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Pre-Conference Panel Discussion

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Concept Note

Innovation For Shared Prosperity: GR[IP] on Balanced Policymaking

In India, developments in telecommunication sector have enabled larger socio-economic development by reducing the rural-urban digital divide. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) issued a consultation paper in September 2017 on promoting local telecom equipment manufacturing in India. There is a need to focus on complementary policies incentivizing innovation enabling Indian technology companies to move up in the value chain. This includes, among other policy priorities and thrusts, a focus on Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMEs), which are an integral part of the Indian economy. Additionally there is an urgent need to promote active participation and contribution by Indian stakeholders (domestic companies, academic institutions and government organizations) towards development of technical standards for new technologies. The conference will touch upon ways by which Indian government's "Make in India" and "Digital India" objectives can be met through recognizing the integral role of the patent system, development of standardized technologies, and making them available on Fair, Reasonable & Non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms to Indian companies.

Recently the department of Telecommunication has shared a draft on National Digital Communication Policy, 2018

The panel discussion would broadly focus on the following themes.

1. Enabling Infrastructure Convergence of IT, telecom and broadcasting sectors.
2. Ensuring a holistic and harmonized approach for harnessing Emerging Technologies
3. Research and Development
4. Promoting Start-ups
5. Local manufacturing and Value Addition