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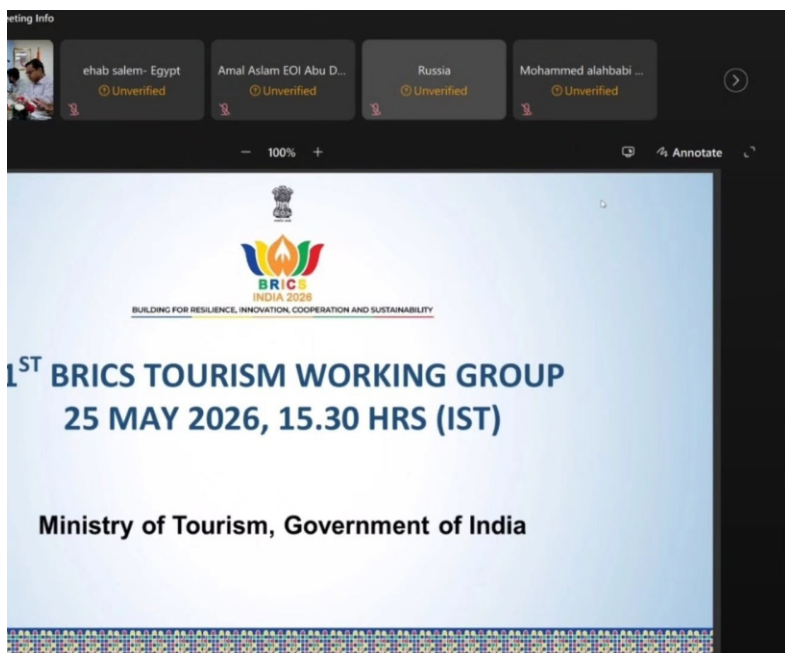
TOURISM

India Chairs First BRICS Tourism Working Group Meeting in 2026

India chaired the first BRICS 2026 Tourism Working Group (TWG) Meeting in **virtual mode on May 25, 2026**, marking the beginning of tourism cooperation initiatives under its BRICS 2026 Chairship. It served as an introductory and preparatory platform for advancing the tourism agenda of BRICS member nations under the broader **theme, “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.”**



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The meeting was chaired by the Joint Secretary (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism, and brought together representatives from BRICS countries to discuss priorities and collaborative opportunities in the tourism sector. **Delegates exchanged views on key areas that can strengthen tourism cooperation and contribute to sustainable growth across member nations.** The discussions highlighted a collective resolve among member nations to enhance cooperation through continued dialogue and the exchange of knowledge.

Shared Vision

Builds consensus on collective objectives

Knowledge Exchange

Encourages learning from diverse experiences

Institutional Dialogue

Strengthens engagement among tourism authorities



Collaborative Frameworks

Facilitates future partnerships and Initiatives

Regional Connectivity

Promotes stronger links across member nations

Long-Term Cooperation

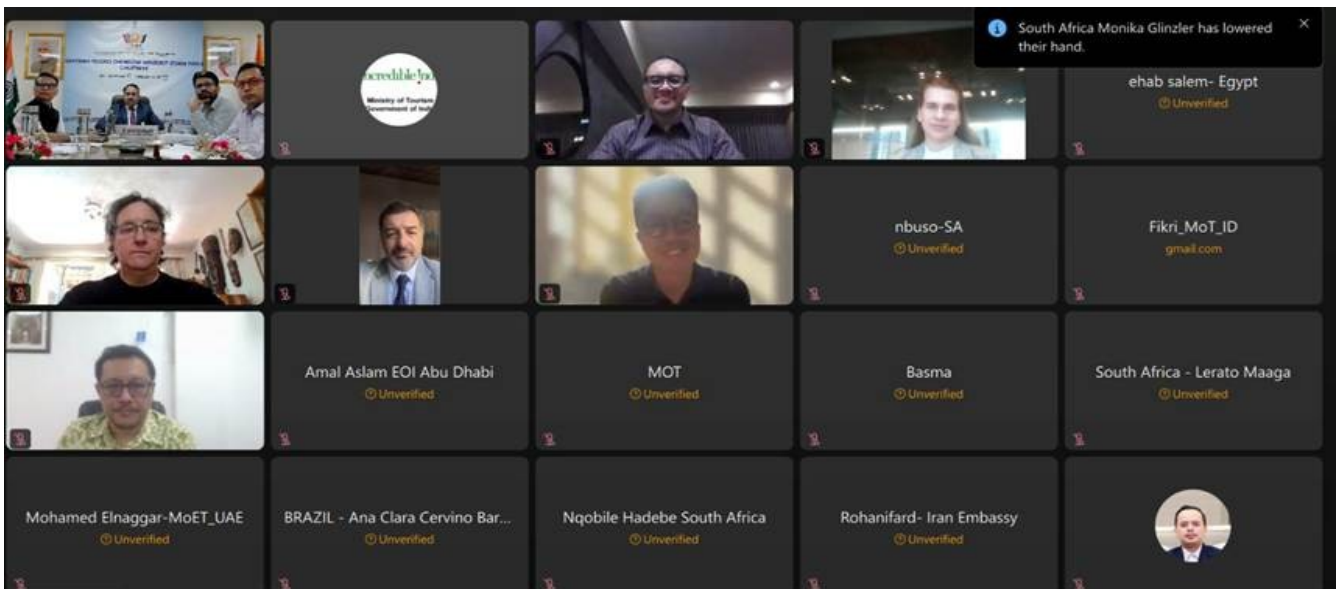
Supports sustained collaboration within BRICS

