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**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Labour & Skills Department- India AI Mission – Establishment of IndiaAI Data & AI Labs in selected Government ITIs – Memorandum of Understanding - Approved - Orders issued.

Labour & Skills(C) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.87/2026/LBR

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 23-01-2026

Read 1 E-mail from the Additional Secretary, The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, dated 09/06/2025
2 Letter No. DT/2822/2025-I1, from the Training Director, Industrial Training Department, dated 06-12-2025 and 22/01/2026

ORDER

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India aimed to transform ITIs and Polytechnics in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities with on-premises Data & AI Labs for imparting foundational level skills in Data and AI to students through the National Program on AI (NPAI). Government of India approved the India AI Mission with the aim to build a precise and cohesive strategy for bridging the gaps in the existing AI ecosystem.

2. As per the India AI Mission guidelines state designated nodal agencies are proposed to procure the equipment as per the Bill of Material (BoM) approved by India AI and establish the IndiaAI Data Labs in the nominated ITIs. IndiaAI will disburse the funds required for establishing IndiaAI data Labs to bank account of state designated nodal agency. IndiaAI would be imparting courses such as Data Annotation & Data Curator to the students through the newly established IndiaAI Data Labs.

3. Accordingly as per reference 2nd cited, the Training Director has requested to Government to appoint Nodal Agency and Nodal Officer for establishing India AI Data Labs and co-ordinating the activities for its implementation.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and hereby approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up of IndiaAI Data Labs in State ITIs under the Future Skills Pillar of IndiaAI Mission. It is also ordered that Industrial Training Department is designated as the Nodal Agency and Sri.Shammi

Baker.A, Joint Director, Industrial Training Department is designated as the State Nodal Officer for the implementation and co-ordination of the India AI Data Labs in the nominated ITIs of the State. List of selected ITI is Appended as Annexure I.

5) The State Noddal officer is authorised to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of Government of Kerala with India AI (Digital India Corporation Under the MInistry of electronics and Information Technology, Government of India (In the prescribed format appended as Annexure II

6. The State Nodal Officer shall ensure compliance with all guidelines of India AI/MeitY and the Department of Expenditure, Government of India, including opening of a dedicated Saving Bank Account in a Scheduled Commercial Bank for receipt of funds and proper utilization and accounting of funds.

(By order of the Governor)

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DEPUTY SECRETARY

To:

The Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), GoI (with C/L)

The Director of Training, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sri.Shammi Baker.A, Joint Director, Industrial Training Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit) / (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

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Signed by

Usha Rani L

Section Officer

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Annexure I

List of ITI s in Kerala

Sl no	District	Name of ITI	Address	Type of City	ITI Grading
1	Trivandrum	Government ITI Aryanad	Govt ITI Aryanad, Pallivetta, Aryanad P.O, Thiruvananthapuram 695542	Tier 2	9.1
2	Trivandrum	Government ITI (W) Kazhakkuttam	Govt ITI for Women Kazhakkuttom, Kazhakkuttom PO, Thiruvananthapuram 695 582	Tier 2	8.9
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4	Kollam	Government ITI Chathannur	Govt ITI Chathannoor Chathannoor PO, Kollam 691572	Tier 2	8.7
5	Pathanamthitta	Government ITI Chennerkkara	Govt ITI Chennerkkara, Chennerkkara P.O, Pathanamthitta 689 517	Tire 3	8.7
6	Alappuzha	Government ITI Chengannur	Govt ITI ,Chengannur South P.O, Alappuzha 689122.	Tire 3	8.7
7	Kottayam	PT Chacko Memorial Government ITI Pallickathode	PTCM Govt ITI Pallickathodu, Anickadu East P.O, Kottayam 686503	Tire 3	8.5
8	Kottayam	Government ITI Ettumanur	Govt ITI Ettumanoor ,Ettumanoor P.O, Kottayam 686631	Tire 3	8.5
9	Idukki	Government ITI Kattappana	Govt ITI Kattappana, Kattappana PO. Idukki 685508	Tire 3	8.7
10	Ernakulam	Govt ITI Maradu	Govt ITI Maradu, Nettor Post, Ernakulam 682040	Tier 2	8.3

