NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Respected Member,

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is delighted to share about the previous month's activities.

ISMC-22 Updates: The Second Preparatory meeting for the 2nd India Spectrum Management Conference (ISMC-22) took place on the 23rd of November 2022, this meeting finalised many crucial plans for the upcoming event such as the agenda of the event, Speakers, Sr. Govt officials and logistics for the upcoming event

IEEE Event on Connecting the unconnected: Mr. Bharat B Bhatia emphasized on the importance of Public Wi-Fi initiatives that are taken by the government of India to support the community enablement. One of the best examples of the same would be the PMWANI scheme which is an initiative to distribute the internet through installations of public Wi-Fi hotspots all over India without the need of license, he also presented his views on how ultrafast P2P connectivity enables communities to connect
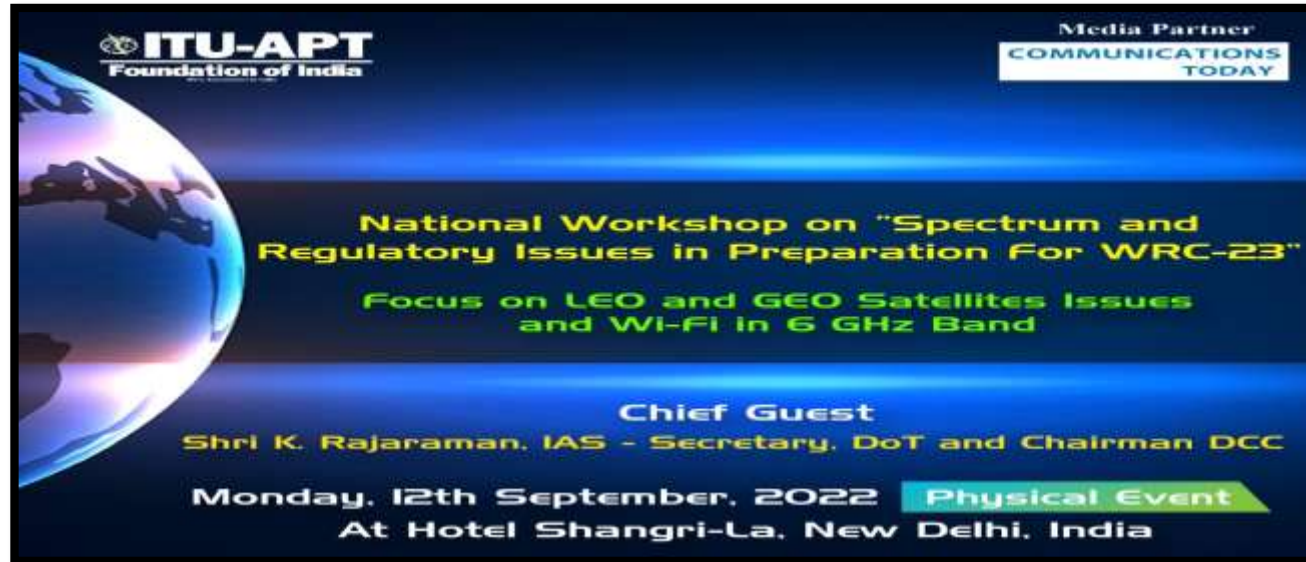
New Telecom Law: ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) along with "Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association (TEMA) organized a virtual workshop on 13th October 2022 to review the draft of the New Telecom law. The event was addressed by the Department of Telecom as well as eminent telecom and legal luminaries including Sr. Advocate, Lalit Bhasin, President Society of Indian Law Firms and Shri. PK Malhotra, the former Law Secretary and others."

