

Proceedings of the 7th State Broadband Committee (SBC) meeting held under the chairpersonship of worthy Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on 24-02-2026 at 10:30 AM in the CS Committee Room, HP Secretariat, Shimla-171002

The 7th State Broadband Committee meeting of Himachal Pradesh was chaired by Shri Sanjay Gupta, worthy Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and attended by the members of the SBC, officers of the departments concerned, representatives of DIPA and COAI. The list of attendees is enclosed as **Annexure- A**.

At the outset Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Addl. DGT/Advisor, HP LSA welcomed worthy Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh, members of the State Broadband Committee and all the participants. The Chairman, SBC stressed the importance of telecommunications in the development of HP and desired that various stakeholders should make dedicated efforts to complete the activities envisaged in NBM2.0.

Shri Chandra Bhushan Singh, DDG (Rural), HP LSA, DoT made a presentation covering the status of telecom projects and other telecom related issues in Himachal Pradesh. The presentation is attached as **Annexure-B**. The deliberations on the agenda points, issues and action points are summarised as under:

1. Status of Amended BharatNet Program (ABP):

The representative of HP LSA, DoT appraised that Broadband connectivity has been planned for all 3615 Gram Panchayats of HP under ABP. OFC proposed to be laid: 20,000 KM (Approx). All the Gram Panchayats are proposed to be connected on a ring topology. Further, 15538 villages of HP will be connected on-demand basis. So far 1922 KM OFC has been laid and 323 GPs have been connected under ABP in Himachal Pradesh.

1.1 The GM BharatNet HP informed that HPSEBL has already issued instructions to all its Zones to prioritize implementation of ABP in Himachal Pradesh to prevent any delays from HPSEBL's side. For applying electricity connections for BharatNet at the GP Bhawans, HPSEBL has also modified the portal by creating a special category for BharatNet under which only two documents are required: the Test Report and the NOC. Accordingly, connections are being applied and more than 100 demand notes have been generated for the electricity connections. However, it has been reported by BSNL field unit that few HPSEBL

sub-divisions (DhauraKuan, Puruwala and Kandroun) are not honouring the above directions issued by HPSEBL and asking for additional documents and formalities.

The Chairman, SBC, directed HPSEBL to look in to the matter and issue necessary instructions to all its Sub divisions, including the above three divisions, to ensure that demand notes for electricity connections are issued expeditiously, thereby preventing any delays in the timely implementation of ABP in HP.

1.2 The GM BharatNet HP requested HPSEBL for sharing the details of Latitude & Longitude of the Electric pole of HT/LT lines and OPGW laying work for expediting the planning for the implementation of ABP in HP and also for the examination of feasibility of different routes to connect GP from disaster point of view. In this regard, the Chairman directed GM BharatNet to coordinate with HPSEBL through personal visit at HPSEBL office.

1.3 The GM, BharatNet HP, apprised that at certain Gram Panchayats (GPs) where OFC connectivity is not feasible, connectivity will be provided through Microwave/UBR links. This will require installation of a pole at the GP Bhawan/site to ensure Line of Sight. To prevent any hindrance in the process, appropriate instructions may be issued by Panchayati Raj Department, HP. The Chairman, SBC directed GM, BharatNet HP to co-ordinate with Panchayati Raj department in this regard.

1.4 Further, Chairman directed BSNL to expedite actions for implementation of the Amended BharatNet Program. BSNL shall update monthly progress of the ABP to the Department of Digital Technologies and Governance (DDT&G) to ensure effective monitoring and timely implementation of the project.

Action By:HPSEBL, Panchayati Raj Department, BSNL

2. Status of the 4G Saturation Project:

2.1 BSNL appraised that 572 sites have been commissioned out of 647 sites planned under 4G saturation in Himachal Pradesh. For the remaining sites, work is in progress and sites targeted on priority. However, 7 sites are located in non-motorable areas (approximately 8–50 km) and is causing delays in execution. The Principal G.M., BSNL apprised that the matter has been escalated to BSNL HQ and DoT HQ for necessary directions. The Chairman, SBC, directed BSNL for commissioning these sites at the earliest.

