

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Major achievements for September, 2022

The significant developments pertaining to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the month of September, 2022 are as given below:

1. Digital Payments

BHIM-UPI has continued to show upward trend by recording over 678.8 crore transactions, with value of Rs 11.16 lakh crore in September, 2022 in comparison to 658.8 crore transactions, with value of Rs 10.73 lakh crore in August, 2022. It indicates the increasing adoption of BHIM UPI as the preferred mode for making digital payment transactions.

2. International Cooperation

(i) G20 DEMM (Digital Economy Ministers Meeting) held on 1st September, 2022 under the Presidency of Indonesia, 2022. Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & IT attended the meeting Physically in Bali, Indonesia.

(ii) **Secretary, MeitY's Visit to Netherlands**

A delegation of MeitY led by Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY attended Global Forum for Cyber Experts (GFCE) Annual meeting 2022 held in the Hague, the Netherlands from 13th to 15th September, 2022. Secretary, MeitY delivered a speech during official opening session of the event.

(iii) **1st Ministerial Meeting of the Economy and Investment Committee under the India-Saudi Strategic Partnership Council ("SPC") in Riyadh**

Subsequent to the Agreement of the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) signed by the Government of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in October, 2019, the 1st Ministerial Meeting of the Economy and Investment Committee took place on 19th September, 2022, in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Minister of Textiles led the delegation from India. Shri Amitesh Sinha, Joint Secretary participated in the meeting from MeitY.

Under Technology and Information Technology JWG, both sides stressed on the importance of advancing cooperation between the two countries in the field of technology and information technology on account of the strategic significance of this field. Both parties agreed to continue working on various

priority opportunities especially to FDI Attraction through establishment of regional HQ's in both countries, Investment in Electronics & Funding Cooperation and Fintech Knowledge exchange.

(iv) Meeting of Hon'ble MoS (E&IT) with Thuringian delegation

A meeting held between Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble MoS (E&IT) with Thuringian delegation on 19th September 2022 at MeitY. The Thuringian delegation was led by Mr. Wolfgang Tiefensee, Minister of Economic Affairs, Science and Digital Society of the Free State of Thuringia, Germany. The meeting was also attended by senior officials of MeitY, MEA and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Hon'ble MOS said that today's time calls for forging relations and collaborative actions to script the future of technology. Following recommendations were made from both sides:

- Narrow down areas of cooperation
- Identify and open up one or two areas such as automotive and Health-tech for startups to work for a year
- Work towards bringing greater synergies between the 2 entities in the areas of automotive, e-mobility, AI based systems for evolving universal standards and IPR based solutions and products.
- A white paper on the areas of cooperation in skilling ecosystem.
- Identify and open up areas for startup investments from India

(v) Meeting between Hon'ble MEIT and Mr. S. Iswaran, Minister of Transport and Trade Relations, Singapore

A meeting between Hon'ble MEIT and Mr. S. Iswaran, Minister of Transport and Trade Relations, Singapore held on 17th September 2022 in Rail Bhawan. This was held on the side line of first meeting of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR). Both sides expressed the significant resumption of face to face bilateral meetings between our Ministers in India and Singapore as well as on the sidelines of multilateral meetings.

(vi) Visit of Assistant Secretary, US Department of Homeland Security, USA and delegation

A delegation from US Department of Homeland Security, USA visited MeitY to meet senior officials of MeitY on 27th September 2022. The topics of discussion in the meeting were Information, Communications and Technology Systems security, with a focus on apps and threats associated

with these apps and supply chain resilience and customs on Electronics goods.

(vii) **India-EU workshop on platform regulation and Data Protection**

A virtual meeting held between India and EU on platform regulation and Data Protection on 28th September 2022 from 14:00-16:00 IST wherein EU side shared regulatory development and the respective challenges and approaches for regulating online platforms and their proposed Digital Services Act (DSA) and Digital Market Act (DMA). The Workshop was held back to back two sessions. The first session was on Platform Regulation - A session on Digital Services Act (DSA) and Digital Markets Act (DMA), with a focus also on the preparations for implementation of two acts, stakeholder consultation process, public/industry awareness on two acts and compliance support. The second session was on Data Protection- A session on GDPR experience and the challenges, including focus on challenges for SMEs in compliance. Joint Secretary Shri Sushil Pal chaired the workshop with all concerned Officials of MeitY.

3. **Electronics Manufacturing**

- (i) **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster(EMC):** Grant-in-aid amounting to Rs. 13.01 crore sanctioned to 2 EMC projects TEGNA EMC at ECOTECH-VI, Greater Noida, U.P of Rs. 12.50 crore and EMC at Badiwa-Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh of Rs. 0.51 crore.
- (ii) **Electronics Manufacturing Cluster(EMC 2.0):** An application for setting up of EMC project by M/s. SIIDCUL over an area of 469 acres at Manallur, Tiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu with estimated cost of Rs. 663.59 crore seeking central financial assistance of Rs. 328.35 crore received on 15th September, 2022.
- (iii) **Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS):** In the month of September 3 approval letters were issued with total proposed investment of Rs. 86 crore and committed incentive of Rs. 9.53 crore