Media Showcase: Following Items relating to IAFI were covered in the media

- 5G: Atmanirbhar Bharat: India has strong 4G, 5G ecosystem today, says MoS telecom, Telecom News, ET Telecom (indiatimes.com)

- Department Of Telecommunications: Telecom department committed to spectrum allocation for economic benefits: Official, Telecom News, ET Telecom (indiatimes.com)

- Minister calls for new spectrum strategy to support innovations and manufacturing | Communications Today

- IAFI and TEMA call for simplification of the Draft Telecom Bill | Communications Today

- APT nominates IAFI President to lead Wi-Fi 6 studies | Communications Today

- Don't auction satellite spectrum if you want good rural broadband, says chief of telco body IAFI (theprint.in)

- Asian countries to support India's candidate for ITU Regulation Board elections | Communications Today

- IAFI hosts global workshop on challenges & opportunities in Green Telecom | Telecom Magazine India (communicationstoday.co.in)

- Global UN body ITU adopts 6G mobile technology trends | Communications Today

- IAFI hosts World Wi-Fi Day celebrations | Communications Today

- 3GPP approves IAFI's 600 MHz band plan | Communications Today

- ITU global conference on telecom development starts in Africa | Communications Today

- 5G networks: IAFI seeks policy support to allocate spectrum for captive 5G networks, Telecom News, ET Telecom (indiatimes.com)

- IAFI seeks policy framework for industrial, enterprise 4G/5G networks | Communications Today

- A Summary outcome of World Radio Conference 2019 (WRC-19) & WRC-23 Outlook

- DoT Secretary tells stakeholders to increase participation in ITU activities

- IAFI Celebrates World Telecom & Information Society Day

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IAFI MEMBERSHIP

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is a non-profit, non-political, non-partisan Industry foundation registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1960. IAFI is working for the last 20 years with the prime objective of encouraging the involvement of professionals, corporate, public/private sector industries, R&D organizations, academic institutions, and such other agencies engaged in the development of Indian Telecom sector. The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) was held on October 28, 2022 at CSOI, KG Marg. The AGM elected the new office bearers of the Society for the years 22-23 and 23-24. The AGM also noted the annual report of the work of the society during the past year 2021-22, which covered the increased work in ITU & APT Activities, with submission of 13 contributions to WP5D, 7 contributions in WP5A and 6 documents for WRC-23 which were submitted to WPC.

The benefits provided to the members include an invitation to all the events of the Foundation which include: Training programs, seminars, workshops, etc. conducted by the society on a complimentary basis, EC Members shall have access to information related to ITU and APT and other telecom journals where members can subscribe. Members are eligible to participate in ITU-T, ITU-D, and APT activities under our membership. The individual Membership Fee of IAFI has been reversed to the previous fee that was applicable since the beginning.

Please click: Membership details

Activities in our focus areas during Sept 22

42nd meeting of WP5D: The 42nd meeting of the ITU WP5D, which is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of IMT (4G, 5G and 6G) began on the 10th of October 2022, and concluded on the 21st of October. IAFI President Mr. Bharat Bhatia is chairing the group on 5G for industrial applications of 5G along with Mr. Jitendra Singh (DG Chair) in the meeting. 9 contributions submitted by the IAFI were successfully presented and accepted . Many IAFI members have been registered as delegates for the meetings and are actively participating in these meetings. In addition, 2 contributions submitted by IAFI to the NSG and submitted by the Indian administration were also accepted and incorporated into the working documents, including the one on 600 MHz arrangements.

India's big win at ITU PP-22 Meeting in Bucharest: Mrs. Revathi Mannepalli, India's Candidate for Member, Radio Regulations Board (RRB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) won the elections with the support of 139 countries out 180 countries that voted in these elections. She got the highest number of votes in Region E –Asia and middle east. Candidates from Saudi Arabia and China also won while Indonesia lost the RRB elections. India also won a seat in the administrative council with the 2nd highest votes winning the support of 160 countries. China was the last winner of the 8 seats for Region E with only 135 supporters

IAFI RESPONSE ON NEW TELECOM LAW: IAFI has submitted our coordinated response to the consultation paper by the Department of Telecommunication on the need for a New Legal Framework Governing Telecommunication in India. The paper has been drafted by IAFI core members & various stakeholders. This consultation paper focuses on the updating the 1985 Indian Telegraph Act for enabling a future – ready framework for the development of new technologies. Furthermore, the proposed new law would bring in regulatory clarity and lay down a specific legal framework for digital India. The timeline for the submission of the new draft telecom bill has been extended to the 10th of November and IAFI has recalibrated its response to the consultation paper on terms of recommendations and comments and prepared a cover note and document for the Department of Telecommunications