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INDIA'S RANKING IN GLOBAL AI CAPABILITIES

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

- (a) the details of India's ranking in global AI capabilities including its position in AI skill penetration and AI development projects respectively;
- (b) the key components and objectives of the Indian AI Mission along with the measures taken to establish AI infrastructure, AI research and AI Startups across the country, ecosystem-wise; and (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure responsible development and deployment of AI including initiatives under the Safe & Trusted AI pillar and the role of the Advisory Group on AI in formulating an India-specific regulatory framework?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): India is regarded as the Skills Capital in Technology and Artificial Intelligence. The most reliable AI rankings place India among the top countries in AI skill penetration, AI project development capabilities, and AI policy implementation.

As per the Stanford AI Index 2024, India has been ranked as No.1 in the AI Skill penetration.

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, a community of developers, has ranked India at the top with a global share of 24% of all AI projects.

The Union Cabinet, led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, approved the IndiaAI Mission on March 7, 2024, as a strategic initiative to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem aligned with India's development goals. The mission aims to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence by fostering innovation, enhancing domestic capabilities, and ensuring the country's tech sovereignty. It seeks to demonstrate how AI can be leveraged for social good and global competitiveness. The IndiaAI Mission is built on seven foundational pillars: IndiaAI Compute Capacity, IndiaAI Innovation Center (IAIC), IndiaAI Application Development Initiative, IndiaAI Startup Financing, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI Dataset Platform, and Safe & Trusted AI.

The Government of India, under the IndiaAI Mission, has implemented various measures across its seven pillars to establish AI infrastructure, foster AI research, and develop a thriving AI startup ecosystem nationwide.

- **IndiaAI Compute Capacity:** The IndiaAI compute pillar envisions building a high-end scalable AI computing ecosystem comprising AI compute infrastructure of 10,000 or more Graphics Processing Units (GPUs). Under this initiative, an invitation for application for the empanelment of AI services on the cloud was published on August 16th, 2024. 19 bidders had submitted a proposal offering AI services, including GPUs and AI platforms for developing AI solutions, out of which **10 bidders** have been empaneled. Against the target of 10,000 GPUs outlined in the IndiaAI compute pillar, **empaneled bidders have offered 14,517 GPUs at an**

average rate of Rs. 115 per GPU hour with Government support of upto 40%. Further, an IndiaAI Compute Portal has been developed for accessing and leveraging the empaneled AI services on the cloud.

- **IndiaAI Innovation Centre (IAIC):** The AI Innovation Centre aims to develop and deploy indigenous Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) trained on India-specific data. A Call for Proposals was published by IndiaAI on 30th Jan 2025, inviting proposals from startups, researchers, and entrepreneurs to collaborate on building state-of-the-art foundational AI models trained on Indian datasets. In the first month, IndiaAI has received a total of **67 proposals** till 15th February 2025 aimed at building India's foundation models, with contributions from both established startups and new teams of researchers & academia.
- **IndiaAI Application Development Initiative:** The IndiaAI Application Development Initiative aims to develop, scale, and promote the adoption of impactful AI solutions to effectively tackle significant problem statements. Under this pillar, an Innovation Challenge was inviting participants to build AI solutions under five critical sectors/themes including healthcare, agriculture, governance, climate change and disaster management and assistive technologies for learning disabilities. A total of 900 applications have been received across the five focus areas by the deadline of 30th September. Out these, the **30 shortlisted AI solutions** under the identified sectors across three stages of maturity: Idea, Prototype, and Existing Solutions. The details of the shortlisted AI solutions are given in [Annexure I](#).
- **IndiaAI Startup Financing:** The IndiaAI Startup Financing Pillar envisions for providing support to AI startups at all stages. The IndiaAI Mission in collaboration with **Station F (Paris, France) and HEC Paris**, had announced an ambitious acceleration program for Indian AI startups. This program will support **10 Indian AI startups** in scaling globally by leveraging the European market's vast opportunities. Through this partnership, selected startups will undergo a 4-month immersive onsite acceleration program at Station F, the world's largest startup campus. The program, designed by HEC Paris, Europe's leading business school, will provide startups with unparalleled access to resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities.
- **IndiaAI FutureSkills:** IndiaAI FutureSkills Pillar envisions to augment the number of graduates, post-graduate and PhDs in the AI domain. Further, it envisions setting up Data and AI Labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across India to impart foundational-level courses in Data and AI. IndiaAI Fellowships are being offered to students pursuing relevant undergraduate and postgraduate programs at Private / Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTI) under the Government of India or must be recognized either by the All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) / National Board of Accreditation (NBA) / National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) or as per the extant norms. Till date, **150 UG students, 48 PG students, and 3 PhD scholars** have been selected for the IndiaAI Fellowship. Additionally, IndiaAI has established IndiaAI Data Lab in the National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT's) Delhi centre and & ICET, Nagaland. Additionally, IndiaAI, in collaboration with NIELIT, plans to establish **27 data labs** in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country, details of which are placed in [Annexure II](#).
- **IndiaAI Datasets Platform:** IndiaAI Datasets Platform (IDP) pillar aims to strengthen the national AI-ready data ecosystem by improving access to non-personal and anonymized datasets, AI Models, and Use Case Library for AI research and innovation. To further this goal, **a unified data platform named 'AIKosh' has been launched** to provide a one-stop solution for seamless access to all resources critical for AI Innovation. Designed to serve as a comprehensive repository of diverse datasets, this platform aims to support AI development by offering high-quality data to researchers and developers.
- **Safe and Trusted AI:** This pillar enables the implementation of Responsible AI projects, including the development of indigenous tools and frameworks, self-assessment checklists for innovators, and other guidelines and governance frameworks. Under Safe and Trusted Pillar, **Eight Responsible AI Projects** have been selected to address the need for robust guardrails to ensure the responsible

