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World Telecommunication Day

"Telecommunications and health"



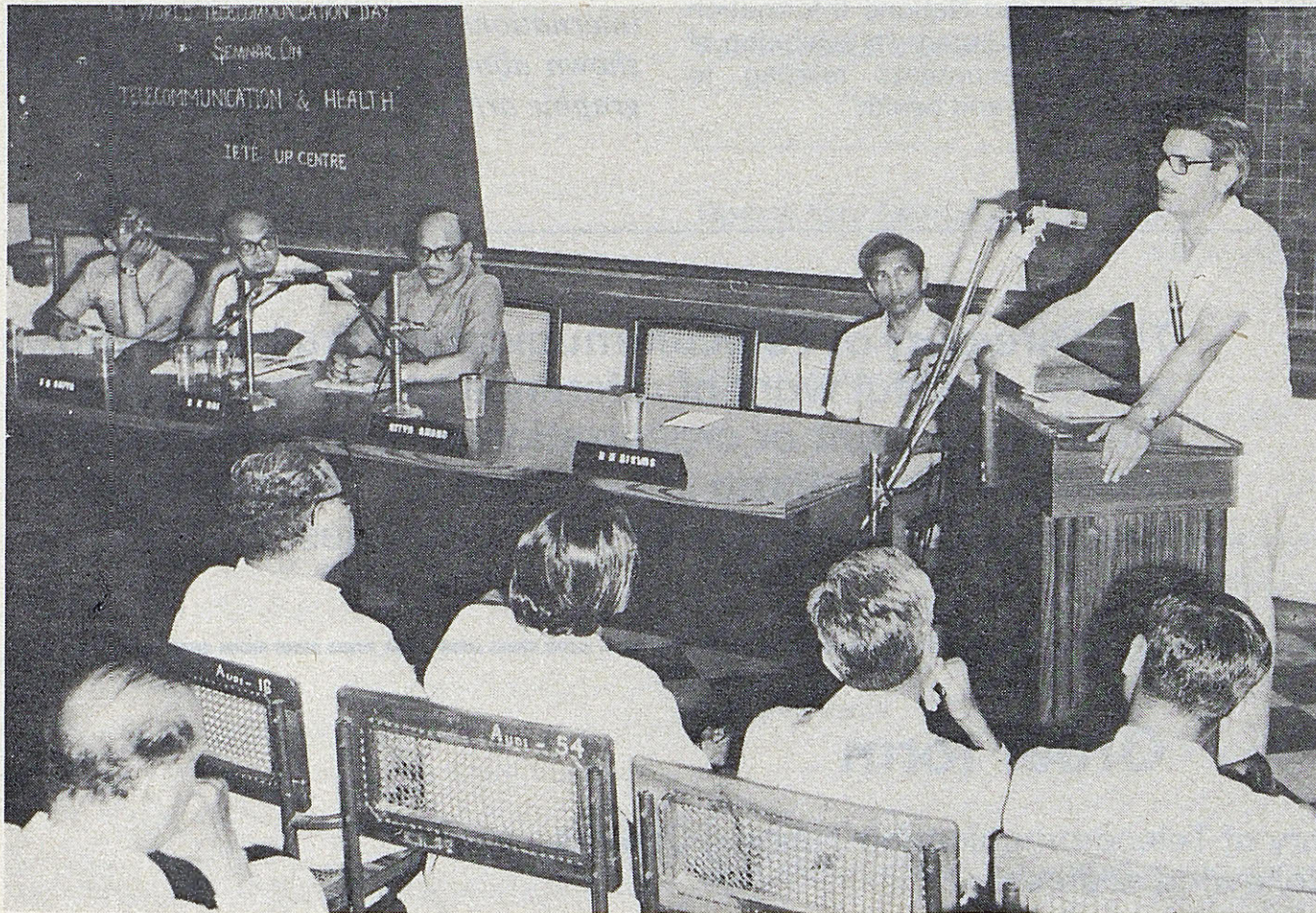
We publish below a selection of reports received on the celebration of World Telecommunication Day in the various Member countries of the Union.

India

A seminar on "Telecommunications and health" was held on 17 May 1981 under the aegis of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) UP Centre at the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI). The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Nitya Nand, Director, Central Drug Research Institute and was presided over by Sri B. K. Rai, Managing Director, UP Electronics Corporation Limited and the Chairman of IETE, UP Centre. A series of lectures was

- Professor R. N. Biswas, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur;
- Dr. Mansoor Hasan, Head of the Department of Cardiology, KGMC;
- Dr. Mukul Sharma, Department of Psychiatry, KGMC;
- Dr. S. S. Iyer, Scientist-in-charge, National Information Centre on Drugs and Pharmaceuticals.

The seminar brought together two professional communities—the medical profession and telecommunications and electronic engineers—in a stimulating exchange in which each was able to appreciate the possibilities and potentials of a closer co-operation.



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Dr. Nitya Nand, Director, Central Drug Research Institute, inaugurated the Seminar

delivered on the application of electronics and telecommunication in cardiovascular diseases, plastic surgery, help to disabled persons, psychiatry, etc. Discussions followed the lectures.

