

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

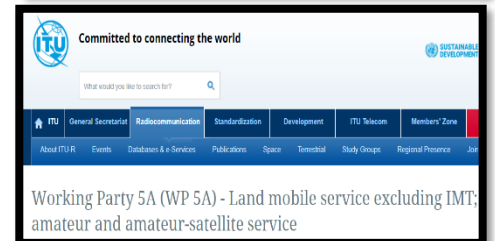
29th meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-29) concluded this week with the approval of new 600 MHz APT band. IAFI had submitted 6 contributions to the AWG-29 covering various aspects including a proposal for a new APT Report on 6GHz Wi-Fi known as WI-FI-6e. The proposed new APT report on Wi-Fi 6e will be taken up by the AWG in its 30th meeting, based on further proposals to be submitted by IAFI. Other proposals submitted by the IAFI included a new report on Disaster Alerting systems over mobile phones, Satellite based IOT systems and cellular based automated driving and a new report on emerging critical applications & use cases of 5G for industrial, societal and enterprise users. IAFI participation was well covered in the media which can be seen here: [LINK](#)



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has submitted a response on the consultation paper of **Networking and Telecom Equipment Manufacturing in India** on 1st April, the Consultation paper focused on the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, financial and fiscal incentives and methods for promotion of domestic manufacture of Telecom and Networking Products.



IAFI Preparatory Weekly Radio Group meetings began this week to develop possible contributions for the forthcoming, ITU & APT meetings. The Weekly Radio Group on Wednesday as a hybrid meeting reviewed the working of AWG -29 and allocated the work items to the core members of IAFI, these work items are: A new report on Utility Communication Systems, Connected Automated Vehicles (CAV) & ITU-R studies of disaster prediction, detection, mitigation and relief etc.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Mar-June 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: WP5B	29 th Mar- 8 th Apr 2022	22 nd Mar 2022	-
ITU-D: Seminar	05th Apr 2022	28 th March 2022	-
APT: ASTAP-34	18 th – 22 nd Apr 2022	10 th Apr 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	19th – 22nd Apr 2022	10 th Apr 2022	6 th Apr 2022
APT: PP22-3	9th- 12th May 2022	1st May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP5A&5C	23rd May - 03rd June 2022	16 th May 2022	6 th Apr 2022
ITU-D: WTDC 2021	6th June- 16th June 2022	29 th May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	13th June- 24th June 202	5 th June 2022	-

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Telecom Stories:

The 2nd Edition of ET Telecom Awards were announced on 30th March 2022. The awards aim to recognise and showcase the best telecom products, apps, services, technologies, the also seek to identify and celebrate innovative telecom companies and their inspiring leaders who have excelled in the field of network technologies, operations, new implementations, innovative products and services.



India has secured a leadership position in Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management of International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This has been secured by Ms Aprajita Sharma, an IP&TAF Service officer as the vice-chair of Standing Committee on Administration and Management. She will remain as vice chairperson of Council Standing Committee for the years 2023 and 2024 and its chairperson for the years 2025 and 2026. Ms Sharma is currently posted as Deputy Director General (DDG), Budget and Public Enterprise Finance in Department of Telecommunications, Government of India. She is actively involved with ITU activities, she is also Rapporteur for study group 2, in the ITU development sector.



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) official Prafulla Kumar Jain has been appointed as the Director - Program Management and Authorisation in IN-SPACE (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre). At space organisation, he was responsible for the frequency spectrum management and coordination for acquiring orbit-spectrum resources for India's space programme at national and international level.



Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), the Telecom related ICT sector, under Department of Telecom (DoT) has incentivized DPIIT registered start-ups and registered MSMEs for testing & certification of Telecom Products under Voluntary Certification Scheme of TEC by total exemption of testing & certification fees of their products. This exception is valid for a period of 5 years and it will also benefit women entrepreneur enterprises.