development, deployment, and adoption of AI technologies. The projects cover a range of critical themes, including Machine Unlearning, Synthetic Data Generation, AI Bias Mitigation, Ethical AI Frameworks, Privacy-Enhancing Tools, Explainable AI, AI Governance Testing, and Algorithm Auditing Tools. The details of the selected projects are given in Annexure III. Further, IndiaAI invited Expressions of Interest from individuals and organizations for the development of tools in areas such as **Watermarking & Labelling, Ethical AI Frameworks, AI Risk Assessment & Management, Stress Testing Tools, and Deepfake Detection Tools**.

Further, the Government of India has constituted a multi-stakeholder **Advisory Group on AI for India-specific regulatory AI framework**, under the chairmanship of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, which comprises representatives from relevant ministries, to develop an '**AI for India-Specific Regulatory Framework**'. Under the Advisory Group's guidance, a Subcommittee on '**AI Governance and Guidelines Development**' was formed to provide actionable recommendations for AI governance in India. The Subcommittee examined key governance issues, conducted a gap analysis of existing frameworks, and proposed a comprehensive approach to ensure the trustworthiness and accountability of AI systems. The Subcommittee's report underscores the need for a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to ensure compliance and effective governance as India's AI ecosystem evolves. Its recommendations, derived from extensive deliberations and a thorough review of the existing legal and regulatory framework, aim to foster AI-driven innovation while safeguarding public interests.

The details of shortlisted AI solution under IndiaAI Application Development Initiative are as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the Solution	Solution Description	Stage	Team Name	Theme
1	Promoting regenerative agriculture practices for a sustainable future using AI	In-house developed MRV (Measurement, Reporting, and Verification) technology designed to ensure the integrity and quality of generated carbon credits.	Solution	Varaha ClimateAG Private Limited	Agriculture
2	Krishi Sah'AI'yak - Farming Co-pilot	AI-powered conversational co-pilot to provide personalized advisory to farmers in Indic languages	Solution	Samagra Development Associates Pvt. Ltd	Agriculture
3	Kadalcompass - We Amplify the voice of water using Hydro-AI, Underwater com, IoUT with Sensor Network	5G-enabled device that transforms fishing practices using AI, IoUT, and advanced communication technologies	Solution	Innogle Technologies Pvt LTD	Agriculture
4	KissanCopilot Multilingual Multimodal personalized AI Assistant for small holder farmers	Powered by Dhenu's vertical LLM for agriculture, provides personalized agricultural advisory services to smallholder farmers.	Solution	Titodi Infotech Pvt Ltd	Agriculture
5	Rapid, chemical-free soil testing solution using NIR Spectroscopy & AI/ML models	End-to-end soil testing approach leverages an offline app, AI-powered spectral device, and ML models to deliver timely, chemical-free soil analysis.	Solution	Neoperk Technologies	Agriculture
6	AI deep-tech driven quality assessment of Maize	SAAS platform to provide objective quality assessment of maize including price estimation & sales pipelining.	Solution	RootsGoods (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.	Agriculture

