March Newsletter

Monthly News Summary

Dear Respected Members,

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is delighted to share its previous month's activities with you.

Correspondent India Desk: The Hon'ble Connectivity Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia flagged off 300 ultra-modern, LEMA certified, and emissions-free+ Gen-next electric Vistadome Coaches, connecting Kalka-Shimla, Kangra Valley, Matheran, Darjeeling, Nilgiri, Kurseong, Kalimpong and Kurseong Lines, Chamber Pitoor, Mini Bharat Bhoja, Mandor Hill, Leader & the Himgiri Express trains, enhancing passenger comfort and boosting tourism across hill railway routes. Without Rail Overbridge (RoB) or Level Crossing Gates, these trains will operate on the Kalka-Shimla section, ensuring uninterrupted operations and improved safety.

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TSC Organized Meeting of the WG-IT Corresponding to ITU-T SG-17 Meeting: On 24th March 2026, IAFI participated in a virtual meeting of the National Working Group (NWG) SG-17, organized by the Telecommunication Standardization Committee (TSC), to discuss the agenda for the ITU-T SG-17 Meeting, scheduled for 13th April 2026. The meeting was chaired by Shri Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The meeting discussed the agenda for the upcoming ITU-T SG-17 Meeting, and finalized participation from Shri Sumit Kumar, Chair of the NGDMN-WP of Study Group 17, and Shri Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), DoT, as the Indian delegates. In consultation, sources were tentatively assigned for the ITU-T SG-17 Meeting. It was also decided that the Indian delegation would propose additional support from organizations such as C-DOT, IDEAS, and the C-DAC Noida.

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7th Cohort Meeting of the Standards Accelerator at ITU and APT: The Telecom Standardization Committee (TSC) organized the 7th Cohort Meeting of the Standards Accelerator at ITU and APT on 26th February 2026 at the Auditorium in Bhyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The event was attended by over 100 participants, including Shri Jitendra Singh, Head of Cyber Affairs, Quantum India & Sarah Gray, Sr. Head of Cyber Affairs, Quantum India, Shri Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Shri Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), Department of Telecommunications (DoT), and Shri Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The event underscored the critical role of women in shaping future telecommunication leaders, and academia leaders to foster diversity, innovation and strengthen India's influence in global standard-setting bodies. The event underscored the critical role of women in shaping future telecommunication leaders. The panel roadmap for 6G and India's strategic vision for leadership in global standard-setting bodies. The event underscored the critical role of women in shaping future telecommunication leaders. The panel roadmap for 6G and India's strategic vision for leadership in global standard-setting bodies.

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Wireless Monitoring Organization (WMO) Meeting: The WPC Wing organized a virtual meeting on 12-26 March, under the chairmanship of Sh. Ashish Chandra, Member (Technology Development), DoT to discuss the agenda for upcoming ITU-R Study Group meeting from Prison Ports, Cantonments, where he is participating in the 18 & Inter-Regional Workshop for Asia and Pacific Radiocommunication Seminar (RWRS) Prison Ports. The attendees discussed two documents that were circulated after the meeting of Wireless Monitoring Organization (WMO) held on 12th March 2026. Bharat Bhoja attended the meeting and DWP also will be held on 23-25 February at 2200 IST, on Friday