

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

The Weekly IAFI Radio Group meeting continued on 21st Sept for preparing contributions for the 42nd meeting of Working Party 5D. A total of 8 contributions have been identified and developed so far. These include; IMT Multimedia, Update on Activities of Region 3, further update on resolution 56 and 65 of ITU-R, IMT- 2030 (6G) Vision , Sharing and compatibility studies of IMT (6GHz) etc. These documents will be finalised in the next meeting on 28th Sept 2022 (Wednesday)

IAFI wrote a letter to Shri. K Rajaraman (IAS) Secretary Dept. of Telecommunication & Chairman DCC highlighting the importance of delicensing of 6GHz spectrum for Wi-Fi6e highlighting the importance of 6GHz to open new opportunities for innovators and manufacturers to develop products and technologies and also increase opportunities for smart home and industrial products being manufactured in India for export markets.

National Study Group (NSG-5), the DOT committee for preparing ITU contributions for WP5D met on 19th September to consider a number of input contributions, including two from IAFI. The inputs from IAFI included one input on further updating of the proposed new recommendation for 6G vision and second on inclusion of frequency arrangements for the new 600 MHz band, which was originally conceived by IAFI and later approved by the APT. This band was also included in the recent 5G auctions.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings (Sept -Dec 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU: PP-22	26 th Sept -14 th Oct 2022	19 th September 2022	-
ITU-R: 5D	10 th - 21 st Oct 2022	03 rd October 2022	28 th 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	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has released the much-awaited draft Indian telecommunication Bill 2022 which once framed into Act, will govern the sector. As per the bill, going forward spectrum can be assigned through auction or administrative process depending on the requirements. This bill has provision to waive fees, charges, and penalties of any company if required to protect the interest of consumers or ensure fair competition.

The government will bring in at least three more legislations, so that the entire digital regulatory system in the country comes at the level of global standards. To start with, Licensing reforms will follow the enactment of Telecommunications Act. The reforms process for the telecom sector was started in September last year, when the government announced a slew of structural reforms including redefining adjusted gross revenue (AGR) definition. It was followed by reforms in the wireless promotion and coordination wing and more recently the right of way rules (RoW).

