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Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana to Cover 12,769 Gram Panchayats

Partnership to Strengthen and Upgrade Rural Telecom Infrastructure across Telangana

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In a significant step towards strengthening digital infrastructure and accelerating broadband connectivity across rural Telangana, Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) under Department of Telecommunications (DoT) signed an Agreement for implementation of the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) in the State under the State-led model today at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.



The Agreement was signed between Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), DoT; Government of Telangana; Telangana Rural Internet Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TRIICL); Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (T-Fiber) for implementation of the Amended BharatNet Program in the State of Telangana.

The Agreement signing ceremony was held in the august presence of Shri Shyamal Misra, Administrator, Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). The ceremony was also attended by Shri Anudeep Durishetty, Jt. Secretary, IT E&C Department, Government of Telangana; Shri Papa Sudhakara Rao, Director (Enterprise Business - EB), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL); Shri Dinesh Kumar Garg, DDG (ABP Implementation-I), Department of Telecommunications; Shri Venu Prasad Panneeru, Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (T-Fiber) & CEO, Telangana Rural Internet Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TRIICL) and along with senior officers of DoT, DBN and BSNL.



The signing of the Agreement marks an important milestone towards expeditious implementation of the Program and reflects the shared commitment of the Central Government and the Government of Telangana towards strengthening rural digital infrastructure, enhancing last-mile connectivity and promoting inclusive digital growth.

The Union Cabinet had approved the Amended BharatNet Program on 4th August 2023 with the objective of upgrading, consolidating and expanding the existing BharatNet network to ensure robust and future-ready broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats and villages on demand basis.

Under the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana, the project will be implemented through Telangana Rural Internet Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TRIICL). The Program will have a total scope of 12,769 Gram Panchayats, which includes upgradation of 1,946 Phase I Gram Panchayats from linear to ring topology to enhance network resilience, coverage of 10,787 Phase II Gram Panchayats, and inclusion of 36 newly created Gram Panchayats.

The Government of India has approved financial support of ₹3,189 crores for implementation of the Program in Telangana. The initiative is expected to facilitate around three lakh rural home fibre connections with subsidy support from the Government of India and significantly enhance delivery of digital services including e-Governance, online education, telemedicine, digital payments and citizen-centric services across rural and remote areas of the State.

The Agreement signed today is expected to accelerate execution of the Program in Telangana and further advance the vision of a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

About Digital Bharat Nidhi

Digital Bharat Nidhi (erstwhile USOF) was established under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003 w.e.f. 01.04.2002. As per 'The Telecommunications Act, 2023' the Universal Service Obligation Fund, has become the Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN). The DBN has mandate to support universal service through promoting access and delivery of telecommunication service in underserved rural, remote and urban areas. It is an attached office of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications.

In order to achieve objectives of DBN, it covers various schemes and projects including BharatNet, 4G Saturation Project, Provision of Mobile Service in uncovered areas of Aspirational Districts, Mobile Services in Left Wing Extremist Areas, Mobile Services in Himalayan and Border areas, Mobile Services in Islands and Mobile Services in North Eastern Areas.

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