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India hosted the **12th BRICS Communications Ministers' Meeting in Pune, Maharashtra**, on **August 21, 2026**, chaired by Union Minister of Communications **Jyotiraditya Scindia**, concluding a five-day **BRICS ICT Track** (August 17-21) held under India's 2026 BRICS Chairship.

What Was Discussed

The meeting, held under the theme “**Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future**,” focused on four priority areas: sustainable and resilient ICT ecosystems, cybersecurity and trustworthy ICT, digital skilling, and startups and innovation. Ministers concluded by adopting future cooperation priorities and visited the **Digital BRICS Forum Expo**, which showcased Indian telecom technology.

Why This Matters

The meeting reflects India's positioning as an exporter of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) models, such as Aadhaar- and UPI-style stacks, within BRICS' South-South digital cooperation framework, while navigating differing data-sovereignty positions among member states, particularly China and Russia.

UPSC Relevance

This connects GS2 international groupings (India's BRICS Chairship) with GS3 digital infrastructure and cybersecurity policy. A useful Mains angle examines how India can **leverage** its domestic DPI success to shape multilateral digital-cooperation norms among developing economies.

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India holds the BRICS Chairship for 2026

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