together leaders from government, industry, the public sector, think tanks and start-ups to discuss and define India's future in key areas such as infrastructure, security, digital transformation and green growth. The summit facilitates collaboration among policymakers, business leaders and innovators to create a roadmap that ensures India's swift, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Conducted on 19–20 September, *Ārohaṇa: Growth with Impact* delved into various topics spread across several panel discussions, leader talk sessions, fireside chats and workshops. The key focus areas were:

- **Government digital transformation:** The summit explored how emerging technologies can reshape public services, emphasizing their role in enhancing governance efficiency and making it more citizen-centric.
- **Economic development:** Discussions revolved around key drivers for sustaining India's economic rise, focusing on fostering inclusive growth.
- **Trust and security:** India must defend its physical and digital frontiers as security risks grow. Various strategies were discussed to address traditional and non-traditional security threats in an ever-evolving digital ecosystem.

- **Service delivery excellence:** Ensuring high-quality, context-driven public service delivery is essential for citizens and businesses. Service delivery directly impacts individuals, making it a crucial focus area. Discussions centred on using technology, such as the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), to bridge the gap between government and citizens, enhancing the effectiveness and accessibility of public services.
- **Green growth:** India is already a leader in renewable energy and aims to expand its endeavours globally. Discussions explored how to further this transition with green policies to help India spearhead a sustainable and just energy shift.

Ārohaṇa: *Growth with Impact* is more than just an event; it is a call to action. It focuses on shaping the future through bold ideas, strategic decisions and impactful collaborations. With policy and people at the forefront, concepts are refined and transformed into tangible outcomes.

