



Union Minister of Communications Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Chairs Ministerial Programme in India Mobile Congress; Highlights Global Cooperation to Connect the Next Billion

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“Scale Without Boundaries” dialogue focuses on investment, inclusive connectivity and resilient digital infrastructure

Global leaders deliberate on investment and next-generation connectivity at the Ministerial Programme

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, hosted the Ministerial Programme at India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 under the theme “Scale Without Boundaries: Investing in the Next Billion Digital Connections.” The high-level programme brought together ministers, international organisations, global telecommunications leaders and industry stakeholders to deliberate on strategies for expanding meaningful digital connectivity and accelerating investment in next-generation digital infrastructure.

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, in his address, emphasised the importance of sustained investment, stronger international cooperation and enabling policy frameworks to expand affordable and meaningful digital connectivity.



"Scale Without Boundaries is not merely about expanding telecommunications networks; it is about expanding human opportunity. The next billion people we connect will be the hardest to reach, but they will also be the most transformative by bringing new learners, entrepreneurs, innovators and creators into the global digital economy. India's experience demonstrates that connectivity can be scaled with affordability, innovation and public purpose. As we look towards 5G-Advanced, 6G, satellite networks and AI, our shared responsibility is to ensure that geography, income or circumstance never becomes a barrier to opportunity. Our goal must be connectivity without boundaries and, ultimately, opportunity without boundaries." said Shri Scindia.

The programme provided a platform for discussions on policy, regulation, investment and international cooperation, with a focus on advancing affordable, reliable, resilient and inclusive digital connectivity and strengthening the foundations of the global digital economy.

The Ministerial Programme featured H.E. Ms. Liisa-Ly Pakosta, Minister of Justice and Digital Affairs, Estonia, and H.E. Mr. Hideo Fuseda, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan.



The programme further brought together leading voices from the global telecommunications ecosystem, including Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and Mr. John Giusti, Chief Regulatory Officer and President of the GSMA Foundation.

Focus on the Next Billion Digital Connections

The discussions highlighted the need for stronger collaboration among governments, industry and international organisations to respond to the rapidly evolving digital ecosystem. Participants deliberated on approaches to mobilise investment, strengthen enabling policy frameworks and expand affordable and meaningful connectivity, particularly as emerging technologies continue to transform the global communications landscape.



The Ministerial Programme also underscored the importance of future-ready and resilient networks, international standards, innovation and strategic partnerships in advancing digital connectivity towards 2030.



Strengthening Global Partnerships for Inclusive Digital Growth

The deliberations reaffirmed the importance of coordinated efforts to ensure that the benefits of next-generation digital technologies reach a wider population. Participants emphasised the need for stronger international cooperation and partnerships to create an enabling environment for investment, innovation and sustainable digital development.

The programme reinforced the vision of “Scale Without Boundaries”, highlighting the role of technology, investment and international collaboration in advancing a more connected, inclusive and digitally empowered future.

For the Department of Telecommunications, the Ministerial Programme served as an important platform for bringing together global perspectives on the future of connectivity and identifying shared priorities for expanding digital access and strengthening resilient digital infrastructure.

The programme at IMC 2026 reaffirmed the collective commitment to advancing inclusive, affordable, reliable and meaningful connectivity, while fostering partnerships that can help connect the next billion people and support a more digitally empowered world.

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