# AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM)

**Why in news?**

*Recently, UNESCO and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) jointly hosted the 5$^{th}$ and final stakeholder consultation on the AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM).*

- **AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM) –** It is a diagnostic tool by UNESCO to assess a country's preparedness for ethical and responsible AI adoption.
- It is conducted by an independent research organization supported by a national team comprising UNESCO, government bodies, academia, civil society, and private sector.
- Key Dimensions Assessed include,
    - Legal & regulatory
    - Social & cultural
    - Economic
    - Scientific & educational
    - Technological & infrastructural
- **Approach** – It combines quantitative and qualitative indicators, customized to each country's context.
- **Purpose:**
    - It identifies strengths and gaps,
    - Guides policy development
    - Promotes inclusive, safe, and trustworthy AI
- It also aims to support ethical, inclusive, and safe adoption of AI tailored to India's context.
- It includes quantitative and qualitative indicators beyond existing tools.
- It will help frame India-specific AI policy roadmap.
- **Significance to India** - It supports the India AI Mission by:
- Creating a balanced, pro-innovation policy roadmap
- Building Safe and Trusted AI systems
- Promoting governance frameworks, youth participation, and AI education
- Translates UNESCO's Global AI Ethics Recommendations into India-specific actionable policies.

*IndiaAI Mission focus on promoting indigenous frameworks, self-assessment, governance tools, provoide support to companies building foundation models, and funding for responsible AI projects.*

**Reference**

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