

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted a national workshop on "Spectrum & Regulatory issues in preparation for WRC-23" with focus on GEO and LEO Satellite issues and Wi-Fi in 6GHz band. Sh. 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. He also added that it is important to discuss the possibility of convergence between 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 was well covered by the media:



- [IAFI hosts workshop on 'Spectrum & Regulatory Issues in preparation for WRC-23' | Communications Today](#)
- [high frequency range for broadband: Decision on high-frequency spectrum bands for broadband likely in 4-5 months: DoT secretary, Telecom News, ET Telecom \(indiatimes.com\)](#)

The Weekly Radio Group meeting of IAFI continued last week on 14th Sept for the preparation of 42nd Working Party 5D. A number of contributions have been identified and tasks have been assigned to various members for completing these contributions in time. So far 11 contributions have been identified and the work has been initiated on these with the help of core members and stakeholders. These documents include; IMT Multimedia, Update on Activities of Region 3, further update on redution 56 and 65 of ITU-R, IMT- Vision Document, etc.



The 30th 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. The AWG-30 also agreed to make the IAFI proposed 600 MHz band which provided additional 5+5 MHz as compared to the US 600 Plan as the main and only APT600 band plan. This was well covered by the media:



[APT nominates IAFI President to lead Wi-Fi 6 studies | Communications Today](#)

Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Sept -Dec 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: 4A,4B,4C	07 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	30 th August 2022	-
APT: SATRC	20 th - 22 nd Sept 2022	13 th September 2022	21 September 2022

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ITU: PP-22	26 th Sept -14 th Oct 2022	19 th September 2022	21 September 2022
ITU-R: 5D	10 th - 21 st Oct 2022	03 rd October 2022	21 September 2022
APT: ADF-19	22 nd – 24 th Nov 2022	15 th November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 1	28 th Nov – 2 nd Dec 2022	21 st November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 2	5 th – 9 th Dec 2022	29 th November 2022	-

Telecom Stories:

Digital Infrastructure Providers Associations (DIPA) held its Annual Flagship event in physical edition in New Delhi. The theme of this event was “Gati Shakti Vision for 5G & Beyond”. T R Dua, Director General, DIPA & Chairman IAFI said that infrastructure is crucial to the development of any economy. Roads, Railways, airways and waterways enable connectivity with the outside world, facilitate trade and bring prosperity to the region. The event witnessed the presence of Chief Guest- Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav Ji & Guest of Honour- Devusinh Chauhan, Hon’ble minister of State of Communications.



Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav ji has said that there is a need for a conscious change in the mindset of Departmental Officers from regulatory to development in the common goals of ensuring connectivity to every household in the country and improving the quality of coverage. He also pointed out “the importance of quality telecom connectivity in universal digital inclusion especially in the context of digital economy. The minister also asked the telecom regulatory authority of India (TRAI) to float a consultation paper to try improving the quality of service by three or four times of what it is presently.



Layoffs at global tech giants such as Meta, Microsoft and Google will not impact the projects these companies are executing for their Indian Telecom clients. These tech companies still have sufficient manpower to serve their main telecom clients, adding that Indian telcos Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi) have been hiring engineers and software and application developers in droves over the last two years for their 5G services to rollout, which should more than offset any potential impact from the layoffs.

