

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

Mrs. Revathi Mannepalli, India's Candidate for Member, Radio Regulations Board (RRB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) won the elections with the support of 139 countries out of 180 countries that voted in these elections. She got the highest number of votes in Region E – Asia and middle east. Candidates from Saudi Arabia and China also won while Indonesia lost the RRB elections. India also won a seat in the administrative council with the 2nd highest votes winning the support of 160 countries. China was the last winner of the 8 seats for Region E with only 135 supporters.



The upcoming 42nd meeting of Working Party 5D will begin on 10th October 2022. IAFI has developed a total of 9 contributions which 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. Furthermore, The inputs from IAFI which were submitted by the NSG-5 study group include 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 NSG5 and submitted as Indian contributions.



The opening of the 6GHz band is the biggest spectrum addition to Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi 6E adds support for 6GHz spectrum, plus faster wireless speeds and lower latencies, Qualcomm who is the corporate member of IAFI during the Indian Mobile Congress 2022 demonstrated the capabilities of Wi-Fi 6E. IAFI has already been appealing to the government regarding the importance of delicensing of 6GHz spectrum for Wi-Fi 6E highlighting the importance of 6GHz to open new opportunities for innovators and manufacturers to develop products and technologies.



Consultation Paper	Submission Date	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
Indian Telecommunication bill, 2022	20 th October 2022	13 th October 2022

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Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Oct-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	Documents Submitted
APT: (WGMC-10)	07 th – 14 th Nov 2022	01 st November 2022	-
APT: (MC-45)	22 nd – 24 th Nov 2022	07 th November 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:

Telecom is a very capital-intensive business and roll-out of new technologies such as 5G, M2M/IoT, edge data centre, Wi-Fi will require huge investments and according to Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) enhancement of scope of IP-1, without licensing, is the only way forward for bringing in the desired investment in the sector. It has also been emphasised by TRAI the need for enhancement of IP-1 scopes at number of occasions.

Union IT and Telecom Minister Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw said Rs 26,000 crore has been approved by the government to install new 25,000 telecom towers across the country in the next 500 days. The minister said the measure was being taken as connectivity was vital for Digital India and its reach to every corner of the country. Vaishnaw also congratulated all states and Union Territories (UTs) for their speedy on-boarding at PM Gati Shakti.

The data protection bill is a landmark legislation meant to regulate how various companies and organizations use individuals data in India. The bill is aimed to provide protection of digital privacy to individuals relating to their personal data, specify the flow and usage of data, and create a relationship of trust between persons and entities processing the data. Such regulations are needed to safeguard the data and privacy of citizens. Indian Union IT Minister Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav said that the centre will be coming out with a fresh draft of the data protection bill.

