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Dear colleagues,

I am very happy that the 9th edition of 'Sanchar Samvaad' for the quarter ending 30th September 2023 is being published. This is a quarterly newsletter of DG Telecom family, in which all the LSAs showcase their activities. India had the privilege of chairing G20 and hosting no. of meetings of G20 nations during the last one year – concluding with the summit held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi during 8th to 10th Sept 2023. Our LSAs ensured excellent quality telecom services during more than 200 G-20 meetings spread across various cities and venues in the country. Delhi LSA played significant role in providing seamless telecom connectivity in the G-20 summit meet. To arrest the misuse of telecom resources, the emphasis is rapidly shifting to ensure the bonafide usage of telecom services including adequate verification of customers.

have been issued to LSAs in September 2023 to do the analysis of suspected numbers reported on Cyber Police Portal. LSAs are also doing remarkable jobs in curbing the illegal telecom set ups. The minimum roll-out obligation of 5G services in both FR-1 (3.3 GHz) and FR-2 (26 GHz) band have been completed by Airtel and RJIL across all 22 LSAs. LSAs have verified the 5G roll-out services and issued the compliance certificate to TSPs. More than 3.7 lakhs 5G BTSs have been installed by TSPs across 717 districts. I am happy that the testing has been completed by the LSAs before the due date of roll-out obligation. Various programmes have been started by MHA such as Border Area Development Program, Vibrant Villages Program etc to improve the quality of living in border villages. The telecom connectivity in border villages is to be monitored by the LSAs and is being monitored centrally at DGT HQ as well so as to cover all the border villages/ habitations in a time-bound manner. On the recommendations of LSAs, the uncovered villages have been sent to USOF for inclusion in 4G saturation project. The website of DG Telecom has been shifted to NIC with URL dgtelecom.gov.in. All the LSAs have been onboarded onto the DG portal. All MIS reports of various verticals have to be submitted by the LSAs through this portal only. This will help in seamless, efficient and secure flow of information/ data across various stakeholders; apart from making our working more efficient & resource saving. It has been our endeavor to reduce the compliance burden of TSPs. Hitherto more than 70 periodic monthly/ quarterly reports were being submitted by TSPs across the LSAs. This count has been reduced to one third – that is 23 only. The charter of duties of field units have been revised in this quarter. Some of the works have been completed and some new works related to emerging technologies, AI/ ML, NBM have been assigned to the LSAs. To mitigate the shortage of staff in LSAs, Deputation of Group B officers from BSNL has been completed. Admin & HR vertical of DGT HQ has played a significant role in this activity. LSAs have also been empowered to take consultants against vacant Group-B posts. Regional workshops related to security matters have also been started in this quarter. First workshop of west zone was held at Ahmedabad in Sept-2023 and issues related to cyber frauds, telecom frauds, CEIR, TAF COP, ASTR, CMS were discussed during the workshop. A number of presentations and panel discussions were also held during this workshop. Such workshops provide a platform for closer interaction and knowledge sharing among various stakeholders – viz the LEAs, the TSPs, and the Telegraph Authority. We intend to have more such workshops at regional level among different verticals. USOF 4G saturation project has been launched to provide 4G network across all villages by Sept-2024. Total of 18,173 sites have been planned by BSNL under 4G saturation project. Our LSAs shall make all efforts in proliferation of 4G network across the rural India. Let us facilitate the TSPs in acquiring land and other infrastructure from state Govt. to provide the mobile connectivity under 4G saturation project and other USOF schemes. Long term capacity building in the Telecom Sector is an important mainstay of all these activities. Let our field units make proactive efforts for proliferation of capacity building and skill development initiatives being undertaken by the HQs.

I extend my greetings to all of you and your family members for the coming festive season.

