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Samanvay
Humanitarian Coordination & Resilience Building

Message from CEO

Dear Readers,

As we enter 2023, we take rejoice in looking back at 2022 as a year with great environmental milestones and some major noteworthy affairs, including COP27, held at Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt, which proved to be a critical aspect of climate change control, with the buzz subject matter being Loss and Damage Funds. At the national level also, there has been a paradigm shift, towards mainstreaming disaster risk reduction, and climate change adaptation in all development initiatives.

2023, brings in new opportunities to address the ongoing challenges and work towards the 2030 Agenda with greater collaboration and Coordination. With the National Platform for DRR scheduled this coming year, we are looking forward to how we can contribute towards larger development through our work as a network. We at Sphere India are also thankful for the support we received from our network and member organizations and look forward to your encouragement and support this New Year.

Reminiscing some of the major events that culminated this year, Leadership Summit 2022, was organized in February on the occasion of 19th Sphere India Day, along with other collaborative activities and National & Regional Consultations on Futuristic Collaborations for Collective Impact. The 'Multi-Stakeholders Coordination Handbook for Management of Animals in Disasters' was also launched in June in collaboration with NIDM. Also, the Compendium of COVID-19 Responses of Sphere India Network was also released in August, on the occasion of the World Humanitarian Day Event organised by Sphere India.

Sharing some of the highlights from this month, we are happy to share the launch of the 'Reimagining DRR Campaign' and a series of events organized in collaboration with the NIDM. We also continued to monitor critical global discourses, documented through multiple Knowledge Resources disseminated on Social Media. An important event on 'Decoding COP27: A Road to Implementation' was also organised, in collaboration with CANSA, which concluded with an Outcome Document for India. In this December issue of Samanvay, we have aimed to encompass the various events, including the Annual Lessons Learnt Workshop organised on the 21st and 22nd of December 2022, in collaboration with our members and partners. This issue also features our regular updates including Program Updates through all verticals, updates from Members and IAGs as well as global and national updates and Grant Opportunities.

Herewith, I take this opportunity to thank all the members, partners, staff, and volunteers for their support and commitment. We will strive to improve our efforts to build synergies among diverse actors and will appreciate any feedback to improve our programs and this monthly bulletin.

Vikrant Mahajan
CEO, Sphere India

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Governance Update

Sphere India hosted the Annual General Meeting on December 21st & 22nd, wherein the executive body along with other core members and partners came together to welcome the new members approved by the Executive Committee, to approve the Budget 2023-24 and revisions in organizational policies, Annual Program Report with Audited Accounts 2021-22. IAG's from different states also participated in this meeting.

Annual Lessons Learnt Workshop 2022

(L) Lee McQueen and (R) Sudarshan S and other speakers during the Lessons Learnt Workshop)

The Annual Lesson Learnt Workshop 2022 was co-hosted by Sphere India in collaboration Save The Children and NCDHR on 21st and 22nd December 2022, to provide an interactive platform to different stakeholders and members to discuss the challenges, achievements, outcomes and learnings from 2022 to document the experiences, best practices for better response and preparedness for 2023 and to have a shared understanding on the way forward.

During this two day event, Sphere India commenced the sessions with annual learning and knowledge survey findings, which collated the responses from our members & IAGs. Further deliberations were made from an organizational standpoint which encompassed the voices of people on the field during the COVID-19 pandemic wherein various perspectives and experiences were shared. Following this, Save The Children also launched " A Compendium of Case Stories: Accelerating Actions to combat humanitarian crisis amid COVID-19 Pandemic- A tell of Human Tales". The second half of day one focused on Reflections and sharing by State IAGs, which led to critical discussions and discourse.

Consolidated learnings, reflections and some key discussions, including URS process, resilience coordination and working with IAGs were deliberated upon through Group work and Open discussions. Lessons Learnt Workshop concluded with a plenary discussion, which gave opportunity to various stakeholders and experts to share reflections on collaborations and Way Forward for 2023. Participants across cities and states, and member

agencies joined the workshop, both online and offline contributing their perspectives, strategies and best practices for the greater good of the community.

