Scindia Urges States to Accelerate Digital Connectivity Rollout





New Delhi, October, 8 (PIB): The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, organised a high-level Roundtable Conference with State Government IT Ministers and Secretaries on the sidelines of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026. The Roundtable was chaired by Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, along with Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union Minister of State for Communications & Rural Development, and Shri Amit Agrawal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications. The Roundtable provided a platform for structured dialogue and coordination between the Centre, States and Union Territories (UTs) on key issues concerning telecommunications, digital infrastructure and citizen-centric digital services. In line with the theme of IMC 2026, "Scale Without Boundaries", the discussions focused on scaling digital connectivity, accelerating infrastructure deployment and strengthening Centre–State cooperation to support India's digital transformation and the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047. Addressing the meeting, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said, "Telecom may be a Union subject, but digital infrastructure is built on State soil making our States true co-owners in driving National Broadband Mission 2.0. To realize Viksit Bharat @2047, we must act as Team India by accelerating Right of Way approvals to unlock SASCI capital incentives, pushing BharatNet and 4G saturation to the last mile, securing networks through Sanchar Saathi, and scaling Samriddh Gram so that connectivity meaningfully transforms every citizen's life."

The discussions highlighted the crucial role played by States and UTs in the successful rollout of digital communication infrastructure, particularly in addressing ground-level requirements such as Right of Way (RoW), land allocation and site access. A key focus of the Roundtable was the implementation of the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified by DoT under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. The Rules, which came into effect from January 1, 2025, established a uniform and transparent framework for telecom infrastructure deployment, including rationalised RoW charges and time-bound processing of applications. The Rules provide timelines of 67 days for general RoW applications and 7 days for Special Projects such as BharatNet. It was noted that 34 States/UTs had issued Government Orders or notifications directing local bodies and line departments to follow the DoT's RoW Rules, 2024. All 36 States/UTs are live on the Central RoW Portal. The Special Assistance for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme 2026–27, with an earmarked allocation of ?4,000 crore, was also highlighted as an important enabler for strengthening implementation of RoW reforms by States and their agencies, including State PSUs, corporations and Urban Local Bodies.

The Roundtable also reviewed progress under the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) and the 4G Saturation Project. The ABP is aimed at upgrading the existing BharatNet network, creating incremental network infrastructure for new Gram Panchayats (GPs), connecting non-GP villages on demand and providing 1.5 crore fibre internet connections. As of August 2026, 55,780 km of Optical Fibre Cable had been laid and 28,700 Gram Panchayats had been upgraded and connected under ABP.

The meeting further highlighted the Government's efforts to extend mobile connectivity to remote and uncovered areas through projects funded by the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). These initiatives were aimed at bridging the digital divide and providing 4G connectivity to villages where telecom service providers had not expanded networks due to commercial considerations. As of August 31, 2026, 25,367 mobile towers had been commissioned, covering 35,771 villages/locations across the country. The indigenous 4G stack has been used in the 4G Saturation Project implemented by BSNL. The Roundtable also discussed the Sanchar Saathi initiative and the importance of strengthening coordination between DoT, State/UT Governments, Law Enforcement Agencies, Telecom Service Providers and other stakeholders to combat cybercrime and financial fraud. Sanchar Saathi enables citizens to report suspected fraudulent communications, check mobile connections issued in their name, report unauthorised connections, and block, report and trace lost or stolen mobile devices. The Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) was also highlighted as an important mechanism for intelligence sharing and coordinated action against cyber fraud.

India's regulatory framework for satellite communication services is fair and non-discriminatory

New Delhi, October, 8 (PIB): A post is being circulated in social media regarding the fairness of India's regulatory framework for satellite communication services and suggesting that it is being applied in a discriminatory manner. The Government has put in place a fair and non-discriminatory authorisation framework for all telecommunication services, including satellite communication services. Under this, telecom licences have been granted to three Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite services based on non-geosynchronous satellite orbit based satellite communications, as part of its commitment to enable provision of satellite communication services in India. Under the terms and conditions of license, every such licensee is required to demonstrate compliance with security conditions. This is aimed at ensuring that services provided meet various security requirements to ensure safety of all users and their data. Security assessment as part of this process is currently under way in respect of all the three licensees. As and when this process is completed for a licensed entity, it may proceed to the next step of seeking assignment of spectrum. At present, all the three entities are at broadly the same regulatory stage. As such, the suggestion that the framework or its application is unfair or discriminatory is baseless and misconceived.

