

ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Respected Members,

At this 17TH Annual General Meeting, I wish to congratulate our distinguished members of the ITU-APT Foundation of India.

During this 17th year of the Foundation, the world is passing through a global corona pandemic, a crisis of unknown and infinite proportion that has held the global economy as a hostage. The COVID-19 crisis has not only highlighted the critical role of information and communication technologies (ICTs) for continued functioning of societies.

We are of the powerful belief that ICT can be a source of good for everyone, particularly during this pandemic and therefore IAFI has stepped up and engaged in many activities that could prove essential in fighting this crisis and also helping the economic revival of the country.

During the last 6 months we are helping India to expand the utilization of digital technologies to respond to and recover from COVID-19, and to build preparedness for similar future global emergencies.

When we look back and we feel great satisfaction on the achievements IAFI has made to successfully meet our aims and objectives. This could not have been achieved without the active support of our distinguished members.

The ITU-APT Foundation of India is not only well recognized in India but very much in ITU and APT and it has carved out its unique position. A number major telecom events are being organized and supported by the Foundation that has kept us so well known around the world.

I am happy to note that with the cooperation of all members and office bearers we have successfully put the association on a firm financial, technical and regulatory footing. I recall that the gloom just two years back when the foundation was having difficulty in meeting its day to day expenses. I am happy to note that not only we

are on a strong financial footing but have also expanded our activities in many fields

Your association continued hosting a number of events, sending delegations to various ITU and APT meetings on a regular basis as well as responding to various TRAI and government consultations. During the last year, our main contribution was to the success of WRC-19, where we sent a large delegation of our members as a part of the Indian official delegation.

During the last year, FY19-20, we have added 27 new members and currently we have 107 members on our rolls, that includes 11 corporate members.

During this past year, we have also redesigned and created a new dynamic web site to share the activities of the Foundation.

Despite the Covid crisis and the Lock down, the Foundation continued performing tirelessly and the following 8 events have been organised since the last AGM:

1. Satellite Communications- The Journey Ahead on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Airmeet.
2. National Workshop on New Wi-Fi Spectrum in 6GHz on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Zoom Meeting.
3. WTSID 2020 Virtual Conversation on UNO's 2030 Sustainable Developments Goals On 18th May 2020 at Zoom Meeting.
4. FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR WTSA-20 On 8th April 2020 at Zoom Meeting.
5. 5G Huddle, In Partnership with- ITU-APT Foundation of India, BIF, TSDSI. On 5th & 6th 2020 at Hotel The Imperial, New Delhi.
6. Hosted Dinner Reception for Shri RB Prasad Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC Department of Telecommunications, and Welcoming Shri NK Bhola Joint Wireless Advisor of Telecommunications, Shri Viresh Goyal Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC Department of Telecommunications. On 10 January 2020, at CSOI KG Marg, New Delhi.
7. Hosted Dinner Reception for Shri Shiwa Shankar Singh Member Technology of Digital Communications Commission, Shri Debatosh Manna Member Services of Digital Communications Commission, and Welcoming

Shri Pradeep Kumar IRSSE, Signaling and Telecom, Railway Board on 29th November, 07:00 PM CSOI KG Marg, New Delhi.

8. 16TH AGM OF ITU-APT Foundation and Curtain Raiser on 5G in ITU on 16th October at Hotel Claridges New Delhi.

To conclude, I am thankful to all the office bearers and other elected officials of the Society for their constant support and guidance throughout the year. I also place on records, especially

Further, I also convey highest gratitude to the entire members of the society for their continued support and valuable contribution though out the period. It is indeed a proud moment for all of us for witnessing the Foundation completing its 17 years of establishment

Bharat B Bhatia

President, IAFI

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