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CHENNAI – 12 Nov, 2026 Cyber Threats Respect No Borders, Neither Should Cooperation: Union MoS for Communications Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani at ITU PP-26.

Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, presented India's approach to digital connectivity, emerging technologies and cybersecurity at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha.

Speaking at the High-Level Discussion on Emerging Technologies, he highlighted India's efforts under Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make technology accessible and affordable. With 2.2 billion people across the world still offline, he pointed to India's investment of approximately $15 billion in BharatNet to extend broadband connectivity to rural areas.

He also spoke about Samriddh Gram Centres, a WSIS Prize winner, where villagers can access healthcare, agricultural advice, banking and government certificates. India's work in affordable AI computing, indigenous language AI models, quantum research and 100 5G use-case labs also featured in his address. He called for developing countries to have a greater role in framing global technology standards and spectrum policies.

On the sidelines, Dr. Pemmasani met delegations from Malaysia, Iran and Uzbekistan. Discussions covered cross-border cyber fraud, digital infrastructure security and cooperation in quantum technology.

Sharing India's experience in tackling digital fraud, he said alerts sent to banks had helped prevent suspected financial losses of over ₹5,000 crore.

"Cyber threats do not respect borders, and neither should our cooperation. Learning from each other's best practices makes all of us stronger," he said.