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Dear officers,

I am very happy to release the 7th edition of "Sanchar Samvaad", for the period ending 31st March 2023, which is a quarterly newsletter of DG Telecom family in which all the LSAs get a chance to publish the activities undertaken by them during the quarter. GatiShakti Sanchar Portal is integrated with Parivesh 2.0 portal and features of standard reasons for rejection of RoW application, dispute reporting module and deemed approval for onboarding States/UTs have been implemented. In addition to this the activation of 5G RoW application form for 8 States/UTs have also been done.Call Before u Dig' (CBuD) Mobile App launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22-March-2023. All 36 States /UTs and various Central utility agencies under central ministries viz. Railways, NHAI, DGDE, IGL, GAIL, PowerGrid, Railtel, including TSPs and BSNL/MTNL have been onboarded on CBuD platform. About 20281 asset owners created, 7268 excavators were registered and 850+ inquiries raised on CBuD Platform. CBuD Web portal developed with features of MIS for Asset Owner users of state users. Hon'ble PM also unveiled Bharat's 6G Vision Document and inaugurated the new International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area office and Innovation Centre. DoT organized a one-day Chintan Shivir on dated 18.03.2023 to brainstorm on raising scope and coverage, self-reliance in telecom, revival of BSNL, emerging technologies promotion of startups and India's participation in global standards and IP. The shivir was attended by more than 250 officers.5G capacity building conference conducted in 7 States/UTs including the sessions on activating 5G form, mapping of street furniture, TSP plan for 5G rollout, along with 5G use cases/demo by startup like Drone, NIB, Health Equipment, AR/VR product, etc. Interaction sessions with more than 40 Startups for emerging technology and 5G use cases have also been done by DoT. As a part of Cyber Security Drive DoT field offices have done remarkable work in security audit of end user devices and hardening thereon during this quarter using internal resources by LSAs. LSA have done co-ordination with State Govt. authorities for clearance of RoW pending cases.LSAs should make all efforts and facilitate TSPs in acquiring land and other infrastructure from state Govt. to provide the mobile connectivity under 4G saturation project and other USOF schemes. I urge all LSA field units to keep working with the same high team spirit.

Wishing you all the success

K. Rajaraman, Secretary (T) & Chairman DCC

Shri Sanjeev Agrawal
Member Technology

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to compliment DGT and his team on their efforts in publishing such an informative "Sanchar Samvaad" newsletter, showing best practices and activities taking place at pan-India level. Your support in the fastest rollout of 5G network in the country is quite commendable. In the last quarter, a number of initiatives including establishing 100 5G Use case labs at Higher Educational Institutes to facilitate the development of applications using 5G services in various socioeconomic verticals, funding through TTDF, DCIS Scheme are ongoing in DoT. Regarding these aspects, I applaud LSAs efforts in Sensitizing Higher educational institutions regarding 100 5G Lab's initiative and maximizing their participation, also conducting targeted awareness sessions with Startups, Industry, and Academia on DoT funding initiatives such as TTDF & DCIS scheme. LSAs have also been instrumental in Mapping & Updating the Communication R&D Infrastructure w.r.t. 80+ prominent institutions across India including IITs/NITs/IIITs. LSAs are participating actively in the technical events like NCC (National Conference on Communications) 2023 event held at IIT Guwahati, International Quantum Conclave at Vigyan Bhawan etc. to keep themselves updated with technological innovations. I also invite field units to participate and contribute in the DoT's standardization, IPR development, 5G Advanced, and 6G initiatives.

