

# CABINET APPROVES SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN INDIA AND OMAN ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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## **Background:**

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Over the period, MeitY has entered into MoUs/Agreements with its counterpart organizations/agencies from various countries to promote cooperation and exchange of information in the ICT domain. This is in consonance with the various initiatives taken by Government of India such as Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Make in India etc. to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. In this changing paradigm, there is an imminent need for exploring business opportunities, sharing of best practices and attracting investment in the digital sector with the objective of enhancing mutual cooperation.

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