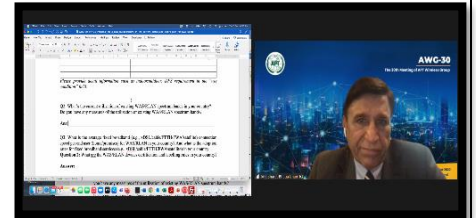


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### Highlights of the week:

The 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-30) was held in Bangkok from 4-9 September with over 300 participants and continued various studies relating to wireless technologies and spectrum. The meeting agreed to set up a new task group to study Wi-Fi in 6GHz and Mr. Bharat Bhatia was appointed as the chairman of this new Task Group.



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted a national workshop on "Spectrum & Regulatory issues in preparation for WRC-23" with the focus on GEO and LEO Satellite issues and Wi-Fi in 6GHz band. Shri. K Rajaraman was the chief guest at the event. He mentioned that with more people in India joining the digital bandwagon, the data consumption will rise and in turn pressure on the use of spectrum will also increase. Also adding that it is important to discuss the possibility of convergence with terrestrial networks (mobile networks) and non-terrestrial networks. The gathering of the event was above 160 people, which included many stalwarts of the various industries i.e., Wi-Fi, Satellite, Telecom operators, government and private stakeholders and media professionals. This workshop was also well covered by the media:



- <https://telecom.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/decision-on-high-frequency-spectrum-bands-for-broadband-likely-in-4-5-months-dot-secretary/94154018>

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

| Meeting Groups       | Meeting Dates                                    | Submission Dates                | Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ITU-R: 4A,4B,4C      | 07 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022    | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2022    | 14 September 2022              |
| APT: SATRC           | 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022    | 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 | 14 September 2022              |
| ITU: PP-22           | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept -14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2022 | 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 | 14 September 2022              |
| ITU-R: 5D            | 10 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2022     | 03 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022   | 14 September 2022              |
| APT: ADF-19          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022     | 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022  | -                              |
| ITU-D: Study Group 1 | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022  | 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022  | -                              |
| ITU-D: Study Group 2 | 5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022       | 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022  | -                              |

### Telecom Stories:

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The government has pulled down its draft guidelines on data anonymisation, the third such instance of a public consultation being removed this year. Data anonymisation is one of many privacy-enhancing techniques that removes or minimises the identifiability of individuals in large data sets of personal information. It reduces risk and enables entities to process share and publish data for various purposes, making it useful while optimising privacy.

The telecom industry is set to cross the Rs 10 lakh crores landmark in 2023 and by 2025 is expected to cross 13lakh crores with 5G services expected to go live by the end of 2022 and scaling to several cities and towns of the country in 2023 and beyond. Smartphones will continue to be the jewel of the telecom industry in India even as 5G goes commercial live in India anytime now. While 5G is poised to improve the overall health of the telecommunication sector, the significance of the smartphones industry is only going to embolden in the 5G era.

Trai issues two amendments to TTO 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> amendments, The Authority had received references from consumers expressing concerns regarding the tariff offers of 28 days' validity (or in multiples thereof) by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), rather than Tariff offerings having validity for 30 days or a month. The Authority being conscious of the need to address consumer concerns and perceptions in this regard issued two amendments to Telecommunication Tariff Order (TTO) viz. TTO 66<sup>th</sup> and TTO 67<sup>th</sup> amendments. All telecom service providers have, implemented the amendments to TTO and launched the aforesaid vouchers in consonance with above amendments. Accordingly, 30 days vouchers and vouchers renewable on same date of every month are, inter-alia, available on their website and are open for subscription.

