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Ashok Kumar is an officer of Indian Telecom Service, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India. He joined this service in year 1995. He is a career technocrat with specialization in the Mobile Communications and other telecom and related ICT sector; presently working Deputy Director General in Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications. Presently he is **Vice Chair of ITU-T Study Group 16** which makes standards on Multimedia and Digital services.

In addition to his expertise and policy and regulations in the field of telecommunications, He is an expert in 5G and other mobile Technologies. During his stint at **National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research and Innovation** he had designed and developed 30 courses of a total duration of 40 hours on 5G Mobile Communications and published it on eLearning Platform (known as iGoT) of Government of India. He has also conducted five batches of Online 36 hours/ 6 weeks **Certificate courses on 5G Technology** for officers of Indian Telecom Service, other central / state Government officials and Faculty members of engineering collages.

He has earlier worked in **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** mandated to issue biometric based Identity called **Aadhaar** to all residents of India. He had contributed in creating enabling policy, process and guidelines to expand the eco system and keep them viable and healthy resulting in achieving the mammoth task of enrolling over one billion population of India.

During his initial 10 years of services, he has served in various part of the country and contributed in Installation, Commissioning and Operation of telecom networks.