Wishing all the best for the future endeavors

Yours Sanjeev Agrawal

Shri U.S Pandey
Member Services

Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I am reaching out to you through the 7th edition of quarterly magazine "SANCHAR SAMVAAD". Our aim is to keep you updated on the latest developments in the telecommunications industry and provide you with information that is useful and relevant to your needs. The past few years have been marked by rapid advancements in technology, with the telecommunications sector at the forefront of this revolution. DOT has been working tirelessly to create an enabling environment for the growth of the industry, while ensuring that the interests of all stakeholders are protected. We are proud to report that the DOT has made significant progress in achieving the objectives of "Mission Karmayogi". As you may be aware the iGOT Karmayogi platform launched by the Capacity Building Commission is an innovative initiative that promises to revolutionize civil capacity building in the country. The platform is designed to provide a comprehensive and integrated learning experience to civil servants at all levels of government, leveraging technology and digital tools to enhance their skills and knowledge. Department of Telecom has contributed 29 online courses on iGOT on different topics ranging from 5G to Cyber Security; one of the courses "End Point Hardening" has emerged as the highest subscribed course on iGOT. Our officers have also achieved the milestone of successfully completing highest number of courses on iGOT from single Department. More than 16000 courses have been completed by our officers on iGOT portal. I am delighted and thankful to Capacity Building Commission for recognizing and appreciating our efforts in leveraging the Karmayogi platform. I am extremely happy to share with you that the pan India launch of SancharSaathi portal is scheduled on 17th May 2023 by Hon'ble Minister of Communications on the occasion of World Telecom Day. Sanchar Saathi is a citizen centric web portal developed by Department of Telecommunications wherein different modules like TAFCOP, CEIR will be made available to citizens. CEIR is a module for tracing the lost/ stolen mobile devices. This also facilitates for blocking of lost/stolen mobile devices in network of all telecom operators so that lost/stolen devices cannot be used anywhere in India. If anyone tries to use the blocked mobile phone, its traceability is generated. Once mobile phone is found it may be unblocked on the portal for its normal use by the genuine owner. Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and DoT LSA field units will work in close coordination for tracing and handing over the traced mobile devices to the citizens. The integration of CEIR is being done with CCTNS. We have also been focusing on expanding digital infrastructure, increasing connectivity, and enhancing the availability of affordable and quality services to all citizens. Our efforts in this regard have led to a significant improvement in overall infrastructure & connectivity. We are confident that our efforts will continue to bear fruit, and we remain committed to ensuring that India's telecommunications industry continues to grow and flourish. We look forward to your continued support and feedback, as we work towards achieving our goals.

Wishing you all the best in your endeavor

Uma Shankar Pandey

Shri Alok Agrawal
DGT

Dear colleagues,

I am very happy that the 7th edition of 'Sanchar Samvaad' for the quarter ending 31st March 2023 is being published. This is a quarterly newsletter of DG Telecom family, in which all the LSAs showcase their activities. It is indeed very heartening to note that all the LSAs are working in close coordination with State Govts. for clearance of ROW permissions and facilitating TSPs in 5G roll-out. This newsletter has been quite instrumental in sharing of good practices among the field units. Hon'ble Prime Minister launched 'Call Before u Dig' (CBuD) Mobile App on 22.03.2023 to facilitate coordination between excavation agencies and underground utility owners to prevent damage to utilities due to digging. About 50 Workshops on CBuD were conducted by LSA field units for the State Departments/ Agencies in physical and hybrid modes. A one-day Chintan Shivir was organised on dated 18.03.2023 to brainstorm on raising scope and coverage, self-reliance in telecom, revival of BSNL, emerging technologies and promotion of start-ups and India's participation in global standards and IP. The shivir was attended by more than 250 officers. As a part of Cyber Security Drive, over 2300 End user devices have been audited using internal resources by LSAs and over 1800 Devices have been hardened in various DoT field offices during this quarter.5G capacity building conference was conducted in 7 States/ UTs. This included sessions on activating 5G form, mapping of street furniture, TSP plan for 5G rollout, along with 5G use cases/ demo by start-ups like Drone, NIB, Health Equipment, AR/VR product, etc.The provision of mobile connectivity in all border villages is also being monitored centrally at DGT HQ as well as at LSA level so as to cover all the border villages/ habitations by Dec, 2023.DGT HQ has created a portal for MIS reports and all LSAs have been onboarded on the portal. Presently, the reports of Service Compliance vertical are being submitted by LSAs through this portal. The same will be extended to other verticals soon. This will help in seamless, efficient and secure flow of information/ data across various stakeholders; apart from making our working more efficient & resource saving. Lastly, our LSAs should make all efforts and facilitate TSPs in acquiring land and other infrastructure from state Govt. to provide the mobile connectivity under 4G saturation project and other USOF schemes. I am sure all the field units will keep on working with the same high team spirit.

