## **Revised Procurement Norms for AI Computing**

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The **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** has revised its procurement norms for **Artificial Intelligence(AI)** computing capacity under the <u>IndiaAl Mission</u> to encourage broader participation from various companies, including **start-ups**.

- Revised Procurement Norms:
  - Annual Turnover Requirements: For primary bidders, it has been reduced from Rs 100 crore to Rs 50 crore, while non-primary consortium members now need Rs 25 crore, down from Rs 50 crore.
    - A primary bidder is an entity that is solely responsible for the successful performance of all subcontractors offered in response to a bid.
  - Graphic Processing Units (GPUs) Requirements: The requirement of 1,000 GPUs was changed from a performance threshold of 300 TFLOPS (Tera Floating-point Operations Per Second) for FP16 (Half Precision) to 150 TFLOPS.
    - The AI compute memory requirement was reduced from 40 GB to 24 GB.
    - TFLOPS measures a system's computing power; for instance, **10 TFLOPS** means it can perform **10 trillion FP16 calculations per second.**
  - Local Sourcing: Components for Al cloud services must be procured from Class I (50% local content) or Class II (20-50% local content) suppliers to comply with the <u>'Make</u> in India' initiative.

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