

BHARTI, JIO EMBARK ON UNDERSEA CABLE VOYAGE

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Bharti Airtel on Monday announced it had joined the SEA-ME-WE-6 undersea cable consortium, participating as a major investor, while Reliance Jio said it would land its India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in Maldives.

Bharti said it is participating as a “major investor” in the SEA-ME-WE-6 and is anchoring 20% of the overall investment in the cable system going live in 2025.

The 19,200 Rkm (route kilometres) SEA-ME-WE-6 will connect Singapore and France.

Bharti has acquired one fibre pair on the main SEA-ME-WE-6 system and will co-build four fiber pairs between Singapore – Chennai – Mumbai. Bharti will land the SEA-ME-WE-6 cable system in Mumbai and Chennai.

Reliance Jio Infocomm said it will land the multi-terabit India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in Hulhumale, Maldives. The high capacity and high-speed IAX system will connect Hulhumale directly with world’s major Internet hubs in India and Singapore. IAX is expected to be ready for service end-2023.

“These high capacity and high-speed systems will provide more than 200Tb/s of capacity at speeds of 100Gb/s, over 16,000 kilometers,” Jio said.

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