Wishing you all the success

Alok Agrawal, Director General Telecom

National Broadband Mission:

Call Before u Dig mobile app (CBuD) has been launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22nd March 2023. During excavation for infrastructure projects, sometimes the underground utility assets get damaged. In the Telecom sector alone about 10 lakh cable cuts happen, causing a loss of about Rs 3000 Crore every year. Therefore, while executing these projects, it was important to come up with a solution to ensure protection of underground utility assets also. As per the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, DoT and BISAG-N have developed a unique "Call Before u Dig" mobile application, to prevent damage to the nation's underground public infrastructure. The "Call Before u Dig" mobile application will not only help to protect the 37 lakh route kilometers of the telecom sector's underground optical fiber cable infrastructure but also safeguard water and gas pipes and electricity cables etc. Reduction in damages in these infrastructures will also reduce inconvenience to the Citizen· 25,000 (approx.) underground asset owner agencies were created in this app across India in a very short time, with the help of all LSAs. Because of the availability of contact information of all utility agencies in the app; excavators will be able to find them easily and at every stage of work; automated email, SMS and in-app alerts will provide frequent updates to excavators and asset owners· Better coordination between the agencies will lead to reduction in frequent breakdowns in the services thus benefiting all the stakeholders through "Ease of Doing Business", thus saving potential business losses and reducing inconvenience to the Citizen. Hon'ble Prime Minister launched 'Call Before u Dig' Mobile app on 22nd March 2023.

GatiShakti Sanchar portal - a Centralised Right of Way Portal: Integration/Development of 5G application form for 08 States/UTs was completed and portal for MoD-DGDE was developed and made live. In addition, many features like Integration with the Help desk report upload module, automated testing of Gatishakti integration with states' portal extended to report daily status to the testing server, auditing of state to central API calls implements and reports made available in LSA and NBM users' login.

Mapping of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), BTSs, Towers, PM -Wani Hotspots and Street Furniture- Approx ~11.5 Lakh Route Km OFC of PSUs, ~21,000 Route Kms, 7.3 lakh mobile towers, 23.5 lakh BTSs and nearly 1.45 lakh PM-WANI Wi-Fi hotspots mapped on NMP platform. Following street furniture has been mapped:

4,01,355 electric poles of JBVNL(Jharkhand)

24,62,050 electric poles of UPPCL(UP)

245 government buildings of Jharkhand mapped on DoT NMP.

Mega saturation project to find uncovered habitations in the country is being executed by TCIL with the help of DoT- NMP platform.

Odisha LSA:

On 5th January 2023 Honourable MoC Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and Honourable Minister of Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the 5G services in Odisha. He has also inaugurated 100 4G towers for remote parts of Odisha. He visited all the stalls in the exhibition and inspired the participants. This was a grand function with an exhibition by 47 startups and other Industries. On 5th January Secretary DOT, Member (Services), Member (Technology), Member (Finance) and DGT joined. 5G use case demo has been shown. The startups and Industries have showcased their innovative projects. Separate sessions for skill development and Bharat Net were also organized.

Haryana LSA: Haryana LSA conducted Workshop on CBuD under the chairmanship of Addl DGT, Haryana on 07.03.2023. The State Nodal officer & Nodal officers from different State Departments participated in the Workshop. During the Workshop hands - on training on Asset owner mapping, excavator registration, generating enquiries & other activities before the launch of CBuD was given. In Haryana 752 Asset owners of 9 State departments and 227 excavators are registered in the CBuD app and enquires are getting generated.

A session was conducted on IoT M2M technology and certification, registration for PM -WANI with business scenario and ISPs working and licensing in IDDC Hartron Ambala Cantt. Nearly 60 participants attended the session actively. Haryana LSA signed three Internet Service Providers (ISP) licenses in the last quarter. Viz.- M/s Sangatech India Services Pvt. Ltd. - UL (ISP) Cat-C, M/s Statenet wifi OPC Pvt. Ltd. -UL (ISP) Cat-C and M/s Skyrocket Infotel Pvt. Ltd.- UL (ISP) Cat-Second STDCC meeting for the year 2022-23 was conducted by Haryana LSA on 02.03.2023 with all the stakeholders viz. NDRF, SDMA and TSPs.

International Women's Day was celebrated by Haryana LSA, DoT at Women Industrial Training Institute, Ambala City. Director (Electrical), Mrs. Kuljeet Kaur and Mrs Pratiksha Yadav ADG(Compliance) apprised everyone of history of the day and its significance and highlighted the role of women in family and society and how gender bias is still prevalent in our society. A quiz competition on remarkable Indian Women was organized At the end prizes were distributed to the winners.

