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## **Press Release Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**

**Union Minister of Electronics & IT, Railways and I&B  
announces major initiatives under India AI Mission**

**Availability of Affordable AI Compute**

**Call for proposals for Building India's Foundational AI  
Models**

**Setting up of IndiaAI Safety Institute**

**AI Application Development Initiative**

Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & IT, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw in presence of Hon'ble MoS of E&IT Shri Jitin Prasada, Shri Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, MeitY and CEO, IndiaAI, Smt. Kavita Bhatia, COO, IndiaAI, Shri Nand Kumar, P&CEO, NeGD & CEO, DIC and senior officials from MeitY and IndiaAI announced availability of 18,000+ GPUs through empanelment of AI cloud service providers, a call for proposals for the development of indigenous foundational models, creation of an AI Safety institute and AI applications funded under the IndiaAI Innovation Challenge.

Hon'ble Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that *"Our Prime Minister's economic thinking is very inclusive. He believes in making modern technology accessible to everyone to ensure the people at the bottom of the pyramid are economically empowered."*

### **Empanelment of AI services on cloud**

Government of India has approved the IndiaAI Mission with a Budgetary outlay of Rs 10372 Cr with the objective to bridge the gaps in the existing AI ecosystem and enable emergence of India as a hub of development of AI technology and applications.

IndiaAI Mission is being implemented through 7 key pillars and one of the key pillars is enabling the availability of 10,000 GPUs for AI Compute Infrastructure. Towards this objective, The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), through IndiaAI Independent Business Division (IBD), published a Request for Empanelment (RFE) on August 16, 2024, to empanel AI services on cloud and offer the services to academia, MSMEs, startups, research community, governments, public sector agencies and other entities approved by IndiaAI via the CPP portal.

19 bidders that included Cloud Service Providers (CSPs), Managed Service Providers (MSPs), and Data Center Service Providers submitted proposals. After initial scrutiny as per the pre qualification criterion 13 bidders were invited to make presentations to the technical evaluation committee. As per the technical evaluation, ten bidders were found to be eligible for opening of financial bids. The financial bids of the 10 technically qualified bidders were opened on January 22, 2025. The 10 bidders listed below have offered their commercials for various category of AI compute units (GPUs) quoted.

1. CMS Computers India Pvt Ltd
2. Ctrls Datacenters Ltd
3. E2E Networks Limited
4. Jio Platforms Limited
5. Locuz Enterprise Solutions Limited
6. NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Private Limited
7. Orient Technologies Limited
8. Tata Communications Limited
9. Vensysco Technologies Limited
10. Yotta Data Services Private Limited

These bidders have quoted diversified category of AI compute units (GPUs) that include Intel Gaudi 2, AMD MI300X, MI325 X, NVIDIA H100 (PCIe, NVL and SXM), NVIDIA H200 (PCIe, NVL and SXM), NVIDIA A100, NVIDIA, L40S, NVIDIA L4, AWS Inferentia2 and Aws Tranium. Bidders have also offered 8 GPU modules of NVIDIA and AMD.

As per the terms of empanelment, the bidder quoted the L1 rates for a particular category of compute unit will be empaneled first and all other bidders in that category of the compute unit will be eligible for empanelment if they agree to match the L1 bid.

The lowest (L1) bidder, L1 bid price offered in each AI compute category and discount in percentage offered On-demand hourly, monthly, 6 monthly and annually in comparison to published market prices is given in Annexure 1 in Tables A & B

The L1 bidder price offered for storage and network services is given in Annexure 2 in Tables C & D.

The bidders have also provided AI Platform and other services at a discounted price in comparison to their market price.

Hon'ble Minister also announced that eligible end users will get a further reduced price access as upto 40% of the costs will be borne by IndiaAI Mission.

The empanelment will be valid for 36 months, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months based on mutually agreed terms. IndiaAI will ensure that all processes post-empanelment is transparent and accessible to stakeholders.

