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RCom, China Telecom launch terrestrial cable

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Reliance Communications (RCom) and Chinese state-owned China Telecom have launched a terrestrial cable connecting East Asia

with the Indian subcontinent.

This cross-border cable will provide an alternative route for telecommunications connectivity between India, China, Hong Kong and Far East Asia.

The cable will cater to the voice, data and video connectivity needs of over 2.2 billion citizens of India and China, RCom said in a release here today.

Laid between Siliguri in India and Yadong in China

via Nathu La, the terrabit capacity cable passes through difficult terrains, sub-zero temperature and touches an altitude of around 14,500 ft above sea level.

Previously, connectivity between the two countries was through undersea cable routes via Hong Kong or Singapore.