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# ITU's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia & Oceania region to begin in New Delhi

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International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania region will begin in New Delhi today.

**Theme** of the Forum is '**Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications**'.

The Regional Standardization Forum is a platform for constructive exchange of ideas, discussing standardization topics in various sectors of technology and the Role of ITU Standards, Harnessing Technologies for Digital and Financial Inclusion in Emerging Markets, Evolving Data Value Chain and Digital Health.

**International Telecommunication Union(ITU):**

The ITU is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for many matters related to information and communication technologies.

It was established on 17 May 1865 as the International Telegraph Union, making it **the oldest UN agency**.

**Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland**

The ITU's global membership includes 193 countries and around 900 business, academic institutions, and international and regional organizations.

India has been elected as a Member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Council for a 4-year term (2019-2022)

India has been an active member of the ITU since 1869, earnestly supporting the development and propagation of telecom in the global community of nations

India has been a regular member of the ITU Council since 1952

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