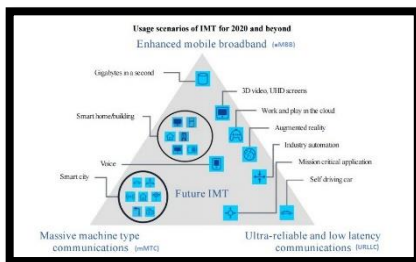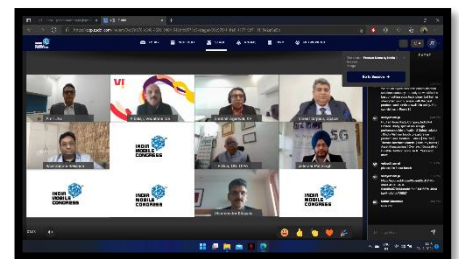# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-R's 1st Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 Preparations are starting from 13th to 15th December. IAFI delegates under the leadership of Mr. Bharat Bhatia, will be participating in this event.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has drafted appropriate responses to the Consultation Paper by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on **"Licensing Framework for Establishing Satellite Earth Station Gateway"** and invited written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper (CP). Comments have been accepted from various stakeholders. IAFI made the necessary changes after hosting a meeting to finalise the CP. Last date for the submission of the response is 13th December 2021.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has been drafting appropriate responses to the Consultation Paper by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on **Auction of Spectrum in frequency bands identified for IMT/5G**. Comments have been invited from various stake holders by the 28th of December, based on the comments received final response will be submitted to TRAI before the last day of submission is on 11th January.

Mr. Tilak Raj Dua, Chairman IAFI participated in the IMC 2021 organised by COAI and DOT. He spoke on Gati Shakti for Digital Infrastructure - Strengthening the backbone of connectivity which talks about essentially creating a digital platform to bring 16 Ministries including Railways and Roadways together for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. It will facilitate the last mile connectivity of infrastructure and also reduce travel time for people.

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings

Name of the Meeting	Dates
ITU-D; Second Inter-Regional meeting to prepare for WTDC	13th- 14th December
ITU-T; Economic and policy issues- SG/WP3	13th- 17th December
ITU-R; Terrestrial Services - SG 5	16th December
ITU-WTPF; Sixth World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-21)	16th -18th December
IRM- Fourth Interregional meeting for preparation of WTSA-20	5th – 6th Jan 2022
World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)	1st - 9thMarch 2022

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Telecom Stories:

Panel discussion on enabling policy Roadmap for the sectoral health, this event is focused on providing national government-led guidance for the implementation of the WHO Policy Guidance on Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship Activities in Human Health Sector, and disciplines around a common plan. IAFI President Mr. Bharat B Bhatia ji will be participating in the event as a keynote speaker.

Telecom Minister Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw ji urged the industry to give recommendations on how to cope with rapid changes in technology, in order to make telecom networks secure further improve the regulatory architecture. He also said that "there were paramount concerns among all nations regarding security of telecom networks. He believes that this is a new opportunity but also leading to social disruptions, that need solutions which will only happen when solutions are come provides by coming together of industrial like minds.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has requested Starlink, the satellite tv for pc broadband arm of Elon Musk's SpaceX, to not "solicit any telecom business or collect any related fees" for its upcoming broadband-from-space companies in India without the mandatory authorisations. The order comes simply over per week after the communications ministry barred Starlink from looking for pre-bookings for its internet-from-space service because it doesn't have an area licence.

Telecom regulatory authority of India (TRAI) on Tuesday directed all telcos to "immediately" enable port out SMS facility for all subscribers requiring it, irrespective of value of their tariff offer, vouchers, or plans. The sector regulator noted that in the recent past, it has received complaints from subscribers over their inability to send SMS on short code 1900 specified for UPC (Unique Porting Code) generation, for availing mobile number portability facility despite having sufficient balance in their prepaid accounts.