2.2 BSNL apprised that EB line extension works are pending at 43 sites where payments have already been made, and meter installations are pending at 48 sites. It was emphasized that timely completion of EB line extensions and meter installations at 4G saturation sites will enhance network availability and ensure uninterrupted services to the public. Further, EB line extension work is also pending at the strategically important ITBP site at Shipkila. In this regard, HPSEBL assured that the works at these locations, along with other pending sites, will be taken up on priority. The Chairman, SBC, directed HPSEBL to expedite the EB line extension and meter installation at all pending sites.

2.3 BSNL raised the issue of installing smart meters at telecom installations and informed that the prepaid module for bulk payments through BSNL's centralized portal is currently under development and may require some time to be implemented. Therefore, representative of BSNL requested that, EB meter disconnections may not be carried out for non-payment, at the critical telecom locations, in order to prevent network disruptions and public inconvenience. In this regard, the Chairman, SBC, directed HPSEBL to coordinate with Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) before carrying out any disconnections, as telecom services are urgent and essential in nature. The TSPs will also furnish site details to HPSEBL in this connection. Further, Chairman, SBC asked HPSEBL to issue necessary instructions to all its sub-divisions accordingly.

Action By: BSNL, HPSEBL

3. Common Duct and Infra Sharing Policy:

During the meeting it was discussed that in the 6th SBC meeting, HPPWD apprised that an internal committee has been formed and the policy is expected to be finalized soon. However, the Common Duct Policy is yet to be notified in HP. In the matter it was informed by Pr. Secretary (PW) to the Government of HP that the work of Common Duct at some locations is in progress. It was further decided that DDTG and DoT shall coordinate with Er. Deepak, S.E. HP PWD for notification of Common Duct and Infra Sharing policy.

Action By: HPPWD

4. Composite Billing and Smart Metering for telecom infrastructure:

4.1 HPSEBL informed that composite billing feature has already been implemented in the portal. TSPs/IPs can avail the benefit of composite billing. HP LSA informed that as per the recent feedback from TSPs/ IPs, they have lack of clarity for using this feature. Therefore, a

demo session is required by HPSEBL for TSPs/IPs. Chairman, SBC, asked HPSEBL for organizing demo session at the earliest.

4.2 Further, HPSEBL informed that the work of installation of smart meters in the State including Telecom Towers is in progress and is being implemented in phased manner in Himachal Pradesh as per the availability/ arrival of smart meter stock/ equipment. HP LSA, DoT appraised that DIPA and BSNL/TSP/ Infrastructure Providers were asked to provide the details of the Telecom Towers where smart meter needs to be installed on priority. HP LSA, DoT requested to HPSEBL for expedite installation of smart meters for the Telecom Towers. The Chairman, SBC, asked HPSEBL to prioritize the installation of smart meter at Telecom Towers and allocate the stock/ equipment for the Telecom Tower in advance.

Action By: HPSEBL, DIPA, TSPs/IPs

5. Right of Way (RoW) Issues:

HP LSA, DoT conveyed its appreciation to the Department of Digital Technologies and Governance HP for expediting action on issues related to Right of Way (RoW). It was further informed that, at present, only one case (Application Id: 40589) remains pending since September 2023. In this regard, the DDTG Department stated that the matter will be taken up again with District Administration for its resolution. The Chairman, SBC, directed to expedite necessary action in the matter to close the said application at the earliest.

Action By: DDT&G

6. Utilization of the “Call Before U Dig (CBuD)” App:

6.1 HP LSA, DoT informed that, Training/ Workshops on awareness of CBuD App usage are conducted from time to time, and so far 40 Training/ Workshops have been organized. At present, 505 asset owners of various departments have been registered on the CBuD App, and 616 enquiries on the CBuD App have been generated in HP so far.

6.2 The GoHP and its various departments have already notified and mandated the use of the CBuD App. However, out of 616, around 90 CBuD enquiries have been generated by State departments. Therefore, stronger enforcement mechanisms are required by the HP State

departments to sensitize executing agencies, field functionaries, contractors and JCB owners for effective use of the CBuD App.

6.1 DDTG informed that HPPWD and Jal Shakti Vibhag had been requested to provide the list of their registered class-I contractors. Further, the Transport Department had been requested to issue necessary instructions to field level officers under their control to ensure registration of machinery owners on the CBuD App. The Chairman SBC directed DoT to organize more CBuD awareness workshops for the stakeholders in coordination with DDT&G.

