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From the Desk of the Director General



Dear Readers,
Greetings!

Continuing the momentum from the previous month, MAIT remained dynamic in February 2024. Throughout the month, we engaged significantly with key stakeholders, including MeitY, DoT, CPCB, and DoC.

MAIT effectively conveyed industry concerns on several fronts:

- 1. Movement of Used IT Assets:** We addressed the challenge of moving used IT assets from special economic zones to domestic tariff areas.
- 2. End-User KYC Process:** We advocated for exemptions in the end-user KYC process, specifically for procuring new SIM cards for research and development purposes.
- 3. E-Waste Management:** Our discussions included issues related to EWMR (Extended Producer Responsibility for E-Waste Management), BWMR (Bulk Waste Management Rules), and PWMR (Plastic Waste Management Rules).

Additionally, the Interim Union Budget 2024-25 brought positive news. MAIT appreciates the increased budget allocation for the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme under MeitY, which has been raised from ₹4,650 crore to ₹6,200 crore. This allocation underscores the government's commitment to promoting the ICT hardware and electronics manufacturing sector as a strategic focus area.

In collaboration with Deloitte, a leading consulting organization, MAIT conducted a comprehensive knowledge session on the budget. We analysed its implications for the ICT sector in detail, ensuring that our members stay informed and prepared.

Throughout the month, we remained engaged in other critical industry activities. I encourage you to explore this edition further to learn more about our endeavours.

We hope you find this newsletter insightful and interesting.

Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)
Director General, MAIT

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SECTION 1

Policy Initiatives

Policy Initiatives

During the last month, MAIT has been actively involved in understanding the challenges faced by the Electronics Industry and addressing them with the relevant Government departments for resolution. While undertaking numerous initiatives during this period, some of the key issues addressed by the association are outlined below:

Department of Commerce (DoC)

MAIT filed a representation to Shri Vipul Bansal, Joint Secretary, DoC on 07 Feb' 24 with regard to the *movement of used IT assets* from special economic zones to *domestic tariff area*.

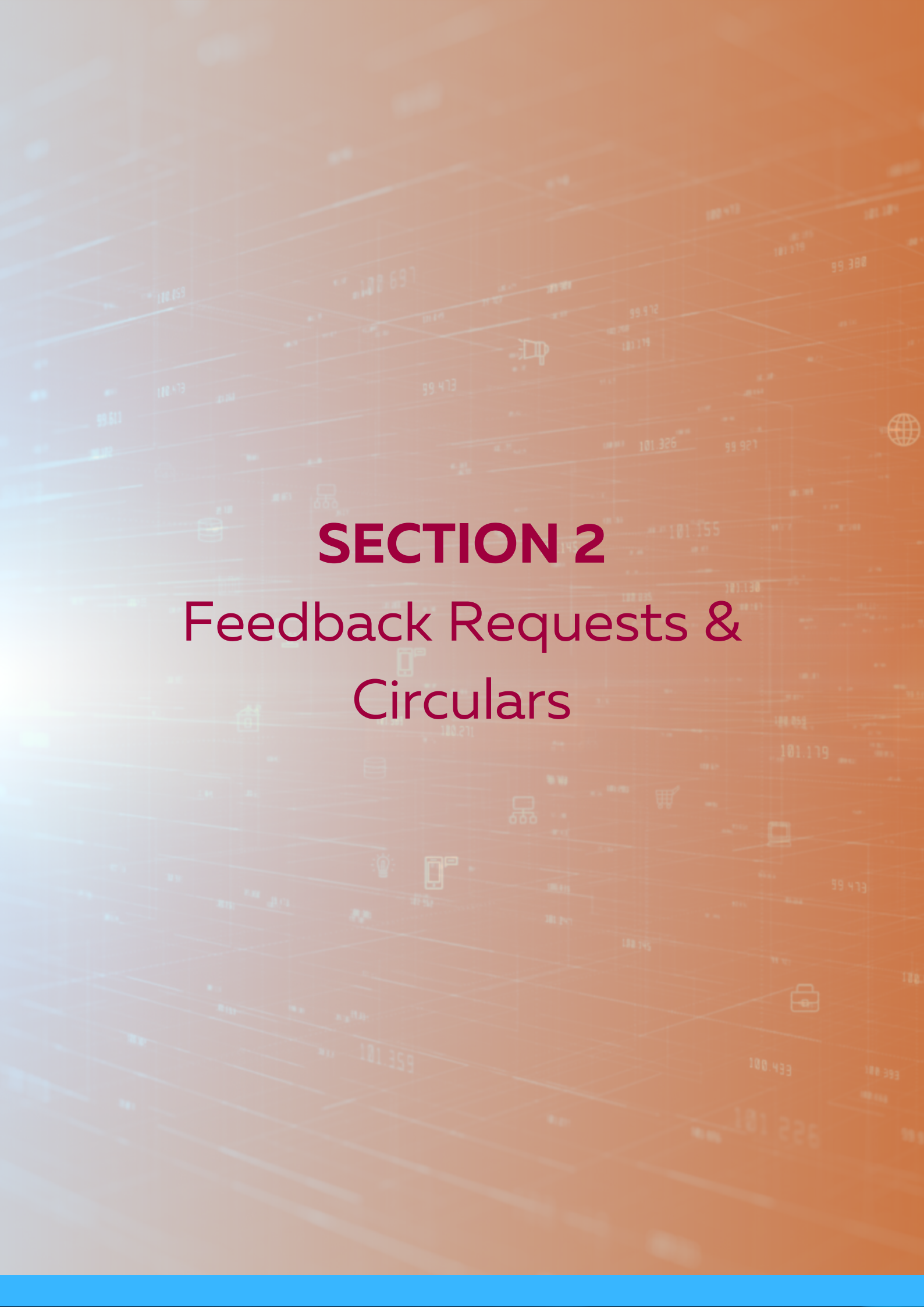
Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

