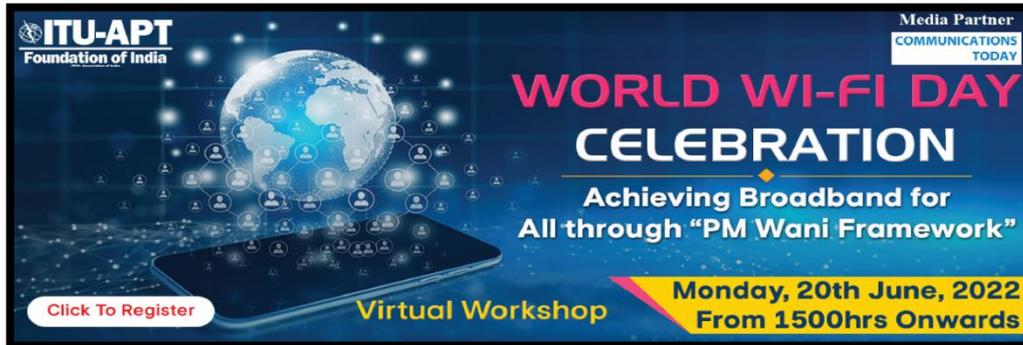


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Upcoming Workshop of IAFI



Highlights of the week:

ITU-WTDC-Conference Opens in Kigali, Rwanda, Africa: The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) is currently taking place in Kigali, Rwanda (South Africa). WTDC is organised by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) President Bharat Bhatia along with officials of DoT are in Rwanda, as high-level Indian Government Delegation. This was well covered by the media:

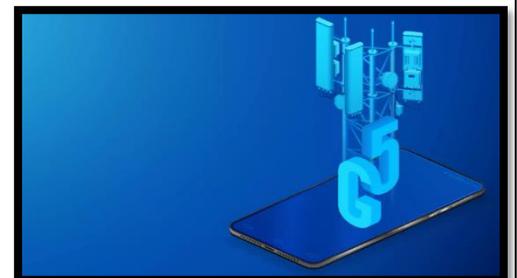


- [ITU global conference on telecom development starts in Africa | Communications Today](#)

IAFI Letter to the Minister on Private 5G: Last week IAFI had submitted a letter to the Hon'ble Communications Minister and Hon'ble Industry Minister, recommending to set aside dedicated spectrum for Private 4G/5G networks as a policy framework for captive industrial and enterprise 4G/5G networks, although at first this was opposed by many telecom players. We now understand that the cabinet has asked DOT to revise its proposal on allowing enterprises to build this own private 5G networks for captive needs.



3GPP Approves IAFI initiated New 600 MHz Band Plan: 3GPP (3gpp.org) Radio Access Network (RAN) meeting #96 which concluded in Budapest yesterday, approved a new work item to standardize the APT 600 MHz band plan which was initially proposed by the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI). This new band plan had received the approval of the APT Wireless Group (AWG) organised by the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) earlier this year and thereafter sent for consideration by the RAN meeting which took place in Budapest.



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Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jun -Aug 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-D: WTDC 2021	06 th – 16 th June 2022	29 th May 2022	-
ITU-R: WP 5D	13 th – 24 th June 202	05 th June 2022	-
APT: SATRC Working Group	21 st - 23 rd June 2022	14 th June 2022	-
APT: PRF-22	19 th – 21 st July 2022	13 th July 2022	-
APT: APT PP22-4	01 st - 5 th August 2022	26 th July 2022	-
APT: APG23-4	15 th – 20 th Aug 2022	08 th August 2022	-
APT: AWG 30	05 th – 9 th Sept 2022	29 th August 2022	-

Telecom Stories:

As the 5G auction nears, the battle between telecom players and technology companies have intensified over the issue of spectrum for private captive networks. The development comes at a time when the Cabinet is expected to give its final approval to the 5G auction process next week. TRAI had also suggested a "light touch" online portal-based regime" for acquiring permissions/licences for setting up private networks.

The Reserve Bank of India will soon come up with a regulatory architecture for Digital lending platforms. The Governor on Thursday said that the RBI does recognise the role of existing as well as emerging businesses for economic progression. Most of the digital lending apps are not registered with the central bank and operate by themselves. The long-term success of any business is directly linked to its quality of governance, internal control system and the robustness of its risk and the organisational culture.

The Department of Telecom is batting for a 20-year validity for spectrum to be put on the block in the upcoming auctions. Department of Telecom (DoT) is going with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recommended reserve price to the cabinet, which will ultimately take a call on the crucial issues related to 5G spectrum auctions. In its 5G recommendations in April this year, the TRAI said that the reserve price of spectrum allocation in case of 30 years should be equal to 1.5 times the reserve price of spectrum allocation for 20 years for the respective band.