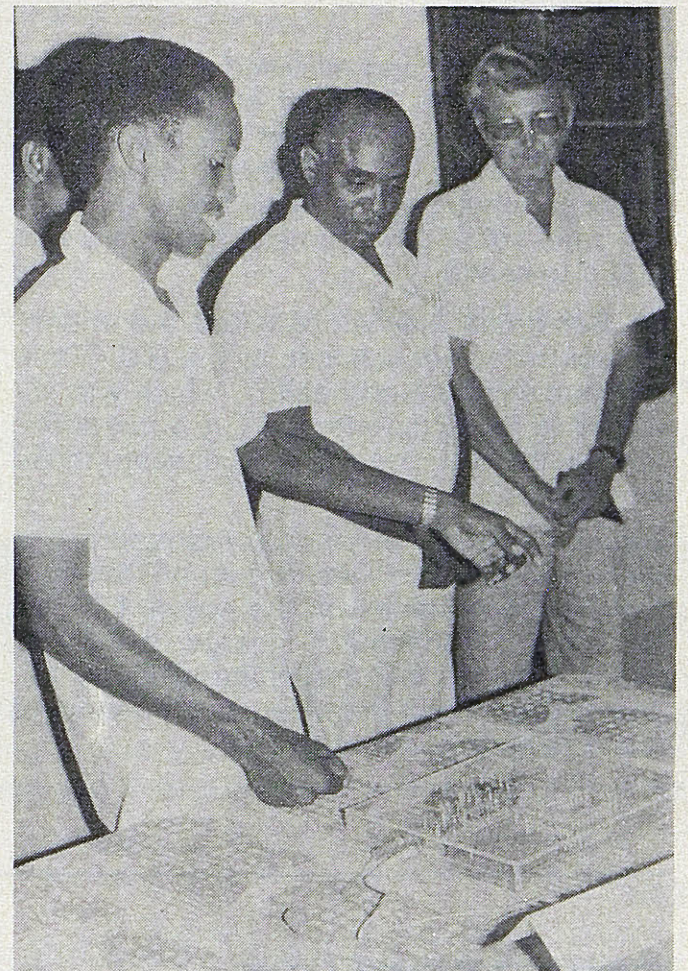
Speeches were given by:

- Dr. S. N. Gupta, Director, Medical Health and Family Welfare Services, UP;
- Dr. Ramesh Chandra, Reader in Plastic Surgery, King George's Medical College (KGMC);

An exhibition of photographs, supplied by the ITU Public Relations Division, was organized during the seminar.

Somalia

World Telecommunication Day 1981 was celebrated in Mogadiscio at the National Telecommunication Training Institute (NTTI).



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A student at the Institute explains a demonstration to the Minister of P&T, Mr. Mohamed Houwadle Madar, and to the ITU Team Leader, Mr. W. H. Dooren

A technical exhibition was held in the various sections of the Institute and explanations were given by students from these sections. Visitors were given impressions of training activities and development in Somalia in the field of general electronics and science, HF radio, microwave systems, switching, outside plant and mechanical workshop.

The event was attended by some 400 visitors who included a member of the Revolutionary Council, the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, the Director General of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, representatives of various Ministries, the Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP and NTTI management, staff and students.

After the official opening by the Director of the NTTI, Mr. Hassan M. Elmi, speeches were given by the Minister of P&T, the Director General of the Ministry of P&T, a member of the Revolutionary Council and the ITU Team Leader. Afterwards some ITU films were shown, followed by a cultural show including music and dances.

Tunisia

The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Tunis collaborated closely with the services of the Ministry of Transport and Communications to ensure the best possible prospects for the success of World Telecommunication Day.

The main events organized this year on 17 May were a message from the Minister of Transport and Communications and one from the Secretary-General of the ITU, an address and interview given by the Secretary of State in charge of the PTT, a commemorative stamp issue, an exhibition of photographs, documents and posters at UNIC in Tunis, radio and television programmes, press articles and a lecture-debate given by a senior engineer of the Department of Transport and Communications.

In his broadcast and televised message, Mr. Sadok Benjomaa, Minister of Transport and Communications, examined the significance of the theme for 1981, stressing the vital role of telecommunications in all areas of economic and social development, especially with regard to health.

Mr. Benjomaa then emphasized the importance of the subject chosen by the ITU, "Telecommunications and health", which was intended to focus the attention of world public opinion on the connection between those two sectors.

During an official ceremony organized at the headquarters of the Department of Transport and Communications on the eve of 17 May, the Secretary of State in charge of the PTT presided over a lecture-debate given by Mr. Hédi Hamza, Chief Engineer, on the theme of World Telecommunication Day.

The lecturer laid stress on the importance attached by the international community to the use of modern methods of communication to improve human well-being and to preserve one of mankind's most valuable assets, namely, its health.

Mr. Hamza then analysed the results of the advances made by modern telecommunication techniques for the benefit of mankind.

After this lecture, Mr. Brahim Khouaja, Secretary of State in charge of the PTT, gave a brief talk in which he enumerated telecommunication applications covering important sectors and the role they played in the rapid administration of health care.

A fruitful and edifying debate, in which many senior officials of the Ministries of Transport and Communications and Public Health took part, shed further light on the theme for 1981.

From the point of view of information, *Radio-diffusion télévision tunisienne* broadcast the messages of Mr. Benjomaa and Mr. Mili, Secretary-General of the ITU.

Mr. Khouaja gave an interview on 17 May on the popular programme *Jour heureux*, in person and by telephone.

The theme for this year was mentioned in other programmes, through the national and international channels of Radio Tunis and the regional stations of Sfax and Monastir.

The newspapers also marked the event by publishing many articles on this occasion.

In addition to distributing a large number of ITU posters, the United Nations Information Centre organized in its library an exhibition of photographs and documents relating to "Telecommunications and health".

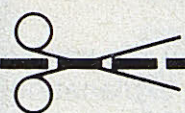
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The theme of World Telecommunication Day 1982 is "Telecommunications and international co-operation". The poster shown above has been designed by ITU graphic artists to publicize the event.

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