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11	Ernakulam	Government ITI (w) Kalamassery	Govt ITI (W) Kalamassery, HMT Colony P.O. Ernakulam 683503.	Tier 2	9
12	Thrisur	Government ITI (W) Chalakkudy	Govt ITI for Women Chalakkudy, k.k Road, Chalakkudy P.O Thrissur 80307	Tire 3	9.1
13	Thrisur	Government ITI Desamanagalam	Govt ITI Desamangalam, Desamangalam P.O Pullur Thrissur - 32	Tier 2	8.7
14	Palakkad	Government ITI Malampuzha	Govt ITI Malampuzha, Malampuzha P.O, Palakkad 678651	Tire 3	8.8
15	Malappuram	Government ITI Nilambur	Govt ITI Nilambur, Opp Teak Museum ,Nilambur PO, Malappuram 679330.	Tire 3	8.8
16	Malappuram	Government ITI Areacode	Govt ITI Areacode, Chemrakkattoor P.O, Malappuram 673639.	Tire 3	8.8
17	Kozhikode	Government ITI Vadakara	Govt ITI Vadakara, Villayappalli P.O, Kozhikode 673572	Tire 3	8.2
18	Kozhikode	Government ITI Koyilandi	Govt ITI Koyilandy, Kuravangad P.O Kozhikode 673620	Tire 3	8.6
19	Wayanad	Government ITI Kalpetta	KMM Govt ITI Kalpetta, Maniyankodu P.O, Wayanad 673122	Tire 3	9
20	Kannur	Government ITI Kuthuparamaba	Govt ITI Kuthuparamba Nirmalagiri Post, Kannur 70701	Tire 3	8.8
21	Kannur	Government ITI (W) Kannur	Govt ITI for Women, Kannur, Thottada P.O, Kannur 670007	Tire 2	8.8
22	Kasargod	Government ITI Kasargod	Govt ITI Kasaragod, Vidyanagar P.O, Kasaragod 671123	Tire 3	9.1
23	Kasargod	E.K Nayanar Memorial Govt ITI Kayyur	Govt Model ITI Kayyur, Kayyur P.O. Cheruvathure, Kasaragod 671313	Tire 3	8.6

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Between

Industrial Training Department, Kerala

And

IndiaAI

*(Independent Business Division under Digital
India Corporation, a Section 8 Company
under the Ministry of Electronics &
Information Technology)*

For Setting up of IndiaAI Data Labs in State ITIs and Polytechnics under Future Skills Pillar
of IndiaAI Mission

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) is entered into on
this day 23rd January 2026 in New Delhi.

BY AND BETWEEN:

Industrial Training Department, having its office at 4th & 5th Floor Labour Complex, Vikas Bhavan P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695033, 0471-2303856, detkerala@gmail.com (hereinafter referred to as “Nodal Agency” which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns); represented by Sri. Shammi Baker A, Joint Director of Training, Directorate of Training, Industrial Training Department, 5th Floor Labour Complex, Vikas Bhavan P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695033 for implementation and coordination of the India AI Mission in the State, of the FIRST PART

AND

IndiaAI, an Independent Business Division under the Digital India Corporation, having its office at 4th Floor, Electronics Niketan, 6 CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, (here in after referred “IndiaAI”

which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors and assigns); represented by Smt. Kavita Bhatia, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of IndiaAI and Scientist 'G' & Group Coordinator, AI & Emerging Technology and Bhashini, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology,

Electronics Niketan, 6, C.G.O. Complex for implementation and coordination of the India AI Mission in the State, of the SECOND PART.

