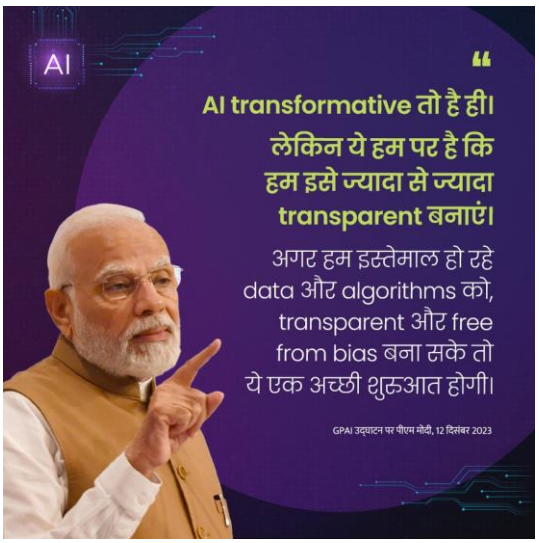
India To Launch AI Mission To Help Startups

Why In News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a **global framework** for responsible development of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies that would enable **evidence-based delivery of public services** and warned of AI being abused through deepfakes, data theft, and by terrorists.

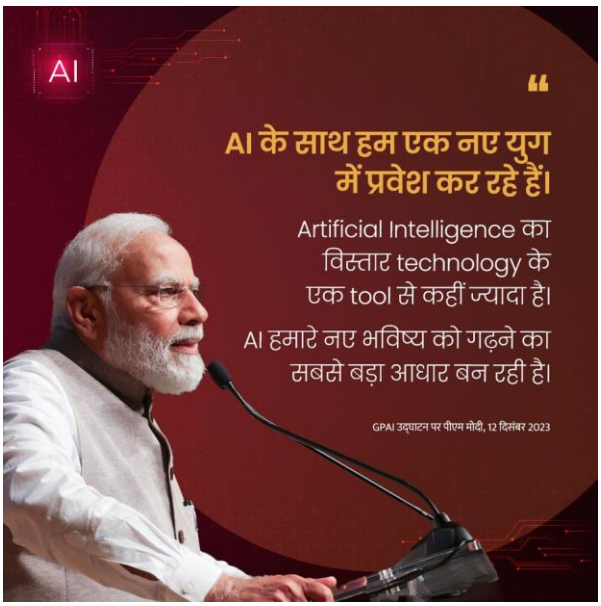
What It's All About

- Inaugurating the **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) Summit.** Modi called on the attending diplomats, ministers, and industry participants to proceed with a lot of caution and safety.
- "To make any system sustainable, it must be made **transformative, transparent and trusted.** Undoubtedly, AI is transformative but it is on us to make it as transparent as possible. Making it transparent and free from bias would be a good start.
- The inaugural ceremony was also attended by **Hiroshi Yoshida**, first minister for policy coordination in the **Japanese minister** of internal affairs. Japan is the outgoing chair of GPAI.



- The GPAI is a forum of **28 nations and the European Union** that is working together to understand the challenges and opportunities of AI, and to promote responsible evolution of AI.
- India became the **Chair of the GPAI for 2024**. China is not a member of the GPAI.

- Modi stressed that such global framework needs to be formulated and enacted within a specified time frame.
- “Just like we have **treaties and protocols** for international affairs, we need to prepare a global framework for AI at a global level.
- AI is not just a new technology but has become a **worldwide movement**. Thus, we must all work together,” he said.
- Modi stressed on the need for **development and regulation of AI** to be inclusive so that its results are more equitable.



