## Artificial Intelligence: Challenges & Opportunities in Governance

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## Why AI should be on India's National Agenda



#### **AI opportunity for India**



**Improving Governance:** AI Innovation enables evidence-based policy development and public administration, improving the efficiency of governance and **bringing targeted social benefits to citizens** 



**Fostering the Digital Economy:** India's ambitions of a Trillion Dollar Digital economy **rests on our** ability to harness the potential of AI



Catalyzing Social Transformation: AI has the power to leapfrog traditional development cycle and catalyze large-scale social development through transformation of critical sectors



Harnessing the Potential of Data: AI has the power to harness the potential of data, complementing Meity's National Data Governance Policy



**Global Partnership on AI (GPAI):** India has been appointed the **Lead Chair for GPAI** and is entrusted to lead global efforts on increasing responsible AI development and adoption



#### Potential of Al for India

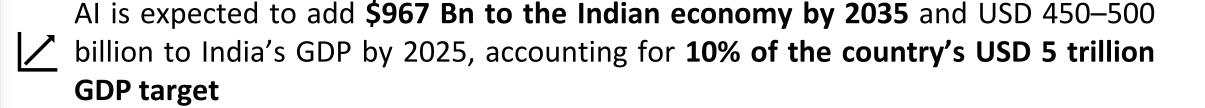


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Artificial Intelligence (AI) and automation will create 47 Lakh new tech jobs by 2027

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Al is critical for enabling data-driven decision-making for more effective public service delivery

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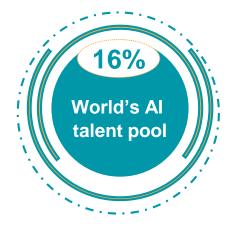


Al can boost innovation and productivity in India – India has **Seven Al unicorns as of 2023**, with a total **enterprise valuation of \$25.4 billion** 



#### Where we stand: India's Al Readiness





# Large Technical Talent Pool

- Ranks 1<sup>st</sup> in Al skill penetration
- Second largest talent pool of highly-skilled AI, machine learning and big data talent



#### **Rising Digitisation**

- Largest connected nation with more than 800 million internet users
- Implementation of Digital Programs at the Population Scale ex Aadhaar-largest biometric ID system









#### Growing Startup & Innovation Ecosystem

- Over 3000+ Deep Tech
   Start-ups growing at 53%
   CAGR over last 10 years
- 5<sup>th</sup> in the Number of Newly Funded AI Companies by Geographic Area



### Al's Potential in Governance



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#### **Improving Public Service Delivery**

Leveraging the power of AI to provide services in all Indian languages and also through voice

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#### **Evidence based Decision Making**

All enables evidence-based decision making and policy formulation that can ensure **targeted social benefits to citizens**.

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#### **Driving Inclusive Development**

Al can **transcend traditional barriers** to inclusive development & enable large-scale social transformation for all.

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#### **Empowering Citizens**

**MyGov Helpdesk -** Intelligent Virtual Assistant (IVA) brings accurate information about coronavirus to citizens

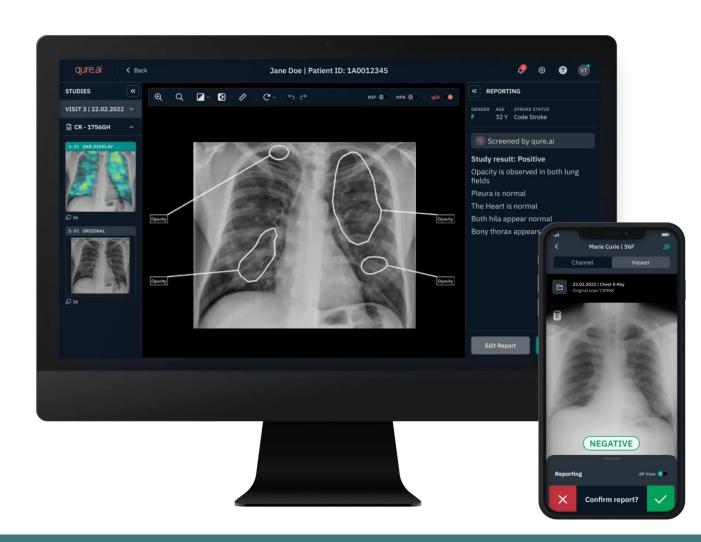


## Applications in Healthcare



#### Using Al for Detecting TB through Automated X-Ray Analysis

- Automated reading of Chest X Rays with AI and Computer Vision
- Can also detect retinopathy, breast cancer
- Training Asha & Aanganwadi workers in use of AI tools for disease surveillance
- Al is also used to predict and prevent early drop-out of TB patients





