



BHARAT NET ACHIEVES A NEW MILE STONE OF CONNECTING ONE LAKH GRAM PANCHAYATS

Government of India's flagship project, BharatNet Phase-I has achieved a significant milestone by connecting over One Lakh Gram Panchayats across the country with high speed optical fibre network. The project envisages hi-speed broadband connectivity at an affordable price in over 2.5 lakh villages.

The Department of Telecom announced the key performers and stakeholders who contributed towards the achievement of the target. Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Communications felicitated Shri. S Gopu, Chairman and Managing Director, ITI Limited at a function held on 08/01/2018 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. ITI Limited was honoured on the occasion for their significant contribution, as an Equipment Supplier for the BharatNet Phase 1.

Union Minister of Communications Shri Manoj Sinha described BharatNet as the world's largest rural broadband project that will generate massive employment opportunities both direct and indirect in the country in days to come.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Department of Telecom Ms Aruna Sundararajan said that the project also achieved a global record of laying of 800 kilometres of optical fibre per day and is expected to catalyse digital delivery of services for the rural poor viz. health, education, livelihood, skills, e-

agriculture and e-commerce. Shri K Alagesan, Director (Production & Marketing) along with other senior officials from DoT and ITI were also present on the occasion.



Shri. S Gopu, CMD, ITI Ltd receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Hon'ble Minister. Also seen in the photograph are Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Chairman Telecom Commission & Secretary-T, Govt. of India and Shri. K Alagesan, Director-Production & Marketing, ITI Limited.



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In recognition of his/her significant contribution
in achieving the BharatNet Phase-1 target of

One Lakh Gram Panchayats

Awarded this 8th Day of January 2018


Sanjay Singhania
Additional Member, Fund
and CMAI, BSNL


Anura Kumari, IAS
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