

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) continued with its meeting on APG23-4 this week. A number of contributions have been identified; the government of India has also constituted National Preparatory Committee (WG) for the same. The preliminary views of APG have also been acknowledged and the streamlining of work has been assigned accordingly.

IAFI finalized and submitted our response to the consultation paper on "Spectrum Requirements of National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)" for Train Control System for RRTS Corridors. This consultation paper focused on the assigning of spectrum & challenges regarding the same for Rail networks operating in the overlapping geographical area, along with permission/licensing regime for operation of wireless networks for NCRTC. A summary of the consultation paper can be found on our website.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (July -Sept 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: PRF-22	19 th - 21 st July 2022	13 th July 2022	-
ITU-R: WP5B	11 th - 22 nd July 2022	04 th July 2022	-
ITU-T: SG/WP-20	18 th - 28 th July 2022	12 th July 2022	-
APT: APT PP22-4	01 st - 05 th August 2022	26 th July 2022	27 th July 2022
ITU-T: SG3RGA-0	09 th - 12 th August 2022	01 st August 2022	-
APT: APG23-4	15 th - 20 th August 2022	08 th August 2022	27 th July 2022
APT: PRFP-15	30 th - 01 st Sept 2022	24 th August 2022	-
APT: AWG 30	05 th - 09 th Sept 2022	29 th August 2022	-
APT: SATRC	20 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	13 th September 2022	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is not considering any proposal at present to raise the revenue sharing rate payable by telecom operators. Under the Unified License regime introduced in August 2013, there is a uniform license fee on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) across all telecom licenses. Other services include public mobile radio trunking service, very small aperture terminal closed user group service, audio conferencing/audiotext/voicemail services and machine-to-machine.



The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the telecom department for not finalizing policy on spectrum assignment for captive uses and flagged the absence of spectrum price review for captive users administratively. Despite receiving a legal opinion, the department had not finalised the policy for allotment and assignment of spectrum for captive uses/other commercial services with the approval of the Digital Communications Commission.



In order to deal with the new and emerging issues in cyberspace, the government has proposed to further update part II of the IT rules, 2021. Rajeev Chandrashekar Ji, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, stating that the rules were formulated to ensure that intermediaries including social media platform are held accountable to their users.

