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Highlights of the Week

 ITU-APT Foundation of India has started working on WTSA-20 Preparatory meetings on virtual format with the help of Members comments on different WTSA Resolutions. The platform is open to all members to give their valuable inputs. Related documents and list of resolutions and other recent documents are available on our website.

 Invitations have been sent to members for the APT 2nd Preparatory meeting to be held as an e-meeting on . Request for nominations for registration of delegates for WTSA-20/2 have been invited. These will be sent to DOT.

 ITU-R WP4A/4B/4C will be organised by ITU -R as e-meetings from 28 to 29 May 2020. Proposals are welcome for this meeting. For more details, please contact the secretariat.

TOP STORIES :

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (India) has issued a Consultation Paper on Framework for Technical Compliance of Conditional Access System (CAS) and Subscriber Management Systems (SMS) for Broadcasting & Cable Services seeking comments of all stakeholders. Full text of consultation paper is available on TRAI's website at www.trai.gov.in.
- ITU took the great initiative to organise a session on Pandemic to exposure of girls in ICT. International Girls in ICT Day Celebrated on 23rd April 2020 on a virtual format by Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Director (BDT) ITU. The program is addressed by former President of Costa Rican Ms. Laura Chincilla who said, Young Women and girls are called to lead future and in doing so, we must make technology their best ally. People took participate on worldwide bases in the inspiring global discussion where all panellist shared their experience, challenges and leadership with young girls and women. Aarush from ITU-APT secretariat attended the meeting.
- Facebook's, one of our valued corporate member announce a major investment in Reliance Jio that would facilitate the ailing telecom Industry. The two companies said that they will work together on some major initiatives that would open up commerce opportunities for people across India.

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- The telecom industry is in discussions with district and local authorities across states for opening up prepaid recharge centres following the recent orders by the Home Ministry, and hopes that these outlets will start opening in a day or so. The Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) has also written to various states, urging them to issue "requisite instructions in the state/UT to enable 'mobile recharging retailers' to open their outlets for offering telecom services to the public",
- The government's decision to monitor foreign direct investment (FDI) deals from China is likely to impact 5G investments in the country.
- Indian internet traffic showed a 30% jump during the COVID-19 lockdown. With the world's second most populous country cooped up indoors during the lockdown, Indian telecom traffic has witnessed at least a 30% jump over last two weeks. According to a report by data measurement firm Nielsen, the amount of internet data used in India has grown by 19% in week four of covid-19 disruption as compared to the pre-covid period. The growth is driven by an older age group with the consumption of the 35-plus category having risen by 35%. Video streaming platforms have been a beneficiary too, with a 12% increase in the time spent per user per week.