



KubeCon



CloudNativeCon

India 2026

TRANSPARENCY REPORT

MUMBAI 2026



KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026

Thank you for making the third annual **KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026** a success.

This year's event brought together the cloud native community in Mumbai for two days of collaboration, learning, and innovation.

We welcomed attendees from across India and around the world, reflecting the continued growth and momentum of cloud native and open source technologies throughout the region. Developers, maintainers, end users, and ecosystem partners came together to exchange ideas, share experiences, and strengthen connections across the community.

From inspiring keynotes and technical deep dives to maintainer meetups and community discussions, the conference showcased the breadth and maturity of the cloud native ecosystem. Beyond the sessions, the event provided valuable opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge sharing, highlighting the community's commitment to openness, innovation, and collective success.

Thank you to all of the attendees, speakers, sponsors, maintainers, volunteers, and organizers whose contributions made KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026 such an exciting event. Your continued engagement and collaboration help advance the cloud native ecosystem, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead.



965

CFPs
submitted



183

Recipients of
the Dan Kohn
Scholarship Fund



68

Pieces of media
coverage



61%

First-time
attendees



Jonathan Bryce, Executive Director, CNCF



Faeka A. · 2nd
DevEx Platform Engineer | OSS Maintainer | CNCF Ambassador...
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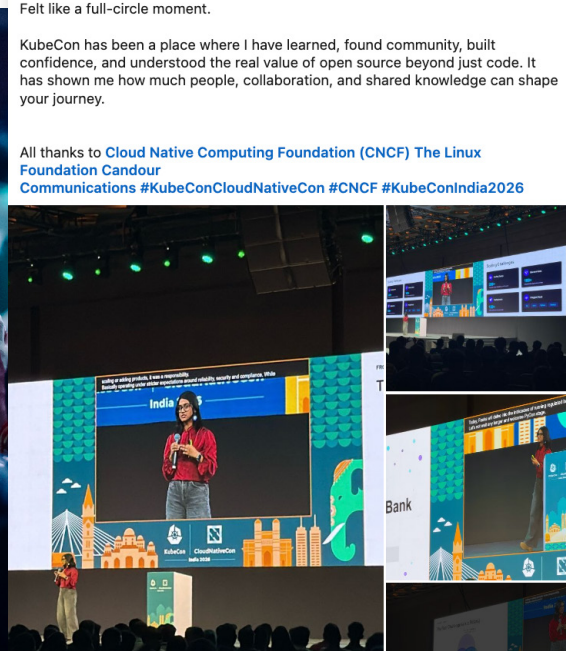
Keynote Speaker at KubeCon + CloudNativeCon, one of the biggest cloud native and DevOps stages in India.

It was special to present a keynote - the same stage where I once sat in the audience, watching people I deeply looked up to in the cloud native community like [Nikhita Raghunath](#), [Priyanka Saggi](#), [Chris Aniszczuk](#), [Priyanka Sharma](#), [Nabarun Pal](#), [Rajas Kakodkar](#), [Divya Mohan](#), [Madhav Jivrajani](#) and so many others!

Felt like a full-circle moment.

KubeCon has been a place where I have learned, found community, built confidence, and understood the real value of open source beyond just code. It has shown me how much people, collaboration, and shared knowledge can shape your journey.

All thanks to [Cloud Native Computing Foundation \(CNCF\)](#) [The Linux Foundation](#) [Candour Communications](#) [#KubeConCloudNativeCon](#) [#CNCF](#) [#KubeConIndia2026](#)



ATTENDEE OVERVIEW

It was fantastic to bring our community together, with more than 3,000 people joining us in India.