Programs Update

Inter-Agency Coordination
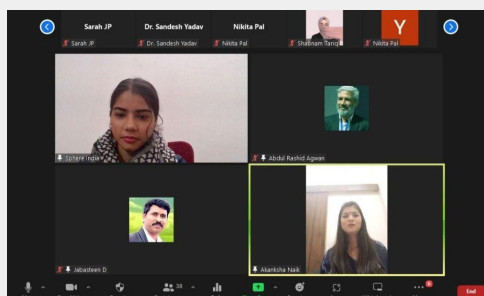
Emergency Coordination

In response to disasters in various parts of India, SitReps were prepared and disseminated. A total of 5 Sitreps were prepared in the month of December for Cyclone Mandous, Brazil Floods and US Cold Storm. Apart from this, a pre-cyclone alert was issued on December 8, a high wave alert was issued on December 9, a flood alert was issued on December 8, and a cold wave warning was issued on December 24 and 25 after monitoring the IMD, CWC and INCOISE websites. 4 weekly alerts were also disseminated every monday morning.
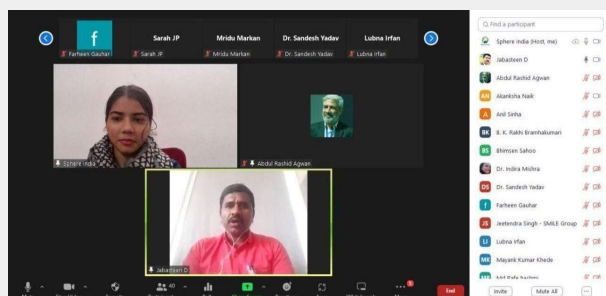

Collaborative Advocacy

Engaging Faith Based Leaders to end Child, Early, Forced Marriage in Chhattisgarh

For delaying the age of marriage, an enabling and empowering eco-system is required to protect a woman's human right and prevent discrimination. The first session on "Engaging Faith-Based Leaders to end Child, Early and Forced Marriage in Chhattisgarh" was organized by USAID MOMENTUM, in collaboration with Sphere India on 8th of December. The meeting was organized with faith leaders from different religions of Chhattisgarh to protect woman's human rights, access to services, aid, and safety from violence, abuse, and exploitation by preventing earl- forced marriages. This being the first, two more similar events are lined up in the coming months.

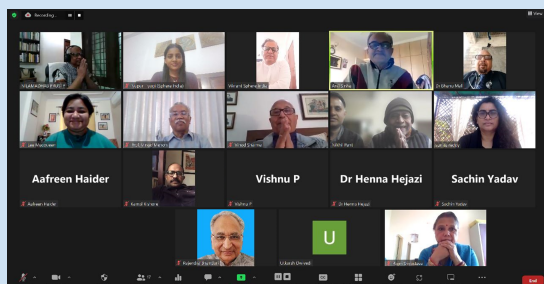*Webinar in session with various faith-based leaders as speakers*

Knowledge and Capacity sharing

COP 27: Updates and Debriefing for India

Sphere India team kept a close watch on the various deliberations, discussions and announcements during COP 27. These updates were collated and analysed from Indian Perspective and was shared with Sphere India Members & Network. An event "Decoding COP27: Walking Towards The Road Of Implementation" was also organised on 5th December 2022, in collaboration with CANSA, the outcomes & recommendations from the discussions during this event, was documented and thus Debriefing & Outcome Documents were prepared by Sphere India and disseminated across its members.

