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Message from the Director General Telecom

Telecommunications today is not merely about networks and infrastructure; it is about trust, resilience, and inclusion. As India's digital ecosystem expands rapidly, the Department of Telecommunications continues to play a pivotal role in enabling reliable connectivity while safeguarding citizen interests.



Shri Ramesh Kumar Goyal
Director General Telecom

This edition of Sanchar Samvaad presents a cross-section of ongoing efforts across the country, touching upon areas such as State Broadband Committee deliberations, preparedness for international engagements, expansion of 5G use-case laboratories, cyber security awareness initiatives, and coordination with law-enforcement agencies for handset recovery and fraud prevention. Together, these reflect the Department's sustained focus on strengthening systems and improving outcomes on the ground.

I am encouraged by the dedication and professionalism displayed by officers across LSAs in translating policy objectives into effective field-level action. Such consistent efforts, often carried out quietly, are essential for building a secure, inclusive, and future-ready telecom ecosystem.

I compliment all contributors for their efforts in bringing out this edition and trust that *Sanchar Samvaad* will continue to serve as a meaningful platform for sharing experiences, best practices, and collective progress within the Department.

With best wishes,
Director General Telecom
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UP West:- A 5G Lab Experiment Book was launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, on 09.12.2025. The book was prepared by Shri Ashok Kumar, DDG (R2/T) and Shri Sanjay Madhukar, ADG (R2/T), UP West LSA. It contains well-structured practical experiments covering key aspects of 5G technology, including 5G features, 5G Core, 5G New Radio (NR), and diverse 5G use cases. The publication aims to promote hands-on learning, enhance technical skills, and provide practical exposure to next-generation telecom technologies for students, researchers, and professionals.



A State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting for Uttar Pradesh was held on 11.11.2025 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh to discuss telecom-related issues linked to the overall development of the State. Officers from UPW LSA, UPE LSA, BSNL, State departments, and representatives from industry bodies such as COAI and DIPA participated. The meeting focused on stakeholder coordination and strengthening telecom infrastructure to improve digital connectivity and broadband services across the State.



North East LSA :- Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications, Dr. P. Chandra Sekhar, interacted with officials of DoT NELSA at Dimapur Airport during his two-day visit to Nagaland from 07 to 08 December 2025. During the interaction, telecom-related issues and ongoing initiatives in the region were briefly discussed. A Working Committee under SBC meeting was held on 16 December 2025 in Shillong, where NE LSA, DoT presented key issues on EB, RoW, BharatNet, and Model Building Bye-laws. A training session on the CEIR Portal and its usage was conducted by Sh. Manoj Kumar, ADG (Security) at Dimapur, Nagaland, organized by Nagaland Police for nodal officers and district users. The session emphasized hands-on training covering login creation, generation of traceability reports, case transfer procedures, and improved handset recovery mechanisms. Participants gained practical insights to enhance effective utilization of the CEIR system.



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Assam LSA:- The Assam Licensed Service Area (LSA) of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) achieved the national runner-up position among all LSAs at the India Mobile Congress 2025, held in New Delhi on 8 October 2025. This recognition highlights Assam LSA's consistent efforts and excellence in telecom administration and service delivery. The award was presented by Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, DoT, and was received by Shri Suresh Puri, Additional Director General, Assam LSA. The ceremony was attended by senior government officials, industry leaders, and key stakeholders from across the telecom ecosystem, marking a significant achievement for Assam LSA.

A seminar on Vigilance Awareness was organized on 30.10.2025 by BSNL Assam in collaboration with Assam LSA as part of Vigilance Awareness Week-2025. The Addl. DGT, Assam LSA, attended as Chief Guest, delivered an address on vigilance awareness, followed by a presentation on Cybersecurity Awareness by the Director (Security), Assam LSA. The programme witnessed active participation from over 20 attendees.

In alignment with the national campaign under the Fit India Movement, Assam LSA organized the Fit India Freedom Run on 31.10.2025. The run commenced from the LSA Office at BSNL Bhawan, Guwahati, and concluded at Nehru Park, Guwahati. Reflecting this year's theme, 'Swachhchta and Swasthya' (Cleanliness and Health), a cleanliness drive was also conducted, promoting civic responsibility, healthy living, and collective action among participants.



Haryana LSA :- LSA successfully organized a workshop on "Orientation of LSA Officers for ITU Plenipotentiary Conference-2026" from 16-17 December 2025 at Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana, aimed at enhancing preparedness and understanding of officers for the upcoming international conference.

