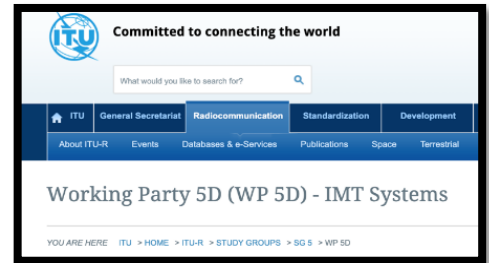


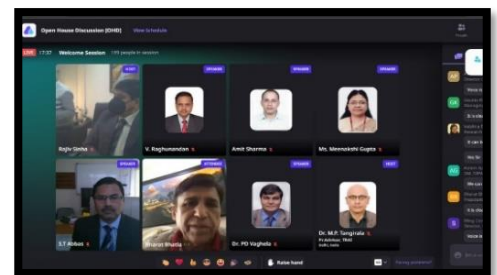
## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### Highlights of the week:

**ITU-R WP5D, which started its 40<sup>th</sup> meeting last Monday, has selected Mr. Jitendra Singh, Executive member IAFI to chair the drafting group on Private/industrial 5G.** 6 contributions submitted by the IAFI have been presented in various groups. 9 IAFI members have been registered as delegates for the meetings and are actively participating in these meetings.



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) held an Open House Discussion, on **8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 10:30 am** through video conference via Air Meet platform for the Consultation Paper on 'Auction of Spectrum in frequency bands identified for IMT / 5G'. Mr. Bharat B Bhatia presented the views of IAFI regarding Quantum of Spectrum, Band Plan & Block Size. Pawan Kumar Garg Vice President IAFI, Rakesh Mehrotra, Vice President IAFI, & Jitendra Singh, Executive Member IAFI along with the delegates actively participated in the Open House Discussion.



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has drafted appropriate responses to the Consultation Paper including the recent consultation paper on "Regulatory Framework for Promoting Data Economy Through Establishment of Data Centres and has submitted the same to TRAI. IAFI in its recommendation also emphasised best practices & guiding principles to help design data centre facilities along with TSP's/ISPs being incentivized to provide CDN services.



### *Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jan-Mar 2022)*

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
<b>ITU-R: RAG</b>	24th Feb 2022	17th Feb 2022	-
<b>ITU-D: IAGDI-CRO</b>	24th Feb 2022	17th Feb 2022	-
<b>APT: PP-22</b>	15th-17th Feb 2022	8th Feb 2022	-
<b>ITU-T: WTSA-20</b>	1st-9th Mar 2022	22nd Feb 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022
<b>APT: AWG 29</b>	21st-29th Mar 2022	14th Mar 2022	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

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### Telecom Stories:

Telecom operators and satellite players remained sharply divided at open house discussion held by the sector regular Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on rules for allocation of spectrum for 5G services in the auction planned to be held this year. The TRAI has asked companies and other interested parties to provide their additional submission before **February 15**, especially with details around methods for valuation of spectrum.



India's own 5G network is in its final stages of development and the country is also parallelly participating in the development of 6G standards, Union Minister for Electronics and IT Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw expressed. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) Secretary Shri. K. Rajaraman said the indigenous 4G stack will be rolled out in a few months. Vaishnaw also pitched for the adoption of products that are designed and Made-in-India citing better quality and economical costs, while stressing that the government is working on improving ease-of-doing-business.



India can capture a larger share of the global space tech pie and find more domestic applications solutions in areas such as geographic information system (GIS) after the government overhauled and launched new policies. The government recently updated the SpaceCom and SpaceRS policies, liberalising the traditional satellite communication and remote sensing sectors. Under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan (approved in October 2021), the government aims to provide multimodal connectivity to various economic zones.



Telecom Engineering Department (TEC), Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has taken up an initiative to facilitate innovators, start-ups, MSME and other stake holders involved in R&D in the area of Open RAN (Remote Access Network) through setting up of Open RAN Lab in PPP/collaborative mode. In order to achieve this objective TEC intends to engage with interested parties having to existing testing facility for Open RAN who would be willing to collaborate with TEC through and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Public Private Partnership (PPP)