Prayer Meeting for the Speedy Recovery of Shri. J C Pant

In the late 90s when it was realized that the existing organizational structure for disaster management had gaps in providing a quick and coordinated response to various disaster situations, the Government of India constituted a High Powered Committee for suggesting appropriate DM Plans at the National, State, and District level which was headed by Shri J.C. Pant (retired Secretary, GoI, Ministry of Agriculture).
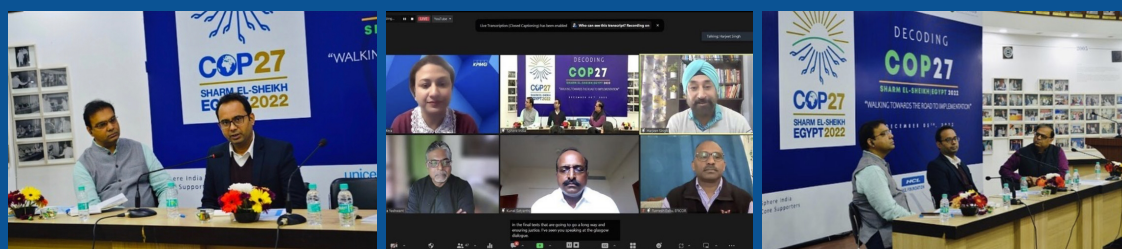
The critical study and report of this committee led to a major transformation in the DM ecosystem of our country and became the foundation stone for the constitution of the NDMA. Sphere India along with its members organised a web meet for the great humanitarian behind it. On the occasion of Shri J. C. Pant's birthday, a virtual prayer meeting was organised for his speedy recovery. This meeting was joined by eminent personalities from the sector.

Decoding COP27: Walking Towards The Road Of Implementation

On December 5th' 2022, with a conscious effort to take forward the discussions held at COP 27 at a National Level, Sphere India in collaboration with Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA), organized a hybrid event in New Delhi on "Decoding COP27: Walking towards the Road to Implementation" to understand the key discussion points of COP27, ideate on the critical way forward, and ultimately devise an action plan for India/South Asia. With participation from over 170 individuals, the event witnessed opinions, thoughts, and strategies to take forward from over 13 speakers &

resource persons representing the government, corporate, think tanks, and civil society perspectives. Presenting his remarks, Shri Kunal Satyarthi, IFS, Joint Secretary, NDMA, elaborated on Santiago Network and shared that COP27 has been a great victory as the institutional and organizational structure, along with the technological know-how and technical assistance in Loss and Damage is now ready. Prof. Anil Gupta, Head of Department, NIDM, presenting the keynote address said, "There has been a continuous flow of improvements in the policy regime in the area of climate science".

The event was thus an opportunity to put forth discussions on the key aspects of the Climate Change Conference such as Loss and Damage Facility, Roles of private sectors in climate finance, Localizing Climate Action, Mission LiFE, Fair Share and Equity concepts, amongst others. Based on the deliberations, and key discussions held at COP27, Sphere India also came out with an Outcome Document to present a strategic way forward for India in line with the key decisions adopted at COP27.
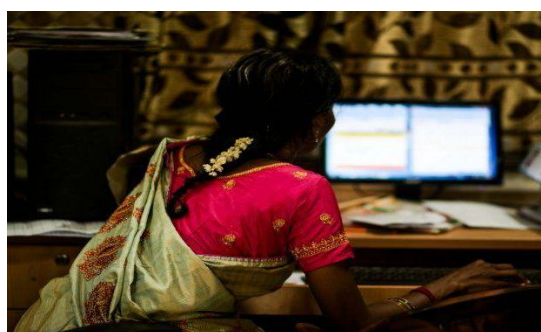

Esteemed panelists sharing their perspectives on the various aspects of COP27

Updates from Members

Save The Children- A Compendium of Case Stories
Save The Children launched a publication called " A Compendium of Case Stories" on December 21st' 2022 at the Lessons Learnt Workshop 2022, co-hosted by Sphere India and Save The Children. The event saw the unveiling of the "Compendium of Case Stories: Accelerating Actions to Combat Humanitarian Crisis amid COVID-19 Pandemic- A tell of Human Tales" and felicitation of government representatives for their contribution towards COVID-19 emergency response.
This informative document includes various case studies and stories which have been highlighted during the challenging times of the pandemic. This collection of case stories illustrates instances in which working together across sectors enables complex problems; be it healthcare, enabling learning continuity of children or ensuring adequate protection to children.

