

# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

## Highlights of the week:

IAFI is working with WI-FI now and global Wi-Fi alliance to host this year's WIFI webinar on the topic of delicensing the 6 GHz and V band with the help of both Indian and International experts in spectrum regulation and Wi-Fi technology on **Wednesday, February 2, at 6:30 am CET together**. To learn more about the event and register for viewing go to ITU-APT's website here. More information including detailed program and participants will be announced shortly.



In view of the upcoming meeting of ITU-R WP5D in February, 2022, IAFI held a series of meetings to develop as many as possible contributions from IAFI. The weekly Radio group meeting on Wednesday, reviewed a list of 18 possible topics and started work on 5 draft new contributions. Preliminary drafts for these 5 topics have been circulated to the radio group members and will be finalized in the next two meetings.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) organised a series of meetings and email consultations with stakeholders for finalizing IAFI response to the TRAI Consultation Paper on Auction in spectrum of frequency bands identified for IMT| 5G with a view to achieving a consensus in the divergent views of satellite Industry and 5G stakeholders. Based on these consultations a detailed response has been submitted to TRAI. The updated list for the consultation papers has been provided in a tabular format, for which responses are yet to be developed:



Consultation Papers	Comments Date	Counter Comments Date	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
Ease of Doing Business in Telecom and Broadcasting Sector	19th Jan 2022	2nd Feb 2022	13th Jan 2022
Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India.	13th Jan 2022	27th Jan 2022	13th Jan 2022

<i>Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jan-March 2022)</i>			
Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: (CWGs & EG)	11th-20th Jan 2022	4th Jan 2022	-
ITU-T: FG-AI4NDM	26th Jan-28th 2022	19th Jan 2022	-
APT: WTDC-21	24th -28th Jan 2022	17th Jan 2022	12th Jan 2022
ITU-R: WP 5D	7th-23rd Feb 2022	31st Jan 2022	12th Jan 2022
ITU-R: RAG	24th Feb 2022	17th Feb 2022	-

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<b>APT: PP-22</b>	15th-17th Feb 2022	8th Feb 2022	2nd Feb 2022
<b>ITU-T: WTSA-20</b>	1st-9th Mar 2022	22nd Feb 2022	2nd Feb 2022
<b>APT: AWG 29</b>	21st-29th Mar 2022	14th Mar 2022	3rd Mar 2022

### Telecom Stories:



The Delhi High Court has stayed an appellate tribunal's order which prevented the sector regulator from taking any coercive action against Vodafone Idea for allowing subscribers with certain tariff plans. Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) in December stayed the sector regulator's orders which allowed subscribers to port out of their network from the service provider irrespective of their tariff plans.

In order to secure Consumer Internet of Things (IoT) devices, Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), under Department of Telecommunications, has released a report "Code of Practise for securing consumer internet of things (IoT) as a baseline requirement aligned with global standards and best practices. These guidelines will help in securing consumer IoT devices & ecosystems as well as managing vulnerabilities. IoT is benefitted by recent advances in several technologies, communication technologies and Edge computing.



In the airline industry, radar altimeters, which measure altitude, operate in the 4.2- 4.4 Ghz range and there are concerns that there is not a big enough buffer from the companies. Potential impact of 5G wireless services on aircraft, in stark contrast to the rollout of new-generation services elsewhere, which has broadly gone ahead without airing new safety concerns. Radio altimeters help minimize the risk of accidents or collisions by giving an accurate reading of the proximity to the ground.

The Department of Telecommunications sent an advisory chief secretary of all states to allow unrestricted access to telecom sites without mandatory e pass following lockdowns in the wake of Covid 19 variant of concern (VoC) Omicron. Delhi-based infrastructure providers (IP) body, DIPA urged the DoT to direct all chief secretaries to allow telecom technicians and field staff to access telecom tower sites for operations and maintenance work.

