

COAI and 5G-ACIA sign MoU to Promote and Adopt 5G Mobile Communications and Technologies

5G-IF/COAI & 5G-ACIA/ZVEI to foster close cooperation and drive agenda for industrial automation using 5G technologies

New Delhi & Frankfurt 26 June 2020: COAI, the apex industry association representing the country's major Telecom, Internet, Technology & Digital Services companies, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with 5G Alliance for Connected Industries and Automation (5G-ACIA), working party of ZVEI to shape and promote 5G mobile communications in different vertical industries, particularly in the manufacturing and process industry.

5G India Forum (5G-IF) is a collaborative body under the aegis of COAI whereas 5G Alliance for Connected Industries and Automation (5G-ACIA) is a working party of ZVEI German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association.

The three years, not-for-profit, MoU is signed with the purpose to cooperate with each other on issues related to 5G and its adoption for industry automation across sectors. Under the partnership, both bodies will identify topics of common interest and work to strengthen their relationship and foster closer cooperation on common agenda by joint participation in events, meetings, promotional activities and many other joint initiatives.

"We are excited to partner with the 5G-ACIA, as we endeavour to continuously build our understanding and expertise towards the advancement of modern communication in the country. We truly believe that this partnership will be mutually beneficial and build on insights and learnings to shape Industrial 5G mobile communications and technology effectively" said **Rajan S Mathews**, Director General, COAI about the collaboration.

Dr. Andreas Müller, Bosch, and Chairman of the 5G-ACIA said: "5G will have a significant impact on the way how future factories and other production facilities are designed, operated and maintained. India is already an industrial powerhouse and manufacturing contributes to about 15% of the overall GDP of the country with an estimated number of more than 230k factories. The world is looking towards India how it shapes its Industry 4.0 revolution and high performance wireless communication services as provided by 5G certainly represent a critical enabler in this respect. We are very happy to partner with COAI towards the growth of such technologies and excited to share knowledge and collaborate on various topics of mutual interest with one common goal: Making Industrial 5G become a major success!"

About COAI

COAI was constituted in 1995 as a registered, non-governmental society. COAI's vision is to establish India as the global leader of innovative mobile communications infrastructure, products and services and achieving a national teledensity of 100%, including broadband. The association is also dedicated to the advancement of modern communication and towards delivering the benefits of innovative and affordable mobile communication services to the people of India.

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About 5G-ACIA

The 5G Alliance for Connected Industries and Automation (5G-ACIA) is the central global forum for shaping industrial 5G standards. 5G-ACIA members jointly prepare for the disruptive change 5G will bring, promote a better understanding of industrial needs, and gain insights into a highly attractive emerging market. 5G-ACIA provides a unique global platform for OT and ICT companies, academia, and all relevant stakeholders to influence 5G development and deployment in line with industrial imperatives. They make the results of their work directly available to 3GPP, the main standardization body for developing 5G. 5G-ACIA is a market representation partner of 3GPP and has the formal status of a working party of ZVEI - German Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association.

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