## **Applications in Agriculture**



#### Al Based Pest Management Solution for Cotton Crop

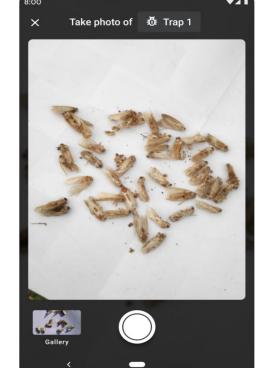
Farmer empties the moths from the pheromone trap

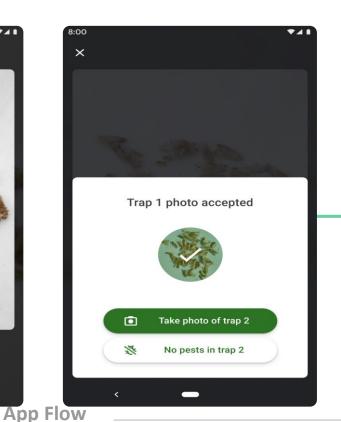
Opens the app and captures 2 trap images

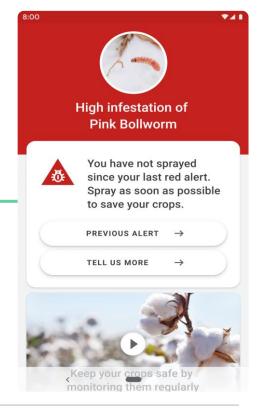
Pests are detected & counted from the image uploaded

Advisory is then generated on the app









Deployed in 10 States



## **Applications in Urban Governance**



#### **Using AI & Computer Vision for Urban Mobility**

### **Infrastructure Monitoring**

- Potholes, Manhole covers
- Non-functional traffic lights & streetlights
- Garbage dumping
- Civic infra damage

#### **Traffic Violations**

- Over speeding & Rash driving
- Not wearing seatbelt,
- Broken tail/head lights etc.







## Digiyatra



#### **A Contactless Air Travel Solution**

- Download Digiyatra App & register with mobile number & OTP
- Link your Identity Credentials using DigiLocker or Offline Aadhaar.
- Take a selfie picture when prompted & upload onto the app.
- Update your Boarding Pass on the DigiYatra App and share with the departure airport.
- Scan your Boarding Pass on DigiYatra E-Gate
- Look into the camera & get your face scanned
- The E-Gate will open to let you enter inside the Terminal





## Challenges in Deployment & Adoption of Al



#### **Current Challenges**



India's public AI compute infrastructure lags global leaders (USA, China, UK,)



Current foundational models are often biased and do not capture India's linguistic & cultural diversity



Lack of data discoverability and access to quality datasets due to siloed data efforts



Deep-tech startups often face constraints in accessing risk capital



Technical education infrastructure is not in line with needs of delivering Data & AI training



Most Al Governance tools are built on western datasets & not contextualized to India



#### **IndiaAl Mission: Overview**



Government of India has approved the comprehensive national-level IndiaAI mission with a budget outlay of Rs.10,371.92 crore. The Mission will be implemented through 7 pillars

#### IndiaAl Mission

IndiaAI Compute Capacity INR 4563.36 Cr

Provide
access to
modern,
hyper-scale Al
Compute
Infrastructure
as a service
(10,000 GPUs
or more)

IndiaAI Innovation Centre INR 1971.37 Cr

Development & deployment of indigenous
Large
Multimodal
Models & domain-specific foundational models in critical sectors

IndiaAl
Datasets
Platform
INR 199.55 Cr

Streamline
access to
quality, nonpersonal
datasets to
catalyze datadriven
governance
and innovation

IndiaAl
Applications
Development
Initiative
INR 689.05 Cr

Develop, scale, and promote the adoption of impactful Al solutions across critical sectors

IndiaAl FutureSkills INR 882.94 Cr

Promote Al in
BTech, MTech,
Ph.D.& Post Doc
programs & set
up Data & Al
Labs in Tier 2 &
Tier 3 cities to
impart
foundational Al
skills

IndiaAI
Startup
Financing
INR 1942.5 Cr

Support & accelerate deep-tech Al startups & provide them streamlined access to funding for futuristic Al Projects

Safe & Trusted INR 20.46 Cr

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Develop tools & frameworks, self-assessment checklists for innovators, & other guidelines & governance frameworks

## Key Challenges and Risks

## **Unprecedented Pace**



Ethical Considerations



Misinformation, Privacy and Security



High Cost of Development & Increasing Carbon Footprint



Job Displacements







## Thank You

