

BRICS Ministers discuss ethical dilemma related to AI

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As the current BRICS Chair, India convened the 7th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers yesterday. Minister of State for Communications of Republic of India, Mr Devusinh Chauhan, chaired the 7th meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers through video conferencing.

Mr Devusinh Chauhan while speaking during the meeting stated that the Prime Minister is committed to bridge the digital divide in India. To achieve the same, the Government of India has recently launched historical telecom reforms which will unleash the true potential of telecom industry besides providing much needed support to the telecom service providers. He also stated the Prime Minister of India has launched flagship scheme of extending optical fibers to all six lakh villages of India which will bridge the digital divide between urban and rural area.

The Ministers recognized the significant role of ICTs in increasing the effectiveness of BRICS countries' response to the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and assisting in recovery of economies, business continuity and minimizing the social and economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Ministers discussed the need to work together to develop multi-pronged approaches and reference models for affordable access to communications services and digital technologies for benefitting people, achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Ministers expressed concerns on the risks and ethical dilemma related to Artificial Intelligence and encouraged members to work together to deal with such concerns and risks of Artificial Intelligence and its ethical and responsible uses.

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