The First Party and the Second Party shall be individually be referred as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

WHEREAS:

1. IndiaAI will support on-premises Data and AI labs to be set up in selected ITIs.
2. IndiaAI will propose short-term courses to be introduced for training of students in basic AI and data-related skills like data curation, data annotation, data visualization, etc.
3. To support the technical infrastructure, and trainer costs of each selected ITI, there is a provision of a maximum of Rs. 68.98 lakhs which includes funding support of a maximum of Rs. 25.48 lakhs for only IT infrastructure, a maximum of Rs. 1.47 lakhs towards Software and a maximum of Rs. 42.03 lakhs against the cost of AI trainer and Lab manpower over a period of three years.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representations herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF MoU

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into for establishing India AI Data Labs at 23 identified ITIs in Kerala and training through these labs over a period of 03 Years. These labs are proposed to offer a dynamic learning environment where participants can develop practical AI skills, engage in hands-on learning, and gain simulated real-world experience. Grant in aid of Rs.1586.54 lakhs will be provided from India AI over a period of three years as per the scope of this MoU. India AI will release the grants-in-aid for the project to the implementing agency, i.e., Industrial Training Department, 4th & 5th Floor Labour Complex, Vikas Bhavan P.O., Thiruvananthapuram– 695033, for the project under India AI Future Skills pillar of IndiaAI Mission.

IndiaAI Data Labs are envisaged to be a dedicated space for 10th, 12th, pursuing ITI students to learn foundational, technical & career growth skills & build AI solutions. It will be equipped with infrastructure that is specifically designed to support AI skilling. It will provide students with the resources they need to learn about AI and develop practical skills for solving real-time problems, and get trained for joining the workforce. By providing practical skills and hands-on experience, it will bridge the skills gap in the Indian workforce and drive innovation and growth in the AI industry.

The scope of the MoU includes

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- Setting up of the India AI Data Labs at the 23 identified ITIs in the Kerala. The list of identified ITIs/ Polytechnics is attached in Annexure-I.
- Training of 5520 ($240 \times 23 = 5520$) candidates under NSQF (National Skills Qualifications Framework)- aligned courses on AI & Data sciences over a period of three years

2.ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 IndiaAI:

- Funding Allocation: Allocate resources and funds to support IT Infrastructure and Trainers for the IndiaAI Data Lab as per the defined limits. IndiaAI will share a model BoM (Bill of Materials) with the selected ITIs as a reference.
- Guideline Development: Develop comprehensive guidelines and standards for AI

curriculum and infrastructure.

- **Training Support:** Support with train the trainer program through NIELIT (National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology) or any Industry Partners when needed.
- **Curriculum Development:** Collaborate with AI experts and industry partners to design and implement an AI-focused curriculum that aligns with industry standards and trending requirements.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish a framework for regular monitoring and evaluation of the program's progress and effectiveness.
- **Partnership Facilitation:** Facilitate partnerships with AI industry leaders, tech companies, and educational institutions to provide mentorship, guest lectures, and industry exposure.

2.2 State Governments/ State Designated Agency:

- **Nodal Agency and Officer:** States to assign a nodal agency and nodal officer who would be responsible to manage the end-to-end program in the State ITIs and Polytechnics.
- **Implementation Oversight:** Oversee the implementation of the scheme within their respective states, ensuring compliance with the guidelines provided by IndiaAI.
- **Coordination with ITIs:** Coordinate with ITIs to identify their needs and assist in the preparation and submission of implementation plans to India AI.
- **Infrastructure Support:** Provide additional state-level support for infrastructure development, including internet connectivity, Non- IT Infrastructure and hardware upgrades, where necessary.
- **Capacity Building:** Support with organize workshops and training programs for ITI faculty to enhance their understanding and teaching capabilities in AI.

2.3 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)/Polytechnics:

- **Needs Assessment:** Conduct a thorough assessment of current infrastructure and curriculum that would be supported through the India AI Data Lab.

- **Implementation Plan Submission:** Develop and submit detailed implementation plan to the State Governments/ State Designated Agency outlining the required IT Systems, resources, and expected outcomes, aligning with the IndiaAI Guidelines.
- **Resource Management:** Ensure efficient utilization of funds and resources received, maintaining transparency and accountability.
- **Student Engagement:** Promote student engagement in AI through workshops, competitions, and projects, encouraging practical learning and innovation.

