

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) continued with its Weekly Radio Group meeting on APG23-4 last week. A number of contributions have been identified; the Government of India has also constituted National Preparatory Committee (WG) for the same and has shared their preliminary views, leading to acknowledging and the streamlining of work.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has been drafting appropriate responses to the latest consultation paper on the need for a New Legal Framework Governing Telecommunication in India. The paper has been circulated among IAFI members for their value comments and inputs. This consultation paper focuses on the updating and enabling a future – ready framework for the development of new technologies. Furthermore, a new law needs to bring in regulatory clarity and lay down specific legal framework.



Department of Telecommunication Consultation Paper under process:

Consultation Papers	Comments Date	IAFI Preparatory Meeting
New Legal Framework Governing Telecommunication in India	25 th August 2022	03 rd August 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (July -Sept 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: APT PP22-4	01 st - 05 th August 2022	26 th July 2022	03 rd August 2022
ITU-T: SG3RGA-0	08 th - 12 th August 2022	01 st August 2022	-
APT: APG23-4	15 th - 20 th August 2022	08 th August 2022	03 rd August 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 Union Cabinet has approved the merger of Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL) into the state-owned telecom operator Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). BSNL has an optical fibre cable network of over 6.83 lakh kilometre, and with this merger, the telco will get an additional 5.67 lakh kilometre of optical fibre which has been laid across 1.85 lakh village panchayats in the country using the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).



Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji that confidence in the sector led to aggressive bidding in the ongoing spectrum auction. The Government has received bids amounting to a total of Rs. 149.454 crore at the end of ninth round, he also added by saying that “the telecom sector is seen as a sunrise industry and much of the legacy has issues are behind us. The availability of ample spectrum among operators will address service quality and issues.



Inaugurating the sixth edition of Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) Ashwini Vaishnaw Ji, Hon’ble Minister of Communications and Electronics and Information Technology and Railways said that “The ongoing development indicates that the telecom industry has come a long way in 5G advancements. The industry has emerged to become a sunrise industry in India and a benchmark for the world. We are committed to make sure that India’s regulatory systems are transformed to become world’s best so that industries across the globe are comfortable to invest and plan for the next ten years.