UP East LSA: Two illegal telecom setups were busted on 11.02.23 & 10.03.23 respectively at Kalayanpur Lucknow and Jaunpur by a team of UP(E) LSA, ATS, UP Police along with TSP representatives. 05 SIM boxes ,349 SIM cards and FTTH connections of Airtel for internet connectivity were confiscated at the raid location.

An Open House Session with Telecom Stakeholders and UP State Government officials and a review of USOF Schemes in Uttar Pradesh with State Govt. officials was held on 14.02.2023 in Lucknow, under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (T) and Administrator (USOF).

A Meeting with Principal Secretary, Vocational Education and Skill Development &Technical Education Department and Mission Director, UP Skill Development Mission (UPSDM) was held by UPE LSA. After pursuance by UP East LSA, UP Govt. has directed all State Engineering Colleges/ Institutes to include recent AICTE-approved courses in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Computer Science Engineering (CSE) regarding 5G in the next academic session.

MP LSA: MPLSA Bhopal successfully coordinated activities during G-20 Summit at Indore & Khajuraho held in Feb-2023. All the designated locations including conference halls and accommodation venues have been ensured with proper network coverage. The dark points were identified with drive tests and have been covered either by installing IBS inside the buildings or by installing additional sites, CoW in nearby areas etc. in coordination with Hotels & TSPs. This resulted in seamless coverage and uninterrupted network availability at all G-20 locations.

Workshop and Training on 'Call Before U Dig' app was conducted on Online Mode on 03.03.2023 by MPLSA office. About 230 excavators/ asset owners of Madhya Pradesh State participated in the workshop. An interactive online training with live demonstration on how to use the app was followed by a question answer session, wherein all sorts of queries were answered by Sr DDG and DDG Rural themselves. This workshop was highly appreciated by all departments of MP State and MPSEDC.

AP LSA: Women's Day is celebrated in the O/o Special Director General Telecom APLSA, Hyderabad on 08.3.23. Games/ Quiz programs were Organized, and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Shri Murali Krishna, Director (Security) delivered a talk on 5G and Cyber Security awareness at consumer outreach program conducted by TRAI at Chalapathi Institute of Engg and Technology, Guntur on 15th Feb 2023.

Rajasthan LSA: On 03/01/2023, Sr. DDG Rajasthan LSA along with DDG (C) and Director (C) visited 5G sites of M/s RJIL in Jaipur city to test connectivity & internet speed. During the visit internet speed 986 to 1658 Mbps and latency 8 to 9 milli second were observed in RJIL 5G Network.

For effective rollout and implementation of FTTH connections under Bharat Net, a team comprising of DDG (IC), DoT New Delhi, DDG(R-2), DoT, Raj LSA & GM (Bharat Net), BSNL, Rajasthan visited Gram Panchayat Begus and appraised Sarpanch and briefed the villagers about PM-WANI scheme.

MoU signed on 24.02.2023 for Undertaking Skill development courses on emergent/futuristic 5G Job roles between Rajasthan LSA, DoT and Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) Mesra, Jaipur Campus.

Punjab LSA: An Awareness Program on "Cyber Security and Myths related to ill effects of radiations from Mobile Towers" was successfully held at Chandigarh University, Mohali on 17.03.2023 by Security and Compliance verticals of Punjab LSA. A large number of students and faculty members attended the program and an interactive session was held with them.

Punjab LSA held a meeting with TSSC and representatives of (Punjab Skill Development Mission) on 22.02.2023 and with Director (Technical Education) Govt. of Punjab on 06.03.3023 regarding skill development courses/training in 5G. Based on discussions and further deliberations, Punjab Skill Development Mission awarded a Provisional work order dated 07.03.2023 to TSSC for imparting Training in Telecom job roles for 500 candidates in 5G technology.

Bihar LSA: DoT, Patna hosted a seminar on Electro Magnetic Radiation emitted from Mobile Towers, Cyber Fraud, and related issues in Government Polytechnic College, Patliputra, Patna-13. Vice-Principal, Faculty members and about 140 to 150 Students were present in this seminar. G-20 delegates meeting was held at Ranchi from 02/03/23 to 03/03/23. In order to provide seamless coverage, Bihar LSA has done periodic review and continuous persuasion with all the TSPs which has resulted in a tremendous improvement in overall network coverage in Ranchi. The scenario changed significantly, and seamless coverage and connectivity at the G-20 venues in Ranchi was ensured.