## **Call for Proposals for Building India's Foundational AI Models**

Furthermore, Hon'ble Minister also launched a Call for Proposals under the IndiaAI Mission to support the development of foundational AI models, inviting startups, researchers, and entrepreneurs to collaborate on creating state-of-the-art AI models using Indian datasets. This initiative aims to establish indigenous AI models, which can be Large Multimodal Models, Large Language Models (LLM), or Small Language Models (SLM), to address India-specific challenges across various sectors. These AI models must be trained on **Indian datasets**, ensuring linguistic, cultural, and contextual relevance. The objective is to create **scalable and impactful AI solutions** across sectors such as **healthcare, education, agriculture, climate, and governance**.

Proposals will be assessed based on several key criteria, including **team capability**, which evaluates expertise in AI/ML, prior experience, and the ability to execute high-impact projects. The **approach and strategy** will be reviewed for innovativeness, dataset strategy, model architecture, and sustainability plans. **Timelines and milestones** must present realistic development schedules with clear deliverables. The **use cases** section will be judged on creativity, feasibility, and the scalability of societal impact applications. **Ethical compliance** will require adherence to the DPDP Act, IT Act, and bias mitigation strategies. **Scalability and sustainability** will be examined based on industry benchmarks, long-term adaptability, and commercial viability. Lastly, **financial viability** will be assessed in terms of budget justification, funding sources, and cost-effectiveness.

Funding and support mechanisms include **direct funding**, which offers grants and AI compute credits with milestone-based disbursements, and **equity-based investments**, where additional funding is provided through mutual agreements. There are also **co-financing options**, allowing entities to secure additional funding from venture capitalists, angel investors, non-profits, or state and central government grants. Proposals will be accepted on a **rolling submission basis** and evaluated on a **first-come, first-served** approach.

## **Setting up IndiaAI Safety Institute**

The Hon'ble Minister announced the setting up of IndiaAI Safety Institute under the Safe and Trusted Pillar of the IndiaAI Mission to address AI risks & Safety Challenges. The IndiaAI Safety Institute will work with all relevant stakeholders, including academia, startups, industry and government ministries/departments, towards ensuring safety, security and trust in AI. The Institute will advance indigenous research and development, based on Indian datasets and contextualized to India's social, economic, cultural, and linguistic diversity. The Institute, incubated by IndiaAI Mission will be set up on a hub and spoke model with various research and academic institutions, private sector partners joining the hub and taking up projects under the Safe and Trusted Pillar of IndiaAI Mission. Under the Safe and Trusted pillar, the **IndiaAI Mission** has selected **eight Responsible AI Projects** against the first Expression of Interest (EoI). These projects are listed in **Annexure 3**.

Further IndiaAI has launched the 2nd round of Expression of Interest (EoI) open to Indian Academic Institutes/Organizations, Autonomous bodies, R&D Institutes/Organizations, Startups and Companies.

Themes covered under the 2<sup>nd</sup> EoI include:

- i. Watermarking & Labelling
- ii. Ethical AI Frameworks
- iii. AI Risk Assessment & Management
- iv. Stress Testing Tools
- v. Deepfake Detection Tools

## **18 AI applications selected under IndiaAI Application Development**

### **Initiative**

Additionally, the Hon'ble Minister also announced the selection of 18 AI applications for the first round of funding under the IndiaAI Innovation Challenge. The projects selected were from the areas of Agriculture, Assistive Technology for Learning Disabilities and Climate Change and Disaster Management. The IndiaAI Innovation challenge was launched on 13th August 2024. The Innovation Challenge sought to seek and advance the development, deployment, and adoption of AI applications in critical sectors. The challenge was open to Indian innovators, startups, non-profits, students, academic/R&D organizations, and companies. Over 900 applications were received across the five focus areas which include Healthcare, Improved Governance, Agriculture, Assistive Technology for Learning Disabilities and Climate Change and Disaster Management.