6.2 The Chairman, SBC, directed for use of CBuD App by all departments and mandatory inclusion of a CBuD App use related clause in the Tenders/ Work orders. Further, the departments will review the CBuD progress at their respective levels and submit updates to DDT&G.

Action By: All the Stakeholders Departments, HPLSA-DoT

7. GIS mapping of Street Furniture:

7.1 The pendency in GIS mapping of Street Furniture was discussed in detail. Identified street furniture is (i) Electric Poles, (ii) Traffic Light Poles, (iii) Bus Terminals & Bus Shelters (iv) Government Buildings (v) Street Lights. Format for mapping the street furniture is given below:

S. No.	State	City Name	Street Furniture Type	Latitude (min. 5 decimal places)	Longitude (min. 5 decimal places)	Authority	Street Furniture Id/Name	Street Furniture Height (Mtr. 2 decimal places)	Structure Type of street furniture	Class	Sub Class
1	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Govt. Building	21.47676	78.495677	CPWD	Guest House	11.45	RCC (reinforced cement concrete)	State Government	CPWD

Directorate (Industries), Himachal Pradesh, is the nodal agency for GIS mapping in HP. So far 6.39 Lakhs Electric poles, 62 Bus Terminals, 25 Traffic lights and 1150 Govt. Buildings in HP have been mapped.

Total	Traffic	Total	Government	Total	Bus	Total	Bus	Total	Electric	Total	Street
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30	25	In process	1150	62	62	Informa tion awaited from respecti ve Deptts		6474 10	6399 74	Informa tion awaited from respecti ve Deptts	

It was further discussed that the figure of Government buildings mapping has improved from 352 in the previous meeting to 1150. Further, Director DTG intimated that around 3000 government buildings have been mapped as a part of HIMUPASTITHI application and their details shall be ported soon.

7.2 DDTG, GoHP further informed that it has successfully developed GIS-based Asset Mapping mobile app and Guidelines for Infrastructure Asset Mapping Mobile Application developed by DDTG, GoHP has been issued vide letter dated 02.02.2026 to all the departments. Training sessions/ workshops will be organised for the departments as per the requirements. Data captured in the asset mapping application will be migrated on to the state RoW Portal.

7.3 The Chairman, SBC, directed for expedite actions and complete the GIS mapping of street furniture in the State at the earliest.

Action By: DDTG, Directorate (Industries), All the Stakeholders' departments/ offices

8. Issues raised by DIPA/ COAI:

8.1 DIPA raised the issue regarding the Regularization of Existing Telecom Infrastructure and requested to make provision for the Regularization of Existing Telecom Infrastructure on the RoW portal, and suggested that:

- HP RoW Policy 2023 (Notification No. DIT-F/21/2021-(e 34214), Chapter 5, Clause 12) may be considered as precedent, which provided for the regularisation of existing telecom infrastructure.
- Enable portal functionality to allow regularisation and bring all towers on record.
- Align with RoW Rules 2024 for streamlined documentation (Building details, Owner Agreement/MoU, Structure Safety certification).

The Chairman SBC, directed to DIPA and COAI to submit the complete matter to DDTG for further consideration.

Action By:DIPA , COAI, DDTG

8.2 DIPA requested DDTG to develop a system for the issuance of an acknowledgement after submission of the Application for establishing mobile infrastructure on private property, as is being done in other states like Madhya Pradesh and J&K. The Chairman SBC instructed DDTG to look into the matter.

Action By:DIPA , DDTG

8.3 The COAI requested for waiver of restoration charges for routes damaged by floods/Landslides/ heavy rains. In the 6th SBC meeting held in August 2025 it was assured by HPPWD to examine the case of waiver of restoration charges for re-laying OFC in the roads which are damaged by floods/ Landslides/ heavy rains. The Chairman SBC, directed to COAI to submit the matter to PWD for further consideration and decision.

Action By:COAI, HPPWD

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Director, DT&G with a request to all the stakeholders to provide all necessary support to the telecom service providers for the speedy roll-out of planned telecom services in the State.

