

Bhashini eases language barriers at UP-Japan meet

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Lucknow: Language barriers were eased at the UP-Japan Investment Meet 2026, where the AI-powered multilingual platform Bhashini enabled real-time translation between Indian and Japanese stakeholders, organisers Invest UP said on Monday.

Invest UP had partnered with Bhashini to facilitate communication in Hindi,

English and Japanese. Its speech-to-text service, Shrutlekh, provided real-time translation during the proceedings.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath's Hindi address and Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's English speech were translated and transcribed into Japanese in real time, allowing Japanese delegates to follow the proceedings as they unfolded. The platform also sup-

ported two-way communication between Indian and Japanese participants during discussions.

Officials said the deployment demonstrated how language AI could facilitate international investment and business engagement without relying entirely on conventional interpretation.

Operated by the Digital India Bhashini Division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Tech-

nology, Bhashini is India's national platform for AI-powered multilingual communication and digital inclusion.

According to Invest UP, Bhashini supports 36 Indian text languages, 23 Indian voice languages and 35 international languages. It powers more than 800 govt websites and processes over 24 million AI inferences daily, with cumulative inferences crossing nine billion.