3,242

REGISTRATIONS

95%

ATTENDANCE RATE

892

COMPANIES REPRESENTED



ATTENDEE GEOGRAPHY



TOP COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE



INDIA
2,877



USA
107



SINGAPORE
26



AUSTRALIA
14



SRI LANKA
14



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
14



UNITED KINGDOM
13

TOP 3 JOB FUNCTIONS

DEVOPS / SRE / SYSADMIN

DEVELOPER

ARCHITECT

TICKET TYPE THROUGH THE YEARS

Type	2024	2025	2026
Total	3,022	4,017	3,242
Attendee	53%	43%	37%
Individual	29%	43%	45%
Academic	2%	2%	4%
Speaker	4%	3%	4%
Sponsor	10%	7%	9%
Media	1%	1%	1%

 **Nitya Boyapati** · 3rd+
Associate Engineer at Keyloop | AWS, Automation, Python & ...
4d · Edited · 🌐

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026 was my first major tech conference and my first visit to Mumbai. It exceeded every expectation. 🚀

Spending two days surrounded by engineers, maintainers, and builders from across the cloud native ecosystem was both humbling and inspiring.

One statistic from the opening keynote stayed with me throughout the event. 66% of organizations run AI inference workloads on Kubernetes, but only 7% deploy AI daily. That gap between building AI and confidently running it in production became the biggest takeaway from the conference.

More than learning new tools, I came away with a new perspective.

- Production AI is as much about platform engineering, observability, and security as it is about LLMs.
- Kubernetes has evolved beyond infrastructure. It is becoming the foundation for modern AI applications.
- Open source is powered by people. The community, collaboration, and knowledge sharing were just as valuable as the technology itself.

The sessions from IBM, JioHotstar, KodeKloud, and the Kubernetes security community reinforced these ideas through real-world experiences rather than theory.

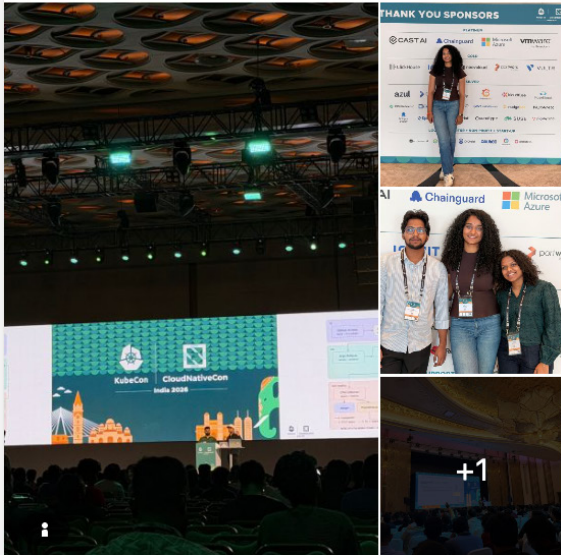
One of my favourite moments was the Women in Tech session. Meeting so many inspiring women, hearing their journeys, and making new connections made the experience even more meaningful. [Durga Lakshmi H Shrestha Saluja Deepti](#) [Ravi Heeral Fernandes Bhavani Indukuri Sonali Srivastava](#)

It was also great to see people I have learned from online [Mumshad Mannambeth Abhishek Veeramalla](#), reconnect with familiar faces [Rishi Nikhilesh](#), and make new friends from across the cloud native community.

As a fresher, I came to KubeCon to learn. I left with new perspectives, meaningful connections, and even more motivation to contribute to the cloud native and open source ecosystem. [Cloud Native Computing Foundation \(CNCF\)](#)

Already looking forward to the next one. ☁️💙

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CONTENT

The KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026 content was shaped under the leadership of conference co-chairs Saiyam Pathak, Head of DevRel, vCluster, and Sonali Srivastava, Senior Developer Advocate, Improving. Together, they led a dedicated program committee of **56** members who reviewed **965** submissions to thoughtfully curate a diverse, relevant, and high-quality schedule. The final lineup offered compelling content for attendees of all technical backgrounds.

All talks were selected through a rigorous, non-biased review process. Program committee members were randomly assigned submissions aligned with their area of expertise, following our established CFP scoring guidelines and transparent selection criteria.

KEY STATS

With 100 sessions, KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India featured a diverse line-up of topics ranging from introductory sessions through technical deep-dives. Talks are available now on our [YouTube playlist](#).