Oxfam- India Inequality Report 2022
Launched in December 2022, India Inequality Report examines the digital divide in the access and usage of ICTs and the internet has also led to an exclusionary consequence in three sectors of utmost significance: education, health and finance. In a country plagued by high socioeconomic inequality, the digitalization process cannot be posited as the panacea for the inherent challenges of the physical world.It becomes particularly problematic when half of the population neither has access to gadgets and the internet or the technological know-how to move to a digital environment. In such circumstances, the digitalization process becomes unequal, favoring the digitally connected while excluding the rest, and in certain cases, exacerbating the already existing inequalities. Read More >>

News from IAGs/ State Networks

IAG Gujarat: Annual Meet 2022   IAG Chattisgarh: Plenary Session
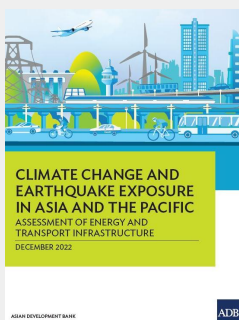

The IAG Gujarat annual meet was organized on December 23rd 2022, wherein 75 IAG members participated in the event and presented the annual report and discussed about next year actions.

30 NGOs participated in the plenary session organised by IAG Chattisgarh. In this plenary discussion, mapping of potential hazards, vulnerability was discussed along with coordination & collaboration.
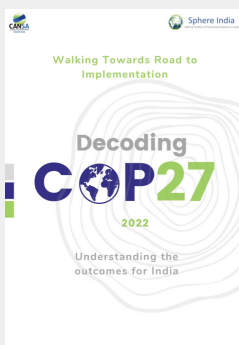
Climate Corner

Climate Change and Earthquake Exposure in Asia and The Pacific

This study analyzes the exposure of energy and transport assets in Asia and the Pacific to climate change and earthquake hazards and highlights how multi-hazard assessment can help strengthen the resilience of crucial infrastructure.
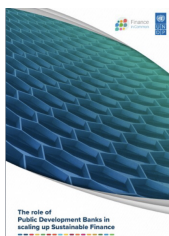
Geolocating and undertaking a multi-hazard assessment of more than 30,000 infrastructure assets, the study identifies significant risks across the region with three-quarters of the assets exposed to four or more hazards. It notes that multi-hazard assessment and an understanding of the potential impacts of these hazards need to be systematically integrated into the planning, design, and financing of infrastructure upgrades and maintenance. Read More >>

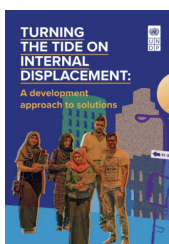### COP27 Outcome Document for India

COP27 Outcome Document for India encloses key discussions, announcements, pledges by India and plans for implementation ahead. It is drafted on the basis of pre and post COP27 consultations, organised by Sphere India with CANSA and other partners. Further, Sphere India also kept close watch on the critical deliberations happening as part of all thematic days, and the outcomes were documented from India's perspective, which has also been shared and summarized in this document. This document discussed strategies that India should adopt in order to reach net zero targets by 2070 and also to achieve the needed financial backup, Issue of loss & damage was the most prominent issue of COP 27 and that the developed countries agreed on Loss and damage finance etc. Read More >>
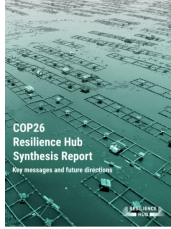
Updates from International Humanitarian Community

As the role of public development banks, which manage $23 trillion assets globally, is critical to financing for global development, this joint research paper with Finance in Common, headquartered within Agence Française de Développement (AFD), explores public development banks' roles, progress, and challenges to scale sustainable financing in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and Paris Agreement. Read More>>

In 2022, the world reached a grim milestone. Yet, internally displaced persons (IDP's) are rarely in the headlines. This invisible crisis is due to gaps in development support. This report, "Turning the tide on internal displacement: A development approach to solutions," argues that longer-term development action is needed to reverse record levels of internal displacement, with millions more people predicted to be uprooted by climate change. Read More>>

CDRI was a co-lead for the Infrastructure, Mobility and Energy theme along with International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure, building Change and WSP at COP27 Resilience Hub in Sharm El-Sheikh. Read the COP Resilience Hub Synthesis Report highlighting the key policy insights that can accelerate the urgent action and investment needed on climate adaptation and resilience.