Approved vide NN-**237**

**Chief Secretary to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh**

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Copy to all participants for information and necessary action.

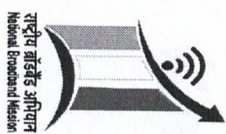


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Department of Digital Technologies and Governance,
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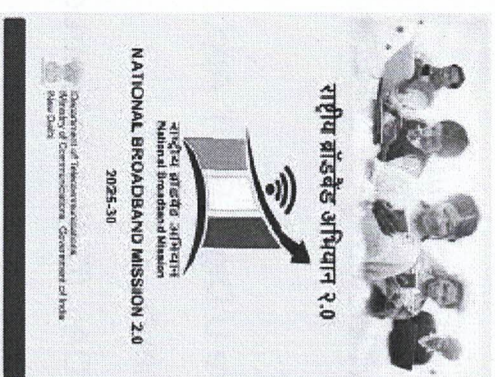
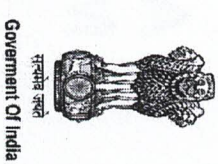
Annexure- A**List of participants of 7th SBC meeting**

1. Sh. Devesh Kumar, Principal Secretary (Urban Development, Finance, Planning, Economics & Statistics, Twenty Point Programme, State Taxes & Excise, Tourism & Civil Aviation, Public Works) to the GoHP
2. Sh. Ashish Singhmar, Secretary (Digital Technologies and Governance) to the GoHP
3. Sh. Sat Pal Dhiman, Additional Secretary (Env. Science & Technology) to the GoHP
4. Sh. Vijay Kumar, Spl. Secy (Forest) to the GoHP
5. Dr.Nipun Jindal, Director DDTG, GoHP
6. Sh. Anil Kumar Gupta, Addl. DG, HP LSA, DoT
7. Sh. Sandeep Arya, DDG (T), HP LSA DoT
8. Sh. Chandra Bhushan Singh, DDG (Rural), HP LSA, DoT
9. Sh. Vijay Prakash, Principal G.M., BSNL
10. Sh. Sheel P. Gautam, GM-BN, BSNL
11. Sh. Chandra Bhan Yadav, Director (Rural), HP LSA, DoT
12. Sh. Chander Mohan, DGM BSNL
13. Sh. Satinder Singh, SE (E), BSNL
14. Sh. M.G. Sharma, Director HPSEBL
15. Sh. Harinder Thakur, C.E., HPSEBL
16. Ms. RichaPanchta, DFO, HP Forest Dept.
17. Sh. Narender Kumar, Deputy Director (IT) DDTG, GoHP
18. Sh. Gurinderjit Singh, AD (Rural), HP LSA, DoT
19. Sh. Lalit Chauhan, Telecom Consultant, DDTG
20. Ms. Anjali Brakata, Developer (DDTG)
21. Sh. Pitambar Sharma, GIS Data Analyst, DDTG HP
22. Sh. DhananjayGawanday, Director, COAI (through VC)
23. Sh. Deepak Kumar Gupta, Manager, COAI (through VC)
24. Sh. Rajendra Kumar, Pr. Advisor, DIPA (through VC)
25. Sh. Raman Srivastava, AVP, DIPA (through VC)
26. Sh. Srishti Thakur, Sr.Manager(Energy) (through VC)
27. Ms. Meena Bisht, Regulatory Head, Indus Tower (through VC)



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Annexure-B



Department of Telecom, HP LSA

Welcomes

State Broadband Committee

Agenda of 7th State Broadband Committee(SBC) Meeting

1. Action Taken Report of the 6th State Broadband Committee (SBC) Meeting.
2. Status of the Amended BharatNet Project.
3. Status of the 4G Saturation Project.
4. Common Duct and Infrastructure Sharing Policy.
5. Composite Billing and Smart Metering for telecom infrastructure.
6. Right of Way (RoW) Issues.
7. Utilization of the "Call Before U Dig (CBuD)" App.
8. GIS Mapping of Street Furniture.
9. Issues raised by DIPA/COAI (Digital Infrastructure Providers Association / Cellular Operators Association of India).
10. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Status of Digital Bharat Nidhi Funded Projects

2. Amended BharatNet Project (ABP) :

- OFC laid: 1922 KM (20000 Kms) - Ring topology
- GPs Connected: 323 (3615)
- Connecting 15538 villages on-demand basis
- FTTH connections: 2647 - through BNUs(BharatNet Udhyaani)

3. 4G Saturation Project:

- Planned Sites: 647
- Commissioned sites: 572 (Detailed status)

4. Common Duct and Infra Sharing Policy

6th SBC meeting:

It was informed by HPPWD that an internal committee has been formed and the policy is expected to be finalized soon.