The Regional Workshop on Capacity Building of Consumer Advocacy Groups (CAGs) was held on 17.03.2023 in Deoghar Jharkhand by TRAI. Interactive sessions were held containing the presentations of TRAI, LSA Unit, TSPs, CAGs and the interaction was focused on consumer centric developments in telecom and broadcasting sectors. During the presentation, all the audience apprised about Cybercrime, general methodologies of cyber fraud and how to safeguard themselves from the cyber-Fraud.

Kerala LSA: DOT Kerala LSA is ranked at 1st position among all field units of DOT for Swachhata Pakhwada campaign conducted in Nov 2022. Hon'ble MoSC Shri Devusinh Chauhan has handed over the Certificate of Merit to Shri Vinod P. Abraham, Addl. DG Telecom, DOT Kerala LSA during the award function held at Sanchar Bhavan on 29.03.2023.

State level hybrid conference on capacity building held on 16th Feb, 2023 at Hilton Garden Inn, Trivandrum. Chief Secretary, Kerala state, Shri. V. P. Joy inaugurated and delivered the keynote address.

Karnataka LSA: A Coordination meeting for Aero India 2023 was held on 20.01.2023, under the chairmanship of Smt Rachana Singh, DDG (Technology), Karnataka LSA with all the stake holders. LSA has actively coordinated with IAF, State Government, TSPs and IPs for ensuring augmentation of BTSs for handling additional traffic and to take necessary preventive steps for un-interrupted operation of Telecom network during Aero India 2023 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 13th Feb 2023.

Karnataka LSA celebrated International Women's Day 2023, on 09.03.2023. All the women officers and staff participated in the celebrations. Smt Sivakamy Rajagopalan, Retd Sr. DDG, NCCS, Bangalore was the Chief Guest and delivered a message on Woman empowerment and Gender Equality. Various competitions were conducted, and prizes were distributed to the winners.

Maharashtra LSA: A meeting was held on 23.02.2023 with Director Technical Education Mumbai with Maharashtra & Mumbai LSA for the introduction of 5G course(s) in the syllabus of Engineering & Polytechnic colleges. Director Technical Education assured for the same.

A meeting was held under the Lead Role of Advisor MH LSA Shri Hasan Zaheer and DDG (State Coordination), Goa with Director IIT Goa and Faculty regarding the introduction of the 5G Courses in the UG and PG Curriculum. A detailed discussion was also held for setting up 5G Test bed in IIT Goa which is warmly accepted by IIT Team. They also made a presentation citing that the 5G courses are already introduced from this session for UG & PG. DDG SRI DoT discussed the matter with IIT Faculty over phone to provide further scope of DoT initiatives in this regard.

Tamil Nadu LSA: A team of officers from TN LSA conducted a half-day seminar at Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Chennai on 27.02.2023.DDG (T) gave presentation on 5G Technologies and 5G use cases. Director (S) gave a presentation on the Security of Telecom Network and Internet from Cyber-attacks and curbing of clandestine telecom operations. Director (C) gave a presentation about awareness on EMF radiation. Around 500 Engineering students were present. 8 illegal telecom setups (SIM box set ups) were busted during the quarter from January to March 2023.This included 3 set ups in Chennai, 2 set ups in Salem and 3 set ups in Kanchipuram. The 4 accused were arrested. 45 sim boxes, 2750 SIMs and 24 internet routers were seized from the above set ups by the Tamil Nadu police. A team of officials/officers from Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Tamil Nadu LSA, Central Intelligence and Tamil Nadu Police participated.

