

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:



11th Executive Council (EC-11/2021) meeting of the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) was held on 23rd December 2021 at 12:30 p.m. as a hybrid meeting in IAFI Office. EC decided that the honorary membership of ITU-APT Foundation of India shall be granted to the retired secretary level officer and heads of departments of DoT TEC and TRAI, etc. along with IT ministries and Academia, such as Directors of IITs.

Mr. Tilak Raj Dua, Chairman IAFI participated in the IMC 2021 organised by COAI and DOT. He spoke on the Ease of Doing Business - Cultivating an Environment to Stimulate Investments and growth, he believed in the systematic growth that has taken place over the years in this telecom industry on ease of doing business. “There is a need for legal enforcement in guidelines regarding the need of doing business” he added.



IAFI in a letter to secretary TRAI had sought extension of the deadline for submission of comments on the consultation paper for auction of spectrum identified for rollout of 5G. TRAI consultation has sought comments on the base price, band plan, block size, quantum of spectrum to be put on auction, and associated conditions for auction of spectrum in the 526- 698 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300--3670 MHz and

24.25-28.5 GHz bands for IMT/5G services.. Responding to the request TRAI has extended the deadline to 10th January

WPC's Wireless Monitoring Organisation (WMO) organised the Founder Day of the International Monitoring Station, New Delhi on 19th December 2021 at the IMS Campus, Ghitorni, New Delhi. Shri Bharat Bhatia President IAFI, Shri PK Garg Vice President and Dr. S M Sharma Member attended the event as retired IRRS officers.



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has been holding coordination meetings with interested members for drafting appropriate responses to various TRAI Consultation Paper summarised below. The stakeholders team of IAFI members is meeting regularly to give a final shape to various draft responses. The list for the same has been provided in a tabular format.

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Consultation Papers	Comments Date	Counter Comments Date
Auction of Spectrum in frequency bands identified for IMT/5G	10th January	21 st January 2022
Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector	5th January 2022	19th January 2022
Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India.	13 th January 2022	27 th January 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings

Name of the Meetings	Dates
IRM- Fourth Inter-regional meeting for preparation of WTSA-20	5 th - 6 th January 2022
ITU-T: Council Working Group and Expert Group meetings (CWGs & EG)	11 th – 20 th January 2022
The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 (APT WTDC21-4)	24 th - 28th January 2022
The 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-22 (APT PP22-2)	15 th – 17 th February 2022
ITU-T: World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)	1st - 9 th March 2022

Telecom Stories:



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is working on developing a full ecosystem for the chip manufacturing industry and will start taking applications under its incentive scheme from Jan. 1 India expects at least a dozen semiconductor manufacturers to start setting up local factories in the next 2-3 years after the South Asian nation offered incentives for the sector, the country's information and technology minister Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav ji said.

The government of India notified the semiconductor policy which was cleared by the Cabinet last week. According to the gazette notification, the government will provide up to 50% of Project cost for two semiconductor and two display fabs in the country. The application window starts January 1 and will be open for 45 days. Additional support of infrastructure will be provided through EMC2.0 scheme, demand aggregation, support for R&D.

