

India Elected as Chairman of AIBD Executive Board at 23rd General Conference in Thailand

India's Election to AIBD Executive Board Chair Underscores Five Decades of Trusted Partnership and Commitment to Collaborative Media Growth

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In a remarkable achievement, India has been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) with the highest number of votes during the 23rd AIBD General Conference, held from 19–21 August 2025 in Phuket, Thailand.

This marks a significant milestone, as India last held the position of AIBD Executive Council Chairman in 2016. With this development, India's leadership role within AIBD has been further strengthened, even as its current tenure as President of the AIBD General Conference continues until August 2025.

On this occasion, Shri Gaurav Dwivedi, CEO of Prasar Bharati and President of AIBD GC, thanked all member countries and organizations for their continued trust and support. Speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, he said:

“We deeply value the confidence placed in India's leadership. Over the past five decades, we have worked as a team within AIBD in various capacities, and we look forward to continuing this collaboration both collectively and through bilateral partnerships in organizing future AIBD programs and initiatives.”

He also extended heartfelt congratulations to all newly elected office bearers and expressed his eagerness to work closely with them to take AIBD to greater heights.

About AIBD

Founded in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) is a unique regional inter-governmental organization. It currently has more 92 member organizations from 45 countries, including:

- 26 Government Members represented by 48 national broadcasters
- 44 Affiliate Members from 28 countries and regions, spanning Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States, and North America

India is a founding member of AIBD, and Prasar Bharati India's public service broadcaster represents the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting in the organization.

About the 23rd AIBD General Conference (GC 2025)

The 23rd General Conference and Associated Meetings of AIBD, chaired by Shri Gaurav Dwivedi, concluded successfully in Phuket, Thailand. The conference brought together international stakeholders in electronic media and focused on building a vibrant and cooperative media environment across the Asia-Pacific region through policy exchange and resource sharing. The theme for the current year was “Media for people, Peace & Prosperity”.

This prestigious appointment once again highlights the global confidence in India's leadership in the field of

broadcasting and sets the stage for India to play an even more strategic and influential role in shaping media development worldwide.

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