### **About IndiaAI**

IndiaAI IBD (Independent Business Division) under Digital India Corporation under Ministry of Electronics and IT, is the implementation agency for the IndiaAI Mission. It strives to democratize the benefits of AI across all strata of society, bolster India's leadership in AI, foster technological self-reliance, and ensure the ethical and responsible use of AI.

## Annexure 1

### A. L1 bidder name, L1 bid price and %discount for on-demand hourly and monthly price

| Sl. No. | AI Compute Unit (GPU) Category            | L1 Bidder in On-Demand and Monthly Reserved – 1 Month | On-Demand Pricing (Hourly Charges) |                     |            | Monthly Reserved - 1 Month (Hourly Charges) |                     |            |
|---------|---|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|---|---------------------|------------|
|         |   |   | L1 Bid Price (in ₹)                | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount | L1 Bid Price (in ₹)                         | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount |
| 1       | AMD MI300X (1x)                           | Jio Platforms Ltd                                     | 210.28                             | 378.00              | 44.37%     | 206.31                                      | 352.50              | 41.47%     |
| 2       | AMD MI300X (8x)                           | Jio Platforms Ltd                                     | 1770.79                            | 2656.19             | 33.33%     | 1737.38                                     | 2606.07             | 33.33%     |
| 3       | AMD MI325X (1x)                           | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd      | 188.00                             | 251.00              | 25.10%     | 137.00                                      | 201.00              | 31.84%     |
| 4       | AMD MI325X (8x)                           | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd      | 1502.00                            | 2010.00             | 25.27%     | 1100.00                                     | 1608.00             | 31.59%     |
| 5       | Inferentia Inf2 32 GB inf2.48xlarge (12x) | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 1425.48                            | 1603.19             | 11.08%     | 1425.48                                     | 1603.19             | 11.08%     |
| 6       | Inferentia Inf2 32 GB inf2.xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 83.25                              | 93.64               | 11.10%     | 83.25                                       | 93.64               | 11.10%     |
| 7       | Inferentia Inf2 32GB inf2.24xlarge (6x)   | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 712.73                             | 801.59              | 11.09%     | 712.73                                      | 801.59              | 11.09%     |
| 8       | Inferentia Inf2 32GB inf2.8xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 216.08                             | 243.03              | 11.09%     | 216.08                                      | 243.03              | 11.09%     |
| 9       | Intel Gaudi-2 (1x)                        | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd      | 64.00                              | 110.00              | 41.82%     | 53.00                                       | 88.00               | 39.77%     |
| 10      | NVIDIA A100 40 GB (1x)                    | E2E Networks Ltd                                      | 136.00                             | 170.00              | 20.00%     | 89.00                                       | 103.00              | 13.59%     |
| 11      | NVIDIA A100 40 GB (8x)                    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 3321.95                            | 3736.08             | 11.08%     | 3321.95                                     | 3736.08             | 11.08%     |
| 12      | NVIDIA A100 80 GB (8x)                    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 4152.44                            | 4670.10             | 11.08%     | 4152.44                                     | 4670.10             | 11.08%     |
| 13      | NVIDIA A100 80GB (1x)                     | E2E Networks Ltd                                      | 151.00                             | 226.00              | 33.19%     | 99.00                                       | 137.00              | 27.74%     |
| 14      | NVIDIA H100 NVL (1x)                      | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd      | 140.00                             | 456.31              | 69.32%     | 135.00                                      | 415.24              | 67.49%     |
| 15      | NVIDIA H100 NVL (4x)                      | Jio Platforms Ltd                                     | 789.74                             | 1825.22             | 56.73%     | 774.84                                      | 1660.95             | 53.35%     |
| 16      | NVIDIA H100 PCIe (1x)                     | CtrlS Datacenters Ltd                                 | 252.00                             | 378.00              | 33.33%     | 234.00                                      | 351.00              | 33.33%     |
| 17      | NVIDIA H100 PCIe (8x)                     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                        | 9966.09                            | 11208.48            | 11.08%     | 9966.09                                     | 11208.48            | 11.08%     |



