

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-T Study Group – 3 Regional Group meeting for Asia and Oceania (**SG3RG-AO**) took place from 9th-12th August 2022. The opening ceremony was graced by Shri. Devusinh Chauhan (MoS-C). ITU-APT Foundation of India, presented the new regional Technical Report on “Assessment of the socio-economic impact of Local Area Networks using technologies including Wi-Fi, NR-U on consumers in Asia and Oceania”. This document was well received and supported by TSDSI, India, Republic of Nepal & Republic of Korea. The meeting was well attended by IAFI Secretariat & Members.

APG23-4 begins from 15th August 2022, IAFI delegates are actively participating in this meeting. Furthermore, the Weekly Radio Group meeting of IAFI continued last week on 11th Aug for the preparation of AWG-30 which will take place from 5th Sept to 9th Sept 2022. A number of contributions have been identified, assigned and decided upon to establishing a work plan. The Government of India has also constituted National Preparatory Committee (NPC) for the same this helps in streamlining of work.

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	17 th August 2022

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Aug -Oct 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: APG23-4	15 th - 20 th August 2022	08 th August 2022	24 th 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	24 th August 2022
APT: SATRC	20 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	13 th September 2022	-
ITU: PP-22	26 th Sept -14 th Oct 2022	19 th September 2022	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunication (DoT) has invited applications from enterprises seeking to advise CNPN for direct assignment of spectrum, willing to set up captive non-public networks to undertake demand studies for direct assignment of spectrum to entities. Enterprises having a network by obtaining spectrum directly from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) are invited to participate in the exercise. Furthermore, DoT has also launched a module on the Saral-Sanchar portal for carrying out the demand studies.

Telecom operators have urged the government to bring the current electromagnetic field (EMF) norms in line with global standards, failing which they would need to put up more towers which will not only increase their capital and operating expenditures but also results in higher carbon footprint. EMF norms in India are 10 times stricter than elsewhere in the world and may prove to be a hindrance in providing 5G services.

The government is exploring the adoption of a common charger for a variety of devices including smartphones and tablets. Recently, the European Union announced the adoption of USB-C port common charging standard for small electronic devices by 2024. Portable electronic devices like smartphones and tablets should have a common charger.