UP West LSA: 5G Capacity Building Workshop was organized by State Govt of Uttarakhand at Dehradun, on 21. 2.2023. Secy (IT), UKND was the Chief Guest. Smt Neelam Singhal, Sr.DDG, O/o DGT was the Guest of honour. Shri Debkumar Chakrabarti, Sr.DDG, UPW, Special Guest delivered the Keynote address. The video message of the Secy(T) was played among the audience, which set the tone for further deliberations. Smt Neelam Singhal Sr. DDG and Shri Neeraj Kumar, DDG(NBM) spoke on the occasion. Addl Secy (IT), Dir, ITDA and State Govt officers from other departments like Higher Education, Technical Education, PWD, Electricity, etc along with many start-ups, TSPs, ISPs and large no of students were present 6 Start-Ups show-cased their products. Further connectivity was ensured for 160+ participants thru' weblink and 130+ locations thru' SWAN. Apart from 5G, Skill Development initiatives by the State Govt along with State Govt officers have also been discussed at a length. Smaller groups of State Govt Depts with DoT officials are being framed for an effective implementation as suggested by Secy (IT) UKND.

Uttarakhand Field Unit, DoT and VIL conducted a mock drill for Disaster preparedness on 03.03.2022 at Nagthat Village where one of the mobile towers of VI was disrupted mimicking failure arising due to disaster and emergencies (Fire) vulnerable and critical network element component failure and its availability. Emergency response at site and redundancy repair demonstration were checked.

Shri Y K Singh, DDG(T)UPW and Shri D K Gupta, Director(T), UPW, Meerut, along-with the representatives of TSPs visited and surveyed all locations routes for G-20 Summit at Agra on 11th & 12th February.

J&K LSA: Officials of Rural Vertical had physically visited the 5 Border villages in the Rajpura Block of Samba District under Vibrant Village Programme.

Officials of Rural Vertical had physically visited 4 border villages in the Akhnoor Block of Jammu District and 6 Border villages in the Samba District under Vibrant Village Programme Officials of Rural Vertical had physically visited 2 villages referred in the VIP referencein the Jammu.

Kolkata LSA: A workshop on Security audit and hardening of end- user devices was conducted at Kolkata LSA on 15-03-2023.

HP LSA: A workshop on PM-WANI services was organized in Mashobra town, in the Panchayat Bhawan meeting hall of Baldiyan on 17-01-2023. More than 60 Fair Price Shop Owners from Shimla District rural area attended the workshop. Food & Civil Supply officers and Village Pradhan and Sarpanch also attended. It was addressed by DDG(T) HP LSA.

11th STDCC meeting with Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), SDMA, and NDRF representatives on 21.03.2023 at Conference Hall O/o Addl. DG Telecom, HP LSA to review the compliance of the minutes of 10th STDCC meeting and the preparedness as per SOP 2020 was chaired by DDG(T), HP LSA.

Gujarat LSA: One day capacity building conference on 5G network rollout for Gujarat state was organized at Gandhinagar on 03.02.2023, which was attended by more than 150 participants & key stake holders. Smt. Gunjan Dave, Sr. DDG Gujarat LSA, Shri Neeraj Kumar, DDG Broadband Mission DoT, and Shri Nitin Sangwan IAS, Director, ICT & e-Governance Govt. of Gujarat, shared their thoughts on the advanced 5G technology and how its use cases can bring positive changes in the sphere of fields like Healthcare, Education, Automation, Social Welfare etc.

4th State Broadband Committee meeting of Gujarat state, for telecom development and related issues of 5G rollout, Right of Way, 4G saturation project to provide 4G mobile connectivity in uncovered villages, Bharat Net utilization, Digital Communication Readiness Index and "Call Before U Dig" app was organized on 21.02.2023. The meeting was chaired by the Chief Secretary Govt. of Gujarat, convened by the Sr. DDG Gujarat LSA and attended by the Addl. Chief Secretary Forest & Environment Govt. of Gujarat.

Northeast LSA: Hon'ble MoSC Sh Devusinh Chauhan visited Mizoram for a special review of the status of Telecom services and ongoing developmental works. Special DGT NE LSA, DDG Manipur & Director Mizoram had a detailed review with the Minister. DoT Manipur issued an ISP Category C license to M/s MARIK Infotech Pvt. Ltd on 31.03.23. This is 7th Cat-C license and overall 5th so far in Manipur under the new policy. G-20 meetings have been successfully conducted in Manipur, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh on 17-19th March,2nd March and 25th March 2023 respectively. Efforts undertaken by DoT NE LSA teams for ensuring high standards of Telecom and data services is appreciated by the state govts and other guests.

