

PM MODI UNVEILS COUNTRY'S FIRST 5G TESTBED

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed that will enable start-ups and industry players to test their products locally, thereby reducing dependence on facilities outside the country.

Speaking at the silver jubilee celebrations of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the PM said the 5G testbed, which had been set up at a cost of about Rs. 220 crore, was an important step towards self-reliance in the direction of critical and modern technologies in the telecom sector.

"I invite the young colleagues of the country, researchers, and companies to use this testing facility to build 5G technology. This is a great opportunity, especially for our start-ups to test their products," he said.

The PM added that India's own 5G standard — in the form of 5Gi — was a matter of great pride for the country, and would play a big role in taking 5G technology to the villages.

"For rapid roll-out of 5G, efforts of both government and the industry are needed," he added.

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