

Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

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Recently, India has been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) during the 23rd AIBD General Conference, held in Phuket, Thailand.

About Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

- It was established in **1977 under the auspices of UNESCO.**
- It is a unique regional **inter-governmental organisation** servicing countries of the **United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific** (UN-ESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.
- **Mandate:** The AIBD is mandated to achieve a vibrant and cohesive electronic media environment in the Asia-Pacific region through policy and resource development.
- The **International Telecommunication Union** (ITU), the **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP), and the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation** (UNESCO) are the founding organisations of the Institute and they are **non-voting members of the General Conference.**

- The AIBD currently **has 92 member organisations** from across 44 countries, including
 - 26 Government Members represented by 48 national broadcasters
 - 44 Affiliate Members from 28 countries and regions, spanning **Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab States, and North America**
- **Secretariat:** It is situated in **Kuala Lumpur**, Malaysia.

India and AIBD

- **India** is one of the **founding members** of this organization.
- India last held the position of **AIBD Executive Council Chairman in 2016**.
- Prasar **Bharati**, India's public service broadcaster, **is the representative body** of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, at AIBD.

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