

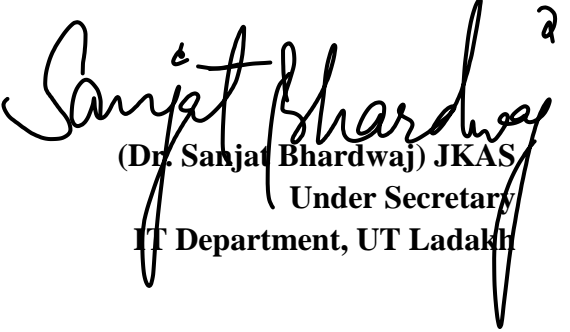


**SUBJECT: Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of  
Industry Partners for Establishment of AI Centre of Excellence  
(AI-CoE) in UT Ladakh under India AI Mission**

The Department of Information Technology, Government of Union Territory of Ladakh, through the Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA) as the designated Implementing Agency, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible, experienced and reputed companies working in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) for the **Selection of Industry Partners for the Establishment of AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE)** in UT Ladakh at the University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus, under the **India AI Mission** of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, vide MeitY D.O. Letter No. ET/40/2024-ET dated 10th February 2026.

The detailed invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) is enclosed herewith. The interested Firms / Agencies / Companies shall submit their EOI as per the Submission Procedure mentioned in the detailed invitation within the prescribed timelines.

*This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.*

  
(Dr. Sanjay Bhardwaj) JKAS  
Under Secretary  
IT Department, UT Ladakh

No. Secy/IT/UTL/2026-27/ 430-434

Date: - 06 .05.2026

**Copy to the: -**

1. CEO, Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA), UT Secretariat, Leh, for necessary action.
2. Joint Director, Information, UT of Ladakh, for wide publicity of this invitation for EOI through electronic and print mode.
3. SIO, NIC, UT of Ladakh, for uploading this invitation for EOI on the Ladakh Portal.
4. Additional Secretary, MeitY, Government of India, for information.
5. Office copy.

**ADMINISTRATION OF UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH**  
**LADAKH e-GOVERNANCE AGENCY (LEGA)**  
Department of Information Technology

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

**FOR**

**SELECTION OF INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR**  
**ESTABLISHMENT OF AI CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (AI-CoE)**  
**IN UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH**  
**UNDER INDIA AI MISSION**

**Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA)**  
**Department of Information Technology, UT Ladakh**  
**29th April, 2026**

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

**Objective: SELECTION OF INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AI CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (AI-CoE) IN UT LADAKH UNDER INDIA AI MISSION**

**Location: UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH, KARGIL CAMPUS, KARGIL, UT LADAKH**

### **Notice Inviting Expression of Interest:**

The Department of Information Technology, Government of Union Territory of Ladakh, through the Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA) as the designated Implementing Agency, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible, experienced and reputed companies / firms working in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) for the establishment of the Ladakh AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE) at the University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus, under the India AI Mission of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in reference to MeitY D.O. Letter No. ET/40/2024-ET dated 10th February 2026 and the proposal submitted vide Letter No. Secy/IT/UTL/2026-27/243-44 dated 23.02.2026.

### **Background and Rationale:**

The Union Territory of Ladakh, spanning approximately 59,146 sq. km with a dispersed population of approximately 3,04,000 citizens — a significant majority belonging to Scheduled Tribe communities — faces unique challenges due to high-altitude terrain, fragile ecology, scattered remote villages, extreme weather, and limited physical infrastructure. There is a critical need for a dedicated platform to harness Artificial Intelligence for solving these unique socio-economic and environmental challenges and fostering sustainable and inclusive development.

The Government of UT Ladakh proposes to establish the Ladakh AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE) at the University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus, with a dedicated space of 10,000 sq. ft. The total project cost is **₹20,00,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Crore Only) over 4 years**, funded under a 90:10 model — MeitY contributing 90% and UT Ladakh/Industry Partners contributing 10%.

### **Objectives:**

The key objectives of this EOI are:

- Establishment of a state-of-the-art AI Centre of Excellence at University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus with 10,000 sq. ft. of dedicated space.
- Harnessing AI for Ladakh-specific challenges across 8 identified domains: Smart Tourism, Agriculture (Crop Analysis, Pest Detection, Drone Imagery), Remote Healthcare, Education & Personalized Skilling, Glacier & Hydrological Surveillance, Multilingual AI for Citizen Services, Smart Governance, and Excise Management.
- Skilling 1,600+ students and professionals over 4 years through structured AI training programmes, certification courses, and workshops.
- Incubating 24 AI startups and generating 300 employment opportunities for Ladakhi youth.
- Building a collaborative AI ecosystem involving industry, University of Ladakh, NIC, NIELIT and government departments.
- Aligning with the India AI Mission national priorities of AI for All and AI for Good Governance.

