

Union Minister of Communications, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia Leads 12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting in Pune, Emphasizes Sustainable ICT Infrastructure and Digital Inclusivity

BRICS has a growing role to play in global forums: Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has witnessed monumental transformation in the last decade

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The 12th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting was held today at Pune, Maharashtra, under the Chairship of India and was chaired by the Union Minister of Communications, India, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and attended by Communications Ministers and heads of delegation of BRICS member countries.



Opening the Meeting, Union Minister of Communications, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia introduced the theme of the ICT Track under India's Chairship, "Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future", and its four pillars — sustainable and resilient digital and ICT ecosystems; cybersecurity and trustworthy ICT; digital skilling and capacity building; and innovation, startups and entrepreneurship.



Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said, “India assumes the Chairship in 2026, we do so with humility and a shared commitment to our theme building resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability reflected in the ICT Track theme Innovate, Cooperate and Transform for a Resilient Future.”



The Union Minister also added that “Today, the world stands at the cusp of a profound technological transformation. AI, Next Gen Networks, SATCOM, Cloud Computing and advanced Digital Infrastructure are reshaping economics and societies. We must ensure that innovation remains secure, inclusive, sustainable and people-centric.”

The Meeting was preceded by the 7th Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in ICTs from 17th to 19th August 2026, the Council Meeting of the BRICS Institute of Future Networks, meetings of the Focus Group on Digital Public Infrastructure and the Digital BRICS Task Force, and the Digital BRICS Forum and Expo on 20th and 21st August 2026.

The Heads of Ministerial delegations of BRICS countries also delivered their speeches in the meeting. India extended its appreciation to all member countries for their engagement during the Chairship year and its support to the incoming Chair.

Union Minister of Communications, Sh. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia addressed a press briefing, outlining the key outcomes and global impact of the 12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting. "India's transformation led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji over the last decade has been monumental." He said.



Speaking to the media, the Union Minister said, “We have prepared comprehensive discussions and priorities that will shape our future ICT cooperation within BRICS. Eight pillars in particular: - Universal and Meaningful Connectivity, Resilient Public Infrastructure, Trusted, Secure, and People-Centric Ecosystems, Digital Public Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence and Future Network Technologies, Innovation Startups and Entrepreneurship and Digital Scaling and Enhanced Cooperation amongst our BRICS countries. BRICS has a growing role to play in the global forum, considering half of humanity lies in this region, and two-fifths of the world's economy lies in this region.”

The Ministers subsequently visited the Digital BRICS Forum Expo, exploring interactive showcases and cutting-edge telecom solutions presented by domestic and international tech enterprises. The five-day event concluded with an official excursion for the visiting delegates, highlighting Pune’s rich cultural heritage.

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