**India AI Impact Pre-Summit Workshop at Kavaratti highlights relevance of AI in improving governance of Island ecosystem**

**Kavaratti, Lakshadweep**: As a pre-cursor to the global India AI Impact Summit 2026, an awareness workshop on AI and Digital India initiatives was conducted by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, in partnership with the State Department of Information Technology (LITSS) on February 2, 2026 at Kavaratti.

The workshop, conducted in liaison with the State Education Department, witnessed enthusiastic participation from schools, colleges and training centres across the islands of Lakshadweep. Around 300 people attended the workshop at Kavaratti, while more than 100 people watched the webcast of the programme from Androth Island.

The programme commenced with welcome address by Secretary, UT of Lakshadweep (Education, Tourism, IT, & Health), Awanish Kumar, who highlighted the relevance of AI in improving governance of an island ecosystem and service delivery in other departments.

Chief Guest Dr. S.B. Deepak Kumar (IAS), Advisor to the Hon' Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep, stressed the need for developing digital skills to prepare for future in the rapidly evolving technological landscape.

The event was also attended by Collector & District Magistrate, Secretaries of Science & Technology and Social Welfare, ADM Kavaratti, Directors of Education, Health, IT and Planning, Statistics & Taxation. The workshop featured sessions by AI experts Yash Chaturvedi and Gopal Malakar on various aspects of AI and its use, quiz rounds and discussion on progress of AI based e-governance in our country.