Read More>>

South Asia is home to 9 of the world's 10 cities with the worst air pollution, which causes an estimated 2 million premature deaths across the region each year and incurs significant economic costs. A new World Bank report shows that there are economically feasible, cost-effective solutions to achieve clean air in the region, but this requires countries to coordinate policies and investments.

Read More>>

Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week 2022

The environment humanitarian actors operating in the Asia-Pacific region continues to be further complicated by climate change, political instability, economic downturn and shrinking humanitarian space. This year's Regional Humanitarian Partnership Week focused on how to navigate through contexts to ensure the best delivery of assistance to those most in need. It drew on the expertise of practitioners, advocates, academics, donors and other related partners.

Each day had a different theme in which participants used to provoke discussions, highlight solutions/resources, lessons learned and good practices, and collaborations, being undertaken to address some of the most complicated issues we faced in the region.

Side Events Organized & Coordinated by Sphere India

SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL LEARNING EXCHANGE: Beset with Sri Lanka's economic crisis, Pakistan's catastrophic floods, a global slowdown, and impacts of the war in Ukraine, South Asia faces an unprecedented combination of shocks on top of the lingering scars of the COVID-19 pandemic. This exchange enabled multiple stakeholders from different countries of South Asian Region to share the challenges and learnings from their experiences.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT, NGO & PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP: In the face of multiple humanitarian crises unfolding around us, there is an urgent need to build and strengthen partnerships across expertise areas and beyond borders, between all the actors and stakeholders, breaking down silos and forging new collaborations, to turn obstacles into opportunities, to achieve our goals together

Updates from Government

G-20 Presidency 2023

India assumes the G20 Presidency on the 1st of December 2022 from Indonesia and will convene the 'G20 Leader's Summit' for the first time in India in 2023. A nation deeply committed to democracy and multilateralism, India's G20 Presidency would be a water-shed moment in her history as it seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the wellbeing of all, and in doing so, manifest the true spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or the 'World is One Family'.

Disaster Risk Reduction Under The G-20 Framework

During India's G20 Presidency, it has been raising concerns that hold global good. One such concern includes building a resilient world that is equipped to deal with disasters and climate change. In this regard, as part of its unique contribution as G20 President, a new working group on disaster risk reduction will be constituted. India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant in a media briefing said that a new work stream on disaster risk reduction has been established under India's Presidency to encourage collective work, multi-disciplinary research and exchange of best practices on disaster risk reduction.

The Energy Conservation Bill 2022

The Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 seeks to mandate the use of non-fossil sources, including biomass and ethanol, for energy and feedstock, along with the use of green hydrogen and green ammonia. The bill also proposes to enhance the scope of the Energy Conservation Building Code and bring large residential buildings within the ambit of the energy conservation regime.

Kerala State Action Plan on Climate Change

The Kerala State Action Plan on Climate Change 2023-2030 (Kerala SAPCC 2.0) released identifies nine districts as most vulnerable in terms of overall inherent vulnerability and envisions mitigation strategies for avoiding approximately 57,000 ktCO2 from various sectors by 2030.In India, at the national level, climate change planning synthesizes the SAPCCs. The SAPCC Revision Team coordinated the entire planning exercise at the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala.

The Action Plan has adopted improved climate model projections and vulnerability assessments to suggest strategies, actions, and monitoring mechanisms.

Grants and Opportunities

The Gladfly Project Grant
For NPOs seeking to implement a software initiative, to improve the organization's operations by increasing efficiency & expanding outreach.
Organization : The Gladfly Project
Deadline:27-Jan-23

More Info>>

Applications Invited for Frontier Tech Solutions
To provide early-stage (seed) funding to for-profit technology start-ups developing software solutions using frontier technologies for climate action.
Organisation: UNICEF Venture Fund
Deadline: 09-Jan-23

More Info>>

Glenmark Nutritions Awards
To recognize non-profit organizations and other organizations who have undertaken exceptional efforts through their health initiatives or programs to reduce the impact of malnutrition in society – in rural and urban areas.

Invitation for Submission of Papers in the NIDM Journal entitled "Disaster & Development"
NIDM is inviting willing candidates to submit papers on Disaster and Development on various themes and topics to be published in their annual journal.

