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INDIA AI MISSION

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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and current status of the India AI Mission;
- (b) total compute capacity under the Mission, number of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) added and the manner in which this infrastructure supports AI innovation;
- (c) the purpose and progress of the AI Kosh platform including the number of datasets currently hosted and how it contributes to developing indigenous AI solutions;
- (d) the number and nature of proposals received under the India AI Foundation Model initiative and the sectors targeted by selected Startups; and
- (e) key outcomes of the India AI I4C Cyber Guard, AI Hackathon including participation figures, winning teams, and its role in advancing AI-driven cybersecurity?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): India's AI strategy is based on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of democratizing technology. It aims to address India centric challenges and create opportunities.

India's AI experts contribute meaningfully in global AI development. Stanford University estimates that India contributes to 9% of global AI development papers. Further, India contributes about 20% of AI projects on GitHub.

IndiaAI Mission:

In March 2024, Government of India launched IndiaAI mission with outlay of Rs 10,372 Cr for development of the overall AI ecosystem in the country. In less than 18 months, India AI Mission has set up a foundation for development of AI ecosystem in the country.

1. IndiaAI Compute pillar

- A national AI compute capacity has been operationalized through empaneled AI service providers offering GPU access on cloud at subsidized rates to eligible users.
- As on date, **38,231 GPUs** have been onboarded from 14 empaneled service providers under the IndiaAI Compute Capacity framework.

- The Government of India provides access to these GPUs at subsidized rates. The average rate is approximately **Rs 65 per GPU per hour**, except for select high-end GPUs.
- Apart from compute, empanelled providers are delivering storage, networking, AI platforms and other supporting services necessary for AI model development and deployment.

2. IndiaAI Application Development Initiative

- This pillar aims to develop AI applications for India specific challenges in sectors such as climate change and disaster management, healthcare, agriculture, governance, and assistive technologies for learning disabilities.
- As on date, 30 (thirty) applications have been approved.
- In addition, sector-specific hackathons have been organized in partnership with other ministries and government institutions.
- IndiaAI launched the CyberGuard AI Hackathon in collaboration with the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs to develop AI-driven solutions for cybersecurity. 04 teams have been declared winners of IndiaAI CyberGuard AI Hackathon. Details at Annexure -1.

3. AIKosh

- AI Kosh provides seamless access to AI-ready datasets, models, computational resources, tools, community features, and secure, permission-based access mechanisms.
- Available resources serve as building blocks for developers, allowing them to focus on core AI functionality instead of recreating modules.
- 251 AI models and more than 27 development toolkits specific to India are available on the platform.
- The platform has attracted more than 1.4 Lakh visits, more than 10 thousand registered users.

4. IndiaAI Foundation Models

- Government aims to develop India's own Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) trained on Indian datasets and languages. It is to ensure sovereign capability and global competitiveness in generative AI.
- **Twelve (12) organisations and consortia**, including startups, industry players and academic institutions, including Sarvam AI, Soket AI, Gnani AI, Gan AI, Avatar AI, IIT Bombay Consortium (BharatGen), GenLoop, Zentieq, Intellihealth, Shodh AI, Fractal Analytics Ltd. and Tech Mahindra Maker's Lab, have been selected for developing Large and Small Language Models based on Indian datasets.
- The resulting AI models are intended to contribute to the open-source ecosystem and support innovation across India's startup and research community.

5. IndiaAI FutureSkills

- To develop AI skilled professionals in India by increasing the number of graduates, post-graduate and PhDs in AI domain. Government is providing support to:
 - 500 PhD fellows
 - 5,000 postgraduates
 - 8,000 undergraduates
- **27 IndiaAI Data and AI Labs** have been established in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, in collaboration with NIELIT, to impart foundation-level courses on AI, data and related fields such as Data Annotation, Data Curation, Data Cleaning, Data Science, etc.
- **174 ITIs and Polytechnics across 27 States/UTs** have been approved for setting up additional IndiaAI Data and AI Labs.
- Under the IndiaAI FutureSkills initiative, the Government is supporting AI capacity building through fellowships for PhD, postgraduate and undergraduate students, with **more than 228 fellowships awarded** till date.

6. IndiaAI Startup Financing

- To provide financial assistance to AI start-ups.
- IndiaAI Startups Global program was launched in March 2025 in collaboration with Station F (Paris) and HEC Paris. 10 Indian AI startups are being helped in expanding into the European market.

7. Safe & Trusted AI

- To balance innovation with strong governance frameworks to ensure responsible AI adoption.
- 13 projects have been selected addressing issues like machine unlearning, bias mitigation, privacy-preserving machine learning, explainability, auditing tools, and governance testing framework.
- An expression of interest was published on 09th May 2025 for onboarding partner institutions for setting up the IndiaAI Safety Institute.

Shaping global debate on AI: India is actively participating in shaping global debate on development, usage and safety of AI. India was the founder chair of Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI). India was able to carve out consensus on AI during the G20 communique.

AI Impact Summit: India is hosting the global AI Impact Summit on 19-20 February 2026. The Summit will focus on people, planet and progress. More than 200 pre-summit events have been organized so far with more than 1.15 Lakh participants from around the world.

Annexure -1**Winners of IndiaAI I4C Cyber Guard AI Hackathon**

Team Lead	Names of the Team members	Affiliated Organization
Nisarg Gandhi	Patel Darshankumar Shankarbhai and Bhensdadiya Kevin Vasantbhai	S4AI Technologies LLP
Lasya Ippagunta	Shubham Luharuka and Puneet Hegde	CloudSEK Information Security Limited
Meet Bisht	Rohit Ganaka and Yukta Chauhan	Voldebug Innovations Pvt. Ltd.
Aditi Singh (All women team)	Palak Garg and Riva Jain	Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Technology