Haryana LSA welcomed DGT on 08.11.2025 and conducted 5G EMR testing and infrastructure inspection at the site. During the last quarter, 3,126 lost or stolen mobile phones were successfully recovered through the CEIR platform in coordination with Law Enforcement Agencies and returned to rightful owners, highlighting the Department's commitment to citizen-centric services and effective inter-agency collaboration.



Delhi LSA:- The Heads of LSAs Meet was held at IMC 2025, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 08.10.2025, where Delhi LSA received a special appreciation award for its role in ITU WTSA 2024 and other major events.

Delhi LSA held a meeting on 05.12.2025 with Delhi-based Co-operative Banks to raise awareness on FRI. Representatives from 10 banks recognized the benefits of the FRI and DIU portal.



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HP LSA:- The Annual Security Conference of North Zone States and UTs was held on 06.11.2025 at Solan, Himachal Pradesh, with participation from Punjab, Haryana, HP, J&K, Ladakh, Chandigarh, UP (E) and UP (W). Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom), delivered the keynote address virtually. Senior officers from DoT and security agencies addressed the conference. Ten Districts/Railway Police Zones were felicitated for CEIR-based handset recovery, and a booklet on illegal telecom setups busted (01.04.2025–30.09.2025) was released. On 11.12.2025, Sh. Anil Kumar Gupta, Addl. DGT, HP LSA, DoT, visited Kullu district to review the progress of the Amended BharatNet Project. During the visit, he inspected pole installation and aerial cable-laying work and interacted with site engineers and BSNL representatives to assess the quality and execution of the project. The visit aimed to ensure adherence to standards and timely completion of the BharatNet infrastructure in the district.



Bihar LSA:- Mr. Babu Ram, Addl. DG(T), Bihar LSA, participated in a Radio Mirchi Patna talk show, highlighting the role of DoT in LSAs and the benefits of the AI-based Sanchar Saathi tool for cybersecurity and recovery of lost or stolen mobile handsets. He also discussed the rapid evolution of the telecom sector over three decades, covering the transition from landlines and dial-up internet to broadband, FTTH, and the mobile journey from 2G to 5G, with insights on the upcoming 6G and national telecom stack.



DGT HQ: - O/o DGT organized Fit India Run 6.0 on 31 October 2025 under the Fit India Movement, promoting fitness, health awareness, and a culture of wellness among government officials and citizens.



Andhra Pradesh LSA :- On 29th November 2025, AP LSA, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Pr. CCA Telangana and JNTU Hyderabad, organized an awareness session on citizen-centric services. ADG Sri Alen Anurag spoke on cyber hygiene, security, and EMF radiation, covering mobile tower radiation, Sanchar Saathi initiative, and cybercrime awareness. Hundreds of students, faculty, and officers actively participated.



From 10–18 December 2025, M/s Fugro Survey (India) Pvt. Ltd. conducted an inshore survey for the India–Asia–Express (IAX) CV18 Cable System along Machilipatnam coast. AP LSA DoT officials oversaw compliance with security guidelines, while Reliance Jio and SubCom coordinated technical activities. The survey covered bathymetry, seabed characterization, sound velocity, coastal morphology, and environmental assessment for safe cable installation and route planning.



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Rajasthan LSA:- A workshop on “Digital Defense: Mastering Cyber Hygiene” was conducted at Manipal University, Jaipur, attended by officers from RAJ LSA. Sh. Mukesh Kr Chauhan, Addl DGT, highlighted cyber fraud awareness and the Sanchar Saathi Portal/App, while Sh. Ajeet Sharma, Dir(C) shared key cyber hygiene tips. The session aimed to strengthen officers’ understanding of cybersecurity and equip them to promote safe digital practices among the public.



Under the Swachhhta Hi Seva-2025 campaign of Swachhhta Pakhwada, the Department of Telecommunications, Rajasthan LSA, led by Addl. DGT Sh. Mukesh Kumar Chauhan, organized a cleanliness awareness rally. Officers and staff cleaned the route from the office building to Gandhi Circle, promoting public awareness on sanitation.



Odisha LSA:- SLBC Odisha and DoT Odisha LSA conducted an awareness programme on integrating DoT’s Financial Fraud Risk Indicators (FRIs) with banks and financial institutions in Bhubaneswar on 24th October 2024. Over 40 bankers and RBI representatives participated, enhancing understanding of fraud detection and prevention mechanisms.

