

# International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and its Functions – India

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ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs.

Founded in 1865 to facilitate international connectivity in communications networks.

- ITU allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits.
- Develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect.
- Strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide.
- ITU helps support communications in the wake of disasters and emergencies – through on-the-ground assistance, dedicated emergency communications channels, technical standards for early warning systems, and practical help in rebuilding after a catastrophe.
- ITU works with the industry to define the new technologies that will support tomorrow's networks and services.
- ITU powers the mobile revolution, forging the technical standards and policy frameworks that make mobile and broadband possible.
- ITU works with public and private sector partners to ensure that ICT access and services are affordable, equitable and universal.
- ITU empowers people around the world through technology education and training.

ITU is committed to connecting all the world's people – wherever they live and whatever their means.

India has been elected as a member of the International Telecommunications Union Council (ITU) for another 4-year term – from 2019 to 2022