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Karnataka IT-BT Minister **Priyank Kharge** launched **Tathyakosh**, an open-source public data portal, in Bengaluru, aggregating over **1.5 million datasets from 458 sources** into a single searchable interface.

Background

Built by Karnataka's Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence in partnership with the ACSEL Technology Forum, Tathyakosh is designed to support researchers, policymakers, startups and data scientists working across agriculture, healthcare, climate and financial-inclusion domains. It represents a state-level extension of the Open Government Data (OGD) movement, complementing the Union government's own data.gov.in platform and India's broader digital public infrastructure (DPI) push.

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Open-data platforms function as instruments of evidence-based governance and transparency, and state-level initiatives like Tathyakosh illustrate how sub-national governments are building complementary digital public infrastructure alongside Union-level India Stack components (Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker), a recurring theme in GS2 e-governance and GS3 digital-infrastructure questions.

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TATHYAKOSH:

Launched by: Priyank Kharge, Karnataka IT-BT Minister, at Vikas Soudha, Bengaluru

Datasets aggregated: 1.5 million+, from 458 sources

Built by: Karnataka's Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence with the ACSEL Technology Forum

Sectoral focus: agriculture, healthcare, climate, financial inclusion

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

Complements the Union government's data.gov.in platform under the Open Government Data movement

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