



Message from the Minister of Communications — Department of Telecommunications

Namaskar!

India's telecom sector continues to advance with steady momentum, guided by a clear vision of building a secure, inclusive, and future-ready digital ecosystem. Over the past month, the Department of Telecommunications has made significant strides in strengthening digital infrastructure, fostering indigenous innovation, and enhancing service delivery for citizens across the country.

India's leadership in next-generation technologies has been further reinforced through notable progress in the Bharat 6G Alliance and the strengthening of the national research ecosystem under the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. These efforts reflect our firm commitment to positioning India at the forefront of global 6G development and innovation.

Indigenous research and development have received a further boost with C-DOT's collaboration with Delhi Police to develop secure, technology-driven smart policing solutions. This initiative highlights the growing role of telecom innovation in governance and public safety, ensuring that technology serves as a force multiplier for citizen security.

Our focus on improving telecom service quality remains unwavering. I am pleased to note that all telecom service providers have met the prescribed benchmarks for network-related Quality of Service parameters across licensed service areas, ensuring reliable and consistent connectivity for citizens.

Expanding affordable broadband access continues to be a key priority. Under the PM-WANI scheme, more than 4 lakh public Wi-Fi hotspots have been deployed, significantly accelerating last-mile connectivity and advancing digital inclusion across urban and rural India. Digital governance initiatives have also gained further traction. The adoption of the SAMPANN platform by the Government of Goa and Cochin Port Authority reflects our commitment to enabling efficient, transparent, and citizen-centric service delivery through technology.

DoT signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SEBI to enhance cooperation in tackling telecom-linked financial frauds and misuse of telecom resources in investment-related scams. Advancing our vision of "Connectivity for All," the Department facilitated important deliberations on emerging Direct-to-Device technologies. These engagements brought together global experts and stakeholders to explore innovative satellite communication solutions aimed at ensuring seamless connectivity, even in the most remote regions. Strengthening the security of India's digital and financial ecosystem remains a priority. India's indigenous innovation ecosystem continues to grow stronger. C-DOT expanded its intellectual property portfolio and recognised innovators through its Annual IP Awards, encouraging the development of cutting-edge telecom technologies.

Our efforts towards inclusive rural digital transformation have also received global recognition. The Samridh Gram initiative, enabled by BharatNet, has been nominated for the prestigious WSIS Prizes 2026, underscoring its impact in bridging the digital divide and empowering rural communities.

In parallel, efforts to strengthen cybersecurity awareness have been enhanced through a collaboration between C-DOT and Jumps Automation LLP to develop a gamified platform aimed at promoting cybersecurity awareness among individuals and enterprises.

As we move onward, our commitment to build a resilient telecom ecosystem that connects every citizen, empowers every enterprise, and secures India's position as a global leader in digital innovation, remains steadfast.

Jai Hind!

Warm regards,

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