|    |   |  |         |          |        |         |          |        |
|----|---|--|---------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|
| 18 | NVIDIA H100 SXM (1x)                    | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 170.00  | 480.00   | 64.58% | 149.00  | 450.00   | 66.89% |
| 19 | NVIDIA H100 SXM (8x)                    | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 1360.00 | 11208.48 | 87.87% | 1192.00 | 10264.61 | 88.39% |
| 20 | NVIDIA H200 NVL (1x)                    | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 146.38  | 794.77   | 81.58% | 143.61  | 723.24   | 80.14% |
| 21 | NVIDIA H200 NVL (8x)                    | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 1171.00 | 4191.60  | 72.06% | 1148.91 | 3701.40  | 68.96% |
| 22 | NVIDIA H200 SXM (1x)                    | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 140.00  | 645.00   | 78.29% | 135.00  | 601.50   | 77.56% |
| 23 | NVIDIA H200 SXM (8x)                    | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 1125.00 | 6369.30  | 82.34% | 1100.00 | 5796.06  | 81.02% |
| 24 | NVIDIA L4 (1x)                          | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 50.00   | 221.08   | 77.38% | 30.00   | 201.18   | 85.09% |
| 25 | NVIDIA L4 (8x)                          | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 580.80  | 871.19   | 33.33% | 569.84  | 854.76   | 33.33% |
| 26 | NVIDIA L40S (1x)                        | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 75.00   | 355.55   | 78.91% | 55.00   | 323.55   | 83.00% |
| 27 | NVIDIA L40S (4x)                        | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 340.00  | 1422.21  | 76.09% | 220.00  | 1294.21  | 83.00% |
| 28 | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1.2xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 136.19  | 153.19   | 11.10% | 136.19  | 153.19   | 11.10% |
| 29 | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1.32xlarge (16x)  | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2179.31 | 2451.00  | 11.08% | 2179.31 | 2451.00  | 11.08% |
| 30 | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1n.32xlarge (16x) | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2511.78 | 2824.92  | 11.08% | 2511.78 | 2824.92  | 11.08% |

B. L1 bidder name, L1 bid price and %discount for 6 monthly and annually price

| Sl. No. | AI Compute Unit (GPU) Category | Monthly Reserved - 6 Months (Hourly Charges)     |                     |                     |            | Monthly Reserved - 12 Months (Hourly Charges)    |                     |                     |            |
|---------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
|         |                                | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount |
| 1       | AMD MI300X (1x)                | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 202.35              | 315.00              | 35.76%     | CtrlS Datacenters Ltd                            | 185.00              | 297.57              | 37.83%     |
| 2       | AMD MI300X (8x)                | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 1703.97             | 2555.96             | 33.33%     | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 1670.56             | 2505.84             | 33.33%     |
| 3       | AMD MI325X (1x)                | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 114.00              | 201.00              | 43.28%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 95.00               | 161.00              | 40.99%     |
| 4       | AMD MI325X                     | NxtGen Datacenter                                | 912.00              | 1608.00             | 43.28%     | NxtGen Datacenter                                | 760.00              | 1286.00             | 40.90%     |



