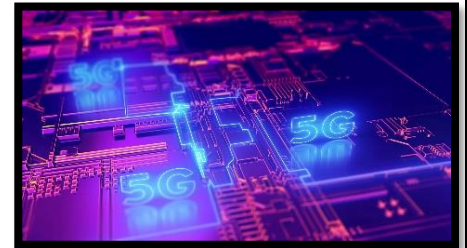


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Highlights of the week:

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) welcomed the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) 5G spectrum recommendations, in particular the recommended spectrum for the Industry 4.0 and provided detailed comments, which are well covered by the media:

- [Industry responds on TRAI’s recommendations on the proposed base rates for the 5G auction | Communications Today](#)
- [5G auctions: Trai views to enable enterprises to obtain 4G/5G spectrum: IAFI, Telecom News, ET Telecom \(indiatimes.com\)](#)

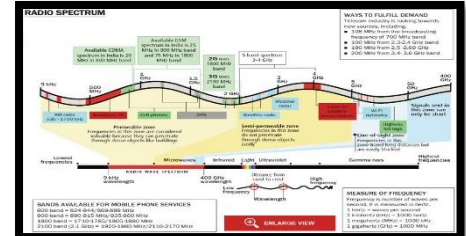


A summary of the TRAI recommendations was also prepared by the IAFI and circulated among the members, highlighting the TRAI’s acceptance of the option B1 for the new 600 MHz of 40+40 MHz. This IAFI proposal was already accepted by the APT in March this year.

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) is considering the revision of the Indian Wireless Telegraphy (Possession) rules, 1965, framed under the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act 1933. IAFI held a hybrid meeting on Wednesday to develop possible contributions regarding the same. IAFI is presently finalizing its inputs that will be submitted to the DOT next week.



IAFI is currently preparing inputs for the forthcoming WP5A(May22) and WP5D (June 22) meetings. The list of topics on which contributions will be prepared was finalized at the weekly IAFI Radio group meeting. The meeting also assigned roles to different members for the April WP5D spectrum group meeting.



IAFI provided comments to DOT on the main priorities for the forthcoming WTDC conference in Kigali, Rwanda starting from June 6, 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Mar-June 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: ASTAP-34	18 th – 22 nd Apr 2022	10 th Apr 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	19 th – 22 nd Apr 2022	10 th Apr 2022	20 th Apr 2022
APT: PP22-3	9 th - 12 th May 2022	1 st May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP5A&5C	23 rd May - 03 rd June 2022	16 th May 2022	20 th Apr 2022
ITU-D: WTDC 2021	6 th June- 16 th June 2022	29 th May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	13 th June- 24 th June 202	5 th June 2022	-

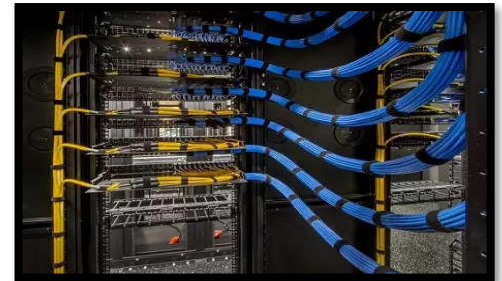
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Telecom Stories:

Digital Communications Commission (DCC) is likely to make a call on the pricing of 5G spectrum. The industry had sought as much as a 95% reduction in the price of the 5G spectrum. The telecom regulator TRAI on Monday recommended slashing the base price of premium 3.3- 3.6Ghz airwaves by nearly 36% and rate of coveted 700 MHz spectrum by 40%.



Fibre Cables and data centres, internet exchanges are in a desperate need for an overhaul, according to TRAI “if data centres are the heart of digital economy, then submarine cables are the arteries of modern connectivity. New fibre needs to be laid for providing low latency and high-capacity connectivity between data centres as the existing fibre has been laid to serve a different purpose mainly for mobile traffic while data centre requirement is different.



The Indian Space Association (ISpA) pitches for the 28Ghz spectrum band allocated exclusively towards satellite communications for growth of the space industry, doing so would be in line with global best practices. (ISpA) said it is of the considered view that including all available spectrum in the 24.25-28.5 GHz bands along with low and mid bands in the auction “is a case of oversupply to terrestrial telecom at the cost of the satellite industry”

