

Critical mineral supply chain needs collective global action: Vaishnaw

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India, along with countries across the globe, must work together to build a resilient critical minerals supply chain, Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Tuesday.

Vaishnaw, who is in the US to attend a ministerial meeting focused on supply chain resilience for critical minerals, said

participants discussed their experiences with rare-earth minerals, including steps being taken to improve refining and processing of mineral ores so these raw materials “can be secured over the long term sustainably.

Participating countries also discussed funding new projects, sharing technology, and recycling critical minerals from waste products.

“There were discussions and agreements around sharing research among

different countries. It was a very positive meeting, with a focus on improving the quality and availability of critical minerals,” Vaishnaw told a news agency in the US.

The ministerial meeting was organised by US Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent, who said he was optimistic that participating countries would “pursue prudent derisking over decoupling and understand the need for decisive action”.