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|---------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
|         |   | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount |
|         | (8x)                                      | and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd                   |                     |                     |            | and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd                   |                     |                     |            |
| 5       | Inferentia Inf2 32 GB inf2.48xlarge (12x) | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 1425.48             | 1603.19             | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 898.07              | 1603.19             | 43.98%     |
| 6       | Inferentia Inf2 32 GB inf2.xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 83.25               | 93.64               | 11.10%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 52.44               | 93.64               | 44.00%     |
| 7       | Inferentia Inf2 32GB inf2.24xlarge (6x)   | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 712.73              | 801.59              | 11.09%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 449.03              | 801.59              | 43.98%     |
| 8       | Inferentia Inf2 32GB inf2.8xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 216.08              | 243.03              | 11.09%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 136.15              | 243.03              | 43.98%     |
| 9       | Intel Gaudi-2 (1x)                        | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 44.00               | 88.00               | 50.00%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 38.00               | 70.00               | 45.71%     |
| 10      | NVIDIA A100 40 GB (1x)                    | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 85.00               | 98.00               | 13.27%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 81.00               | 92.00               | 11.96%     |
| 11      | NVIDIA A100 40 GB (8x)                    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 3321.95             | 3736.08             | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 3321.95             | 3736.08             | 11.08%     |
| 12      | NVIDIA A100 80 GB (8x)                    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 4152.44             | 4670.10             | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 4152.44             | 4670.10             | 11.08%     |
| 13      | NVIDIA A100 80GB (1x)                     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 95.00               | 130.00              | 26.92%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 90.00               | 123.00              | 26.83%     |
| 14      | NVIDIA H100 NVL (1x)                      | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 118.00              | 387.86              | 69.58%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 100.00              | 360.48              | 72.26%     |
| 15      | NVIDIA H100 NVL (4x)                      | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 759.94              | 1551.44             | 51.02%     | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 745.04              | 1441.92             | 48.33%     |
| 16      | NVIDIA H100 PCIe (1x)                     | CtrlS Datacenters Ltd                            | 209.00              | 313.50              | 33.33%     | CtrlS Datacenters Ltd                            | 185.00              | 277.50              | 33.33%     |
| 17      | NVIDIA H100 PCIe (8x)                     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 9966.09             | 11208.48            | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 9966.09             | 11208.48            | 11.08%     |
| 18      | NVIDIA H100 SXM (1x)                      | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 139.00              | 400.50              | 65.29%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 130.00              | 352.50              | 63.12%     |
| 19      | NVIDIA H100 SXM (8x)                      | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 1112.00             | 10264.61            | 89.17%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 1040.00             | 10264.61            | 89.87%     |
| 20      | NVIDIA H200 NVL (1x)                      | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 140.85              | 675.56              | 79.15%     | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 138.09              | 627.87              | 78.01%     |
| 21      | NVIDIA H200 NVL                           | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 1126.81             | 3561.10             | 68.36%     | Jio Platforms                                    | 1104.72             | 2774.40             | 60.18%     |



| Sl. No. | AI Compute Unit (GPU) Category          | Monthly Reserved - 6 Months (Hourly Charges)     |                     |                     |            | Monthly Reserved - 12 Months (Hourly Charges)    |                     |                     |            |
|---------|---|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
|         |   | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹) | Market Price (in ₹) | % Discount |
|         | (8x)                                    |  |                     |                     |            | Ltd  |                     |                     |            |
| 22      | NVIDIA H200 SXM (1x)                    | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 118.00              | 537.00              | 78.03%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 100.00              | 472.50              | 78.84%     |
| 23      | NVIDIA H200 SXM (8x)                    | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 945.00              | 5413.90             | 82.54%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 785.00              | 5031.75             | 84.40%     |
| 24      | NVIDIA L4 (1x)                          | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 27.00               | 187.92              | 85.63%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 25.00               | 174.65              | 85.69%     |
| 25      | NVIDIA L4 (8x)                          | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 558.88              | 838.32              | 33.33%     | Jio Platforms Ltd                                | 547.92              | 821.88              | 33.33%     |
| 26      | NVIDIA L40S (1x)                        | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 55.00               | 302.22              | 81.80%     | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 50.00               | 280.89              | 82.20%     |
| 27      | NVIDIA L40S (4x)                        | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 220.00              | 1208.88             | 81.80%     | E2E Networks Ltd                                 | 200.00              | 1123.55             | 82.20%     |
| 28      | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1.2xlarge (1x)    | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 136.19              | 153.19              | 11.10%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 136.19              | 153.19              | 11.10%     |
| 29      | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1.32xlarge (16x)  | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2179.31             | 2451.00             | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2179.31             | 2451.00             | 11.08%     |
| 30      | Trainium trn1 32GB trn1n.32xlarge (16x) | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2511.78             | 2824.92             | 11.08%     | Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd                   | 2511.78             | 2824.92             | 11.08%     |

