

# India–UK Strengthen AI and Telecom Partnership

## MoS Communications Holds Bilateral Meeting with UK Minister

### Cooperation in AI and Future Telecom Tops the Agenda

### Connectivity, Innovation and Trust: India–UK Expand Tech Cooperation

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On the sidelines of the AI Summit in New Delhi, Shri Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications, Government of India, held a bilateral meeting at Dak Bhawan with Mr. Kanishka Narayan, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for AI and Online Safety, United Kingdom.



The meeting reaffirmed the growing depth of India–UK cooperation in telecommunications, digital innovation, and emerging technologies under the India–UK 2030 Roadmap and the UK–India Technology Security Initiative (TSI).



During the discussions, the Hon'ble Minister of State emphasized that India views artificial intelligence as central to the future of telecommunications. He noted that combining India's scale with the United Kingdom's research strengths can help shape global standards in AI-native networks, Open RAN, and 6G, ensuring that technology drives both growth and trust. Both sides reviewed progress under the Department of Telecommunications–DCMS MoU and welcomed the operationalization of the India–UK Connectivity and Innovation Centre.

He also highlighted India's National Quantum Mission and pointed out the enormous potential for collaboration in quantum communications and secure networks.

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Discussions focused on deepening cooperation in AI applications for telecom networks, including autonomous network management, AI-driven cybersecurity, spectrum innovation, and non-terrestrial networks. Both sides expressed interest in joint research, pilot deployments, and coordinated engagement in global standardization forums such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and 3GPP.



India and the United Kingdom also exchanged insights on ongoing efforts to prevent telecom frauds and digital scams through the use of artificial intelligence. India highlighted initiatives such as the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI), the Sanchar Saathi platform, and the deployment of AI-based anti-spam and fraud detection tools by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). The UK side shared its experience with open data frameworks and strong deterrence-based regulatory measures as key elements of its approach.



India also sought the support of the United Kingdom for key multilateral engagements at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), including:

The candidature of Ms. M. Revathi for the position of Director, Radiocommunication Bureau (BR), ITU;

India's re-election to the ITU Council for the term 2027–2030, reaffirming its continued contribution to global telecom governance and standardization; and

India's proposal to host the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-2030), reflecting India's commitment to shaping an inclusive, secure, and future-ready global digital ecosystem.

India also highlighted its rapid 5G rollout, expansion of rural connectivity, digital public infrastructure, and citizen-centric telecom governance initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to strengthen structured institutional engagement and build secure, trusted, and future-ready digital infrastructure in both countries.

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