

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED BY
DATA AND AI LABS**

584. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

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

- (a) the number of Data and AI Labs operational under the IndiaAI Mission and the funds released and utilised therefor, State-wise;
- (b) the number of research projects, patents, AI applications and start-ups supported through such labs, State-wise;
- (c) the number of academic and industry partnerships established by these labs, State-wise;
- (d) the number of students, researchers and professionals trained through these labs and the details of courses or certification programmes offered; and
- (e) whether any proposal for establishment of a Data and AI Lab in Andhra Pradesh is under consideration and if so, the details and its present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): **IndiaAI Mission:**

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 it.

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 supports India's AI ambitions under seven pillars including development of AI models, applications, datasets, talent development and affordable compute.

AI models:

The Government of India is supporting Indian startups and institutions to develop large language models.

20 indigenous sovereign model proposals have been identified for support, comprising 12 LLMs and 8 SLMs. Notable successes so far include:

- Sarvam AI's Sarvam 30 billion parameter and 105 billion parameter models
- Gnani.AI's speech-to-speech model
- BharatGen's multilingual foundation models

- Avataar AI's video generation model

Domain-specific SLMs, include specialized models and AI frameworks addressing healthcare, language technologies and agentic AI systems are at various stages of development and deployment.

Affordable compute:

- Compute service providers empanelled: 15
- Number of projects supported: 237
- GPU hours sanctioned: 93.18 lakh GPU hours

Application Development:

- 12 National-level Hackathons/Innovation Challenges launched.
- Supported the development of 62 AI prototypes and 20 AI solutions deployment

Talent development:

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

IndiaAI Data and AI Labs

Under the IndiaAI FutureSkills pillar these are being established to create AI-ready talent by providing hands-on training in Artificial Intelligence, Data Science and related emerging technologies, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. The primary objective of these Data and AI Labs is capacity building and skill development. Accordingly, the labs are focusing on training and certification activities.

- The 27 IndiaAI Data and AI Labs established at NIELIT Centres are operational, and the State-wise details are placed at Annexure-I. An amount of ₹8.29 crore has been released for the establishment of these labs and for conducting training and assessment activities.
- The courses currently offered in these labs include Fundamentals of Data Annotation using Python, Fundamentals of Data Curation using Python, and other foundational AI modules aimed at enhancing learners' employability and industry readiness. As of date, 5,544 candidates have been enrolled, 3,161 candidates have been trained, and 1,249 candidates have been certified under these labs.
- Further, an amount of Rs.9.58 Cr. has been released for the establishment of 188 IndiaAI Data and AI Labs in ITIs and Polytechnics. These institutions are currently undertaking procurement and infrastructure development activities and are yet to become operational.
- With regard to Andhra Pradesh, 21 ITIs and 7 Polytechnic institutions have been selected for establishment of IndiaAI Data and AI Labs. An amount of Rs. 1.07 Cr. has been released to the selected ITIs, and the institutions are currently undertaking procurement and infrastructure setup activities. The details of these ITI institutions are placed at Annexure-II.

Annexure I**State-wise details of operational IndiaAI Data & AI labs:**

S.No.	State	Number of operational labs
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	3
3.	Bihar	3
4.	Haryana	1
5.	Himachal Pradesh	1
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
7.	Jharkhand	1
8.	Kerala	1
9.	Ladakh	1
10.	Maharashtra	1
11.	Manipur	1
12.	Meghalaya	1
13.	Mizoram	1
14.	Nagaland	1
15.	Odisha	1
16.	Punjab	1
17.	Rajasthan	1
18.	Sikkim	1
19.	Tripura	1
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2
21.	Uttarakhand	1
	TOTAL	27

Annexure II**Details of IndiaAI Data & AI labs in Andhra Pradesh:**

S.No.	State	Name of the Govt. ITI
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI, Dhone
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt. ITI (Girls), Nellore
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI(New), Gajuwaka, Vishakhapatnam
4.	Andhra Pradesh	Government ITI Vijayawada
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.ITI,Tirupati
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Government ITI, Kakinada
7.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt. ITI, IE, Eluru
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt ITI Rajamahendravaram
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Govt.R.ITI (Girls)Kadapa
10.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (GIRLS), VISAKHAPATNAM
11.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. DLTC/ITI, GUNTUR
12.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (GIRLS), KURNOOL
13.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (BOYS), NELLORE
14.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (BOYS), ONGOLE
15.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. DLTC/ITI, KADAPA
16.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI, CHITTOOR
17.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (BOYS), ANANTAPUR
18.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (GIRLS), VIZIANAGARAM
19.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI, TENALI
20.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. DLTC/ITI, SRIKAKULAM
21.	Andhra Pradesh	GOVT. ITI (GIRLS), BHIMAVARAM
