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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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BHARAT AI EXCHANGE PLATFORM

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

- (a) whether the Bharat AI Exchange platform includes or plans to include a sandbox for startups and civic tech organisations to pilot governance-enhancing AI models and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of pilot participants and the sectors being prioritized (e.g., urban mobility, grievance redressal); and
- (c) whether such innovations being incentivised through inter-ministerial coordination?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): India's AI strategy is based on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize the use of technology. It aims to address India centric challenges, create economic and employment opportunities for all Indians.

AI ecosystem in India at present:

India has a strong information technology ecosystem. It generates annual revenues of more than 250 billion dollars and provides employment to more than 6 million people.

Global rankings such as Stanford AI rankings place India among the top countries in AI skills, capabilities, and policies to use AI. India is also the second-largest contributor to GitHub AI projects, showcasing its vibrant developer community.

India's AI strategy:

India's AI strategy aims to position India as a global leader in artificial intelligence. Government launched IndiaAI mission in March 2024. It is a strategic initiative to establish a robust and inclusive AI ecosystem aligned with India's development goals.

The IndiaAI Mission comprises of the following 7 key pillars:

- **IndiaAI Compute Capacity:** It aims to provide high-end compute power (GPUs) to all, including MSMEs and startups, at an affordable cost.
- **IndiaAI Foundation Models:** To develop India's own Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) trained on Indian datasets and languages. This will ensure sovereign capability and global competitiveness in generative AI.
- **AIKosh:** To develop large datasets for training AI models. AIKosh is a unified data platform integrating datasets from government and non-government sources.

- **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.
- **IndiaAIFutureSkills:** To develop AI skilled professionals in India by increasing the number of graduates, post-graduate and PhDs in AI domain. It also envisions setting up Data and AI Labs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities across India.
- **IndiaAI Startup Financing:** To provide financial assistance to AI start-ups.
- **Safe & Trusted AI:** To balance innovation with strong governance frameworks to ensure responsible AI adoption.

BharatX

- BharatX is a national level data exchange for sharing of data between various government ministries/ entities. It ensures seamless and secure data exchange between different government entities.
- Private sector entities are also encouraged to share their AI ready datasets to the AIKosh platform.
- BharatX platform aims to serve as the data repository for AIKosh Platform. AIKosh also provides a sandbox mechanism which allows Indian start-ups/ academia to test their tools in a controlled environment.
- On the AIKosh platform, so far, 9 curated use cases across various sectors have been developed, including **Agriculture, Healthcare, Urban Planning, Energy, Finance, and Governance.**
- Ministries, departments, and organizations are also invited to submit their own use cases on the platform, utilizing contributed datasets.
