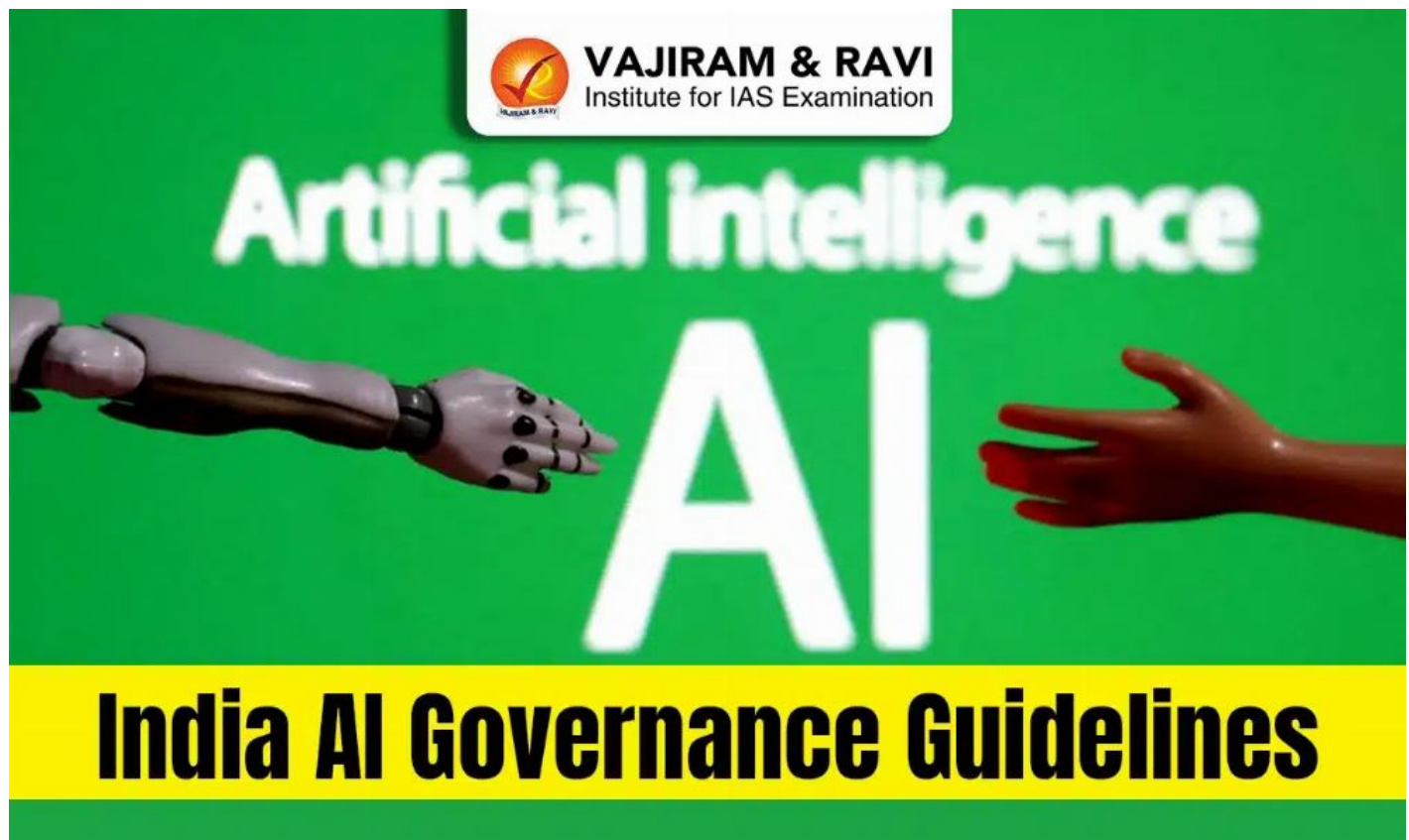


India AI Governance Guidelines 2025 - Towards Safe, Inclusive and Accountable AI Ecosystem

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India AI Governance Guidelines 2025 Latest News

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) released the **India AI Governance Guidelines 2025**, a comprehensive document aimed at **regulating, promoting, and governing** the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India.
- The guidelines mark a **major step in India's preparation for hosting the AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi** and align with global AI governance trends emerging from summits at Bletchley Park (U.K.), Seoul, and Paris.

