



Expressions of Interest (EOI) for
AIKosh Partners for Dataset Contributions

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1. Introduction:

IndiaAI, an Independent Business Division (IBD) under the Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from non-government entities across all sectors to contribute their non-personal, anonymized, and India-specific datasets to AIKosh. AIKosh is IndiaAI's flagship platform designed to democratize access to high-quality datasets, fostering innovation in Artificial Intelligence (AI) research and development.

2. Objectives:

1. To expand the availability of India-specific, non-personal and anonymized datasets to support AI research, innovation, and policymaking.
2. To facilitate a streamlined and transparent process for non-government entities to onboard and contribute datasets to AIKosh.
3. To encourage dataset contributions from diverse sectors to maximize building of AI applications.
4. To ensure dataset contributions align with ethical AI principles, enabling responsible and transparent AI development.

3. Benefits of Contributing to AIKosh*:

1. Improved Dataset Quality – Hosting datasets on AIKosh enables community engagement, driving collaborative data cleaning and standardization for more robust and well-curated datasets.
2. Collaborative Innovation – Versioning features enable continuous refinement, allowing contributors to enhance datasets and models iteratively.
3. Wider Adoption & Impact – Hosted datasets can be directly utilized by public and private sectors to build real-world AI applications.
4. Ease of AI Development – User-friendly tools simplify dataset integration into AI models, accelerating development and deployment.
5. Community Engagement & Recognition – Contributors can run challenges and hackathons on their datasets, gaining visibility and attracting top talent for innovative solutions.

* AIKosh continuously enhances its platform with new features and services. Some features may be rolled out in phases and may not be available at launch.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Applications for onboarding datasets onto AIKosh are invited from organizations in India that demonstrate relevant expertise, data capabilities, and domain competence. Only institutional entities are eligible to contribute datasets. Individual submissions are not permitted.

Eligible organizations include:

- 1. Academic & Research Institutions**
- 2. Startups and Companies**
- 3. Non-Profit and Civil Society Organizations**

5. Submission Guidelines

- a) Organizations interested in contributing datasets to AIKosh must first register on the platform using the designated onboarding process for private entities, including startups, companies, msme, academic institutions, research organizations, thinktanks non-profits, etc.
- b) All applying organizations must have valid and verifiable legal status (Registered Society, Corporate Body, Statutory Body, Registered Company, etc.).
- c) Each organization must designate at least one authorized representative (Administrative SPOC) responsible for managing dataset submissions, metadata maintenance, and contributor management on AIKosh.
- d) Any data or dataset shared with AIKosh pursuant to this EOI shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP), and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the Government of India governing data sharing, privacy, and security.
- e) Any data or dataset shared with AIKosh pursuant to this EOI shall be in compliance with the AIKosh [Terms of Use](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).
- f) Submissions must include **complete and accurate metadata**, specify licensing terms, and adhere to applicable data governance policies.
- g) Organizations may submit multiple datasets, provided that each submission is unique and meets the platform's dataset contribution criteria.
- h) Any dataset submitted must be wholly or partially relevant to India, containing India-specific content or artifacts.

6. Submission Process

a) The contribution process follows a structured workflow, ensuring alignment with AIKosh's vision, guidelines, and quality standards before datasets are published. The key steps include:

- **Entity Registration:** Organizations must register on AIKosh. Upon approval, administrative rights will be granted to the designated **SPOC (Single Point of Contact)** for managing dataset contributions.
- **Dataset Onboarding:** Approved contributors within the organization can upload **non-personal India-specific datasets**, ensuring metadata completeness and compliance with platform guidelines.
- **Dataset Validation & Publishing:** Submitted datasets undergo **backend validation** to ensure alignment with AIKosh's data quality standards and compliance guidelines before final approval and publication.

b) To facilitate seamless dataset onboarding, organizations shall refer to the **AIKosh User Manual**, which provides step-by-step guidance on platform functionalities, dataset submission workflows, and administrative roles. The manual can be accessed at: [AIKosh User Manual](#).

c) For any additional support or clarifications, organizations may reach out through the official support at support@indiaai.gov.in.

7. Evaluation Criteria

- a) **Completeness:** The dataset card must be fully completed, including all required organizational details, metadata, and relevant information.
- b) **Organizational Eligibility:** The submitting entity must meet AIKosha's participation requirements as per the eligibility criteria.
- c) **Alignment:** Submissions must align with AIKosha's objectives and comply with applicable legal and policy frameworks.
- d) **Review & Clarifications:** The evaluation committee reserves the right to request additional clarifications or supporting documentation if necessary.
- e) **Non-Consideration:** EOIs that fail to meet eligibility, compliance, or alignment criteria will not be considered.

8. Timeline and Disclaimer

- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis with periodic reviews for compliance.
- AIKosh is currently in its beta phase; certain features may still be under development.