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UK–INDIA AI ADOPTION ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME 2026



An opportunity - Pilot to commercial Adoption

Application Link:
ukindiaaiadoption.bckic.in/

Deadline: 25th Oct 2026

INTRODUCTION

The UK-India AI Adoption Accelerator is a challenge-led market-access programme under the UK-India Joint Centre for Artificial Intelligence, connecting proven UK AI companies with Indian financial services partners to address real-world challenges.

Four selected UK AI companies will test, validate and adapt their solutions through live pilots in India, with industry, technical and ecosystem support—creating evidence and pathways for potential future commercial engagement.

KEY FIGURES

£40,000 - Maximum HMG grant available per selected UK company, subject to due diligence and milestone delivery

4 UK AI companies Selected for the pilot phase

Financial Services Focus sector for the 2026-27 pilot phase

TRL 8–9 Market-ready solutions only

December 2026 - March 2027 **Live pilot deployment in India**

Challenge Areas

Fraud Detection & Prevention
Real-time detection of fraudulent transactions, accounts and suspicious behaviour.

AML & KYC
Intelligent customer due diligence, transaction monitoring and identity verification.

AI Governance & Risk
Making AI systems explainable, auditable, fair and aligned with regulatory expectations.

Agentic Runtime Security
Building deterministic security, identity, governance and control layers that safely constrain, monitor and verify autonomous AI agents in production.

WHAT YOU GET

- ☑ £40,000 grant in three milestone - linked tranches.
- ☑ Indian industry partner with a defined challenge, senior sponsor & pilot environment.
- ☑ UK immersion 3 day programme to align scope, KPIs and adoption pathway.
- ☑ India orientation 5 day programme covering market entry, regulation & pilot preparation.
- ☑ Structured pilot support Agreements, implementation, technical readiness and monthly reviews.
- ☑ Access to networks Investors, sector experts, government and innovation ecosystem.
- ☑ Pathway to commercial engagement Further testing, paid deployment, procurement or partnership.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- ☑ UK-registered AI companies with market-ready solutions.
- ☑ TRL 8–9 AI solutions validated in live environments.
- ☑ Relevant financial services solutions addressing published challenges.
- ☑ Ability to commit matched funding.
- ☑ Capacity to deploy in India from December 2026 to March 2027.
- ☑ Availability for UK & India programmes in November 2026.
- ☑ Intent to explore commercial opportunities in India.

Ecosystem Partner: Finarkein Analytics

Industry Partner: Infosys, HCLTech, CRED, RBL BANK

Techinal Partner: mastercard

Delivery Partner: BCKIC Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster Foundation

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