

PM-WANI

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Recently, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has introduced a series of user-friendly reforms under the Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) framework.

About PM-WANI

- The PM-WANI (Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface) was launched by the **Department of Telecommunication** in December 2020.
- It aims to **enhance the proliferation of public WiFi hotspots** to create robust digital communications infrastructure in the country, especially in rural areas.
- **Objectives**
 - To **overcome the digital divide** by increasing internet connectivity, especially in remote and rural regions.
 - To **empower individuals and businesses** to participate in the digital economy through affordable internet access.

- To **encourage local entrepreneurs** by enabling shopkeepers and individuals to become Public Data Office (PDO) operators.

PM-WANI Ecosystem Components

- **Public Data Office (PDO):** It will establish, maintain, and operate only WANI-compliant Wi-Fi access points and deliver broadband services to subscribers. No license is required from DoT.
 - The local shops and small establishments as PDOs may earn extra income from selling internet without any requirement of license, registration, and/or any fees to DoT.
- **Public Data Office Aggregator (PDOA):** It will be an aggregator of PDOs and perform the functions relating to authorization and accounting.
- **App Provider:** It will **develop an App to register users** and discover WANI-compliant Wi-Fi hotspots in the nearby area and display the same within the App for accessing the internet services.
- **Central Registry:** It will maintain the details of App Providers, PDOAs, and PDOs.
 - It is currently maintained by the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)**.

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