3. FINANCIALS

To support the technical infrastructure, and trainer costs of each selected ITI, IndiaAI will disburse a maximum of Rs. 68.98 lakhs for each lab which includes funding support of a maximum of Rs. 25.48 lakhs for only IT infrastructure, a maximum of Rs. 1.47 lakhs towards Software and a maximum of Rs. 42.03 lakhs against the cost of AI trainer and Lab manpower over a period of three years.

Details of the budget is provided below:

Budget Head	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
IT infrastructure	25.48		
Software	0.49	0.49	0.49
AI trainer and Lab manpower	14.01	14.01	14.01
Total	39.98	14.50	14.50

4. STAGES OF RELEASE OF GRANT-IN-AID BY INDIAAI

The funds will be released to the State Nodal Agency based on milestones and Utilization certificates:

Time Period (Month)	Amount	Purpose	Prerequisite
Initiation	20% of the IT Infrastructure funds	Initiate the IT Infrastructure procurement	Submission of the Implementation Plan and acceptance of the terms and

		process	conditions governing the grant-in-aid.
Within 2 months	60% of the IT Infrastructure funds	Support for IT Infrastructure Procurement	Release of purchase order for the IT Infrastructure, completion of build/renovation of lab space as per the model lab layout, and Complete utilization of the 1 st instalment
Within 4 months	20% of the IT Infrastructure funds &	Onboarding of students and launch of AI Courses as per	Inauguration of the Data Lab, Outreach for AI Courses and complete utilization of the 2 nd

	1 st year software funds	IndiaAI-approved curricula	Instalment
6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36	Funds related to manpower – AI instructor and Lab Assistant(s)	Support for the Salaries of the Instructor and Lab Assistant(s)	On boarding of a technically fit AI Instructor and any other technical manpower for the lab

18, 30	Funds related to software licenses and subscription	Software subscription	Procurement of relevant AI Tools and software
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- Submission of the Utilization Certificate by the State Nodal Agency is mandatory for the next release.

5. DURATION & TERMINATION

This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years from the date of signing unless terminated earlier by mutual agreement.

6.TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR GRANT-IN-AID AND ITSUTILIZATION

The Terms & Conditions for Grant-in-aid are placed at Annexure-II.

7.FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be liable for failure or damage caused to the extent caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control.

8.NOTICE

Any notice, request, demand, approval, consent, or other communications provided or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and given by personal delivery or sent by registered mail or by ordinary mail, postage prepaid, and email addressed to the party for which it is intended at its address as follows: -

Director of Training

Industrial Training
Department 4th & 5th
Floor Labour
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Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, 0471-
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CEO (IndiaAI)

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Road New Delhi-110033

ceo@indiaai.gov.in.

9.ASSIGNMENT

This MoU shall be binding upon each of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assignees, but it shall not be assigned in whole or in part by either party without the prior written consent of the other except, that either party's interests shall be assignable through merger, consolidation or reorganization or sale or transfer of substantially all its assets.

10.NON-WAIVER

No term or provision of this MoU shall be deemed as waived and no breach there of shall be deemed excused, unless such waiver or consent is given in writing and signed by the party claimed to have waived or consented. No consent by any party to, or waiver of, a breach by the other, whether expressed or implied, shall constitute consent to, waiver of, excuse for, any different or subsequent breach.

11.DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising from this MoU shall be resolved amicably through discussions. In case any unresolved disputes still persist, these would be referred to a Committee of the Secretary Labour & Skills department, State Nodal Agency and CEO, IndiaAI and the resolution of the Committee shall be final and binding on all the Parties.

12.GOVERNING LAW

This MoU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of India.

13.AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION

This Agreement may be amended, modified, or supplemented only by the express written Agreement of the Parties duly executed.

14.SEAL OF THE PARTIES

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, the parties hereto have signed this MoU with effect from the date stated on the first page.

