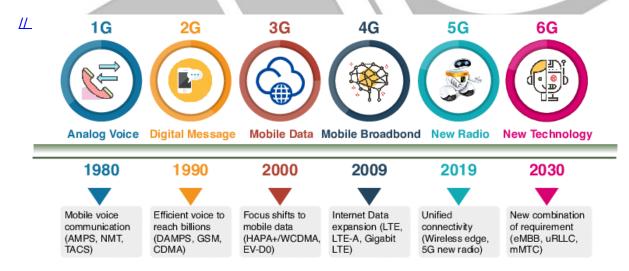


World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

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The <u>Department of Telecommunications (DoT)</u>, celebrated World Telecommunication and Information Society Day on **17**th **May** 2024, with the theme "**Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development**".

- The day marks the anniversary of the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on 17th May 1865, when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris.
- <u>Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)</u>, the premier Telecom R&D Centre of DoT announced special Initiatives "<u>NIDHI</u>" & "STAR Program" for the development of indigenous telecom solutions & technologies.
 - STAR Program provides scholarship and mentorship support from C-DOT research leaders to PhD students.
- The <u>Telecom industry</u> **in India** is the **2nd largest** in the world with a subscriber base of 1.179 Billion as of August 2023 (wireless + wireline subscribers).
 - It is integral to the digital economy and is projected to reach around USD 1.5 billion by 2025-26, making up approximately 15% of the GDP.



Read more: <u>India's Booming Telecom Sector, Transformative Impacts of Telecommunications Act 2023, 6G Technology</u>

