

Bengal AI
Collective

There is a seat for you in the room *shaping AI in Bengal.*

Why it is worth your time, and exactly how you can take part.

CONNECT · COLLABORATE · TRANSFORM

NON-PROFIT AI THINK TANK · KOLKATA

Bengal's AI decisions are being made now. The question is who is in the room.

Enterprises are choosing

Which platforms to buy, which processes to automate, and which skills to hire for.

The state is weighing

How to bring AI into public services, and how to govern it fairly.

Universities are rethinking

What to teach, what to research, and how to keep talent in Bengal.

Each of these choices is better when buyers, builders and researchers make it together. Today they rarely meet on neutral ground.

WHAT WE ARE

A neutral room, built so people can speak plainly.

Bengal AI Collective is a non-profit, non-partisan AI think tank in Kolkata. It sells nothing and represents no company.

Free, by invitation

Membership is free for individuals. Existing members agree on every new member.

Chatham House Rule

What is said in the room is never attributed.

Vendor-neutral

Competitors sit side by side. Sponsorship is always labelled.

Free to read

Every paper, brief and roadmap will be public.

FIND YOUR CHAPTER

Five kinds of people. Five different reasons to join.

SLIDE 05

CIOs, CTOs and heads of IT

Peer truth on what works, and a say in policy.

SLIDE 08

Professionals, academics and founders

Visibility, real problems and a serious network.

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Corporates

CSR and talent with a story worth telling.

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OEMs, cloud and AI platforms

Hands-on time with buyers who trust the room.

SLIDE 17

IT services firms and consultancies

Proof of expertise, earned by teaching.

FOR CIOs, CTOs AND HEADS OF IT

You are expected to have an AI plan. Few people can tell you what actually works.

WHERE YOU STAND TODAY

Pitches everywhere

Every vendor has an AI story. Very few bring proof from a company like yours.

Pressure from the top

Boards want a roadmap and a number, often before the evidence exists.

Talent gaps

The people you need are hard to find in Kolkata, and harder to keep.

Open governance questions

Data protection, risk and accountability rarely have a settled answer yet.

WHY JOIN

What the Tech Leaders Council gives you that a vendor event never will.

01

Honest benchmarks

Compare what worked, what it cost and what failed with peers, under the Chatham House Rule.

02

A say in state policy

Council members help set the agenda that feeds our advice to government.

03

First sight of talent

Meet researchers, startups and young professionals before the market does.

04

Vendors on your terms

See demos and labs in a neutral room, with every sponsored session labelled.

HOW YOU TAKE PART

Choose your depth. Start wherever you are comfortable.

ATTEND

Closed-door roundtables

Join private roundtables and practitioner-led masterclasses with peers.

CONTRIBUTE

Share and shape

Bring a case study, review papers, or join a task force such as AI policy and governance.

LEAD

Chair and set direction

Chair a roundtable, lead a task force as a Fellow, and help set the council's agenda.

Your first step: A short note to connect@bengalaicollective.org on your role and what you would bring. If the members agree, you are invited.

FOR PROFESSIONALS, ACADEMICS AND FOUNDERS

Your best thinking deserves a wider room than your own organisation.

WHERE YOU STAND TODAY

Invisible expertise

What you learned shipping AI rarely reaches anyone outside your team.

Research that stalls

Good academic work often never meets the practitioners who could use it.

Founders without buyers

Startups struggle to get real time with enterprise decision-makers.

Careers without mentors

Early-career talent rarely gets access to senior leaders.

WHY JOIN

Four things membership gives you.

01

Your name on the work

Co-author papers, briefs and roadmaps that are free to read and reach decision-makers.

02

Real problems to solve

Six live questions, from Bangla AI to public services, each with its own task force.

03

A serious network

Members are chosen for what they contribute, so everyone beside you came to give time, not just a title.

04

Influence at home

Your work will feed advice to government, industry and universities in your own state.

HOW YOU TAKE PART

Pick the circle that fits you today.

CIRCLE	GOOD FIT IF YOU ARE	WHAT YOU WOULD DO
Professional Member Free · by invitation	An engineer, data scientist, architect, or product, legal or policy professional	Join a task force, review papers, speak at sessions
Fellow Free · by invitation	A senior professional or academic ready to lead	Lead a task force, write research, chair roundtables
Academic Associate Free · by invitation	A professor or researcher	Bring rigour, co-write papers, connect students to industry
Startup Circle Free · by invitation	A founder or product leader building with AI	Meet enterprise buyers, mentors, investors and collaborators
Young Professional Free · by invitation	Early in your career	Support task forces and events, and learn from senior leaders

FOR CORPORATES AND BUSINESS LEADERS

AI will reshape your workforce and your market. Your CSR can shape Bengal's response.

WHERE YOU STAND TODAY

Skills you will need

Your next hires and your current teams both need AI capability.

CSR that is hard to explain

Boards and shareholders want CSR with visible, relevant outcomes.

A brand that leads

Being seen to build Bengal's future matters to customers and talent.

Little say in policy

AI rules will affect your business. Few companies help shape the evidence.

WHY PARTNER WITH US

A partnership you can report on with pride.