With Best Wishes

Satinder Kumar Jain

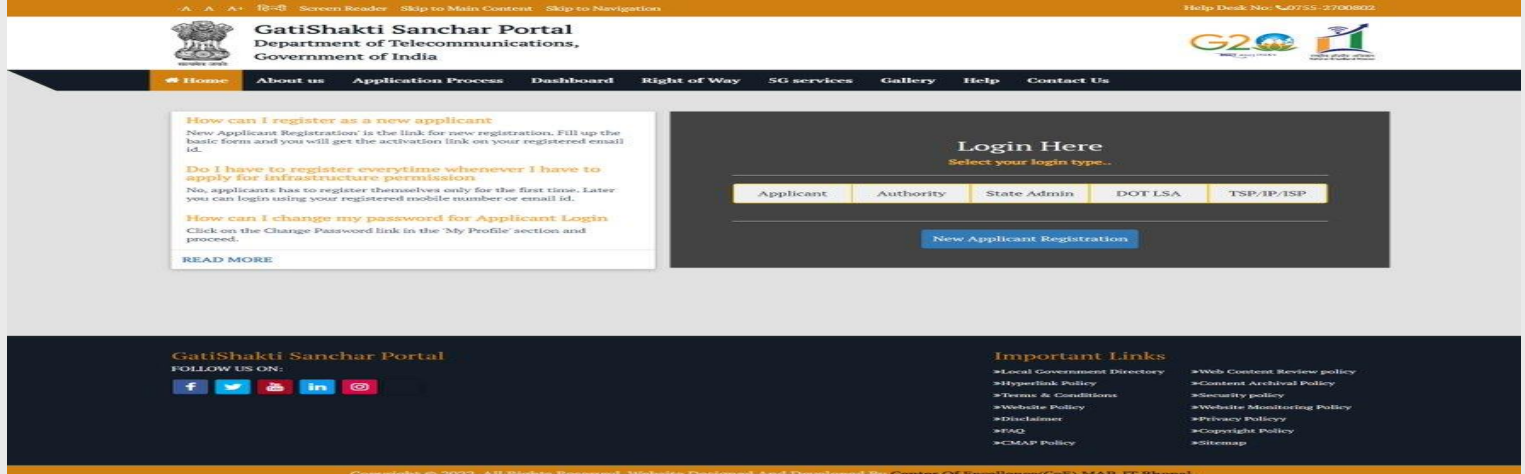
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**National Broadband Mission:**