West Bengal LSA: On 21/3/2023 Meeting with the Shri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, Principal Secretary (Technical Education and Skill Development) Govt of West Bengal, CAO council and WB LSA team comprising DDG(A), DDG(T), ADG(A) was held. The matter of incorporation of the syllabus on 5G and allied subjects, IoT, AI and ML as elective subjects in Polytechnic, and ITI courses were discussed in detail. The skill development program of the students in those fields was also highlighted.

Celebration of International Women's Day 2023 in DoT, West Bengal LSA on 6th March 2023. Tree Plantation, facilitation of woman employees and various other program was organized in West Bengal LSA. All officers and staffs participated in the celebration and made it a successful event.

Mumbai LSA: Awareness program on EMF Radiations was conducted by DoT Mumbai LSA at Satish Pradhan Dnyansadhana College, Thane on 14.02.2023. Around 200 students along with Professors and Principal of College participated in the workshop. After the workshop, an interactive Quiz followed by prize distribution was also arranged in which many students participated with full enthusiasm and curiosity.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communications & Information Technology visited Mumbai from 23rd to 24th January 2023 on a study visit and held a meeting with representatives of DoT, BSNL, MTNL and other TSP on 24th January, 2023.

Assam LSA: Assam LSA convened a successful knowledge sharing session on #CBuD (Call Before u Dig) App of the Dept of Telecom with State Govt departments under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary- IT, Govt of Assam on 22 Feb 2023.

Assam LSA successfully conducted a Disaster Management Meeting with CDRI, PWC, TSPs and IP-1 in Guwahati. The meeting was convened on the theme "National and Subnational Disaster Risk and Resilience Assessment and Roadmap for Telecom Sector.

Mumbai LSA: Under skill development initiatives officers of Mumbai LSA led by Shri A. K. Sahu, Additional DGT held series of meetings with Gov of Maharashtra including office of Pr. Secretary, DTE, MSSDS. As a result of concerted efforts made by Mumbai LSA team and TSSC, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society, Mumbai issued a work order for skilling of 2000 candidates.

Under the guidance of DDG (S), a team of Shri Satyam Singh, ADG (S) and Shri Anil Hule, JTO (S) assisted the police in busting an illegal setup and documentation of primary evidence on 25-02-2023.

Delhi LSA: DoT, Delhi LSA organized an awareness workshop at Ghaziabad Development Authority, Ghaziabad (UP) on "EMF Emissions and Telecom Towers" on 28-03-2023. The workshop was addressed by Vice Chairman, GDA, Shri Rakesh Kumar Singh; Smt. Sunitha Cherodath, Sr. DDG and Shri Vijay Prakash, Director, DoT, Delhi LSA. A meeting under the chairpersonship of Secretary, TTE, GNCT of Delhi was held on 03-03-3023 to review the progress of skill development activities From Delhi LSA DDG and Dir along with the member of TSCC briefed the gathering for skilling manpower in the telecom Industry.

From the Desk of Chief. Editor

Dear Colleagues,

With the active support and contribution of all LSAs Sanchar Samvaad shall be completing two years of publication and 7th edition is being released. In the earlier issues emphasis was laid on Gatishakti Sanchar Portal, and 5G rollout. It is great to hear that the milestones set for the Gatishakti Sanchar Portal and 5G rollout were achieved as emphasized in the earlier issues. With the vision of a skilled India, and make in India, we have to ensure availability of skilled manpower in new telecommunication technologies by imparting them the required training. We also have to support tech-startups to be in line with industry requirements. We have to aggressively work on projects already launched i.e., Gati shakti, CBuD portal, 5G use cases, TAFCOP, CEIR, ASTR etc.

**Smt Neelam Singhal
Sr.DDG.O/O DGT**

With the efforts of all LSAs courses have been introduced in several engineering colleges to ensure ready to employ workforce. LSAs must endeavor to extend the initiative to more colleges DOT is making all efforts to support tech-startups with funding and live network testing. This is an essential step towards promoting innovation, encouraging entrepreneurship and fostering a culture of startups in the telecommunications sector. However the success of these initiatives depends not only the efforts of DoT but also on the support and facilitation provided by LSA's. LSAs play a crucial role in providing startups in necessary infrastructure, resources and support to succeed and the resultant success of Make in India vision.

Wishing you all the success

Neelam Singhal, Sr.DDG,DGT (HQ)

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