

AIBD - Asia-pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development

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Why is in news? AIBD Unanimously extends India's Presidency for one more year

- India's Presidency of the prestigious Asia-pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) has been extended for one more year.
- This was unanimously decided by the AIBD member countries at the two day General Conference of the Institute held in New Delhi.
- Currently, Sh. Mayank Kumar Agrawal, Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati and Director General, Doordarshan is the President of AIBD
- The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), established in 1977 under the auspices of **UNESCO**, is a unique regional inter-governmental organization servicing countries of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.
- It is hosted by the Government of Malaysia and the secretariat is located in Kuala Lumpur.
- The AIBD is mandated to achieve a vibrant and cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific region through policy and resource development.
- The Institute seeks to fulfill this mandate by mobilizing the intellectual and technological resources available within the national broadcasting organizations of its member countries as well as regional and international bodies through a well-established infrastructure and networking mechanism which includes government agencies, non-governmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, private sector and individual professionals.
- The AIBD currently has 26 countries as full members represented by 43 organizations, and 52 affiliate members.
- The 47th AIBD Annual Gathering / 20th AIBD General Conference and Associated Meetings held in New Delhi on 19-20 September 2022 witnessed a range of discussions, presentations and idea exchange sessions especially focusing on the topic of "Building a Stronger Future of Broadcasting in post pandemic era".
- A five year plan for co-operative activities and exchange programmes was also finalised.
- All the participating countries and member broadcasters pledged to work together for a sustainable broadcasting environment, latest technology know-how, finest content creation, various co-operative activities.

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