

AI for Smart Cities: Ensuring Ethical and Compliant AI Systems

Introduction:

A state government is planning to implement AI in smart city projects, focusing on predictive policing, traffic management, and citizen service automation. Your team is tasked with designing and assessing the implementation of these AI systems.

Objective:

Propose an AI solution for one of the areas where the state government can enhance its smart city project (example: predictive policing, traffic management, or citizen services) with a strong emphasis on:

1. Technical Feasibility
2. Legal and Regulatory Compliance
3. Security and Privacy Protection
4. Ethical Considerations
5. Policy Recommendations

Challenge Tasks:

1. **AI Solution Design (Tech Team):**

- Identify the type of data needed (traffic, citizen feedback, crime data, etc.), and how AI can enrich these systems.

2. **Legal Compliance & Frameworks (Legal & Policy Team):**

- Research and identify relevant laws, including data protection regulations (GDPR/Indian Data Protection laws) and other legal frameworks that the AI system must comply with.
- Draft a legal compliance checklist for deploying the AI solution in the public sector.

- Anticipate legal disputes or risks that might arise from using the AI system in public services, especially around fairness and accountability.

3. **Privacy & Security Risks (Privacy/InfoSec Team):**

- Evaluate how citizen data will be collected, processed, and stored while ensuring privacy is preserved.
- Highlight potential security risks. What defensive security measures should be put in place.

4. **Ethical & Social Considerations (Ethics & Policy Team):**

- Identify ethical concerns around the use of AI in public governance (such as bias, discrimination, and transparency).
- Address the potential social impact of using AI for decision-making in public services and propose ways to maintain human oversight.
- Create a policy framework or guidelines for the use of AI in the government sector, with a focus on transparency, accountability, and inclusivity.
- Propose mechanisms for public feedback and how to address concerns raised by citizens affected by the AI decisions.

Expected Deliverables:

- A comprehensive proposal that includes the AI solution, privacy and security risks, legal compliance, ethical considerations.
- A short presentation covering all the above aspects and a video recording of the same not exceeding 3 minutes.

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