7	AI-Driven Live Fish Logistics and Mortality Reduction in Aquaculture	AI-driven solution that optimizes aquaculture operations	Solution	Shuvoneel Ras System Pvt. Ltd.	Agriculture
8	QScan	AI-powered IoT solution that captures critical data throughout the fresh produce lifecycle, providing real-time analysis of food quality and actionable insights to sellers.	Prototype	Qzense Labs Pvt Ltd	Agriculture
9	Heatwave Resilience: Integrating AI-based Advanced Forecasting for Extreme Heat Events	Integrates AI-based climate forecasting with health data to develop a targeted risk classification system for heat-health impacts	Idea	I-Hub for Robotics and Autonomous Systems Innovation Foundation	Climate
10	Multi-Hazard Susceptibility Mapping	hazard management system to predict Landslides, Debris Flows and Flash Floods	Prototype	Jarbits Pvt Ltd	Climate
11	DeepFlood: Rapid flood inundation mapping using Vision Transformers and Satellite Data	Advanced flood inundation mapping tool using SAR data and deep learning models for real-time, automated flood detection	Prototype	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Climate
12	Moskeet: Climate impact on mosquito-borne diseases	AI-powered platform integrates real-time climate data with mosquito tracking to predict and prevent disease outbreaks.	Prototype	Moskeet AI	Climate
13	End to End AI Cloud Platform for Radiology Diagnosis	AI cloud platform for radiology diagnosis, integrating innovative technologies such as CV, GenAI, NLP, Dicom, mobile, and cloud computing	Solution	Endimension Technology Pvt. Ltd.	Healthcare
14	NIDAAN (iNtegrated lung health screening & tuberculosis Detection through Ai At National scale)	qXR, an advanced AI tool for interpreting chest X-rays (CXR), detects & localizes 30+ findings.	Solution	Qure.ai Technologies Pvt. Ltd.	Healthcare

15	Impactful AI solution, preventing preventable blindness, for socio-economic transformation.	early detection of vision threatening retinal abnormalities	Solution	Artelus	Healthcare
16	AI Powered Wearable Technology for Detection & Diagnosis of Musculoskeletal Joint Health Pain.	AI Enabled Hardware Platform for Joint Pain Diagnostics and Rehabilitation Segments of Healthcare	Solution	Startoon Labs Private Limited	Healthcare
17	VoxelBox	Neuro-informatics platform that allows to map the functional maps / connectomics of the human brain	Prototype	BrainSight Technology Pvt Ltd	Healthcare
18	Development of Ocellux: An AI-Based Solution for Enhanced Early Diabetic Eye Screening in INDIA.	Portable, affordable and highly accessible retina imaging device powered by AI for early detection of eye diseases like Diabetic Retinopathy, AMD & Glaucoma	Prototype	Anself Dynamics Pvt. Ltd.	Healthcare
19	Revolutionizing healthcare using doctor-led AI	AI-powered personal doctor available 24x7 and free of cost, designed to assist people when they are sick, monitor their health through wearables, and act as a health coach to prevent diseases.	Prototype	Jivi Health Pvt. Ltd.	Healthcare
20	AI/ML enabled MafPro device platform for cancer staging, localization, and margins.	MafPro handheld detector provides a radiation-free, non-invasive, safe and cost-effective solution that can reliably detect and adequately evaluate metastases in lymph nodes using AI/ML based algorithms	Prototype	SIAMAF Healthcare	Healthcare
21	Readabled (Online Dyslexia Training)	web-based application designed to help children with dyslexia improve phonetic awareness	Solution	Hermit Labs Pvt. Ltd.	Learning disabilities