DoT Odisha LSA conducted awareness programs on Citizen-Centric Services via the Sanchar Saathi Portal at various institutes and set up a stall at Kalinga Book Fair 2025. Visitors actively engaged with initiatives like cybersecurity, 5G labs, and CBuD, appreciating the informative and interactive sessions.

An awareness camp was organized by the Admin Vertical of DoT Odisha LSA under the guidance of Addl. DGT from 6th to 17th December 2025. During the camp, various DoT initiatives including the Sanchar Saathi App, CBuD portal, and Tarang Sanchar portal were demonstrated to visitors, highlighting their features and benefits. The sessions witnessed enthusiastic participation, with visitors showing keen interest and appreciation. The stall was recognized by the organizers of the 7th Odisha State Book Fair as one of the best-visited stalls, reflecting the success of the outreach efforts.



MP LSA:- An Orientation Programme-cum-Welcome Kit Distribution Ceremony for Sanchar Mitras from local Bhopal institutes was held on 14.11.2025, attended by 72 students and 6 Nodal Officers from 3 institutes. During the event, welcome kits containing T-shirts, bags, and diaries with information on citizen-centric initiatives like Sanchar Saathi were distributed. The Sanchar Mitras received training to enable them to effectively conduct awareness programmes in their communities.



As part of #CyberSecurityAwarenessMonth2025, Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar Pandey, NLIU Bhopal, shared valuable insights on cyber law and cybersecurity. The session was attended by over 50 officers and staff from MP LSA and CCA, enhancing their awareness and understanding of cyber threats, legal frameworks, and best practices for secure digital operations.



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Gujarat LSA:- On 12.12.2025, DG (Telecom) Smt. Sunita Chandra visited LSA Gujarat and inaugurated a 20-meter Flag Mast Pole at RTTC Jagatpur, Ahmedabad, with Special DGT Shri Govind Kevlani present. She also launched the 'Sanchar Mitra Impact Film' by the Technology Vertical and inspected the office infrastructure, appreciating its modern facilities. The visit highlighted Gujarat LSA's focus on innovation, quality infrastructure, and public engagement in telecom services.



UP East LSA:- On 11 November 2025, Shri Arun Kumar Verma, Additional DGT, participated in a vigilance programme chaired by Shri A.S. Rajeev, Vigilance Commissioner, CVC. He highlighted telecommunications' role in financial inclusion and emphasized the importance of Financial Fraud Risk Indicators (FRI) in preventing financial frauds.



Karnataka LSA:- In coordination with State District Administration and NDRF, conducted a disaster mock drill at Balraj Ghat Honalli, Davangere on 11.11.2025 to ensure uninterrupted telecom services and Intra-Circle Roaming (ICR) readiness. All four TSPs—RJIL, Airtel, VI, BSNL—participated, demonstrating call scenarios. The district administration and NDRF appreciated the successful execution.



On 22-23 December 2025, the Additional DGT held discussions on telecom augmentation, disaster preparedness, Wi-Fi, and satellite phone use for Magh Mela-2026, and reviewed CoW deployment progress, issuing necessary directions to ensure reliable telecom networks.



Kerala LSA:- DoT Kerala LSA conducted Cyber Security Awareness Programmes at multiple locations: Kannur University (25 Oct), Kerala Bank (29 Oct), MES Mampad College (31 Oct), Majlis Arts & Science College (19 Nov), Institute of Engineers Kerala Centre (26 Nov), and FISAT, Angamaly (30 Dec 2025), promoting cybersecurity awareness.

On 03/11/2025, a Kerala LSA team visited Silizium Circuits, a startup specializing in semiconductor chip design, recently recognized for India's first 5G Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) chip. The startup is supported by DoT under the DCIS and TTDF schemes.



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Maharashtra LSA:- On 12th December 2025, Shri Ramesh Kumar Goyal, Spl. DGT, Maharashtra LSA, visited DKTE Textile and Engineering Institute, Ichalkaranji, to review the 5G Use Case Lab and interact with faculty and students. He addressed the FDP on 5G Network & Security, distributed certificates, presented DoT logo caps to Sanchar Mitras, and visited the Incubator Centre, promoting collaboration in 5G and advanced textile applications.



