

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

A preparatory meeting for **World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21)** was organized by DOT on **26th April, 2022** under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Telecommunication) to work out strategies, topics, projects and programme's relevant to telecommunication development for WTDC-21. IAFI nominations of the National Working Groups (NWGs) - 1 & 2 for ITU-D Study Group 1 & Study Group 2 was also approved by DOT

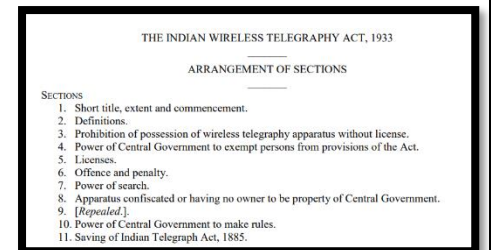
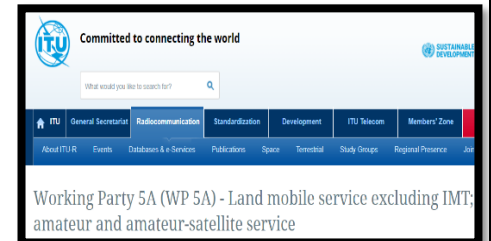
The 8th Asia-Pacific Spectrum Management Conference was held on 26th & 27th April in Bangkok. Mr. Bharat B Bhatia chaired the 10th session of this conference where prominent speakers; Christain Gomez, Prof. Lee HeyonWoo, Stuart Cooke among others spoke on the topic of "how spectrum landscape in 2030 will be different than today".

IAFI is currently preparing inputs for the forthcoming WP5A (May22) and WP5D (June 22) meetings. Contribution documents for these meetings will be finalised in the next weekly radio group meetings.

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) considered the revision of the Indian wireless telegraphy (possession) rules, 1965, framed under the Indian wireless telegraphy act 1933. The DoT invited the comments for the same. IAFI commented on the period of validity of license along with License fee and penalty charges stating that 1 Month grace must be granted for submission.

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (May -June 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: PP22-3	9th- 12th May 2022	1st May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP5A&5C	23rd May - 03rd June 2022	16 th May 2022	4 th May 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	4 th May 2022



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Telecom Stories:

The government is mulling a scheme to provide funding support to telecom companies for taking wireline internet connections to rural households. Universal Service Obligation Fund Administrator Hari Ranajan Rao said “99% of villages are now connected with 4G services. Talking about the success of the Bharat net project and the Prime Minister's vision to take optical fibre-based broadband connection to every village.

Countries in S Asia need to come together to ensure the digital platforms networks on which data flows are safe, secured and trusted. During a panel discussion “From Mountain to Ocean: Harnessing Commerce, Connectivity and creativity in the sub-continent. Digital connectivity brings about enormous system efficiency for trade.

The metaverse is the future of the internet, retail, media and everything in between. For others, it's distracting hype beset with risks. It has real potential to improve city services and the lives of residents if deployed well. A handful of city governments have also begun to engage with the idea. In November last year, Seoul was the first to announce its plans. Eventually, the city aims to create a metaverse environment for all administrative services, including economy, education, culture, and tourism.

