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Jharkhand Unveils Draft AI Policy 2026–2031 to Promote AI-Driven Governance

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The Government of Jharkhand has unveiled the Draft Jharkhand AI Policy 2026–2031, proposing an investment of ₹1,150 crore over the next five years to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into governance and public service delivery.

The policy aims to build AI infrastructure, strengthen digital capabilities, promote innovation, and accelerate AI adoption across government departments.

Key focus sectors include healthcare, agriculture, mining, education, disaster management, environmental management, and public administration.

The policy was presented during the National Stakeholders Consultation 2026 in New Delhi.

Key Features of the Draft AI Policy 2026–2031:

Investment: Proposed investment of ₹1,150 crore over five years.

Objectives:

Build AI-ready digital infrastructure.

Improve efficiency, transparency, and citizen-centric governance.

Promote AI innovation, research, startups, and skill development.

Develop an ethical and responsible AI ecosystem.

Priority Sectors:

Healthcare

Agriculture

Mining

Education

Disaster Management

Environmental Management

Urban Governance

Public Service Delivery

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Flagship Digital Initiative:

Chief Minister's Data Intelligence Platform (CM-DIP) to enable data-driven governance and AI-powered decision-making across departments.

Vision and Targets:

Position Jharkhand as a leading AI-enabled state.

Attract significant investments in AI and emerging technologies.

Develop AI innovation hubs and Centres of Excellence.

Promote AI adoption in MSMEs, startups, and academia.

Create employment opportunities in AI and digital technologies.

About the IndiaAI Mission:

Launched by: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Objective:

Build indigenous AI capabilities.

Develop AI compute infrastructure.

Promote AI startups and innovation.

Enhance AI skills and datasets.

Encourage responsible and ethical AI adoption.

Supports India's vision of becoming a global AI leader.

Digital India Programme:

Launched: 1 July 2015.

Ministry: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Vision:

Digital infrastructure as a core utility.

Governance and services on demand.

Digital empowerment of citizens.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Governance

AI applications include:

Predictive analytics for policymaking.

Smart healthcare and disease surveillance.

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Precision agriculture.

Disaster prediction and response.

Traffic and urban management.

Digital public service delivery.

Fraud detection and grievance redressal.

Exam Focus Points:

State: Jharkhand.

Policy: Draft Jharkhand AI Policy 2026–2031.

Investment: ₹1,150 crore.

Duration: Five years (2026–2031).

Objective: AI-driven governance and digital transformation.

Flagship Platform: Chief Minister's Data Intelligence Platform (CM-DIP).

Priority Sectors: Healthcare, agriculture, mining, education, disaster management, environment, and governance.

Related National Initiative: IndiaAI Mission.

Related Flagship Programme: Digital India.

Nodal Ministry (IndiaAI & Digital India): Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).