965

CFP SUBMISSIONS



18

KEYNOTE TALKS

(INCLUDING SPONSORED KEYNOTES)



56

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

7%

CFP ACCEPTANCE RATE

70

CFP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

151

SPEAKERS

9.4/10

SESSION
RATINGS

12

MAINTAINER
SESSIONS

24%

GENDER MINORITY
SPEAKERS

**THANK YOU TO
OUR KUBECON +
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INDIA 2026 CO-CHAIRS**



Saiyam Pathak

Head of DevRel, vCluster and
Founder, Kubesimplify



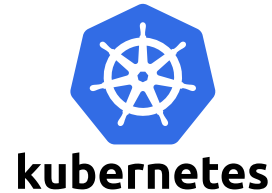
Sonali Srivastava

Senior Developer Advocate,
Improving

PROJECT ENGAGEMENT



COZYETACK



PROJECT ENGAGEMENT

26

**PROJECTS
REPRESENTED IN
PROJECT PAVILION**

7

**PROJECT
LIGHTNING
TALKS**

13

**MAINTAINER
TRACK
SESSIONS**

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026 offered a range of meaningful opportunities for attendees to engage with CNCF projects and maintainers.

The **Maintainer Meetup** brought together CNCF Maintainers to exchange best practices, refine contribution workflows, and collaborate on shared challenges. The event also featured a series of 5-minute **Project Lightning Talks**, where projects highlighted recent updates, new features, and key milestones in quick, insightful presentations.

Attendees also had the chance to dive deeper during the **Maintainer Track** sessions, which provided behind-the-scenes insights into CNCF projects. These sessions offered valuable perspectives from project leaders and fostered collaboration among community members and industry experts.

In the **Project Pavilion**, participants connected directly with project maintainers. This space encouraged open conversation, technical discussions, and idea sharing, making it a vibrant hub for learning more about the technologies shaping the cloud native ecosystem.



INCLUSION + ACCESSIBILITY

CNCF strives to ensure that everyone who participates in KubeCon + CloudNativeCon feels welcome, regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or economic status.

Our commitment to cultivating a friendly, welcoming, and inclusive environment extends to the facilities and resources we provide at events. In Mumbai, these included:

- Quiet + Prayer Room
- Nursing Room
- All-Gender Restroom
- Pronoun + Communication Stickers
- Complimentary Onsite Child Care
- Captioning Available for Keynote and Breakout Sessions

CHAOSS D&I EVENT BADGE

CNCF was awarded a Gold Badge from the CHAOSS Badging Initiative, chaoss.community/diversity-and-inclusion-badging/, for fostering healthy inclusion and accessibility practices.



INCLUSION + ACCESSIBILITY EVENTS

As part of our deep commitment to inclusion and accessibility, we hosted a Women’s Community Gathering for attendees who identify as women, non-binary individuals, or allies, to have open discussions with fellow attendees about challenges, leadership innovation, and empowerment in our fast-growing ecosystem. Additionally, we offered Peer Group Mentoring, where participants met in small groups with mentors from CNCF and projects.

# OF PARTICIPANTS AT WOMEN’S COMMUNITY GATHERING	100+
# OF PEER GROUP MENTORING + CAREER NETWORKING MENTORS	4
# OF PEER GROUP MENTORING + CAREER NETWORKING MENTEES	53

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Dan Kohn Scholarship Fund provided opportunities to 183 applicants to attend the event.

TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	16
REGISTRATION SCHOLARSHIPS	146
SPEAKER TRAVEL FUNDING SCHOLARSHIPS	21

CAPTIONING

TOP 3 LANGUAGES
ENGLISH • HINDI • TAMIL

76

TOTAL HOURS USING IN-ROOM
CAPTIONING FROM WORDLY ON
ATTENDEE MOBILE DEVICES



SUSTAINABILITY

We're committed to sustainability at our events and KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India was no exception.

Our venue, the Jio World Convention Centre, is LEED Platinum-compliant and part of a socially responsible and environmentally sensitive convention, exhibition, and entertainment precinct. The venue includes landscaping for 20% of the total building area with over 700 native trees. JWCC also provides water recycling, electric charging points for vehicles, on-site waste management, and 75% daylight for all regularly occupied areas.