Department of Defence Production continues Special Campaign 6.0 with Focus on Swachhata and Reducing Pendency

New Delhi, October, 8 (PIB): Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence has kick-started the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6.0 from October 2 which will continue till October 31, 2026, with a focus on Swachhata and reducing pendency across its offices. This year, the Nation-wide Campaign will also place special emphasis on the effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste. As part of Special Campaign 6.0, the Department has laid particular emphasis on field and outstation offices providing public services, in addition to attached and subordinate offices, Autonomous Bodies and Public Sector Undertakings.

During the preparatory phase of the campaign which lasted between 15th and 30th September 2026, the department conducted various activities including mobilising offices, officers and ground functionaries; identifying pending references and cleanliness campaign sites; assessing redundant material for disposal; planning for efficient space management; disposal of scrap; record management; and identifying measures for effective collection and segregation of e-waste. The Department of Defence Production had previously recorded significant outcomes during Special Campaign 5.0, with 17.42 lakhs sq. ft. of space freed and Rs.15.62 cr. earned through scrap disposal. In addition to this, 27,500 physical files were weeded out and 1,890 electronic files were closed.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Try to put your high confidence to good use today. Despite a hectic day you will still be able to gather back your energy. Today, avoid lending your money to those relatives who have not yet returned the previous amount. Quarrel with wife could lead to mental tension. There is no need to take unnecessary stress. A great thing in life is to learn to accept the things we cannot alter. Likely to share candyfloss and toffees with beloved on the cards. Work at office will gain momentum as colleagues and seniors extend full cooperation. It is okay to complete every task on time, as it gives you a room for yourself at the end of the day. Procrastinating every now and then only adds to the burden. Your life-partner had never been so wonderful than today.
Remedy :- It will be auspicious for family life to have fruit-bearing plants at home.



Taurus

Ruffle of temper could lead to a argument and confrontation. You will make money if you put your savings into conservative investments. You need to be patient with children or those who are less experienced than you are. Today, your lover may feel bad about one of your habits and become annoyed with you. Professional advancements for some. Your magnetic-outgoing personality will capture hearts. This day is like the spring of your life; full of romance, just you and your better-half.
Remedy :- Donate black and white clothing to saints to maintain good health.



Gemini

You are likely to maintain a good health today which will give you the success. But you must avoid anything that will destroy your strength. Surplus money should be invested in real estate. You could also spend some time pursuing your hobbies and helping family members. Be careful as falling in love could be sacrilege for you today. Attending a trade show and seminars will help improve your business contacts. Today, some students of this zodiac sign can spend their time by watching a movie on a laptop or TV. You and your partner really need some space for your married life.
Remedy :- Love life will run smooth by helping needy Kinnars (Eunuchs).



Cancer

You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. An uninvited guest can arrive at your house unexpectedly today, due to which you can spend your money on household items you had thought of buying the next month. Trouble seems to be brewing on the home front so take care of what you say. Forgive bitter trifles in your love life. All the hard work that you had been putting at work will pay you today. Traveling would be pleasurable and highly beneficial. Looks like, you are going to get special attention from your spouse.
Remedy :- Wearing silver jewellery more often will ensure blissful and peaceful family life.



Leo

Avoid high calorie diet and be religious towards your exercise. Financial hassles seem to get over as your parents extend support. Good day to communicate with people whom you rarely meet. You should learn some lessons from your defeats as proposing today may backfire Get involved in jobs which are of creative nature. Amidst your busy life, you will get enough time for yourself today and be able to do your favorite things. The demands of your spouse might give you some stress.
Remedy :- Feed fish to make love life interesting.



Virgo

You will have abundance of energy- but work pressure seems to get you irritated. Monetary gains will be from various sources. A day for renewal of bonds and ties with relations. A lonely phase that has been gripping you for long time ends-as you seem to find your soul mate. You will benefit from the changes occurring at work. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. The day is exclusive in your regular married life, you will experience something really unusual today.
Remedy :- Tending to red plants at home is highly beneficial for health.



Libra

Friends will introduce you to somebody special who would have a remarkable influence on your thoughts. Today, with the help of a native of the opposite sex, you are likely to get financial benefits in business or job. Take the suggestion of your elders before making any changes in the house otherwise it may invite their anger and unhappiness. Your beloved brings you immense romantic pleasure even as work pressure occupies your mind Controversies or office politics; you will rule on everything today. You may give advice to your children regarding time management and how to utilize the time in the most fruitful way. Today, your better half will support you in the most critical thing of your life.
Remedy :- Serving physically challenged and differently enabled persons, and giving them sesame-based savouries will enable happiness in the family.