Objectives of the Guidelines

- **Harnessing AI for inclusive growth:**
 - India's goal is to leverage AI for inclusive development and **global competitiveness**, while **mitigating risks to individuals and society**.

- India is now the world's **2nd-largest user of Large Language Models (LLMs)** after the U.S.
- **Establishing a consistent regulatory framework:**
 - The guidelines aim to provide a **coherent policy mechanism** for AI governance across government, industry, and academia.
 - The framework was finalized by a MeitY committee led by **Prof. Balaraman Ravindran**, head of the Centre for Responsible AI (CeRAI), IIT Madras.

Key Recommendations

- **Foundational principles:**
 - The framework is built on **people-centricity, accountability, fairness, and explainability** of AI systems.
 - It stresses **transparency, ethical AI deployment, and risk-based oversight**.
- **Institutional mechanisms:** Establishment of an **AI Governance Group** as an inter-ministerial body to coordinate between –
 - **Ministries and sectoral regulators**
 - NITI Aayog and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
 - Regulatory agencies like RBI (which has already released the FREE-AI Committee report for the financial sector).
- **Role of private sector:** Firms are encouraged to –
 - **Ensure compliance with Indian laws**
 - Adopt voluntary ethical AI frameworks
 - Publish transparency reports and establish grievance redressal systems
 - Implement techno-legal risk mitigation tools
- **AI Safety Institute (AISI):**
 - While no physical institute exists yet, an online AISI under the IndiaAI Mission will **oversee safety standards and risk management**.
 - Similar institutes operate in other countries **to ensure responsible AI deployment**.

Unique India-specific Features

- **Infrastructure and accessibility:**
 - State governments are advised to **expand AI infrastructure, enhance data and compute access**, and promote AI adoption at local levels.
 - This aligns with the **IndiaAI Mission's (Graphics Processing Unit) GPU procurement initiative** to provide shared computing resources.
- **Cultural and linguistic representation:** The guidelines advocate **development of AI models** in Indian languages using locally relevant datasets, to ensure cultural inclusivity and regional relevance.
- **Intellectual property and legal reforms:** Calls for copyright law amendments to address AI-generated content and intellectual property disputes.

Alignment with Broader Government Initiatives

- **Complementing ongoing programs:**

- **Deepfake regulation:** MeitY has proposed mandatory labelling of AI-generated images/videos for authenticity.
 - **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) integration:** Recommends linking AI with Aadhaar, UPI, and other DPI for enhanced public service delivery.
 - **Institutional coordination:** Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has already formed a committee to integrate AI capabilities with Aadhaar systems.
- **Policy flexibility:** The government will act swiftly if the evolving AI landscape demands legislative intervention beyond the framework.

Way Forward

- **Establish legal backing:** Enact a comprehensive AI regulation law ensuring accountability, privacy, and data security.
- **Promote research collaboration:** Strengthen ties between **academia, startups, and government** to advance ethical AI innovations.
- **Capacity building:** Upskill public and private sector personnel to understand AI governance, risk, and compliance.
- **Public awareness:** Launch campaigns to **educate citizens about AI usage**, risks, and grievance mechanisms.

Conclusion

- The India AI Governance Guidelines 2025 represent **a balanced approach** between innovation and regulation.
- By focusing on **ethical use, risk management, and inclusion**, India aims to emerge as a global leader in responsible AI governance.
- The document lays the **foundation for safe, equitable, and transparent AI integration** into governance and the economy — reflecting the government's vision of **"AI for All"** in the spirit of Digital India.

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