

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### Upcoming Workshop of IAFI

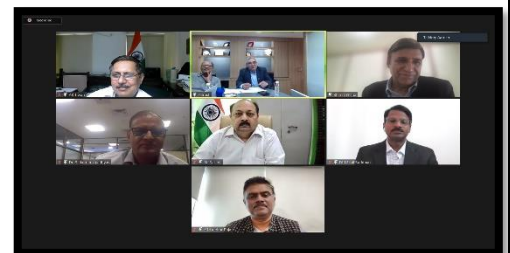


### Highlights of the week:

41<sup>st</sup> meeting WP5D concluded on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, after two long weeks. IAFI President Mr. Bharat Bhatia chaired the group on Private 5G along with Mr. Jitendra Singh who was the DG Chair in these meetings. IAFI had earlier submitted 5 input contributions to this meeting. Contribution on compatibility studies on IMT system in the frequency band 6 425- 7025 MHz & 7 025 – 7 125 MHz was presented by Mr. Pawan Garg while the one on WRC-23 Agenda 1.1 was presented by Mr. Khoo Teng Lock. Many IAFI members had also joined the virtually as delegates for the meetings.



ITU-APT Foundation of India hosted the World Wi-Fi Day celebrations as a virtual workshop. Shri A K Tiwari, Member Technology, DoT, was the chief guest of the event. Furthermore, he mentioned that “the government will take into account the views of all stake holders while considering the delicensing of 6GHz Band for Wi-Fi.” The theme of the workshop was “PM-WANI- An enabling framework for 20 million Wi-Fi Hotspots”. The workshop was a success and was well covered by the media:



[IAFI hosts World Wi-Fi Day celebrations | Communications Today](#)

#### *TRAI consultation Papers under process:*

Consultation Papers	Comments Date	Counter Comments Date	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
Spectrum Requirements of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) for Train Control System for RRTS Corridors	07 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

#### *Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Jun -Sept 2022)*

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Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: PRF-22	19 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	-
APT: APT PP22-4	01 <sup>st</sup> - 05 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
APT: APG23-4	15 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2022	08 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
APT: AWG 30	05 <sup>th</sup> – 09 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	-

### Telecom Stories:

5G implementation in private networks will require specialized and new technology which will be a greenfield area. There is enough scope in the enterprise private network ecosystem for telecom operators and technology companies to co-exist. enterprises can combine the licensed (from telcos) and non-licensed (private) spectrum to develop even ore robust networks for their local needs. Spectrum in the 700 MHz band, which has been recommended for 5G private network use, has been unclaimed for years because there are no commercially viable devices using that band.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has scrapped the 3% floor on spectrum usage charge (SUC) a move that spells a big relief to Reliance Jio Infocomm, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi) as it will sharply reduce their future outflows towards these statutory fees. Operators recently told the DoT that merely scrapping SUC for airwaves bought in future spectrum auctions, starting with next month's 5G sale, would be meaningless if the SUC floor rate, equivalent to 3% of a telco's adjusted gross revenue (AGR).



The Minister of State for Electronics and IT held an open house discussion with stakeholders on a draft notification to amend the information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. The government has proposed to set up a grievance panel that will have the power to override the decisions of social media companies and other internet firms. Shri. Chandrasekhar ji "noted that social media firms cannot discriminate, play with the right to free speech and privacy and rights of citizens ingrained in the constitution.