Scorpio

You would get relief from the tensions and strains of life which you have been experiencing for long. It is right time to change your life style to permanently keep them a bay. Avoid any long-term investments and try to go out and spend some pleasant moments with your good friend. Harsh treatment from father could annoy you. But you need to keep your cool to put things under control. You would be benefited by this. Your devoted and unquestioned love has a magic creative power. Today your artistic and creative ability will attract lot of appreciation and bring you unexpected rewards. The beginning of the day may be a little tiring, but as the day progresses, you will start getting good results.
Remedy :- Lighting Loban incense (dhoop) at home will be good for domestic life.



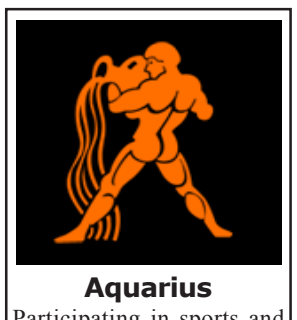
Sagittarius

Expectant mother should take especial care while walking on floor and if possible don?t stand with a friend while he is smoking as it could badly affect the unborn child. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Invitation in a award function of your child would be the source of happiness. You would likely to see your dream coming true as he lives upto your expectations. Your smiles have no meaning-laughter have no sound-heart forgets to beat as you miss the company Although some opposition will arise from people who are working at the senior level- still- it will be important for you to keep a cool head.
Remedy :- Offering Prasad in the form of Jaggery and gram (Chana) will make health better.



Capricorn

Overeating and high calorie diet needs to be avoided. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. If you are going out to hang out with your lover and spend some beautiful moments together, then be careful about the clothes you are wearing. Not abiding by this can annoy your beloved. New ideas would be productive. Today, you will love to spend your day away from all the relatives to a peaceful place. Things might not run as per your wish today, but you will spend a beautiful time with your better half.
Remedy :- Food which have more liquid content in them will increase good health.



Aquarius

Participating in sports and other outdoor activities will help you gather your lost energy. Natives who are employed will require a sustainable amount, but due to unnecessary expenditure done in the past, they won't have enough. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. Understand the feelings of your beloved today. Be discreet and courageous especially in face of opposition that might arise at work place. Charity and social work will attract you today-You can make enormous difference if you give your time for noble cause. People around you might do something that will make your life-partner fall for you again.
Remedy :- To maintain good financial life, keep Silver with a little amount of Basmati rice in locker.



Pisces

Your enormous confidence and easy work schedule brings you enough time to relax today. All the money you had invested in the past to make your future prosperous will reap fruitful results today. Good time for entering a matrimonial alliance. You must convey your message to your sweetheart as it may be very late tomorrow. Despite overburdened with work, you can remain energetic at your workplace. Today, you can complete all your tasks before the given scheduled time. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Today, you will know that how does it feel to have a wonderful life-partner.
Remedy :- Love life will become better by donating green clothing to economically weaker section.

Indian Coast Guard conducts 12th National Maritime Search & Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) off Paradip coast in Odisha



New Delhi, October, 8 (PIB): The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) off Paradip, Odisha, under the aegis of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) on October 08, 2026. Under the theme "Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety", the exercise brought together maritime and aeronautical agencies to demonstrate operational readiness, interoperability and coordinated response to mass rescue operations at sea. The exercise was reviewed by Director General Paramesh Sivamani, DG, ICG and witnessed participation from Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force, Shipping Corporation of India, Directorate General of Shipping, Fisheries, Customs, Marine Police, Paradip Port Authority, and Odisha State Administration. 32 observers from 30 countries also participated in the exercise, marking a significant step towards strengthening international cooperation in maritime Search and Rescue. Their participation facilitated exchange of best practices, enhanced global interoperability and reaffirmed India's role as a dependable maritime Search and Rescue partner in the region. The assets deployed included 15 Coast Guard ships, three Dornier aircraft, three Advance Light Helicopters, one Chetak helicopter, IAF C-130J and Mi-17 aircraft, two Indian Navy ships, along with civil and state resources and shore-based support units. The sea drill simulated a Mass Rescue Operation following a concurrent aeronautical and maritime distress emergency.

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