

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Upcoming Workshop of IAFI



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National Workshop on "Spectrum and Regulatory Issues in Preparation For WRC-23"
Focus on LEO and GEO Satellites Issues and Wi-Fi in 6 GHz Band

Chief Guest
Shri K. Rajaraman, IAS - Secretary, DoT and Chairman DCC

Monday, 12th September, 2022 **Physical Event**
At Hotel Shangri-La, New Delhi, 10:00 AM Onwards

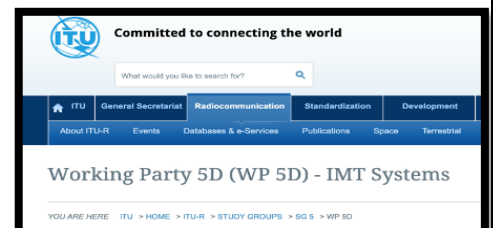
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Highlights of the week:

Working Party (WP5D) which is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) systems, comprising of 4G, 5G and 6G, which will take place from 10th to 21st October. The Weekly IAFI Radio Group Meeting for the 42nd WP5D started preparatory activities for this meeting this week. So far, we have identified 11 documents for contribution and the work has been initiated with the help of core member team and stakeholders.

IAFI has submitted our coordinated response to the consultation paper by the Department of Telecommunication on the need for a New Legal Framework Governing Telecommunication in India. The paper has been drafted by IAFI core members & various stakeholders. This consultation paper focuses on the updating the 1985 Indian Telegraph Act for enabling a future – ready framework for the development of new technologies. Furthermore, the proposed new law would bring in regulatory clarity and lay down a specific legal framework for digital India.

IAFI is setting up a working group for 6GHz Wi-Fi with membership from 6 major US IT companies – Meta, Qualcomm, Intel, HP, Apple and Cisco. The working group will host a consumer study for Wi-Fi in 6GHz by CUTS. The group held its first meeting this week and finalized the study.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Sept -Oct 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: AWG 30	05 th - 09 th Sept 2022	29 th August 2022	-
ITU-R: 4A,4B,4C	07 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	30 th August 2022	14 September 2022

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APT: SATRC	20 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	13 th September 2022	14 September 2022
ITU: PP-22	26 th Sept -14 th Oct 2022	19 th September 2022	14 September 2022
ITU-R: 5D	10 th - 21 st Oct 2022	03 rd October 2022	14 September 2022

Telecom Stories:

The telecom industry has demanded that there should be a single act to regulate various services like OTT (apps), DTH, content etc as technology has blurred the lines of segregation. Apart from that, the industry has sought regulatory certainty as well as other enabling measures for ease of doing business. The submission by telecom operators as part of the consultation process by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on the need for a new legal framework governing telecommunication in India.



The Department of Telecom has sought views of sector regulator Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to prepare a framework for regulating internet calling and messaging apps like WhatsApp, Signal, Google meet etc. The Internet Telephony recommendation of Trai was not accepted by the DoT. Therefore, the Department has now sought comprehensive reference from Trai for internet telephony and over-the-top players. Telecom operators have been asking the government to apply the principle of "same service and same rules for the industry.



The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has begun work on a consultation paper for auctioning of spectrum in four bands: the two crucial satellite bands which include Ka (satellite to earth 17.2-21.2 GHz and upload from 27.5-31 GHz) and KU (10.2-14.5 GHz) which enable broadband services, and the contentious E band (71-76 to 81-86 GHz) as well as the V band (between 57-71 GHz). The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) is set to commence consultations soon with stakeholders on the allocation methodology for satellite spectrum. The regulator will deliberate whether spectrum should be given through auction or administratively allocated to satellite firms and in which bands, a mix usage can be proposed, so that both telecom operators and satellite players can co-exist.