Status:

The Common Duct Policy is yet to be notified by HPPWD.

5. Composite Billing and Smart Metering for telecom infrastructure.

Composite Billing:

- Composite billing has been implemented in HPSEBL website.
- TSPs/ IPs having lack of clarity for using this feature.
- A demo session be organized by HPSEBL for TSPs/IPs.

Smart Metering:

- Work of installation of smart meter is in progress.
- TSPs/ IPs to provide Telecom Tower details where smart meters are to be installed.
- HPSEBL to prioritize the installation of smart meter at Telecom Towers.

6. Right of Way (RoW) Issues

Pendency status:

SBC meeting	Pending RoW cases
5 th SBC meeting (24.07.2024)	145
6 th SBC meeting (19.08.2025)	12
7 th SBC meeting (24.02.2026)	1

7. Utilization of the “Call Before U Dig (CBuD)” App.

- Trainings/ workshops conducted: 40

User ID created:

Sl. No.	Department Name	No. of User IDs
1.	HP PWD	188
2.	HP State Electricity Board	76
3.	JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG	71
4.	MC Shimla	11
5.	PANCHAYATI RAJ	61
6.	ROPEWAYS AND RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD	37
7.	TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING	1
8.	URBAN DEVELOPMENT	40
9.	DOT-ISP	20
	Total	505

Excavation enquiries generated:

District Name	PW D	Pancha yati Raj	HPSE BL	UD	Jal Shakti Vibhag	M C	Central Agenci es	Total
Bilaspur	2						13	15
Chamba					1		17	18
Hamirpu r	12						71	83
Kangra	10						105	115
Kinnaur							1	1
Kullu	1						30	31
Mandi	11				1		86	98
Shimla	13		1			1	16	51
Simaur	1	6	1				14	22
Solan	5	1		1			70	77
Una	5						69	74
Total	60	7	2	1	3	16	527	616

Number of User IDs for Central level in HP - 819

Number of registered Excavators - 378

8. GIS Mapping of Street Furniture

Nodal Agency: Directorate (Industries), HP

- (i) Electric poles, (ii) Traffic light poles, (iii) Bus terminals & Bus shelters (iv) Government buildings (v) Street lights.

Format:

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Total Traffic Lights	Traffic lights mapped	Total Government Buildings	Government Buildings mapped	Total Bus Terminals	Bus Terminals mapped	Total Bus Shelters	Bus Shelters mapped	Total Electric Poles	Electric Poles mapped	Total Street Lights	Street Lights mapped
30	25	In process	1150 (as on 19.08.2025: 352)	62	62	Information awaited from respective Deptts	Information awaited from respective Deptts	647410	639974	Information awaited from respective Deptts	

9(i). Issues raised by DIPA (Digital Infrastructure Provider Association)

- DIPA request- Provision for the Regularisation of Existing Telecom Infrastructure on the RoW portal,
 - HP RoW Policy 2023 (Notification No. DIT-F/21/2021-(e 34214), Chapter 5, Clause 12) may be considered as precedent, which provided for the regularisation of existing telecom infrastructure.
 - Enable portal functionality to allow regularisation and bring all towers on record.
 - Align with RoW Rules 2024 for streamlined documentation (Building details, Owner Agreement/MoU, Structure Safety certification).

In the 6th SBC meeting, it was decided to create a working group under the chairmanship of Secretary (DDTG) with the Department of Urban Development and DIPA to prepare a framework in this regard. The matter is under process in DDTG.

- DIPA requested DDTG to develop a system for the issuance of an acknowledgement after submission of the Application for establishing mobile infrastructure on private property, as is being done in other states like Madhya Pradesh. The matter is under process in DDTG.