Kolkata LSA:- Kolkata LSA conducted an awareness program at IEM College, Salt Lake, educating 100 students and faculty on cybersecurity, Sanchar Saathi App, EMF radiation, and promoting safe, responsible digital and telecom practices.



West Bengal LSA:- On 31 December 2025, Sanchar Mitras were retrained at DoT WB LSA, Andaman & Nicobar Office on Sanchar Saathi App features and cyber fraud awareness. A street skit and videos were showcased at the Annual Island Tourism Festival 2025, drawing strong public response and reflecting effective coordination and outreach.

The Sanchar Mitra Orientation Program was conducted on 15 October 2025 under Spl. DGT, DoT, WB LSA, with participation from leading institutes including IIT Kharagpur, NIT Durgapur, Jadavpur University, and others, empowering students to promote telecom initiatives and digital awareness.



Tamil Nadu LSA:- The LSA team of Tamil Nadu, led by the Head of LSA, participated in the Parliamentary Sub-Committee meeting on Official Language at Tirupati. The implementation of Official Language was reviewed in detail, and the team received a satisfactory certification from the Deputy Chairman, Parliamentary Sub-Committee-II for effective compliance and implementation.



Jammu & Kashmir LSA:- The Security Vertical of J&K LSA held the 3rd LEA Coordination Meeting on 09.12.2025 at Jammu, with officers from J&K Police, Ladakh Police, Intelligence, ED, NIA, and the Compliance Vertical. Discussions focused on inter-agency coordination, emerging security challenges, and included a presentation on Sanchar Saathi and FRI.

As part of Special Campaign 5.0, J&K LSA organized an awareness session on "E-waste: Hazards & Scientific Disposal" on 15.10.2025. Ms. Anuradha, Scientist, J&K PCC, Jammu, highlighted the environmental and health risks of improper e-waste disposal and emphasized the need for scientific, sustainable practices.



A request for mobile coverage in the TNUHDB Resettlement Area, Keerapakkam Village, Chengalpattu District, was received from ELCOT on 30.05.2025. After coordination with TSPs and a drive test, all TSPs agreed to install towers. A joint survey on 31.10.2025 identified two suitable sites, with approvals to be obtained from the Revenue Department.



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Punjab LSA:- Punjab LSA held orientation sessions for Sanchar Mitras at Thapar Institute, CGC Jhanjeri, and SLIET. A Sanchar Saathi awareness session covered reporting fraudulent calls, using “Know Your Mobile”, blocking lost phones, TAFCOP, and reporting international calls, enabling participants to effectively promote telecom safety and citizen awareness.

The COP on 11.12.2025 at Rayat Bahra University, Punjab, was attended by 200+ participants, including students, faculty, telecom representatives, and consumer groups. Sanchar Saathi Portal awareness pamphlets were distributed to promote public understanding and engagement in telecom safety.



Mumbai LSA:- Shri Sadanand Vasant Date, DGP Maharashtra, met a DoT delegation led by Addl. DGT Shri Asheesh Pathak to discuss telecom fraud, handset recovery, Sanchar Saathi initiatives, and tower thefts, emphasizing coordination and cybercrime prevention workshops.

To popularize the Sanchar Saathi app as a tool for cybersecurity and prompt citizen response, Shri Vinay V. Jambhali, Director, was interviewed on Maharashtra Government’s “DilKhulas” programme in Marathi. The programme aired daily at 7 AM for a week and was widely publicized on the Government portal and apps.



From the Desk of Chief. Editor

Sanchar Samvaad is more than a record of activities; it is a space where the Department speaks in its own voice. Through these pages, we often share updates, insights, and perspectives on the work being undertaken across the telecom ecosystem, offering a closer view of the thinking and efforts behind our initiatives.

The pieces included in this edition reflect experiences from both the field and headquarters, touching upon priorities that continue to shape our work—from infrastructure and technology preparedness to cybersecurity awareness and citizen-oriented services. Together, they provide context to ongoing initiatives and the considerations that guide their implementation.

As a publication, *Sanchar Samvaad* aims to encourage reflection, learning, and exchange across LSAs, while quietly documenting the Department’s journey. We hope readers find value in these perspectives and carry forward the conversations they inspire.

I sincerely thank all officers and contributors who have shared their experiences and inputs for this edition. Their willingness to document and reflect on their work gives *Sanchar Samvaad* its relevance and continuity.

Warm wishes,
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