### **Scope of the Work:**

The scope of work shall include:

- a) Contributing 10% of the total project cost (approximately ₹2,00,00,000 — Rupees Two Crore) over 4 years as the Industry Partner's financial share.
- b) Design, Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of AI lab infrastructure including GPU Servers, High-end Desktops & Laptops, Subscription-based Gen AI and Agentic AI tools, Software packages, and associated hardware at University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus.
- c) Development and deployment of AI use cases for priority sectors of UT Ladakh including Health, Agriculture, Tourism, Education, Smart Governance, Glacier Surveillance, and Multilingual AI for G2C services.
- d) Establishment and operationalization of three divisions of the AI-CoE: Skilling Division, Development & Research Division, and Project Implementation Division.
- e) Conducting training programmes, workshops, hackathons, and AI challenge contests targeting 1,600+ students, professionals, and government staff over 4 years.
- f) Supporting startup incubation and mentorship programme targeting Ladakhi youth (target: 24 startups over 4 years).
- g) Deputing qualified AI/ML industry experts as visiting faculty and trainers at the AI-CoE for capacity building.
- h) Any item not included in the scope of work but found necessary for the successful operationalization of the AI-CoE shall be deemed to have been included in the scope of work at no additional cost.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

The firm/company must be working in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning with a proven track record. The firm must have:

- (i) minimum experience of 5 AI/ML/DL projects.
- (ii) delivered at least 2 AI/ML projects of ₹5Crore each for Government/Enterprise in the last 3 years;
- (iii) minimum 25 qualified AI/ML professionals on payroll;
- (iv) demonstrated capability in developing or fine-tuning foundational AI models.

For technical capabilities, the firm may have in-house AI development capability or an authorized technology partnership with leading AI organisations.

### **Submission Requirements:**

Interested Firms / Agencies / Companies shall submit the details / documents as per the enclosed **Proforma — "A"**. The details are required for short listing the Firms / Agencies for further detailed examination and necessary action.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

EOIs will be evaluated based on: technical suitability and AI capability, quality of proposed solution and use cases for Ladakh, past experience and performance in AI/ML/DL projects, financial strength, number of qualified AI professionals, innovation and research contribution (patents, publications), and prior experience in establishing CoEs / innovation labs / incubation centres.

### **Pre-Bid Industry Consultation:**

A pre-bid Industry Consultation will be held in the office of the CEO, Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA), UT Secretariat, Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh — 194101. Details regarding the time and date of the industry consultation will be communicated separately to the prospective applicants expressing their interest after the last date of submission of proposals. Participation in such a Pre-Bid Industry Consultation is **mandatory**. If an applicant does not participate or submit any query, then no subsequent representations in this regard from them shall be entertained.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 1000 to 1700 hours or by attending a pre-consultation meeting to be held. Queries can also be emailed on [ladakhegovagency@gmail.com](mailto:ladakhegovagency@gmail.com) for seeking clarifications on or before 30-05-2026.

### **Submission Procedure:**

- EOI submitted must have clearly superscribed as: "EOI for Selection of Industry Partner for Establishment of AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE) in UT Ladakh under India AI Mission"
- Submission Mode: Offline (hard copy in a sealed cover) / Online (through e-mail)

The EOI, as per the given format along with scanned copy of self-attested documents, shall be submitted at email address: [ladakhegovagency@gmail.com](mailto:ladakhegovagency@gmail.com) on or before 30/05/2026, 18:00 hours followed by offline submission in closed envelope on or before 30/05/2026, 18:00 hours in the office of CEO, Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA), UT Secretariat, Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh — 194101.

### **Disclaimer:**

This EOI is not an agreement or an offer by the Department of Information Technology / LEGA, UT of Ladakh to the prospective Applicants or any other person. The purpose of this EOI is to provide interested parties with information that may be useful to them in the formulation and submission of their applications pursuant to this EOI. The issue of this EOI and submission of an EOI by an interested party shall not have any bearing on the future process to be undertaken by the Department of Information Technology / LEGA, UT of Ladakh for the Establishment of AI Centre of Excellence at University of Ladakh, Kargil Campus, UT Ladakh.

### **Note:**

1. Offer received without complying with above instructions shall be liable for rejection.
2. The offers shall be received on stipulated date and time. After scrutinizing the same, the offers conforming to the aforesaid criteria shall be treated as 'Responsive' offers and it shall be communicated to them, for further processing and necessary action, as mentioned in EOI.

**Proforma – "A" to be submitted by interested Firms / Agencies / Companies**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Particulars / Specifications Sought</b>	<b>Response</b>
1.	Name of the Firm / Agency / Company	
2.	Complete Postal Address	
3.	Telephone / Mobile No.	
4.	E-mail Address	
5.	Certificate of Incorporation / Registration (Company registered under Companies Act 2013 / LLP Act 2008) Enclose Registration Certificate	
6.	Copy of GST Registration Certificate	
7.	PAN Card Details	
8.	Name, Address and Designation of the Authorized Representative of the Firm / Agency to whom all references shall be made to expedite technical and other co-ordination	
9.	Undertaking that the firm is not blacklisted by any State/Central Govt./Board or Public Sector Undertaking at the time of submission of EOI (as per enclosed Undertaking format)	
10.	Minimum Average Annual Turnover from IT / AI / ML projects (last 3 financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25) Note: Minimum ₹50 Crore from AI/ML/IT projects required CA Certificate / Audited Balance Sheets required	
11.	Details of similar AI/ML/DL projects executed in last 3 years — Government / Enterprise (minimum 2 projects of ₹5 Crore each) Work Orders and Completion Certificates required	
12.	Number of qualified AI/ML professionals on payroll HR Declaration / EPF Records required (minimum 25 professionals)	
13.	Technical Solution, Methodology and Proposed Approach for Ladakh AI-CoE including: (a) Proposed AI use cases for Ladakh (Health, Tourism, Agriculture, Governance, Glacier Surveillance) (b) Infrastructure and Lab plan (GPU servers, AI tools, 10,000 sq.ft.) (c) Skilling and capacity building plan (target: 1,600+ trained) (d) Startup incubation plan (target: 24 startups) (e) Financial contribution commitment (10% = ₹2 Crore over 4 years)	
14.	ISO 27001:2013 or equivalent Certification OR any AI/Quality Certification (if available) valid certificate copy required.	
15.	Any other relevant information / document including: - AI model fine-tuning evidence (benchmarks, leaderboard links) - Patents in AI/ML/DL - Prior CoE / innovation lab / incubation centre experience	

**PS:** Kindly attach separate annexures for each point if the space provided above is not sufficient. All documents must be self-attested and signed by the Authorized Signatory.

**FORM FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI**

**(on the letter head of the Applicant)**

To,  
The CEO,  
Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA),  
Department of Information Technology,  
UT Secretariat, Leh,  
Union Territory of Ladakh – 194101

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned, offer to submit our Expression of Interest for "**Selection of Industry Partners for Establishment of AI Centre of Excellence (AI-CoE) in UT Ladakh under India AI Mission**" under the jurisdiction of Department of Information Technology / Ladakh e-Governance Agency (LEGA), UT of Ladakh. We are hereby submitting our Proposal which includes technical solution, proposed AI use cases, financial commitment details, and other requirements as requested.

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive and this EOI is not liable for any commissioning of work.

Enclosures: \_\_\_\_\_, page numbers, all the enclosures are duly signed.

Yours Sincerely,

Authorized Signature (in full and initials): .....  
Name and Title of Signatory: .....  
Name of Firm / Agency / Company: .....  
Address: .....  
Email Id: .....  
Contact Number: .....

**UNDERTAKING**

**(on the letter head of the Applicant)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Director / Proprietor / Partner of M/s \_\_\_\_\_  
with Head quarter at \_\_\_\_\_ being their authorized signatory, do hereby  
solemnly affirm and declare that M/s \_\_\_\_\_ has not been blacklisted in the  
past by any State / Central Govt. / Board or Public Sector of the country and there is no vigilance or  
any other investigation / case pending against the firm / bidder. I understand that if, upon acceptance  
of our offer against your EOI No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_, and later on it is  
found that anything was concealed or found wrong and the declaration is found wrong at any  
subsequent time the same is liable to be cancelled and further, I understand to compensate the  
Department, for the consequences arising out of wrong declaration.

Authorized Signature (in full and initials): .....

Name and Title of Signatory: .....

Name of Firm / Agency / Company: .....

Address: .....

Email Id: .....

Contact Number: .....