A major focus of India's chairship is the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into tourism. Discussions highlighted the potential of AI-driven solutions to enhance visitor experiences, improve destination management, streamline tourism services, and support data-driven decision-making. India emphasized the importance of leveraging emerging technologies to build a more innovative and future-ready tourism ecosystem. Participants also discussed the broader implications of technology adoption for the future of tourism.



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Sustainability and responsible tourism also featured prominently in the deliberations. The discussions underscored the importance of balancing economic benefits with responsible resource management and community participation. Member countries explored approaches to balance tourism growth with environmental conservation while promoting inclusive development. Other priority areas included tourism skilling and capacity building, as well as tourism exchanges and seamless travel facilitation to strengthen people-to-people connections across BRICS nations.



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The inaugural meeting marked the first step in a series of engagements planned under India's BRICS 2026 Chairship. **By advancing cooperation in areas such as AI-enabled tourism, sustainable practices, workforce development, and travel facilitation, India aims to foster a collaborative framework** that supports resilient and inclusive tourism growth among BRICS countries. The discussions also reaffirmed the group's commitment to innovation and partnership as key drivers of the tourism sector's future development.



TRANSPORT

Haryana Announced Statewide Village-to-City Bus Connectivity Plan

The Haryana government has unveiled an ambitious plan to provide seamless bus connectivity between villages and urban centres across the state within the next year. Announced during a review meeting of the **Transport Department's five-year roadmap under Haryana Vision-2047**, the initiative aims to strengthen public transportation and ensure that no village remains deprived of bus services. The plan seeks to improve mobility while addressing the growing transportation needs of both rural and urban populations.





Source: <https://www.haryanacmoffice.gov.in/cmo-haryana-press-release-26-may-2026>


The proposed expansion comes in response to **rapid population growth across nearly 6,500 villages and urban areas in Haryana**, where public transport services have not expanded at the same pace. The government has directed the transport department to prepare a future-ready route network that can effectively connect villages with nearby towns and cities. Improved connectivity is expected to benefit students, working professionals, senior citizens, and women who rely heavily on affordable public transportation.


A key objective of the initiative is to **reduce dependence on private vehicles and promote sustainable mobility**. By strengthening public transport infrastructure, the state aims to curb fuel consumption and reduce traffic congestion while making travel more economical and accessible. The plan aligns with broader efforts to create an environmentally responsible transport system capable of supporting long-term development goals.


PILLARS OF HARYANA'S CONNECTIVITY INITIATIVE

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Universal Access
Bus connectivity across the state
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Rural Inclusion
Better links with nearby urban centres
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Operational Efficiency
Optimized route planning
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Digital Transformation
Smart transport technologies
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Sustainability
Reduced reliance on private vehicles



Source: <https://swarajyamag.com/news-brief/haryana-government-to-add-1000-new-buses-including-500-electric-vehicles-to-state-transport-fleet>

To improve operational efficiency, the government has **proposed a cluster-based transport model that will connect groups of nearby villages through circular bus routes**. The initiative also includes strengthening intra-city bus services in rapidly growing urban centres such as Gurugram, Faridabad, and Sonipat. These measures are intended to create a more integrated transport network that links rural and urban communities effectively.

HARYANA'S PROMISE
EVERY VILLAGE EVERY JOURNEY
 Bus Services to Every Village, A Stronger Haryana

CONNECTING VILLAGES CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

Chief Minister **NAYAB SINGH SAINI** directs officials to prepare a **NEW TRANSPORT ROADMAP** to ensure bus connectivity to every village in the state.

