



Workshop on Global Standards & IPR | Uttar Pradesh | 21 May 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the workshop was hosted by **National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT)**, Ghaziabad under **the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)** in collaboration with [International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\)](#) Area office and Innovation Centre, to commemorate [World Telecommunication and Information Society Day \(17th May\)](#).

Key Points

- The workshop highlighted the importance of “**Global Standards & [Intellectual Property Rights \(IPR\)](#)**” for any country’s development.
 - It also provided a platform for national stakeholders to forge global partnerships and align with international best practices in **telecommunications standards**.
- The workshop set the stage for enhanced participation of Indian experts in the upcoming **World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024** and provided an extensive opportunity to the participants to engage with global standards and **intellectual property dynamics**.

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)

- The purpose of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other **information and communication technologies (ICTs)** can bring to societies and economies, as well as ways to bridge the digital divide.
- 17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**.

National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT)

- NTIPRIT was **established in the year 2010** as **National Telecom Academy**, the telecom training institute of the Department of Telecommunications.
 - Subsequently, in 2011, the **mandate of the institute was expanded** by bringing into the activities related to **Policy Research and Innovations** under its ambit and the institute was rechristened as National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovations & Training (NTIPRIT).
 - Since then NTIPRIT has grown and the institute is now the **apex Telecom Training Institute** in the country.
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Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade | Uttar Pradesh | 21 May 2024

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Recently, to mark the successful completion of training of **Air Force Special Forces 'Garud' Commandos, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade** was held at **Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC)**, Air Force Station Chandinagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Garud Commando Force is the **special forces unit of the Indian Air Force. It was formed in February 2004** and has a current strength of over 1500 personnel.
 - Garud forces are **tasked with the protection of critical Air Force bases and installations, search and rescue, and disaster relief during calamities.**
 - **In 2004**, Garuds were **deployed in Congo** as part of the [UN peacekeeping operations.](#)

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