Organization : Glenmark Foundation

Deadline: 22-Jan-23

More Info>>

Organization : National Institute of Disaster Management

Deadline:15-Feb-23

More Info>>

Upcoming Events

Plans Ahead

Accountability to Affected Population
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1. Communication with Communities:

a. Documenting community voices through member & other resources and closing loop with communities.

b. Developing partnerships for two way communication with communities.

c. Rights in Crisis (JRNA, D&L Assessment) exercises.

2. Establishing mechanism for PSEA and Real Time Feedback Mechanism:

a. Institutionalisation of CFM (RTFM incl of PSEA) in Inter Agency System in India.

b. Training and Capacity Building on CFM and PSEA of members, partners, IAGs.

c. New Partnerships and agreements for community outreach.

3. Minimum Standards and Humanitarian Principles:

a. Supporting States with Development of Standards for Recovery and Resilience building.

b. Regular trainings, capacity building on MS&HP.

4. AAP Reporting Matrix and Accreditation:

a. Developing a matrix and Dashboard for real time reporting of AAP Vertical, Secretariat, Sphere India membership and Humanitarian System in India

Inter-Agency Coordination
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1. Multi Sector Coordination:

a. Sector Networks and Nexus is established with all stakeholders as per guidelines

b. Training and Capacity Building of all on Guidelines, PDNA etc along with NIDM, SDMA and Line Departments.

c. Resilience Building Plans for each Sector in the States

2. URS and JRNA/PDNA /D&LA:

a. Revision of Tools and Publication of JA guideline.

b. Mobile & Web application with real time Dashboard and Integrated Database.

3. Predictable Financial Mechanisms and Accounting:

a. National and State CSR mobilisation sector wise.

b. Public Funds for localisation, Innovations, EPR and RB

c. Government Funds Analysis, Coordination, technical system strengthening Support

d. Humanitarian and RB funds accounting and reporting

4. Humanitarian Logistics Hub:

a. Logistics coordination support and establishing Humanitarian logistics hub in India

Knowledge and Capacity Sharing
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1. Humanitarian leadership and Resilience building Academy:

a. Training Portfolio and eLearning Platform

b. Academic and KCS Delivery.

c. Regular Webinars on Academy Platform

2. Knowledge Products and Documentation

a. Need Identification

b. Knowledge Resource Pool and New Knowledge Products

d. Documentation and Reports

3. Partnership Standards

a. Harmonisation of all standards and Frameworks, including ESG

b. Release of Final Guidelines and Capacity Building

4. Evidence based Research

a. Analysis of existing Research and evidence and new Research in targeted areas

b. Integrated Disaster Database, Dash board, big data planning

c. Scoping and Strategy for AI in DM (What can be done, who can do what, what new members can join)

5. Communications

a. Website, Bulletin, Snippets

b. Social Media Communications, SMOs

c. Wikipedia platform

d. Commn Support to other verticals

Collaborative advocacy
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1. Evidence Based Advocacy

a. Advocacy Need Analysis.

b. Advocacy materials and communications.

2. Advocacy for Climate Budget

a. Policy Brief on Climate Budget

b. Advocacy materials and communications.

3. System Strengthening Tech Support:

a. Systems Strengthening Strategy and coordination.

b. System Strengthening Deployments and Coordination.

4. Media Advocacy

a. Media Advocacy Dynamic Conceptualisation and Partnerships

b. Media Guidelines

c. Coordination of Advocacy issues to be posted to media with evidence including

d. PFMA Scoping for Media Programs / Production on identified

5. Stakeholder Focused Advocacy (IFHA and others)

a. Mid Terms and Emergency Advocacy focused on different stakeholders including Inter faith Humanitarian Alliance (IFHA)

Enabling and Navigating the Nexus: Humanitarian Development DRR CCA Peace
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1. Navigating the Nexus

a. Membership Drives and Sector Networks

b. Accreditation and Self Regulatory Mechanism

2. Enabling and Operations

a. Systems and Compliances Program Support

b. Enabling Sphere India Network and the Nexus

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