



Press Release

Broadband India Forum (BIF) and The Critical Communications Association (TCCA) join hands to advance Critical Communications in India

New Delhi, India November 25, 2024: Broadband India Forum (**BIF**) and The Critical Communications Association (**TCCA**) – a global not-for-profit membership association representing all critical communications professionals and entities - today announced a strategic partnership aimed at accelerating the growth and development of Mission Critical Communications, Public Protection & Disaster Relief (PPDR) Networks and Private Networks through the use of standardized and harmonised communication technologies with a goal to ensure safety and security for all critical communications users and the citizens and societies they help to protect. A Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) was formally signed today by Brig. Anil Tandan, Director General of BIF, and Kevin Graham, CEO of TCCA.

This collaboration will focus on several key areas, including:

- **Policy Advocacy:** Working together to influence policy decisions and promote the adoption of standardized technologies.
- **Flagship Events:** Collaborating on exclusive, jointly designed events to highlight the importance of critical communications..
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Organizing regular meetings, conferences, and workshops to facilitate knowledge exchange and industry insights.
- **Joint Research:** Developing comprehensive research papers to explore the latest advancements in critical communication technologies and standards

T.V Ramachandran, President, Broadband India Forum said- "Broadband India Forum (BIF) with its special focus on 'consumer first' recognises the importance of Critical Communications in our day to day lives through aspects involving public safety, disaster recovery & management, mission critical applications & services across industries and the country as a whole. Through this strategic partnership with TCCA, BIF aims to ensure that while we take giant strides towards becoming a developed nation, we also work towards ensuring a safe and secured society through enhanced awareness and focus on critical assured communications."



Kevin Graham, CEO of TCCA said- “We are delighted to partner with BIF to drive innovation and collaboration in critical communications. By combining our expertise and resources, we can address the evolving needs of the sector and ensure the wider seamless operation of standardized critical services and applications.”

About TCCA

On behalf of its members, TCCA supports all standard mobile critical communications technologies and complementary applications. Our members are drawn from end users, operators and industry across the globe. We believe in and promote the principle of open and competitive markets worldwide through the use of open standards and harmonised spectrum. We drive the development of common global mobile standards for critical broadband and maintain and enhance the [TETRA](#) Professional Mobile Radio (PMR) standard. TCCA is the [3GPP Market Representation Partner](#) for critical communications and our members actively contribute in 3GPP working groups. TCCA supports the [ETSI MCX Plugtests™](#), and is a member of the [MCS-TaaSting](#) project.

To find out more, please visit <https://www.tcca.info/> and <https://www.critical-communications-world.com/>

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About Broadband India Forum

Broadband India Forum (BIF) is an independent policy forum and knowledge-based think-tank that works for the development and enhancement of the entire broadband & broadcasting ecosystem in a holistic, technology - neutral and service-neutral manner. BIF has established itself as a thought leader and a credible and effective voice, to help propel the nation to achieve the country's ambitious vision of creating a Digital India. To achieve this, BIF works to promote the rapid development of policies, to facilitate affordable and high-speed ubiquitous broadband throughout the country.

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