



# Minister of Communication Shri Manoj Sinha to launch the first ever India Mobile Congress 2017

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## More than 100 leading global companies to participate

The Minister of Communication Shri Manoj Sinha today announced DoT's first ever Mobile, Internet and Technology event in India - **India Mobile Congress 2017**, which is beginning from tomorrow, 27<sup>th</sup> September till 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Led by Department of Telecom as the nodal ministry, the India Mobile Congress is being organised by Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the industry association of mobile and telecom operators and internet companies will be a congregation to display, discuss, unveil, imbibe, educate and recognise the importance of the global and Indian telecommunications, mobile, internet, connectivity and digital services sector to the world.

The largest and first ever event also has the support of the other ministries like the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Skill Development and Entrepreneurship amongst others and will see participation from senior government representatives from the centres as well as various states. This is a true example of a public- private collaboration where the government and the industry have put together a world class event in India to further the Prime Minister's vision of a fully connected and digitally empowered India.

Terming it as a grand event of the Indian telecom industry, Shri Sinha said, "We are proud to say that our country is now hosting its own first ever Mobile, Internet and Technology event, The India Mobile Congress. We are hopeful that this will be a huge platform for mobile and internet technology sector in the sub-continent. We are expecting a convergence of various thoughts, ideas and views from all corners and involvement of key stakeholders and the government will make this event a huge success.

The Ministry has been making concerted efforts to bring affordable and universal access to all of India's 1.32 Billion population and creating success stories in India for the world to emulate. This is a true celebration of Digital India."

Mr. Rajan Mathews, DG COAI said, "We are truly thankful to the Telecom Minister, Shri Manoj Sinha for his unstinting support, guidance and leadership for translating this vision into a reality. We are truly grateful to the Government of India for their support and creating a facilitative environment for the industry. The India Mobile Congress will be the marquee event of the country. We are sure that the deliberations will inform global policy and over the years, all stakeholders will look forward to this event for launches and releases of new technologies. Officials and senior decision makers from both the Government as well as the industry will be present and tech companies will be displaying the best that this ecosystem has to offer."

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