In addition to selecting an environmentally conscious venue, we:

- Sourced conference t-shirts and lanyards locally
- Donated leftover materials and event merchandise
- Reduced paper waste by replacing printed tickets with digital badge scans for food, beverage, and merchandise redemption
- Chose a venue that was accessible via public transportation

HEALTH + SAFETY ONSITE

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon implemented the following health and safety measures:



FOOD ALLERGY ACCOMODATIONS



ACCESSIBLE SAFETY RESOURCES + TIPS



MEDICAL, SAFETY + TRAUMA RESOURCES



INCIDENT TRANSPARENCY REPORT:

- 0 Code of Conduct Violations
- 1 Medical Intervention

SPONSOR INFORMATION

KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. And attendees agree - 96% visited the solutions showcase during the event.

SPONSORSHIP

	2024	2025	2026
Platinum	2	3	4
Gold	4	11	5
Silver	24	19	18
Start-up	7	7	6
Marketing Opportunities	2	2	7
Total Unique Sponsors	37	42	33

BOOTH TRAFFIC	TOTAL
Total leads	14,698
Average leads per booth	397

PLATINUM SPONSORS





GOLD SPONSORS





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MEDIA + ANALYST COVERAGE

25

MEDIA + ANALYSTS ATTENDEES

4

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crossplane v2.3

Falco 0.44.0

Jaeger native ClickHouse
support

Tekton pipelines get
Kueue scheduling

4

CNCF PRESS RELEASES

CNCF and Linux Foundation
Partner with Udemy

CNCF and SlashData
State of Cloud Native
Development in India report

Q2 Silver Member
announcement

Flipkart Wins CNCF End
User Case Study Contest

72

PRESS + ANALYST ARTICLES

1

LINUX FOUNDATION PRESS RELEASE

OpenSearch 3.7

6

MEMBERS AND SPONSORS CONTRIBUTED 6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Participating members/
sponsors include:

Broadcom (VMware by
Broadcom)

Microsoft Azure

Cast AI

Kloudfuse

ManageEngine

NeevCloud

MEDIA COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

68 pieces of coverage from local media, including [NDTV](#), [The Hindu](#), [AIM Network](#), and [Dataquest](#).

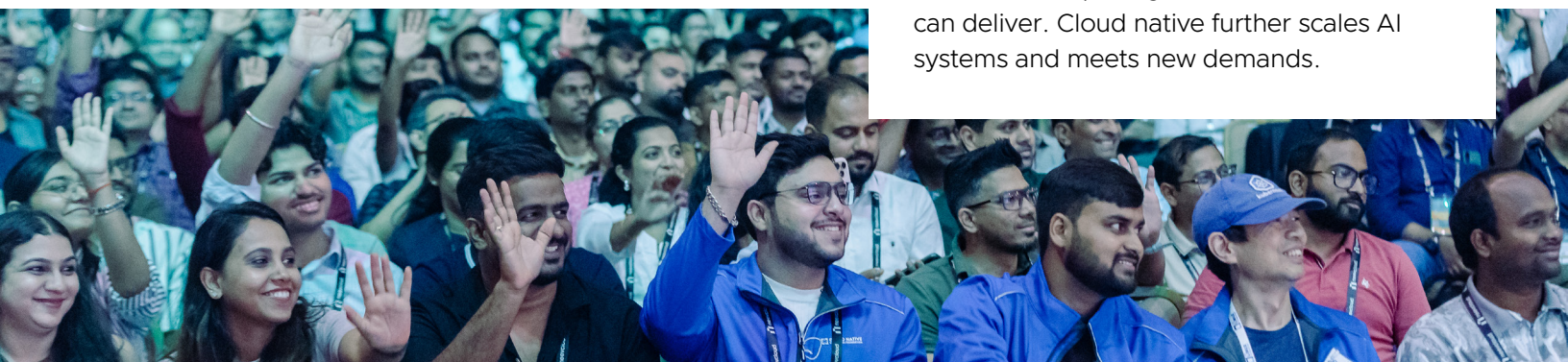
KubeCon + CloudNativeCon India 2026 coverage prominently focused on the importance of cloud native skills for the AI era, the rise of AI inference, and digital sovereignty. This was underscored by the announcements made during the event, such as CNCF and SlashData's State of Cloud Native Development in India report, which confirmed India as one of the largest global cloud native communities with 2.25 million developers.

ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS

[ET Edge](#) connected with Jonathan Bryce for an interview. Jonathan noted, "As AI infrastructure scales, the challenge isn't simply building more hardware; it's extracting more performance from the hardware organizations already own. That's where projects like Ilim-d, HAMi, and several other CNCF initiatives become incredibly valuable. Much of the innovation we're seeing isn't happening at the hardware layer but at the orchestration and software layer."

BROADCAST HIGHLIGHTS

Jonathan Bryce joined [NDTV](#)'s live broadcast covering the SpaceX IPO, which is also a major AI infrastructure growth story. As industries move from training massive models to running inference workloads at massive scale, the demand is outpacing what hardware alone can deliver. Cloud native further scales AI systems and meets new demands.

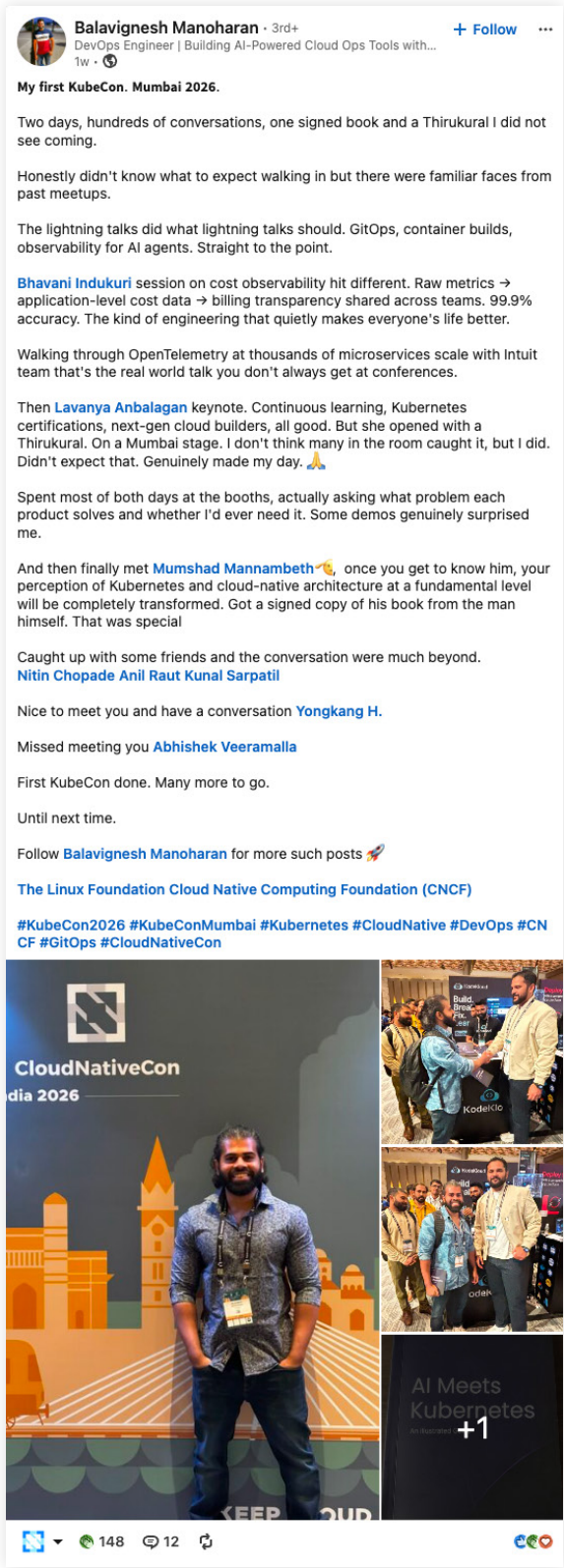


THANK YOU

We hope you enjoyed reflecting on a great event in India—see you in China in September!

Check out our [calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

Your comments and feedback are welcome at events@cncf.io.





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We worked hard to accurately report all aspects of this great event, but with all great events, things to change - media coverage increases, online views go up etc. so if you'd like to use any date from this report, make sure you reference the publication date of July 2026. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or would like updated statistics in the coming year. Published by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation.