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The attention of all Startups working in the Artificial Intelligence and allied sectors in the State is informed of the reference cited.

2. Government of Telangana has played a pivotal role in encouraging Startups working in Emerging Technology domains by creating an enabling environment backed with a string of decisive policies and frameworks. The Government has created a vertical or wing called "Emerging Technologies Wing" for emerging technologies with the objective to develop the ecosystem required for the industry and to make the Government Departments leverage or adopt emerging technologies. Government of Telangana in its bid to support innovation through disruption has come up with favourable policies and frameworks for encouraging Startups and entrepreneurs in the fields of Blockchain, AI, Drones, Electric Vehicle, Cyber Security, Cloud Adoption among others.
3. The Year of 2020 was declared as the Year of AI for the state by Hon'ble IT Minister Sri K.T.Rama Rao with a vision to position Telangana as a global hub of Artificial Intelligence and foster social innovation. The Telangana Government has forged various partnerships with industry leaders, academia, non-profit organizations, etc. and is playing a pivotal role in AI Adoption as it is expected to transform the global economy and early adopters will have first-mover advantage.
4. To realise the above vision, the state of Telangana formulated the first state specific Artificial Intelligence Framework to take up several initiatives for developing a conducive ecosystem for its growth in the state. The AI Framework intends to address six identified pillars such as, Data Exchange Platform and HPAIC, Skilling and Education, Governance, Ethics and Privacy, Research and Innovation, Enabling Adoption and Community Collaboration, AI Innvestment Fund; and focus areas such as, Healthcare, Agriculture, Mobility, Education Law and Enforcement.
5. The Government of Telangana also conceptualized the 'Telangana's AI Mission (T-AIM)' and has set up the body in partnership with NASSCOM. T-AIM shall spearhead the initiatives identified under the AI Framework and shall assist the state government in accelerating the process of positioning Telangana as a leading Global Artificial Intelligence Innovation hub. T-AIM shall set up an AI Accelerator program and provide access to High Performance Computing Centre for startups, forge partnerships with academia and industry to undertake cutting edge research, engage the AI ecosystem for identifying solutions for government use-cases especially in the focus areas of the framework, and be responsible for all other AI related initiatives of the state.
6. The Government of Telangana has earmarked to establish the AI-Innvestment Fund, a humanitarian investment fund dedicated to AI Innovation for Social Good. The fund will capture the opportunity trinity of emerging AI economy, rise of impact investing, and tech investments. The objectives of the fund will be to raise funds for "AI for social good" startups which comply with ESG criteria; and financing projects with a theme of "AI for social good".
7. The AI Framework focuses on Internship Program for students. The State will partner with incubators/accelerators across the state to offer Telangana's college students the opportunities to work with AI Startups and receive college credits on successful completion of internship.
8. Additionally, regarding IPR filing, the AI Framework mentions that it provides support to the Startups/SMEs/Innovators in educating them about the importance and procedure of IPR filing.

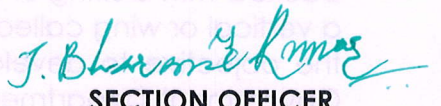
9. Hence, all the Startups working in the Artificial Intelligence and allied sectors in the State are requested to access the AI Framework through the below mentioned link and explore the various offerings available under its ambit.
<https://startup.telangana.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/AI-framework.pdf>

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All the Companies & Startups in Telangana.

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