		through interactive exercises.			
22	Voice fusion AI	AI application to provide assistive support to individuals with SLDs in multiple Indian languages	Prototype	PerpetualBlock Technologies Private Limited	Learning disabilities
23	ScreenPlay - a digital game based screening tool for autism and related disorders.	Digital, game-based screening tool designed to identify children aged 3 to 6 who may be at risk for autism or related developmental conditions	Solution	Kidaura Innovations Pvt Ltd	Learning disabilities
24	Jiveesha	AI-powered diagnostic platform for early detection of SLDs	Idea	Daira Edtech Private Limited	Learning disabilities
25	Adaptive Learning and Detection for SLDs	Advanced AI techniques to detect Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs) such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia.	Prototype	Narottam Innovations Pvt. Ltd.	Learning disabilities
26	Special Educator AI	AI-driven system designed to address India's shortage of special educators and support children with SLDs.	Idea	Banyan Intelligence Private Limited	Learning disabilities
27	ConvoZen.AI by NoBroker Technologies	AI-powered conversational platform that automates customer engagement across channels like chat, voice, email, and social media, offering fast, personalized, and multilingual support.	Solution	Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt. Ltd	Governance
28	AI contact center	AI-powered technologies like machine translation, NLP, ASR and TTS, and multilingual voice recognition to enhance governance by improving communication and	Solution	Devnagri AI Pvt. Ltd	Governance

		accessibility across India's linguistic diversity			
29	Adalat AI: AI solutions for Courts	AI-powered platform provides real-time multilingual transcription, translation, live case flow management, and WhatsApp chatbots to streamline courtroom operations	Prototype	Legsys.AI Technology Foundation	Governance
30	Gov.Civis.Vote	AI-powered Digital Public Infrastructure designed to transform public consultations in India by making citizen engagement more inclusive, scalable, and comprehensive	Solution	Civic Innovation Foundation	Governance

Annexure II

List of Data & AI labs planned by IndiaAI in collaboration with NIELIT in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across the country:

S.No.	NIELIT Centre	State/UT
1	Gorakhpur	Uttar Pradesh
2	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
3	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
4	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
5	Patna	Bihar
6	Buxar	Bihar
7	Muzaffarpur	Bihar
8	Kurukshetra	Haryana
9	Ropar	Punjab
10	Haridwar	Uttarakhand
11	Bikaner	Rajasthan
12	Tezpur	Assam
13	Bhubaneswar	Odisha
14	Calicut	Kerala
15	Guwahati	Assam
16	Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh
17	Srinagar	J&K
18	Jammu	J&K
19	Ranchi	Jharkhand
20	Imphal	Manipur
21	Gangtok	Sikkim
22	Agartala	Tripura
23	Aizawl	Mizoram
24	Shillong	Meghalaya
25	Kohima	Nagaland
26	Leh	Ladakh
27	Silchar	Assam

Annexure III

The details of the selected projects under “Safe & Trusted AI” Pillar are as under:

NAME OF THE THEME	SELECTED APPLICANT	TITLE OF THE PROJECT
Machine Unlearning	IIT Jodhpur	Machine Unlearning in Generative Foundation Models
Synthetic Data Generation	IIT Roorkee	Design and Development of Method for Generating Synthetic Data for Mitigating Bias in Datasets; and Framework for Mitigating Bias in Machine Learning Pipeline for Responsible AI
AI Bias Mitigation Strategy	National Institute of Technology Raipur	Development of Responsible Artificial Intelligence for Bias Mitigation in Health Care Systems
Explainable AI Framework	DIAT Pune and Mindgraph Technology Pvt. Ltd.	Enabling Explainable and Privacy Preserving AI for Security
Privacy Enhancing Strategy	IIT Delhi, IIIT Delhi, IIT Dharwad and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)	Robust Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning Models
AI Ethical Certification Framework	IIIT Delhi and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)	Tools for assessing fairness of AI model
AI Algorithm Auditing Tool	Civic Data Labs	ParakhAI - An open-source framework and toolkit for Participatory Algorithmic Auditing
AI Governance Testing Framework	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)	Track-LLM, Transparency, Risk Assessment, Context & Knowledge for Large Language Models
