



The Institution of Engineers (India)

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Celebrates

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023

17 May 2023

Theme:

Empowering the Least Developed Countries through Information and Communication Technologies

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) has been celebrated annually every 17 May since 1969. It marks the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and founding of ITU in 1865.

This year the theme is “Empowering the Least Developed Countries through Information and Communication Technologies”.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have been transforming the way people communicate, learn, and do business. ICTs are also empowering nations to achieve sustainable development goals and improve their economies. However, many Least Developed Countries (LDCs), characterized by low levels of human development, weak institutional structures are still lagging behind in the adoption and utilization of ICTs. Therefore, it is essential to empower LDCs through ICTs to enhance their social and economic development.

ICTs offer enormous potential for LDCs to leapfrog development challenges and improve their competitiveness in the global economy. By utilizing ICTs, LDCs can improve their educational systems, enhance their health care services, promote e-commerce, and develop new industries.

Empowering LDCs through ICTs is essential for their social and economic development. By promoting investment in ICT infrastructure, skills development, and the development of locally relevant digital content and applications, LDCs can leverage the potential of ICTs to address development challenges and improve their competitiveness in the global economy. The international community can also play a critical role in supporting ICT development in LDCs through technical assistance, capacity building, and funding.

On 17 May 2023, ITU calls on the public and private sectors to make pledges for universal connectivity and digital transformation in these countries. Investment in these young, vibrant countries can drive sustainable growth for generations.

All Centres of the Institution are requested to celebrate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 on the above theme in a befitting manner.

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