## Annexure 2

### C. L1 bidder name, L1 bid price and % discount for Storage Service

| Sl. No. | Type                                   | L1 Bidder  | L1 Bid Price (in ₹ per GB per month) | Market Price (in ₹ per GB per month) | % Discount |
|---------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1       | High Speed Block Storage/ File Storage | NxtGen Datacenter and Cloud Technologies Pvt Ltd | 1.20                                 | 20.00                                | 94.00%     |
| 2       | Object Storage                         | Yotta Data Services Private Limited              | 0.84                                 | 16.20                                | 94.81%     |

### D. L1 bidder name, L1 bid price and % discount for Network Service

| Sl. No. | Type    | L1 Bidder   | L1 Bid Price (in ₹ per GB per month) | Market Price (in ₹ per GB per month) | % Discount |
|---------|---------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1       | Ingress | i. CMS Computers India Pvt Ltd<br>ii. E2E Networks Ltd<br>iii. Jio Platforms Ltd<br>iv. Locuz Enterprise Solutions Ltd<br>v. Orient Technologies Ltd<br>vi. Vensysco Technologies Ltd | 0.00                                 | 8.00                                 | 100.00%    |
| 2       | Egress  | E2E Networks Ltd  | 0.00                                 | 14.82                                | 100.00%    |

### Annexure 3

| NAME OF THE THEME           | SELECTED APPLICANT                           | TITLE OF THE PROJECT  | ABOUT THE PROJECT  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Machine Unlearning          | IIT Jodhpur                                  | Machine Unlearning in Generative Foundation Models  | To development novel method for targeted unlearning in open-source generative foundation models while minimising negative impact on overall model performance. |
| Synthetic Data Generation   | IIT Roorkee                                  | Design and Development of Method for Generating Synthetic Data for Mitigating Bias in Datasets; and Framework for Mitigating Bias in Machine Learning Pipeline for Responsible AI | To develop the algorithm and method for handling the bias at the model training and in-processing stage of ML model development                                |
| AI Bias Mitigation Strategy | National Institute of Technology Raipur      | Development of Responsible Artificial Intelligence for Bias Mitigation in Health Care Systems   | To develop responsible AI algorithms that reduce biases in medical system applications, image analysis, and diagnostic decisions                               |
| Explainable AI Framework    | DIAT Pune and Mindgraph Technology Pvt. Ltd. | Enabling Explainable and Privacy Preserving AI for Security   | Create AI models that provide accurate and interpretable results for human activity analysis for effective security in crowded environment.                    |

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| Privacy Enhancing Strategy         | IIT Delhi, IIIT Delhi, IIT Dharwad and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC) | Robust Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning Models                                       | To develop robust distributed/federated learning algorithms which perform well in an adversarial environment susceptible to attacks  |
| AI Ethical Certification Framework | IIIT Delhi and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)                         | Tools for assessing fairness of AI model  | To develop a three step certification process involving bias risk assessment, processing for metrics, and bias testing to ensure fairness for AI Systems in the Indian context |
| AI Algorithm Auditing Tool         | Civic Data Labs   | ParakhAI - An open-source framework and toolkit for Participatory Algorithmic Auditing  | The proposed framework and toolkit will enable involving citizens in the responsible design, development, and deployment of algorithmic decision making systems.               |
| AI Governance Testing Framework    | Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Telecommunication Engineering Center (TEC)         | Track-LLM, Transparency, Risk Assessment, Context & Knowledge for Large Language Models | To identify and address the specific gaps in the existing governance testing frameworks related to LLM;s downstream use-case and deployment                                    |

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