

India Mobile Congress

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Why is in news? PM to inaugurate the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2023 on 27th October

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 7th Edition of the India Mobile Congress 2023 on 27th October, 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

During the programme, the Prime Minister will **award 100 '5G Use Case Labs' to educational institutions** across the country.

These labs are being developed under the '100 5G labs initiative'.

About 100 5G labs initiative:

The '100 5G labs initiative', is an endeavour to **realise the opportunities associated with 5G technology** by encouraging development of 5G applications which cater, both to India's unique needs as well as the global demands.

The unique initiative will **foster innovation across various socioeconomic sectors** like education, agriculture, health, power, transportation etc, and propel the country into the forefront of usage of 5G technology.

The initiative is also a pivotal step for building a 6G-ready academic and start-up ecosystem in the country.

More importantly, the initiative is a **step towards development of indigenous telecom technology** which is critical for national security.

India Mobile Congress:

India Mobile Congress (IMC) is the **largest telecom**, **media**, **and technology forum in Asia** and will be held from 27th to 29th October, 2023, **jointly organized** by the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).**

Since its inception, IMC has established itself as a **leading forum** for bringing together industry, government, academia, and other ecosystem players to discuss, deliberate, demonstrate and display the latest trends in the realm of TMT and ICT.

Not only is the India Mobile Congress the biggest technology event in Asia, but it is also the biggest networking event in India in the technology space.

Through an immersive showcase of revolutionary innovations, our mission is to catapult India into the limelight, becoming a beacon of the all-encompassing digital transformation shaping the future.

The event will **act as a platform to highlight India's incredible advancements** in telecommunications and technology, bring forth significant announcements and provide an opportunity to start-ups to display their innovative products and solutions.

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With the **theme 'Global Digital Innovation,**' the IMC 2023 aims to strengthen India's position as a developer, manufacturer, and exporter of key cutting-edge technologies

The three day congress will highlight technologies such as 5G, 6G, Artificial intelligence (AI) and discuss issues pertaining to semiconductor industry, green technology, cybersecurity etc.

This year, IMC is introducing a **startup program - 'Aspire'**. It will foster connections between startups, investors, and established businesses with an aim to catalyse fresh entrepreneurial initiatives and collaborations.

IMC 2023 will be attended by over one lakh participants from about 22 countries including about 5000 CEO level delegates, 230 exhibitors, 400 startups, and other stakeholders.

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