On 20 Feb' 24, MAIT filed a representation filed to Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, DoT, on with regard to the industry inputs on proposed amendments in PPP-MII order, 2017 in telecom.

Centre for Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

MAIT submitted a representation with Shri Anand Kumar, Director- E-Waste, CPCB on 21 Feb' 24 regarding the operational challenges faced by the industry in the filing of annual returns.





SECTION 2
Feedback Requests &
Circulars

Feedback Requests & Circulars

- On 28 Feb' 24, MAIT shared TRAI's recommendations on the introduction of Calling Name Presentation (CNAP) service in Indian telecommunication network, with its members.
- MAIT sought nominations sought for IoT Division of TEC for MF (FY 2024-25) for preparation of standards for telecom equipment on 28 Feb' 24.
- On 28 Feb' 24, MAIT shared the final draft of its comments on draft Direct to Mobile (D2M) report with its members and requested their input.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 22 Feb' 24 regarding the monitoring of WTO TBT notifications.
- On 22 Feb' 24, MAIT sought comments and suggestions from its members in connection with the proposed amendments in PPP-MII Order, 2017.
- On 20 Feb' 24, MAIT shared the minutes of the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting on E-Waste held on 10 Jan' 24 were shared with members on 20 Feb' 24 for information & reference.
- MAIT shared the final Direct to Mobile (D2M) with key stakeholders on 20 Feb' 24.
- On 20 Feb' 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members on the TEC Annual Action Plan.
- MAIT sought its members' inputs on the first draft of the EoDB report on 21 Feb' 2024.
- On 19 Feb' 24, MAIT shared the minutes of the MAIT MSME Committee meeting were shared with its members.
- On 19 Feb' 24, MAIT extended invitations to its members regarding the 4th Electronics Supply Chain Summit 2024.
- On 19 Feb' 24, MAIT shared the agenda for MAIT EXIM & Taxation Committee for 2024.
- MAIT shared the minutes of the EoDB Committee meeting with its members on 19 Feb' 24 and sought inputs on EoDB Regulatory Compliance document.