01

CSR with a clear purpose

AI education and skilling relate to Schedule VII activities. We share our registration documents before you commit.

02

Reports you can use

Plain reporting on how funds were used and what they achieved, ready for your annual report.

03

Your leaders on stage

Your executives speak, mentor and sit on task forces with Bengal's tech leaders.

04

A pipeline of talent

Meet the academics and young professionals who will become your next hires.

HOW YOU TAKE PART

From a single event to a founding seat.

ONE EVENT

Masterclass or roundtable

Co-create a masterclass or host a private roundtable on a topic you care about.

ONE CAUSE

Research or CSR

Sponsor a research area, or fund AI skilling through CSR.

ALL YEAR

Platform or title partner

Partner across the year, or lead the annual Bengal AI Dialogue.

FROM DAY ONE

Founding partner

One of eight seats, with a place on the advisory council.

Visibility, never control. Every partner is named and disclosed, and our findings stay independent. Ask for the sponsorship deck at connect@bengalaicollective.org.

FOR OEMs, CLOUD AND AI PLATFORM COMPANIES

Eastern India's buyers have heard the pitch. Now they want to see it work.

WHERE YOU STAND TODAY

Sceptical buyers

Decision-makers discount claims they cannot test for themselves.

Booths reach passers-by

Trade shows rarely put you in front of the people who sign.

Long trust cycles

Enterprise deals start with credibility, long before procurement.

Infrastructure still open

Bengal's choices on Bangla AI, data and compute are yet to be settled.

WHY PARTNER WITH US

Put your platform in the hands of the people who decide.

01

Hands-on time with buyers

Labs and experience zones where CIOs and engineers try your stack themselves.

02

Credibility by context

A neutral, non-profit room carries weight a vendor-run event cannot.

03

A voice on infrastructure

Support our Bangla AI and digital infrastructure research.
The findings stay independent.

04

The ecosystem that adopts you

Developers, academics and startups who will build on your platform.

HOW YOU TAKE PART

Four ways to show what your technology can do.

DEMONSTRATE

Technology partner

Live demos, hands-on labs and experience zones at our events.

ENABLE

Compute and tools

Power our masterclasses and labs with your stack.

TEACH

Masterclass partner

Your solution architects teach practitioners hands-on.

HEADLINE

Title partner

Lead the annual Bengal AI Dialogue, with a keynote slot.

Competitors take part side by side. That is exactly why buyers trust what they see here.

FOR IT SERVICES FIRMS, SYSTEM INTEGRATORS AND CONSULTANCIES

Every provider now claims AI capability. Clients are looking for proof.

WHERE YOU STAND TODAY

Crowded claims

Every proposal mentions AI. Few show delivered results.

Expertise behind NDAs

Your best people's know-how sits inside client projects.

Buyers you cannot reach

Meetings with CIOs usually start with a sales agenda.

Talent competition

Good AI engineers have options, and they choose firms with a reputation.

WHY PARTNER WITH US

Earn trust by teaching what you know.

01

Prove it in the room

Your experts teach hands-on masterclasses to leaders and practitioners.

02

Hear the real problems

Host roundtables and learn first-hand what buyers struggle with.

03

Authority in print

Co-lead research and co-publish papers under both names.

04

A magnet for talent

Visible expertise attracts the engineers you want to hire.

HOW YOU TAKE PART

Bring your practice into the Collective.

TEACH

Masterclass partner

Bring faculty, course material, tools or a learning platform.

CONVENE

Roundtable host

Gather CIOs on a problem your practice knows well.

RESEARCH

Research partner

Co-lead a task force and share case studies and methods.

BELONG

Your people as members

Your architects and leaders can be invited as members or Fellows, free of charge.

Come to teach. Every sponsored session is labelled and the room stays vendor-neutral.

WHY NOW

The founding window is open.

The first members are joining now, and the first Bengal AI Dialogue is planned for April 2027. Those who join now shape what everyone else joins later.

Set the agenda

Decide which questions the first task forces take on.

Write the norms

Help set how the council runs and what it publishes first.

Be named first

Founding members and the eight founding partners are named as they join.

What we ask of you, and what we promise in return.

We ask you to

- Give time and knowledge, not just a title
- Respect the Chatham House Rule
- Disclose interests and label anything sponsored
- Leave the sales pitch outside the room

We promise

- Independence from every company, party and university
- Free publication of our research
- Public disclosure of every sponsor and partner
- Clear reporting on how CSR funds are used

YOUR NEXT STEP

One email to connect@bengalaicollective.org starts it.

IF YOU ARE	SEND US	WHAT HAPPENS NEXT
A tech leader, professional, academic or founder	A short note on your background, your organisation and what you would bring	The members review it together. If they agree, you are invited. Membership is free
A corporate, OEM or service provider	Who you are and what you want to achieve	We send the sponsorship deck and suggest a package
A university or research institute	One honest paragraph on what you would like to do together	We come back with a clear proposal

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MEMBERSHIP BY INVITATION · PARTNERSHIP BY CONVERSATION

Together, let's build the *AI-*
powered future of Bengal.

WRITE TO US

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INDIVIDUALS

bengalaicollective.org/membership

ORGANISATIONS

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