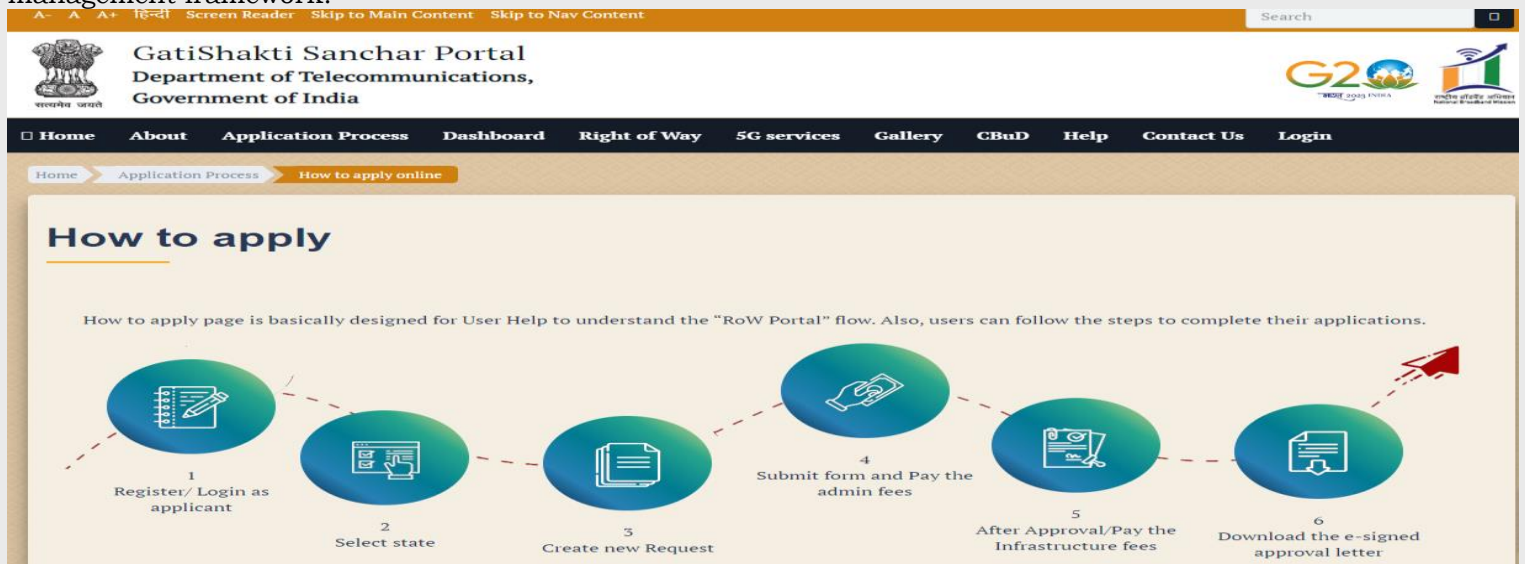


In August 2023, the Ministry of Defence introduced the Right of Way (RoW) Portal for Air Force Stations, a cutting-edge digital platform aimed at streamlining and speeding up obtaining permissions for infrastructure projects on Air Force properties. This portal revolutionizes the way RoW requests are managed by providing a centralized, transparent, and secure system for submitting, tracking, and approving applications. It enhances coordination, ensures compliance with security standards, and significantly reduces administrative burdens. By going live, this innovative portal represents a crucial step forward in modernizing and safeguarding Air Force installations, ultimately bolstering national security.

Recognizing the advantages and efficiency of the Central Right of Way (RoW) portal known as "GatiShakti Sanchar," the state of Goa took a proactive step by discontinuing its independent RoW portal. In September 2023, Goa's authorities approached the National Board of Meters (NBM) with a request to develop a dedicated RoW portal for the state, fully integrated into the GatiShakti Sanchar framework.

This strategic move reflects a broader trend towards harmonizing and centralizing RoW management to ensure consistency and standardization in the approval process for critical infrastructure projects. By adopting the GatiShakti Sanchar platform, Goa aims to streamline and expedite the RoW request and approval procedures, thereby fostering more efficient deployment of telecommunication networks, utilities, and other essential infrastructure.

The integration of Goa's RoW portal with the national GatiShakti Sanchar system aligns with the government's objectives of facilitating the ease of doing business, enhancing transparency, and promoting investments in critical sectors. This collaborative approach not only simplifies administrative processes but also ensures that Goa remains in sync with the national agenda, leveraging the capabilities of a robust, centralized RoW management system. The move is expected to benefit both the state and the nation by promoting a unified, secure, and efficient RoW management framework.



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**Delhi LSA:**



Delhi LSA has coordinated Digital Communication Infrastructure activities for the prestigious G20 Leaders' Summit held on 9-10 September 2023 at Bharat Mandapam. To ensure seamless coverage across all the locations within convention centre, media centres etc., Delhi LSA carried out necessary testing on assigned days and shared the key observations, which facilitated in ensuring world class telecom service at the venue, to the highest satisfaction of all participants.

It's great pleasure to place on record that, Delhi LSA DoT was called by our Hon'ble PM for sharing the experience in arrangement or in facilitating of world class telecom infra in G-20 event followed by GALA dinner. Delhi LSA DoT has been allotted first and second rows for sitting.

As part of the Department of Telecommunications' (DoT) public advocacy program to dispel misconceptions about EMF radiation, DoT Delhi LSA organized an awareness workshop on EMF emissions from mobile towers at Antriksh Nature Society in NOIDA on September 27, 2023. An expert panel, including senior officers from Delhi LSA and doctors, addressed citizens' concerns and debunked myths and misinformation related to health hazards associated with radiation from mobile towers.

**Haryana LSA:** Reliance Jio 5G testing (MRO Phase-1) in 26GHz band and 3300 MHz conducted at Karnal on 07 August 2023 by HR-LSA. The measured signal and throughput for 26GHz band was around -55 dBm & 558 Mbps and for 3300 MHz band, measured signal strength and download throughput was around -62.3 dBm, -73.9 & 523.25 Mbps, 502.80 Mbps.

Bharti AIRTEL 5G testing (MRO Phase-1) in 26GHz band conducted at Ambala on 10 August 2023 by HR-LSA. The measured signal and throughput for 26GHz band was around -87 dBm & 409 Mbps. The testing conducted at Nilokheri (Karnal) and for 3300 MHz band on 10 August 2023, measured signal strength and download throughput was around -65 dBm & 352 Mbps.

Haryana LSA observed Hindi Pakhwada with organization of no. of activities from 19th September to 21st September 2023. On day one, Hindi Essay Competition was organized followed by Hindi Quiz on day two and Hindi Recitation was organized on 3rd day of Hindi Pakhwada. Finally on 27th September Additional DG HR LSA Shri Amit Singal distributed prizes to all the winners of Hindi Pakhwada Competition. Additional DG in his speech encouraged offices to communicate more & more in Hindi language and try to use Hindi in Noting & Drafting as well.

From September 26, 2023, the Haryana LSA celebrated Swachhta Week in four distinct phases. First, all employees took the Swachhta pledge, reaffirming their commitment to cleanliness. On September 27, a Swachhta quiz was conducted to raise awareness and test knowledge on cleanliness and hygiene. In the third phase, on September 29, a tree plantation drive was organized to promote environmental sustainability. Finally, on October 1, 2023, a special campaign for "Garbage Free India" was conducted as part of the Swachhata hi Seva drive. This comprehensive celebration of Swachhta Week showcased a holistic approach to cleanliness, encompassing employee commitment, knowledge dissemination, environmental responsibility, and a focused campaign to keep India clean.



**UP East LSA:** On September 4, 2023, the ATS UP Police, in collaboration with TSP representatives, conducted raids in Azamgarh and Mirzapur, leading to FIRs against seven individuals. These accused operated illegal telecom setups, using virtual and physical SIM Boxes to route international VoIP calls as local Indian calls, bypassing the ILD gateway.

A Telecom Awareness Program was conducted at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) Jhansi on 12.09.2023. The Awareness Program covered various useful topics like Telecom General Awareness, PM-WANI, Telecom Security Aspects, Effects of EMF Radiation on body and 5G and its use cases.

SBC meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary UP Govt. successfully at 1st Floor, Lok Bhawan, Lucknow on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Many pending issues have been discussed and instructions issued by CS UP to concern UP Govt officers for necessary action in most cases.

5G rollout testing took place in Lucknow on August 9-10, 2023, in the 26 GHz and 3300 MHz bands. M/s Bharti Airtel Limited and M/s Reliance Jio Infocom Limited were allocated the spectrum.



**MP LSA:** On July 26, 2023, a registration certificate for Machine-to-Machine (M2M) services was issued to Madhya Pradesh Madhya Khestra Vidyut Vitran Company Ltd (MPMKVCL). This was achieved through a distribution event ceremony conducted on the same date.



On September 20, 2023, a meeting with DG Prisons in Bhopal discussed Towers for Harmonious Call Blocking System (T-HCBS). The DG advised the ADG Prisons to examine the results of similar towers in Punjab and Gujarat for future discussions.



MPLSA Bhopal and CCA MP staff participated in a "Shramdan for cleanliness" drive, cleaning the premises of Gayatri Temple in Bhopal. A rally promoting cleanliness was also organized on the occasion.



**AP LSA:** LSA conducted a regional workshop on M2M/IoT Security and Use Cases on July 28, 2023, at FTCCI Surana Auditorium, Hyderabad. The event, held in a hybrid mode, covered topics such as M2M/IoT technology, security, standardization, use cases, and policy overview. A total of 130 participants, including 75 physical attendees and 55 virtual participants, representing the Central Government, AP & Telangana State Governments and Various Telecom/Internet/M2M Service Providers attended the workshop.



An awareness program on EMF Radiation and Cybersecurity was conducted, with over 200 students actively participating. The sessions covered EMF Awareness, Cybersecurity challenges, and Social Engineering and Deep Fake Risks. The program received appreciation from the faculty at the Government Institute for Electronics in Hyderabad. Additionally, a quiz on these topics was conducted by Shri Arun Kumar V, ADG, in which students actively participated.



**Rajasthan LSA:** On August 18, 2023, a Regional Seminar on IoT and M2M use cases and security was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, with participants from Rajasthan, MP, and Gujarat LSAs. Shri Ajay Kumar Sahu, Member (Services) DCC, Shri Sidharth Pokharna, Addl. DGT, Mrs. Neelam Singhal, Sr. DDG, and Shri Sanjay Kumar, CGMT BSNL Rajasthan, conducted the seminar.



A program was organized on 03.08.2023 on National Organ Donation Day by the office of Additional Director General of Telecommunications, Department of Telecommunications, Rajasthan License Service Area, Jaipur in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Jhalana Dungri office.



**Punjab LSA:** On August 17, 2023, a workshop session on CEIR and ASTR operations was held for Chandigarh Police. Each police station was represented by one or two officials who attended the session. The workshop included a live demonstration of the CEIR module and a presentation on ASTR. Queries from the police officials were addressed, and they were instructed to act based on traceability reports generated on the CEIR Portal.



Participation in the Swachhta Hi Sewa 2023 campaign involved all officers in drives at various locations, including Community Park in Sector 70, Shahi Majra in Mohali, and Government School in Sector 3B1, Mohali.



**Bihar LSA:**

In August 2023, the Rural Vertical of Bihar License Service Area (LSA) embarked on a comprehensive assessment focused on the affordability and the AAA principles (Availability, Accessibility, and Affordability) of broadband services in rural Bihar. This initiative sought to bridge the digital divide and make quality broadband services more accessible to the rural population. The culmination of this study resulted in a set of vital recommendations presented to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Office in mid-August 2023, aimed at facilitating the proliferation of DoT Broadband in these underserved areas.

The assessment process was meticulous and inclusive. Officers from the Rural Vertical engaged with 307 individuals, representing various demographics concerning age, digital literacy, and geographical location, encompassing rural and rural-near-urban settings. This approach ensured a well-rounded understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to broadband access and affordability in rural Bihar.

To further enrich their findings, the team gathered input from all four Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). This input was instrumental in assessing the availability of network infrastructure and the relevance of tariff plans in the region. The collaborative effort between the Rural Vertical, local communities, and TSPs aimed to foster the development of affordable and accessible broadband services, thereby contributing to the digital empowerment of rural Bihar's population.

**Kerala LSA:** On August 9, 2023, a 4G/5G Use Cases workshop took place in Thiruvananthapuram. Chief Secretary Dr. V. Venu inaugurated it, and officials like Smt. V. Sobhana, Dr. Ratan U. Kelkar, Ms. Anu Kumari IAS and DDGs from Kerala LSA participated. LSA and the CCA of DOT Kerala Circle jointly organized the 1st Telecom Outreach Programme in Ernakulam. Smt. Sobhana V., Addl. DGT Kerala, inaugurated the event. Licensees actively participated, discussing technical and financial matters, UL agreement conditions, PM-WANI, CBUd, Sanchar Saathi portal, Trusted Telecom portal, Tarang Sanchar portal, and other licensee-related issues.



**Karnataka LSA:** During the G20 meeting in Hampi, Karnataka from July 9th to 16th, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Karnataka LSA team, in collaboration with telecom service providers (TSPs), assessed mobile and internet connectivity and monitored coverage. Following DoT's instructions, TSPs set up 7 COW sites, 1 GBT site, 2 pole sites, and an IBS at the G20 conference venue to enhance coverage. Special DGT of Karnataka LSA, along with DDG Compliance and DDG Technology, inspected G20 meeting locations and reviewed TSPs' coverage.

During 'Hindi Pakhwada' 2023 (14.09.2023 to 27.09.2023), the Karnataka LSA, conducted an 'English to Hindi Translation' competition and 'Hindi Dictation' competition on 25/09/2023, followed by an 'Antakshari' competition of Hindi songs on 26/09/2023. All three events saw active participation and enthusiasm from officers and employees. In the closing ceremony on 27/09/2023, Special Director General Telecom, Shri Vinod Abraham, presented awards to the competition winners.