Feedback Requests & Circulars

- On 16 Feb 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding the draft representation on E-Waste EPR Portal Issues.
- On 15 Feb 24, MAIT extended the D2M workshop invitation on “Television Broadcasting to Mobile Handheld Devices - Direct to Mobile (D2M) Broadcasting” with its members.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 14 Feb’ 24 regarding the ERSO Pilot Project. This was as required by MeitY.
- On 13 Feb 24, MAIT shared the agenda of MAIT EXIM & Taxation Committee for the year 2024 with its members.
- MAIT shared the suggestions received from DoT regarding the IMEI tampering issue with its members on 13 Feb 24.
- On 12 Feb 24, MAIT circulated the Circular Economy Vision, Strategy and Action Plan shared by TEC among its members for their inputs.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 08 Feb 24 on the roadmap for the year 2024 for MAIT Taskforce on Standards & Compliance.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 07 Feb’ 24 on LITD 7(23794) [Identical to IEC 62368-1:2023] - Audio Video Information and Communication Technology Equipment - Part 1: Safety Requirements Second Revision.
- On 07 Feb 24, MAIT requested inputs from members on the minutes of the meeting and the brief note relating to environment issues that was to be shared with MeitY.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 07 Feb’ 24 regarding the clarification on DoT’s recommendation on CBS issue.
- On 06 Feb 24, MAIT sought inputs from its members regarding the Ministry of MSME Scheme “Empowering MSMEs through Innovative Design Support Scheme.”
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on the parliament question relating to electronic consumer items on 02 Febr 24. This was as desired by MeitY.
- On 01 Feb 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members on regarding the draft representation on "Movement of Used IT assets from SEZ Units to DTA.”



SECTION 3

Internal/External Meetings & Events

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Engagement with MeitY



- ▶ A MAIT delegation had a meeting with Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY on 05 Feb' 24 and made a detailed presentation on issues relating to EWMR, BWMR and PWMR.
- ▶ MAIT represented the industry at the MeitY meeting held on 09 Feb' 24 to evaluate the request for visas from companies which are working in the electronics manufacturing ecosystem but are not a beneficiary of MeitY's Schemes.
- ▶ MAIT represented the industry at the Stakeholder consultation meeting regarding Integrated Flat Panel Display devices organised by MeitY on 15 Feb' 24.

Engagement with DoT

MAIT represented the industry at the DoT meeting held on 05 Feb' 24 regarding seeking exemption in the end user KYC process for procuring new SIM card for R&D purposes.

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Engagement with TEC

MAIT represented the industry at the TEC meeting of the Sub-DCC & MF to discuss the revision of GR on Lithium-Ion Battery for Telecom Applications on 13 Feb' 24.

D2M Workshop organised by TEC



MAIT actively participated in D2M (Direct to Mobile) Workshop organised by TEC (Telecom Engineering Centre) on 21 February 2024. The Workshop was chaired by Ms Tripti Saxena, Sr DDG, TEC. The Workshop was attended by various stakeholders like Prasar Bharti, Qualcomm, Saankhya labs, mobile brands, industry associations, thinktanks and academia. It mainly revolved around the broadcasting technologies and their related standards like ATSC 3.0 and 3GPP 5G Multicast Broadcast/Multiple service, etc.

TEC has released a draft report on "Direct Broadcasting to Mobile Handheld devices (D2M)" in this regard. At this platform, MAIT highlighted the challenges faced by the industry in the implementation of D2M. MAIT recommended that the adoption of any technology should be left to the market forces and there should not be any compulsory mandates on technology and its corresponding standard.

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Engagement with QCI



MAIT had a courtesy meeting with Shri Rajesh Maheshwari, Secretary General, Quality Council of India on 22 Feb' 24.