WHAT THIS MEANS

- Bus services to every village
- Better access to education, healthcare & employment
- Boost to rural economy & local businesses
- Stronger connectivity, stronger Haryana

“Our goal is simple yet powerful – no village in Haryana should be left behind.”
 – Nayab Singh Saini
 Chief Minister, Haryana

BETTER CONNECTIVITY. BRIGHTER FUTURES.
 ONE ROADMAP. COUNTLESS DESTINATIONS.

EDUCATION HEALTHCARE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT

Source: <https://newsonline.media/haryanas-next-big-move-bus-services-set-to-reach-every-village/>

The modernization plan further envisions the **adoption of technology-driven solutions**, including real-time bus tracking systems, mobile applications for passengers, CCTV surveillance, and enhanced safety features. The government has also proposed the establishment of electric bus infrastructure and upgraded bus stations to support greener transportation. Through these measures, **Haryana seeks to develop a modern, accessible, and sustainable public transport system** that can serve as a model for regional connectivity and inclusive growth.

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT

GMDA Proposed Longer NH-48 Bypass to Reduce Delhi Airport Congestion

In May 2026, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) proposed a **longer bypass along NH-48 (formerly NH-8) to ease congestion affecting travel to Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport**. The move was discussed in response to rising traffic volumes on the Delhi–Gurugram route, where recurring bottlenecks have increasingly affected airport-bound commuters. The initiative emerged during deliberations on measures to improve movement along one of the region's most heavily used transport corridors.

DIAL PROPOSES NEW DWARKA EXPRESSWAY LINK FOR DELHI AIRPORT CONNECTIVITY

MOVE AIMED AT REDUCING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND IGI AIRPORT AREA

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Proposed extension of Dwarka Expressway till Mayapuri Ring Road
- Aims to reduce traffic congestion near Delhi Airport
- Improved connectivity between Gurugram, Dwarka and Central Delhi
- Boost to Delhi NCR infrastructure and economic growth

BENEFITS

- Reduced Travel Time
- Decongestion of Busy Routes
- Lower Fuel Consumption
- Better Experience for Commuters and Travelers

Source: <https://globalinvestorssolution.com/dwarka-expressway-extension-news/>

The alignment under consideration would connect the Mahipalpur area with Ghata Chowk on the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR). By providing an additional route between Delhi and Gurugram, the initiative seeks to reduce dependence on heavily used sections of NH-48 and support smoother movement towards the airport. The proposed stretch would also strengthen links between existing road networks serving the airport corridor.



Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/gurgaon/how-to-ease-igi-travel-gmda-proposes-longer-nh-8-bypass/articleshow/131336523.cms>

The need for such an intervention stems from persistent traffic pressure on the corridor, which carries a substantial mix of local, regional, and transit vehicles. **During peak travel hours, congestion frequently leads to extended travel durations and reduced journey predictability for both daily commuters and airport-bound passengers.** Existing road capacity has struggled to keep pace with growing travel demand along this route.



Source: <https://constructionbusinesstoday.com/news/gmda-plans-elevated-corridors-and-flyovers-to-ease-gurugram-traffic-congestion/>

The initiative also complements wider efforts to improve mobility within the Delhi–Gurugram transport network. Studies examining traffic patterns in the region have highlighted the **importance of creating supplementary routes and strengthening links with infrastructure such as the Southern Peripheral Road and Dwarka Expressway to reduce dependence on a single arterial route.** Such measures are intended to distribute vehicular movement more evenly across the network.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE LONGER NH-8 BYPASS

Traffic Diversion

Shifts through-traffic away from congested airport approaches

Reduced Bottlenecks

Eases pressure on critical junctions along NH-48

Faster Airport Access

Supports shorter and more predictable journeys to IGI Airport

Corridor Connectivity

Links airport access routes with major regional road networks

Improved Traffic Flow

Facilitates smoother movement between Delhi and Gurugram

The planned alignment is expected to provide an additional option for airport-bound traffic, complementing ongoing measures aimed at easing pressure on the Delhi–Gurugram corridor. By improving route choices and traffic distribution, the initiative could contribute to more reliable travel times for passengers accessing IGI Airport. It would also support efforts to streamline movement between key access points serving the airport and surrounding urban areas.