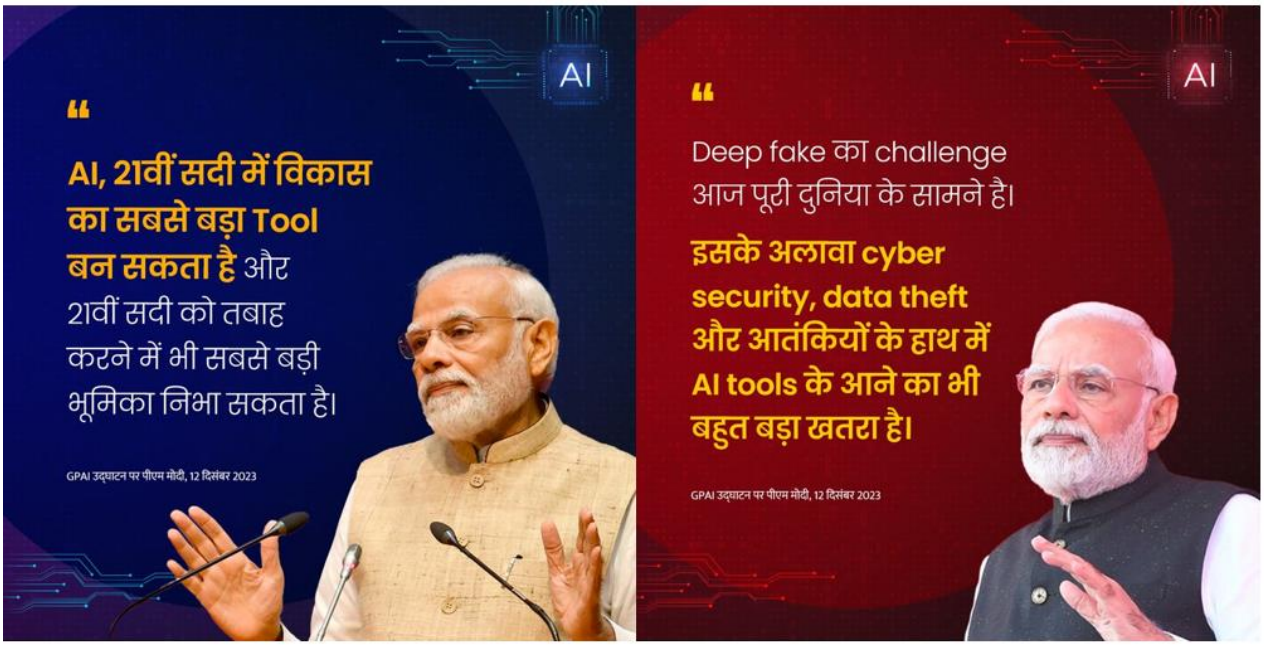
- "We must make **AI all-inclusive and adopt all ideas**. The more inclusive AI development is, the more inclusive its results will be," he said. He stressed on the need for participation from Global South.
- "In the last century, because of **unequal access to technology**, existing inequalities in the **world were exacerbated**. We must avoid this now. AI development should depend on human values, democratic values," he said.
- "While **AI increases our efficiency**, it is up to us to keep space for emotions. It is up to us to maintain our ethics," Modi said.

- The government will take full advantage of AI will launch a big development drive.
- This will give innovators a big boost (and) there will be benefits in the health and agriculture sector."

- "We will launch an **AI mission to get AI compute power** which will help startups and innovators. With this mission, agriculture, healthcare and education sectors will be promoted," he said at the Global Partnership for AI Summit in Delhi.
- This comes months after the government adopted a report by an expert panel which recommended that the Indian government create computing infrastructure of **24,500 graphics processing units** (GPU) at 17 centres to enable innovation in the emerging tech area in the country by startups and academia.

Areas Of Concern

- AI also has the potential to **destroy the world** as we know it, PM Modi said.
- "If AI weapons **reach terrorist organisations**, it could pose a threat to global security. We have to move quickly to create a global framework for ethical use of AI among G20 countries. We have to take such steps together (so) that we take responsible steps," the Prime Minister said.
- Last month the Prime Minister called for **measures to ensure AI is safe** for all sections of society, and urged G20 nations to work together on this issue. "AI should reach people (but) has to be safe"



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