

COAI organizes a Webinar with the Economic and Trade Mission, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi on 5G Era of Virtual Network & Edge Computing

New Delhi, 14th September 2021: COAI, the representative body of the Indian telecommunications industry, today, organized a joint webinar on '**5G – Era of Virtual Network & Edge Computing**' with The Economic and Trade Mission, Embassy of Israel. The webinar was organized to bring the telecom ecosystem together to derive a holistic approach for building the next generation of networks.

It was attended by Operators, Technology Companies, Network Equipment Providers, Virtual Network Function & Cloud Native application providers, IoT Players, Test & Measurement Companies, Government Agencies. Representatives of top-notch Israeli Companies gave detailed presentations highlighting how transformative technologies will usher the age of complete digitization globally.

The webinar began with a welcome address by **Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar, Director General, COAI** and **Ms. Natasha Zangin, Head of Economic and Trade Mission, Embassy of Israel**. It was followed by detailed presentations by top-notch Israeli Companies.

In his welcome remark, **Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar, Director General, COAI** mentioned, *"We are thankful to the Israel Embassy for coordinating with us on this important discussion. As new age technologies are proliferating the industry each day, they must be backed by transformative network technologies like 5G and Edge Computing to provide a flexible foundation for innovations. 5G will forever revolutionise the way we lead our lives. It will bring us closer to the vision of Digital India. It will trigger Industry 4.0 bringing in exponential growth across different sectors. In this regard, this webinar is pivotal to pave the way for mutually beneficial strategic partnerships for both nations."*

*"The Economic and Trade Mission, Embassy of Israel, New Delhi is very happy to collaborate with Cellular Operators Association of India and co-host the webinar on **5G – Era of Virtual Network & Edge Computing**. With increase in digitization, strengthening of communication and network capabilities is of vital importance. Hence, this webinar is most aptly timed. Needless to say, Israel is known for its technological prowess and India with its immense manufacturing capabilities are natural partners. This platform will help Telecom industries of both the nations to leverage this opportunity and forge new business partnerships,"* said **Ms. Natasha Zangin, Head of Economic and Trade Mission, Embassy of Israel**, in her welcome remark.

The presentations were followed by a panel discussion moderated by Mr. Vikram Tiwathia, Deputy Director-General, COAI on the theme of '**5G and Edge Computing: Transforming Future Networks.**' The panelists, composed of experts of the technology ecosystem, discussed how future networks are transforming with 5G and Edge computing. The wireless technology is capable of building and providing necessary boost to overall network, bringing in significant opportunities for network virtualization, AI, and automation while considerably lowering associated costs and enhancing the delivery of network-based services, IT systems, and applications.

A Q&A session was followed by the panel discussion. The panelists highlighted the need for robust communication infrastructure that will support the technological innovations and advancements which will transform our lives for good. The webinar ended with a vote of thanks.
