

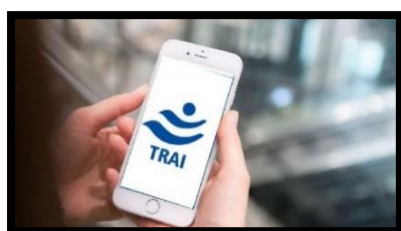
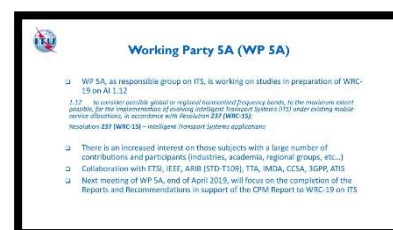
THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:



Webinar on Operationalisation of Telecom Reforms 2.0 – Ground Reality and Way Forward, this webinar will take place on the 16th of December 2021

ITU Study group on Land mobile service excluding IMT; amateur and amateur-satellite service (WP5A) concluded on Friday 26th November. Delegates from India along with the delegates from IAFI were a part of this meeting. Documents regarding PPDR & CAV were discussed and valuable inputs of the same were provided by Mr. Bharat B Bhatia, Mr. Punit Rathod, Mr. Khoo Teng Lock and other IAFI Delegates during the meeting.



IAFI is drafting a response to the TRAI consultation on “Licensing frame work for establishing satellite earth station gateway”. Comments had been invited from various stake holder by 30th November based on the comments received final response will be submitted to TRAI before last day of submission which is 13th December 2021.

IAFI Under the leadership of Bharat Bhatia hosted the 2nd International e-workshop on ITU 6G Vision. The event witnessed a look into the future of 6G where Virtual and Mixed Reality (VR/MR) and holographic telepresence will become the norm for both work and social interactions via holographic telepresence.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings

Name of the Meeting	Dates
1 st ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 Preparation	13 th -15 th December
Sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-21)	16 th -18 th December
Terrestrial Services - SG 5	16 th December

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Telecom Stories:

The Government has listed for sale real estate assets of state-run telecom firms MTNL & BSNL at a reserve price of Rs. 970 crores. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIAPM) website has listed MTNL assets located in Mumbai for sale at a reserve price of around Rs 310 crores. This is the first stage of asset monetisation at MTNL and BSNL.



Satcom to offer connectivity in hitherto unconnected areas, satellite communications have the potential to be a tool to provide internet connectivity in hitherto unconnected areas across the country. According to Mr. P. D. Vaghela Satcom may also enhance connectivity in distant areas the place where it isn't financially possible to deploy a terrestrial community.

The Department of Telecommunications is in the advanced phase of finalising the sector regulator's recommendations on narrowband, low bit rate applications. The TRAI previously submitted its recommendations to the government in August this year to promote the adoption of satellite communications services. These recommendations include allowing companies offering satellite-based IoT connectivity and low bit-rate services to hire foreign satellite capacities for longer tenures, beyond the currently permissible 3-5 years span to make such services more affordable in India.



The government has set up a committee to provide a single window clearance platform to all satellite-related networks. to enable speedy decision making, an apex committee having representatives from the Department of space, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the Telecom Engineering Centre, the NOCC, WPC has been authorised to perform the same work as a single platform clearance.