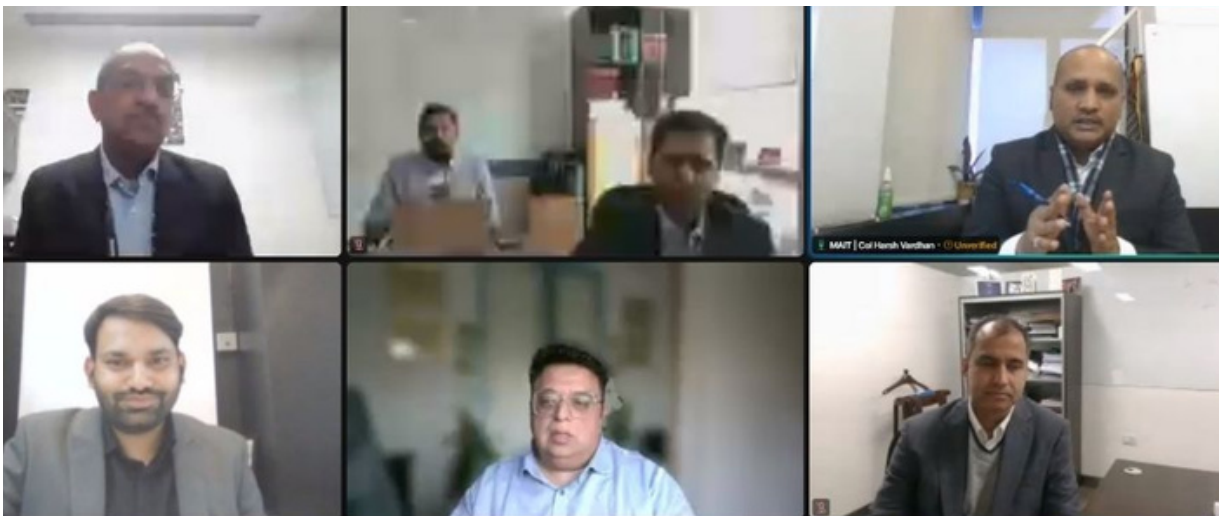
The meeting aimed to talk about how to make the technology industry in India even better, helping it reach its goals in making electronics as part of the Make In India campaign.

'Decoding Interim Budget 2024-25' in association with Deloitte

MAIT successfully organized "Decoding the Interim Budget 2024-25: A Virtual Session in association with Deloitte" on 05 February 2024".

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MAIT's Post-Budget Analysis Session in association with Deloitte



MAIT organized a Post-Budget Analysis Session in association with Deloitte on 01 Feb' 24. Experts from various fields discussed the various takeaways of the budget in details. MAIT members from across the nation participated in the session.

Strategy Meeting of MAIT ERSO Committee

MAIT organized a Strategy Meeting of ERSO Committee on 14 Feb' 24 to discuss core objectives & responsibilities of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Discussion on setting up the agenda of MAIT MSME Committee

MAIT organized a discussion with key stakeholders on 02 February 2024 regarding setting up the agenda of MSME Committee.



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Discussion on setting up the agenda of MAIT Startup Committee

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Setting up agenda of MAIT Task Force on Standards & Compliance

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SECTION 5

MAIT in Media

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MAIT SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED MEITY-MAIT INDUSTRY CONNECT TO BOOST BUSINESS LANDSCAPE IN INDIA



MAIT conducted the MeitY-MAIT Industry Connect event aimed at boosting the business landscape in the country. Speaking at the MeitY-MAIT Industry Connect, a programme designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas between the Ministry and the ICT industry to enhance the business landscape in the country, Mr. S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, and Mr. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Additional Secretary, MeitY, conveyed the great vision of the Ministry in establishing the nation as a leading name in electronics manufacturing. Addressing a diverse audience comprising industry leaders and policymakers from IT hardware, Telecom, Mobile Phones, and other subsectors of the ICT industry, as well as key government officials, Secretary Krishnan mentioned that the government aims to increase value addition in the overall electronics manufacturing sector.

Digital Terminal magazine,
Feb 2024 issue



India's Component Manufacturing has to grow to increase Domestic Electronics Manufacturing: MeitY Secretary, S. Krishnan

By VARINDIA - 2024-02-13



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VAR India (Online),
13 Feb' 2024



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Budget 2024: PLI outlay for electronics, auto and pharmaceutical goods increased

Updated - February 01, 2024 at 08:53 PM.

Increased allocations for PLI schemes in auto, electronics, and pharmaceuticals, signaling the government's focus on boosting domestic manufacturing and attracting global players

BY AYUSHI KAR

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The Hindu Businessline,
01 Feb' 2024

The logo for MAIT (Manufacturers Association of India in Telecom and Electronics) is displayed in a large, white, stylized font. The letters are bold and blocky, with a slight shadow effect. The background is a light blue gradient with a grid of white lines and various small icons representing technology, such as a smartphone, a laptop, a server, and a globe. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, suggesting a focus on technology and industry.

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