DISASTER MANAGEMENT

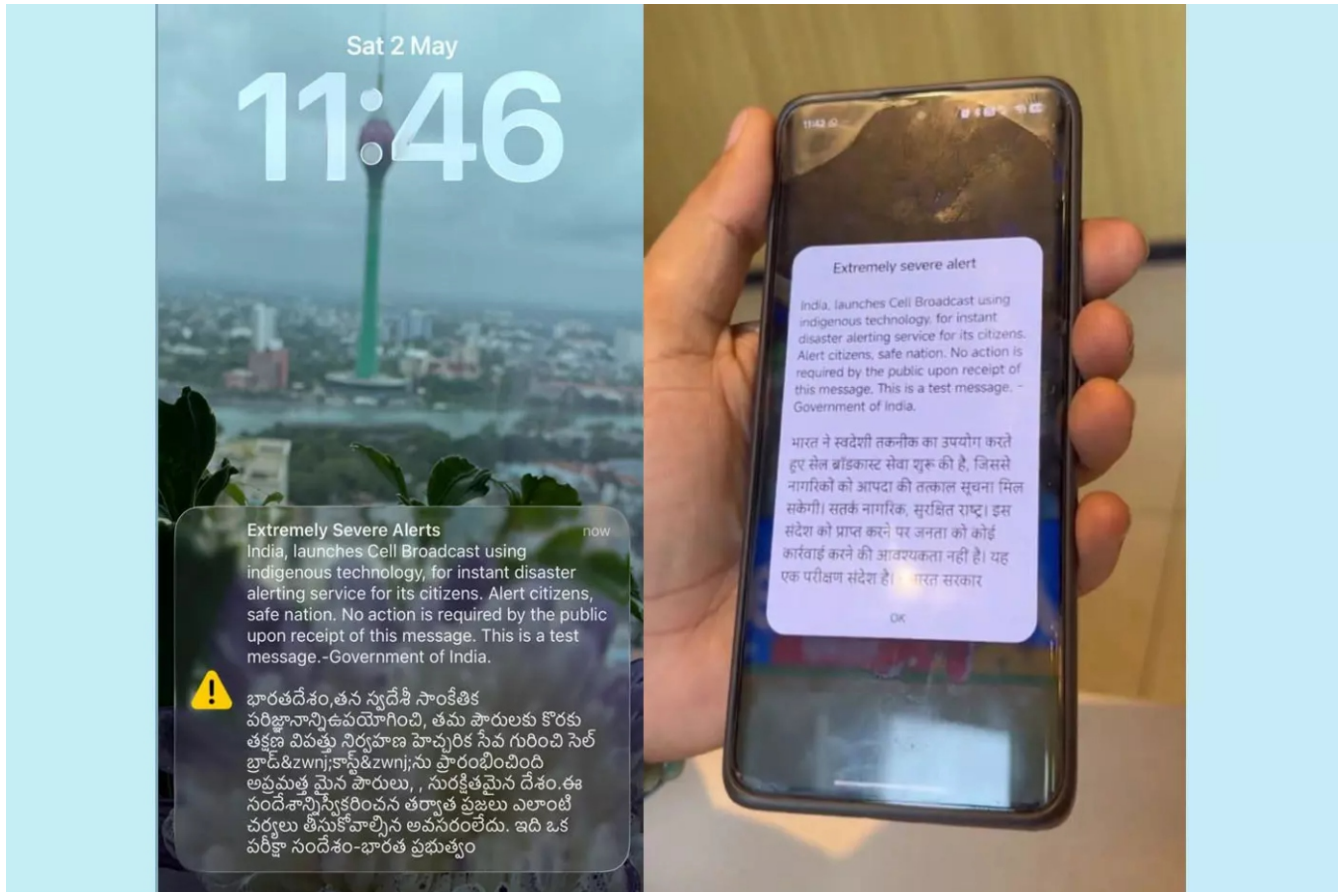
NDMA Launches Nationwide Testing of SACHET Disaster Alert System

On May 2, 2026, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), conducted nationwide testing of the SACHET Disaster Alert System. As part of the exercise, millions of mobile users across the country received emergency alerts accompanied by a **distinctive alarm tone and vibration**, drawing widespread public attention during one of India's largest mobile-based disaster communication services.



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2257499®=3&lang=2>

The exercise featured the **deployment of Cell Broadcast technology**, which enables alerts to be transmitted simultaneously to all mobile devices within a specified geographical area. Unlike conventional SMS services that may face delays during network congestion, Cell Broadcast allows near **real-time delivery of warnings during disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, lightning strikes, gas leaks, and other emergencies.**