**Odisha LSA:** On September 22, 2023, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Odisha LSA, organized a successful seminar on "5G Use Cases in Agriculture" at Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology in Chiplima, Sambalpur. The event drew 200 participants and was marked by high interactivity. The entire audience greatly appreciated the seminar's informative content and engaging discussions, making it a valuable gathering for the agricultural community.

On August 10, 2023, in the presence of the Additional Director General of Telecom, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Odisha LSA, successfully conducted Phase-I Rollout testing of 5G sites operating in the 26 GHz and 3300 MHz bands, allocated to M/s Bharti Airtel Limited. The testing took place in Bhubaneswar, marking a significant step toward the deployment of 5G services in the region.



**West Bengal LSA:** On July 25, 2023, the DoT, West Bengal LSA, hosted an online awareness workshop regarding the Rollout of the CBUd (Call before u Dig) application. The event, held on July 24, 2023, saw active participation from 120 Municipalities and 16 Development Authorities of the Government of West Bengal. This initiative aimed to promote safe and informed excavation practices in the region.



On August 4, 2023, the Department of Telecommunications, West Bengal LSA, conducted service testing for Jio's 5G services on the 3300 MHz band in Santipur, Nadia District, West Bengal. Remarkably, the testing revealed an impressive data speed of 721 Mbps, showcasing the capabilities of 5G technology in the region.



**Tamil Nadu LSA:** During the 44th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) meeting for Tamil Nadu on September 5, 2023, organized by RBI and chaired by Shri. Shiv Das Meena, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, officers from TN LSA delivered a comprehensive presentation. They covered topics such as KYC, ASTR, DIU, Sanchar Saathi, and the Cyber Police Portal. The presentation highlighted DoT's proactive measures to combat financial and cybercrimes. The meeting also saw the participation of senior officers from various government departments and regulatory bodies, including the Finance Department, Cyber Crime division, Economic Offences Wing of the Tamil Nadu Government, ROC, and TRAI Hyderabad.

Facilitated meetings for four Telecom Startups to present their innovative 5G Use Cases in areas such as Water and Sewage Management, Fisheries, and Smart Cities/Surveillance. These presentations were made to the relevant authorities in the Government of Puducherry, with the objective of exploring potential collaborations and partnerships for the future.

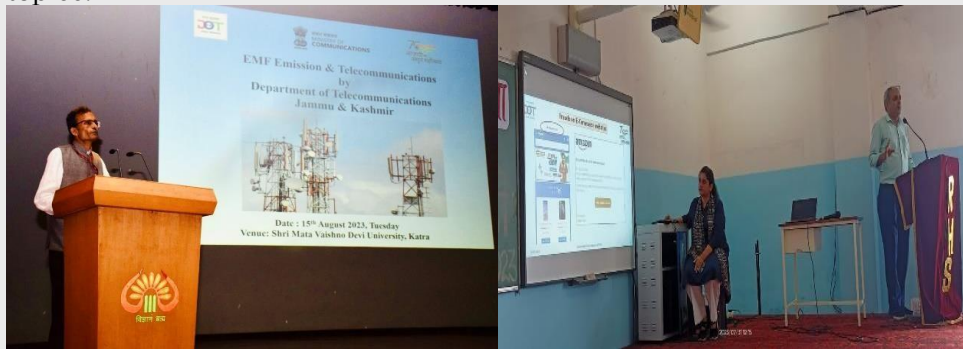
TN LSA officials, as part of the organizing team, played a pivotal role in coordinating and participating in the "Advances in Optical Communications" Workshop at IIT Madras on July 22 and 23, 2023. They also actively contributed during the visit of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications to the 5G Testbed at IIT Madras Research Park.

The LSA organized a workshop on 5G use cases involving 14 startups in the Health and Agriculture & Dairy sectors. These startups presented their innovative ideas to the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Government of Tamil Nadu, with a focus on collaboration with specific state agencies.



