

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) submission to TRAI, on spectrum auction for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT)/5G was very well covered by the media:

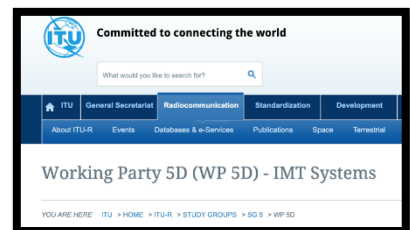
- <https://telecom.economictimes.indiatimes.com/amp/news/iafi-asks-traai-to-keep-5g-spectrum-price-reasonable/88811591>
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- <https://developingtelecoms.com/telecom-business/telecom-regulation/12648-planned-5g-prices-much-too-high-says-india-s-iafi.html>
- <https://www.bgr.in/telecom/5g-spectrum-prices-in-india-are-34-times-higher-than-international-prices-says-iafi-to-traai-1035019/amp/>

IAFI had recommended that the reserve price of spectrum should be kept reasonable by telecom operators. IAFI recommended that prices of 5G spectrum for telecom operators should be \$ 0.05 per MHz per POP for 700 MHz, or \$0.01 per MHz per POP for mid band \$0.008 per 10 MHz per pop for mm Waves.

ITU-R WP5D preparatory meetings have been ongoing in the IAFI, in order to develop possible contributions, the weekly Radio group meeting on Wednesday, reviewed a list of working documents, additional drafts and active inputs on Antenna Element Mapping have been added as contributions to the documents. All documents will be finalized in the next two meetings.

Mr. Satya N Gupta, Secretary General, ITU-APT Foundation of India's (IAFI) participated and presented his views on a fireside chat with Ashutosh Garg Founder of "the brand called you" where he spoke on Next Generation Networks (NGN). He also emphasised on the application of blockchains and how it can help in block data packet which increases transparency this is also known as "internet of value"

An input document has been submitted by IAFI to the National Study Group 5 (NSG-%) meeting on Wednesday on issue 9.1 topic c of WRC-23. The contribution was approved by the NSG. The meeting was attended by Shri, Bharat B Bhatia, President IAFI, Rakesh Mehrotra, Vice President IAFI, & Jitendra Singh, Executive Member IAFI.



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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	17 th Jan 2022
Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres, Content Delivery Networks, and Interconnect Exchanges in India.	3 rd Feb 2022	17 th Feb 2022	20th Jan 2022

<i>Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jan-March 2022)</i>			
Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: FG-AI4NDM	26th Jan-28th 2022	19th Jan 2022	-
APT: WTDC-21	24th -28th Jan 2022	17th Jan 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	7th-23rd Feb 2022	31st Jan 2022	19th Jan 2022
ITU-R: RAG	24th Feb 2022	17th Feb 2022	-
APT: PP-22	15th-17th Feb 2022	8th Feb 2022	2nd Feb 2022
ITU-T: WTSA-20	1st-9th Mar 2022	22nd Feb 2022	2nd Feb 2022
APT: AWG 29	21st-29th Mar 2022	14th Mar 2022	3rd Mar 2022

Telecom Stories:

ITU-R has initiated work on developing a recommendation on vision for IMT for 2030 and beyond. The draft document has been named as ITU-R M. (IMT 2030 and BEYOND) this initiative is intended to address the “Motivation on driving factors for future technology trends towards 2030 and beyond. TSDSI submission on 6G work has also been commendable.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a Technology Centre of the MSME Ministry, established at Puducherry, on the occasion of National youth day today. The MSME Ministry through its various initiatives and programs is revving up the sector to achieve inclusive growth, provide sustainable employment opportunities and thereby attain the Prime Minister’s vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

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The government has said that the three telcos it will get equity stakes in by converting the interest on past statutory dues won't be turned into public-sector undertakings (PSU) and that the companies would continue to "professionally run" private firms. It also said that the centre can sell these shares at an appropriate time and realise the amounts due. While, three companies have exercised the option of converting liabilities into equity/preference shares. They have offered this option to the government in lieu of their liabilities.

