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MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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DEVELOPMENTS UNDER INDIAAI MISSION

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

(a) the key developments and progress achieved under the IndiaAI Mission since its approval including initiatives relating to AI infrastructure, data platforms and startup support;
(b) whether it is a fact that startups supported under the Mission have developed foundational AI models and if so, the details thereof and their current deployment status;
(c) whether the Government has outlined an updated roadmap or "IndiaAI Mission 2.0" focusing on research and development, AI diffusion across sectors and promotion of indigenous AI capabilities; and
(d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure equitable access to AI resources including compute infrastructure and skilling programmes, particularly for MSMEs, startups and academic institutions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a), (b) and (d): India's AI policy is based on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of democratizing technology. It is aimed at creating economic opportunities and employment for youth, while addressing risks associated with AI.

India's AI strategy builds on India's vibrant IT sector with annual revenue of 300 billion dollars and 60 Lakh strong workforce. India AI Mission has seven pillars including development of AI models, applications, datasets, talent development and affordable compute.

Progress under IndiaAI Mission till date:

AI models:
The Government of India has been supporting Indian startups and institutions in the development of large language models. Pursuant to the Call for Proposals issued on 30 January 2025, against 506 applications received, 20 indigenous sovereign model proposals comprising 12 Large Multimodal Models and 8 Small Language Models have been identified for support. Notable outputs already launched include:

- Sarvam AI's 30 billion and 105 billion parameter models
- Gnani.AI's speech-to-speech model
- BharatGen's multilingual foundation models (Param2-17B, Patram-7B and Shrutam-2)
- Avataar AI's video generation model

These models were launched during the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 and have since been made available on the AIKosh platform for use by the developer community.

Affordable compute: Compute resources are made available to startups, MSMEs, researchers, academic institutions, students and Government entities at subsidised rates of up to 40% through the IndiaAI Compute Portal (https://compute.indiaai.gov.in), under a published End User Policy that defines eligibility criteria and the methodology for access.

- Compute Service Providers empaneled: 15
- Number of end-users/projects supported: 237
- GPU hours sanctioned: approximately 93.18 lakh
- A High-Performance AI Compute System of approximately 1.1 EFLOPS is being established at the NIC Data Centre, Shastri Park, Delhi.

Application development:

- 11 National-level Hackathons/Innovation Challenges launched.
- 62 AI prototypes developed and 20 AI solutions deployed across public-sector institutions; three in-house AI development projects executed.

Talent development:

- 686 fellowships awarded across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes in 178 institutions.
- YUVA AI for All programme completed by over 26.5 lakh individuals.

IndiaAI labs:

- 27 India Data and AI Labs established, supporting training for more than 3,500 students.
- 188 additional Labs have been identified for establishment across ITIs/Polytechnics.

Datasets: AIKosh, IndiaAI's datasets platform, hosts more than 13,445 datasets across 22 sectors from over 578 organisations, along with 329 AI models, 35 toolkits and 202 documented use cases.

AI Centres of Excellence: Government has approved a scheme for establishment of 58 Artificial Intelligence Centres of Excellence (AI-CoEs) across States and Union Territories, in collaboration with the respective State/UT Governments and industry partners.

IndiaAI Governance Guidelines: IndiaAI Governance Guidelines were released on 5th November 2025, providing a national framework for the safe, responsible and inclusive development and deployment of Artificial Intelligence in the country. Pursuant to the Guidelines, the following institutional mechanisms have been constituted: AI Governance and Economic Group (AIGEG); Technology and Policy Expert Committee (TPEC); and AI Safety Institute (AISI).

India AI Impact Summit: India hosted the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 from 16th to 21st February 2026 in New Delhi, the first edition of the global AI summit series held in the Global South.

(c): At the India-AI Impact Summit 2026, the Government announced its intention to build upon the achievements of the IndiaAI Mission through a subsequent phase. No detailed roadmap, framework or financial outlay for this phase has been formally approved or notified as on date.

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