**J&K LSA:** On August 15, 2023, Sh. Arun Agarwal, DDG (A) of J&K LSA, DoT, delivered a session on EMF emission and Telecommunication at Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University in Katra. The session was held in the presence of the respected Vice Chancellor, faculty members, officers, and students, as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Commemoration.

The Security vertical of J&K LSA conducted an awareness workshop on 'Cyber Jagrookta Diwas' at Rich Harvest School in Bari Brahmana, Jammu, on August 1, 2023. The workshop aimed to sensitize students about cybercrimes, cybersecurity threats, online safety, and other school safety topics.

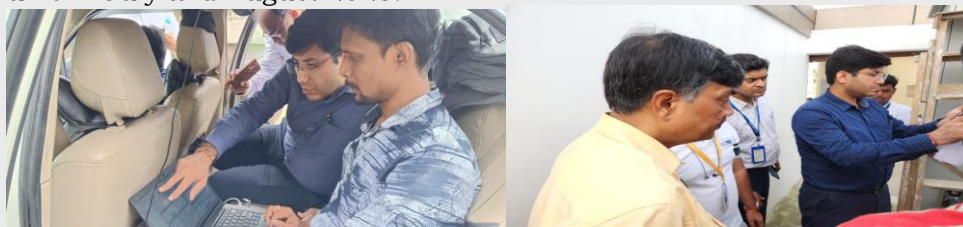


**HP LSA:** In July and August 2023 heavy rains, landslides and cloudbursts disrupted Himachal Pradesh's telecom network. HP LSA, in coordination with TSPs, SDMA, and state officials promptly restored it, offering priority access, diesel for tower DGs, helicopter services, drones, and Intra-circle roaming to maintain vital connectivity for relief and rescue operations.



Addl DGT, HP LSA, Smt Deepika Khosla had a meeting with the Chief Secy, Govt of HP, Sh Prabodh Saxena, IAS on 14-9-23 to discuss various telecom projects and issues in the state.

**Kolkata LSA:** The MRO testing for the Phase-I rollout of 5G in the 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands, involving M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. (RJIL) and M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd., was successfully conducted by Kolkata LSA unit in July and August 2023.



**Gujarat LSA:** As part of India's G-20 presidency, the third Trade and Investment Working Group Meeting was organised between 10-12 July 2023 at Kevadiya Gujarat. Wherein under the theme of "Rebuilding a Resilient World," the G20 Kevadia Summit provided a platform for DOT to showcase its expertise on various aspects of digital transformation including shortest distance, line of sight and 5G planning tools developed under PM GATISHAKTI, DoT was represented by DDG Rural Shri Ashish Thakar, LSA Gujarat.

On September 27, 2023, the "Annual West Zone Workshop for Security Related Matters with LEAs & LSAs" was successfully organized in Ahmedabad. The workshop was hosted by LSA Gujarat under the leadership of Addl. DG Gujarat Shri Ajatshatru Somani at Ramada Hotel in Ahmedabad. DGT HQ New Delhi as well as Additional DGs from Rajasthan LSA, M.P LSA, Mumbai LSA, and Maharashtra LSA with their respective teams also graced the occasion. LEAs from Rajasthan, M.P, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra actively participated in the event. More than 100 participants attended the event, making it a grand success.



**Northeast LSA:** DDG SC Arunachal Pradesh participated in a TRAI Consumer Outreach Programme in Naharlagun, Itanagar on July 26, 2023. In the keynote address they highlighted Arunachal Telecom Perspective, USO-funded 4G Saturation projects, EMR radiation awareness, and DoT's Sanchar Saathi portal.



Phase-I 5G Rollout testing for the 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited was conducted on August 9, 2023, in Agartala.



The 5th State Business Conclave (SBC) meeting, chaired by Meghalaya's Chief Secretary on August 31, 2023, addressed site issues, pending Forest ROW matters, pending EB connections, and discussed telecom infrastructure policy, building by-laws addendum, and DCRI.

**Mumbai LSA:** Three EMF Awareness programs were conducted on July 21, August 31, and September 13, 2023, as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). Over 50 students and faculty participated in the workshops with the aim of dispelling myths about mobile tower radiation and conveying that it is safe for health. An interactive quiz and prize distribution engaged students with enthusiasm and curiosity, successfully achieving the workshop's objectives.