9 (ii) Issues raised by COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India)

- COAI requested for waiver of restoration charges for routes damaged by floods/Landslides/ heavy rains.
- In the 6th SBC meeting, HPPWD assured to examine the case. Expedite actions is required in this regard.

10. Citizen Centric Services by DOT

➤ Digital Financial transactions

- FY 24-25 - Rs. 23000 Cr Lost in Digital frauds (> 200% annual increase).
- FY 24-25 - 36 Lakh+ Complaints.

➤ Sanchar Saathi Portal/App - 1.5 Cr App downloads, 22 Cr website hits.

1. Chakshu- Malicious Web link, Suspected Fraud Calls, Unsolicited Commercial Calls
2. Block Lost/ Stolen Mobile Phone

	India	HP
Blocked	44 Lakhs	22000
Traced	27 Lakhs	15000
Recovered	8 Lakhs	5000
% Recovered	29%	34%

3. **Know Mobile connections in Your Name (KYM)** : HP- 1.5 Lakh mobile numbers have been disconnected (India- 2 Cr.).
4. Know Genuineness of your mobile handset.
5. Report international call with Indian number (RICWIN).
6. Know your wireline TSP.
7. Trusted Contact Details (Toll-Free Numbers etc).

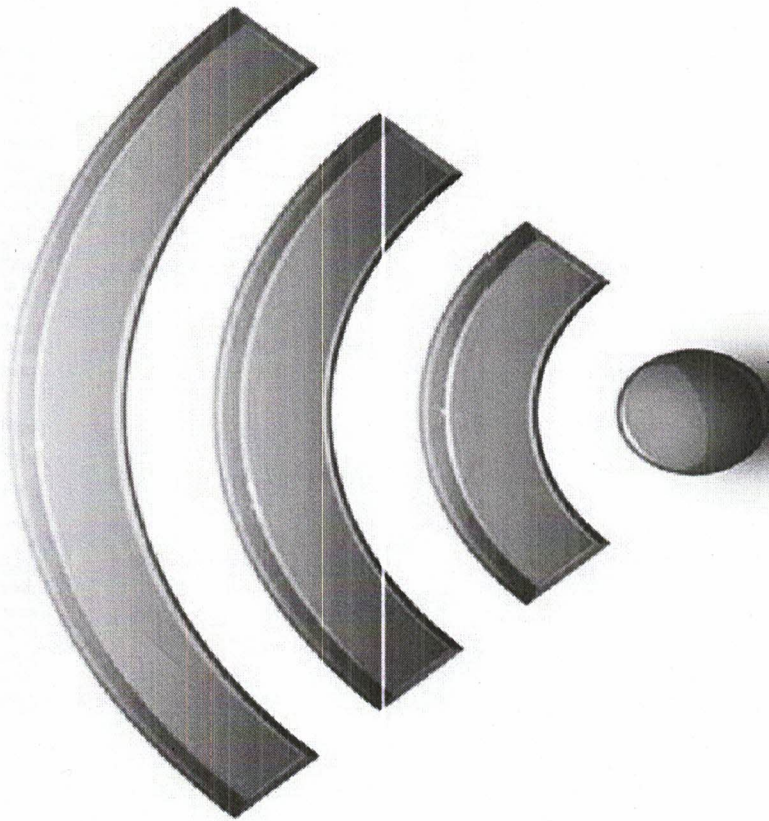
10. Citizen Centric Services by DOT

- **Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)- Launched in May 25**
 - Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) - More than 1000 Banks, PSOs (Payment System Operators), TPAPs (Third Party Application Providers)- PayTM, PhonePe, Google Pay.
 - RBI, NPCI are supporting.
 - Saved – Rs 660 Cr.
 - Transactions Declined- 2.5 Cr.
 - Accounts Frozen- 30 Lakhs.
- **Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU)**
 - Suspected POI/ POA - 1 Cr disconnections.
 - > 9 mobiles – 2 Cr disconnections.
 - Suspected Frauds – 1 Cr disconnections.

Important Weblinks

- <https://sancharsaathi.gov.in/>
- <https://tarangsanchar.gov.in/emfportal>
- <https://cybercrime.gov.in/>

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