NITI Aayog and AWS Launch Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center

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First AWS Cloud Innovation Center in India to accelerate innovation in agriculture, healthcare, and skill development

NEW DELHI – OCTOBER 19, 2020 – The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), the Government of India's premier policy think tank, has established a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to help address societal challenges through digital innovation. The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center is the first AWS CIC in India, the 12th around the world, and the first AWS CIC that will address societal challenges at a national level.

The AWS Cloud Innovation Centers Global Program provides an opportunity for government agencies, nonprofits, and education institutions, to collaborate on pressing challenges, apply design thinking methodology, test new ideas, and access technology expertise from AWS.

"We are seeing public sector organizations around the world use cloud technology to innovate in a fast and agile manner, address problems at scale, and transform public services for citizens," said Max Peterson, Vice President, International Sales, Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services, Inc. "Our Cloud Innovation Centers (CIC) program is designed to be a catalyst for innovation in public sector, by bringing together technology experts to address challenges. We are excited to collaborate with NITI Aayog, and support its public sector mission in India."

"The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) with AWS will bring together government stakeholders, startups, and local organizations in India to innovate and create new approaches to solving problems," said Anna Roy, Senior Adviser, NITI Aayog. "Through the CIC program, we have the opportunity to experiment with the latest technology, and access world-class innovation expertise that will help us advance citizen services, and better understand how frontier technologies can address the unique needs of our country."

The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies CIC addresses a core mission to identify and deploy leading edge technologies to drive continuous innovation in delivering citizen services. The center will work to identify and prioritize projects as well as collaborate with local leaders, including subject matter experts at the state and district level, to solve critical societal challenges. Local enterprises, startups, researchers, and universities in India will experiment and build prototypes on AWS Cloud, and contribute along with the global CIC community dedicated to accelerating societal innovation.

"With AWS Cloud, public sector organizations get the power of the broadest and deepest cloud services to accelerate their missions and make the world a better place," said Rahul Sharma, Regional Head, AISPL Public Sector, AWS India and South Asia. "We are deeply committed to help public sector organizations in India achieve transformational economic and societal impact, and look forward to sharing our global experiences to accelerate digital innovation in the country."

The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center joins a global network of AWS Public Sector Cloud Innovation Centers across Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, and United States. For more information about the Amazon Web Services Cloud Innovation Centers Program, visit https://aws.amazon.com/government-education/cloud-innovation-centers/.

About Amazon Web Services
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