For IndiaAI Kavita Bhatia Chief Operating Officer (COO) of IndiaAI and Scientist 'G' & Group Coordinator, AI & Emerging Technology and Bhashini, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Electronics	For State Nodal Agency (SNA) Shammi Baker A Joint Director of Training Industrial Training Department 9847849140, nodal.projects@kerala.gov.in
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(Witness from IndiaAI)	(Witness from SNA) P Vasudevan Additional Director of Training Industrial Training Department9495669501,itdkerala.adt@gmail.com
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Annexure II

Terms & Conditions for Grant-in-Aid

The grant is for the specific project as approved by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and shall be subject to the conditions listed below.

The proposal originating industry and grantee institution shall give an undertaking that they agree to be governed by these conditions.

1. The grant amount shall be spent for the project within the specified time; and ii) Any portion of the grant, which is not ultimately required for expenditure for the approved purposes, shall be duly surrendered to MeitY;
2. The grantee institution shall maintain an audited record in the form of a register in the prescribed proforma for permanent, semi- permanent assets acquired solely or mainly out of MeitY grant;
3. The assets referred to in (2) above will be property of MeitY and should not, without prior sanction of MeitY, be disposed off or encumbered or utilized for the purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned;
4. At the conclusion of the project, MeitY will be free to sell or otherwise dispose of the assets which are the property of MeitY and grantee institution shall render to MeitY the necessary support for facilitating the sale of these assets;
5. The grantee institution shall send to the MeitY at the end of each financial year as well as at the time of seeking further instalments of the grant a list of assets referred to in (2) above;
6. Should at any time grantee institution cease to exist, such assets etc., shall revert to MeitY;
7. The grantee institution shall render progress-cum-achievement reports at interval

- of not exceeding six months on the progress made on all aspects of the project including expenditure incurred on various approved items during the period;
8. The grantee institution shall render an audited statement of accounts to MeitY
 9. The audited statement of accounts relating to grants given during financial year together with the comments of the auditor regarding the observance of the conditions governing the grant should be forwarded to the MeitY within six months following the end of the relevant financial year;
 10. The utilization of grant for the intended purposes will be looked into by the Auditor of grantee institution according to the directives issued by the Government of India at the instance of the Comptroller and Auditor General and the specific mention about it will be made in the audit report;
 11. MeitY or its nominee(s) will have the right of access to the books and accounts of the grantee institution for which a reasonable prior notice would be given;
 12. The grantee institution should maintain a separate audited account for the Project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the grant in a bank account earning interest, all the interest or other earnings against General Investment Account (GIA) should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts. Such advances shall not be allowed to be adjusted against further releases in pursuance of General Financial Rules (GFR) provisions.
 13. Institute may retain the sale proceeds of prototypes, etc fabricated as a result of the development of the project arising directly from funds granted by the Ministry. The Institute may use funds thus generated for furtherance of project objectives;
 14. The Intellectual property and the rights associated with it shall be agreed between the participating organizations before the start of the project. The Industry/ Industry Consortium/ Institution(s) will make all efforts to protect intellectual property generated out of the project. The institution(s)/industry would submit the periodic report to MeitY for a period of minimum 5 years on the status of IPRs created/commercialization under the project. (5 years is the expected life time of product/technology). Furthermore, IPR must also reside in India so that India has access and complete control to these rights in times of emergency to protect our national interest;
 15. Application by grantee institution for any other financial assistance or receipt of grant /loan from any other Agency/Ministry/Department for this project should have the prior approval of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology;
 16. The Grantee institution(s) is not allowed to entrust the implementation of this project for which grant-in-aid is received to another institution and to divert the grant-in-aid received from Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology as assistance to the later institution;
 17. MeitY shall appoint a Project Review and Steering Group (PRSG) composed of representatives from MeitY and other experts. PRSG will periodically monitor the project in all respects including technical and financial;
 18. In case of any dispute on any matter, related to the project during the course of

its implementation, the decision of the Secretary, MeitY, shall be final and binding on the proposal originating industry/ industry consortium and grantee institute.

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