

Nod for AI mission with ₹10k cr outlay for five years

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New Delhi: Union cabinet on Thursday approved IndiaAI Mission with an outlay of Rs 10,372 crore for five years to encourage AI development in the country and develop a supercomputing facility with graphic processing units (GPUs).

The approved corpus will be used to build a high-end scalable AI ecosystem in public-private partnership mode, marking a major initiative by govt to initiate steps in an emerging area that is slowly having mass adoption. The focus is on developing an entire ecosystem, from computing power to models, from applications to talent, and from data platform to regulatory framework, an official said.

The initiative will focus on helping start ups and researchers who need financial assistance "PM Modi has democratised technology. With AI mission, he will make

computer power available to innovators, start-ups, students, and educational institutions," IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

Commerce minister Piyush Goyal told reporters that supercomputing capacity, comprising over 10,000 GPUs, will be made available to various stakeholders for creating an AI ecosystem.

The demand for GPU-based servers has increased as they can process data at a higher speed compared to CPU-based servers.

An innovation centre is planned to undertake development and deployment of indigenous Large Multi-modal Models and domain-specific foundational models in critical sectors. In addition, there will be a data platform for access to non-personal data with AI applications to be developed for govt and other entities.