Over 40 leading experts from academic, R & D institutions, industry, civil society, public sector telecom bodies participated in the two-day **International Colloquium on Ethics and Governance of AI Autonomous Systems for a Better World** organised by CMS, Infocom Think Tank and DST.

Union Minister Commerce and Industry **Shri Suresh Prabhu** set the tone of the Colloquium at the Inaugural session by aptly defining Technology as "manifestation of thoughts". "The use of AI in governance is also bound to grow. In such a situation, we need to start thinking about the people who will be displaced, and also of ethical issues such as privacy that arise with every new technology," said Mr. Suresh Prabhu while inaugurating the International Colloquium for a Better World.

"If a technology is based on processing of data collected from people, why should they pay for products based on that data? It is questions like these that need to be addressed when it comes to proliferation of new technological tools," said **Prof Vijay Raghavan, National Scientific Advisor**. He also added that we should address the fundamental levels at school and college. **Dr R S Sharma, Chairman TRAI** said that India is a data rich country providing data to the IT companies the world over 'but we have no share in the value-added products they are producing. Moreover India has to come up with data interoperability norms". He drew special attention to the data of Aadhar which is unique in the world.

Dr Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator, PMO chaired the Panel discussion on the way forward saying that "we need to be prepared for the AI World". He emphasized Clean data, Algorithm and Demand and the need for test beds, data sharing and keeping in mind Privacy. **N K Mathur, Chairman Infocom Think Tank**, drew attention to the fact of "NRI Data" – almost all of India's data is stored in other countries; and work must be done to localize data.

During the panel discussion on the way forward **Dr. N Bhaskar Rao, Chairman CMS**, said that Government and Industry perspectives and standards being set by organisations like IEEE should be in the public purview and "deserve to be debated with transparency so that much needed trust comes in and the best follows". Dr Hajela said that a governor like the black box in an aircraft with a 'transparent cover' should be used in AI autonomous systems.

More than a hundred experts from the scientific community, IIT's, Technical Institutions, Corporate, development sector attended the colloquium. Speakers were from Academia, industry, researchers - from IIT's, IISc, Facebook, Microsoft, SAP, Mist, Siemens, Mathworks, C-DAC, C-DOT, ECIL, Fortis Escorts Hospital, Maulana Azad Medical College, IIT-B, IEEE, ITI Ltd.

The speakers emphasized that AI , the 4th Industrial revolution; is here to stay and an gave views and shared concerns towards formulating an ethical framework and regulatory mechanism for harnessing AI for social good. They also emphasized the need for increased investments in the field of AI where India is lagging behind, of privacy enhancement, democratization of data, responsible AI and using AI to identify social problems. The two-day colloquium offered insights for India priorities and reviewed the status and significance of ethical aspects of AI for a better World

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