**COLLABORATION WITH UNESCO ON AI READINESS
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

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Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that the Ministry has recently entered into collaboration with United Nation Educational, Scientific and CulturalOrganization (UNESCO) to conduct stakeholder consultations on Artificial Intelligence (AI) Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) inIndia; and

(b)   if so, the primary objectives of these consultations, and the manner in which they arealigned with India's AI policy framework??

ANSWER

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(a) and(b): The Government of India emphasizes the concept of 'AI for All,' aligning with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratise use of technology. This initiative aims to ensure that AI benefits all sectors of society, driving innovation and growth.

India is regarded as the skills capital in technology and Artificial Intelligence. The most reliable ranking in AI is placing India among the top countries with AI Skills, AI capabilities, and policies to use AI. Stanford University has ranked India among the top four countries along with the US, China, and the UK in the Global and National AI vibrancy ranking based on 42 indicators. GitHub, which is community of developers has ranked India at the top with the global share of 24% of all projects.

Union Cabinet led by Hon'ble Prime Minister has approved the IndiaAI Mission on 7th March 2024, a strategic initiative to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem that aligns with the country's development goals. This mission is driven by a vision to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence by focusing on seven foundational pillars: IndiaAI Compute, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI Startup Financing, IndiaAI Innovation Centre, IndiaAI Datasets Platform, IndiaAI Applications Development Initiative and Safe & Trusted AI.

Government with UNESCO is holding consultations with stakeholders. The consultations provide a platform for critical discussions intended at integrating safe, trusted and ethical AI considerations into the AI strategies and programmes, ensuring that the deployment of AI technologies aligns with public welfare and adheres to international norms and standards. The consultations are to undertake the Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM), a key tool to support member states in their implementation of the Recommendations on the Ethics of AI.

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