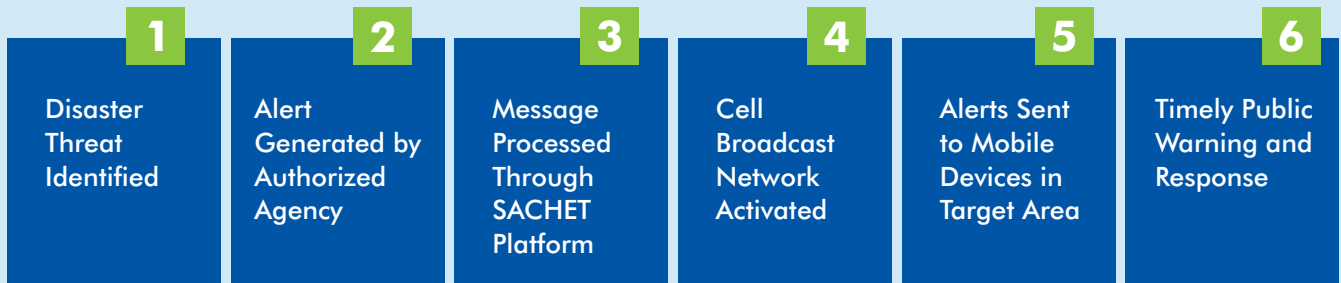


Source: <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/nation/what-is-ndmas-nationwide-cell-broadcast-alert-system-for-natural-disasters-1954155>

The alerts were **disseminated in English, Hindi, and regional languages**, ensuring wider accessibility across diverse linguistic groups. **Many users reported receiving notifications even when their devices were in silent mode**, demonstrating the system's ability to rapidly capture public attention during critical situations. The exercise also familiarized citizens with the appearance and format of official emergency notifications on mobile devices. Such large-scale testing can contribute to greater public awareness and preparedness in the event of actual emergencies.

The Cell Broadcast service has been integrated into SACHET (Integrated Alert System), an indigenous emergency communication platform **developed by the Centre for Development of Telematics ©-DOT). Based on the internationally recognized Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)**, the platform is operational across all States and Union Territories and has already been used to issue disaster warnings through SMS and other communication channels. The system supports coordinated dissemination of alerts from multiple authorized agencies, enabling timely communication of risk information to vulnerable populations.

HOW THE SACHET ALERT MECHANISM WORKS



Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/what-is-sachet-indias-cap-based-alert-system-for-emergency-situation-2720487-2025-05-06>

The nationwide test marks an **important step in enhancing India's disaster warning capabilities**. By combining advanced mobile communication technology with an indigenous alert platform, the system is expected to enhance the reliability and coverage of critical public alerts, enabling faster dissemination of life-saving information during emergencies.

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NORTH-EAST CORNER

Meghalaya Launches the Northeast's First Youth Climate-and-Health Platform

The Government of Meghalaya has launched the **Young People's Action Group (YPAG)**, the Northeast region's first formally institutionalized youth platform dedicated to climate-and-health policymaking. Introduced during an **inaugural roundtable held in Shillong on 12 May 2026**, the initiative seeks to create a mechanism through which young people can contribute to policy discussions on climate resilience and public health. The platform is expected to strengthen intergenerational participation and encourage responsive governance practices in emerging policy areas.



Source: <https://www.centreforpolicy.org/ypag>

The initiative was established through a **joint partnership involving the Government of Meghalaya, UNICEF India, and the Centre for Policy**. Unlike conventional consultation exercises where youth are invited only to provide feedback, YPAG enables young people to engage at the policy-design stage itself. By promoting institutional dialogue and knowledge-sharing, the initiative aims to ensure that youth perspectives become part of governance processes and planning.



Source: <https://nenow.in/north-east-news/meghalaya/meghalaya-launches-northeast-first-youth-platform-for-climate-and-health-policy.html>

The roundtable, themed **“From Consultation to Influence,”** resulted in a set of commitments aimed at ensuring that YPAG functions as a meaningful policy-engagement platform rather than a symbolic advisory body. Discussions during the session highlighted the **intersection between climate change and public health** and emphasized the importance of including younger generations in decisions that will shape future development pathways. The event also encouraged cooperation between policymakers and youth representatives.

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

Climate anxiety & mental health	Gender-related health impacts	Disability-inclusive healthcare	Agrarian livelihood risks	Indigenous knowledge integration

The initiative further highlights Meghalaya's wider commitment to enhancing youth leadership and building community resilience through programs like the MPOWER project. By formally integrating youth engagement into governance frameworks, the state seeks to promote community-driven responses to environmental and public health challenges. The initiative further demonstrates the importance of participatory governance models in addressing sustainability concerns.



Source: <https://hubnetwork.in/meghalaya-launches-northeast-first-institutional-youth-platform-for-climate-health-policymaking/>

The launch of YPAG marks an important development in participatory governance in Northeast India. As climate-related risks increasingly affect social and public health systems, the platform demonstrates how collaborative policymaking can support sustainable development while empowering young people to play an active role in shaping policy outcomes. **The initiative may also serve as a model for other states seeking to integrate youth voices into governance and climate action frameworks.**



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