**Maharashtra LSA:** MH LSA, Pune, organized an EMF Awareness Workshop at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hinjewadi, on September 12, 2023. Over 60 engineering students participated, receiving a demonstration of EMR measurement using the Narda SRM 3006 Tool. DOT officers delivered informative lectures on subjects including cyber security and 5G use cases. Reliance Jio successfully completed phase-1 of 5G testing in Pune, Maharashtra LSA. Testing in the 26GHz band in Shanti Nagar, Wanowrie showed signal strength at -74 dBm and download throughput of 700 Mbps. In the 3300 MHz band at Wadagon, Maval, signal strength was -7 dBm, and download throughput reached 400 Mbps.





**UP West LSA:** UPW LSA DoT Meerut accomplished Phase-I 5G TDD Rollout Obligation Testing for Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited on 10.08.2023 and Bharti Airtel Limited on 14.08.2023 in the 3300 MHz and 26 GHz Spectrum Bands at Mangal Pandey Nagar, Meerut. Shri Kamal Bhagat, DDG (C), and other dignitaries were present for the successful testing.

On Sep 21, 2023, Compliance and Security Vertical officers in UP (West) LSA held EMR Awareness & Cyber Security Workshop at Meerut's ITI. About 80 students and faculty participated.



**Assam LSA:** On September 22, 2023, Assam LSA organized a workshop titled "Start-ups of Assam - Innovating in Communication Technology and 5G Use Cases." The event featured speakers from IIT Guwahati Research Park Foundation, Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd, Olatus System Private Limited, and the Defense and Space Robotics Laboratory, who showcased their products and delivered lectures. Participants from Assam State Govt, Assam Electronics Development Corporation, Skill Development, Assam Disaster Management Authority, Reliance Jio, BSNL, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone, Major ISP and DoT LSA officials and Officers had attended this workshop.



**OBITUARY:**



We deeply mourn the sudden demise of Shri U.V Ramana DDG (Technology) Odisha LSA, DoT on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023  
Your Sudden death has left a great void.  
May Your Soul Rest in Peace

**From the Desk of Chief. Editor**

I am very happy to release the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of our quarterly newsletter "Sanchar Samvaad". I would take this opportunity to appreciate all LSAs for their commendable work in the field. I am thankful to them for their support in showcasing all the activities in this newsletter. In this quarter we have done remarkable works such as seamless connectivity in G-20 meetings, reduction of compliance burden under ease of doing business, revision of charter of duties of field units as well as DGT HQ, 5G roll-out obligation testing, provision of staff and space to LSAs etc. Under the guidance and support of our DG Telecom, Regional workshops related to security matters has also been started in this quarter. First workshop was held at Ahmedabad in Sept-2023 and issues related to cyber frauds, telecom frauds, CEIR, TAFCOP, ASTR, CMS were discussed followed by number of presentations and panel discussions.



Citizen centric initiatives taken by DoT such as Sanchar Saathi, CEIR etc are also discussed during the workshop. We should conduct more such workshops at regional level amongst different verticals. Telecom connectivity across villages including border villages in country have been monitored by LSAs. LSAs are also facilitating TSPs and coordinating with state govt. for provision of land acquisition and other infrastructure for tower installation under USOF schemes. LSAs across India have been commendably active in hosting various awareness programs, workshops, and coordination meetings pertinent to telecom and technology. Their endeavours in signing MoUs for skill development in 5G and 6G technologies, conducting workshops on Machine-to-Machine/Internet of Things (M2M/IoT), and Electromagnetic Field (EMF) awareness will undoubtedly aid in network rollouts and harnessing the potential of the latest technologies. DGT MIS portal have been created and all LSAs have onboarded onto the DG portal. Now, all MIS reports of various verticals have to be submitted by the LSAs through this portal only. This will make our working more efficient & resource saving.

It will be more important than ever that we do all our due diligence in every aspect of the DGT organization and be at our absolute best while elevating those around us. Since, the festive season is very much in, I extend my heartiest greetings and good wishes to everyone.

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