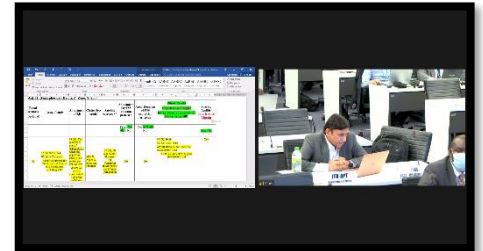# ITU-APT
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Highlights of the week:

The 42nd meeting of the ITU WP5D, which is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of IMT (4G, 5G and 6G) began on the 10th of October 2022, IAFI President Mr. Bharat Bhatia is chairing the SWG Radio Aspects, along with Mr. Jitendra Singh (DG Chair) in the meeting. 9 contributions submitted by the IAFI have been presented in various groups. Many IAFI members have been registered as delegates for the meetings and are actively participating in these meetings. In addition 2 contributions submitted by IAFI to the NSG have also been submitted by the Indian administration.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) & Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association (TEMA) organized a virtual workshop on 13th October 2022 to review the draft of the New Telecom law. The event was addressed by the Department of Telecom as well as eminent telecom and legal luminaries including Sr Advocate, Lalit Bhasin, President Society of Indian Law Firms and Shri. PK Malhotra, the former Law Secretary and others. This was well covered by the media:

IAFI and TEMA call for simplification of the Draft Telecom Bill | Communications Today

Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Oct-Dec 2022)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: 5D	10th- 21st Oct 2022	03rd October 2022	-
APT: (WGMC-10)	07th – 14Th Nov 2022	01st November 2022	-
APT: (MC-45)	22nd – 24th Nov 2022	07th November 2022	-
APT: ADF-19	22nd – 24th Nov 2022	15th November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 1	28th Nov – 2nd Dec 2022	21st November 2022	-
ITU-D: Study Group 2	5th – 9th Dec 2022	29th November 2022	-

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Telecom Stories:

The story (of India's 5G) is yet to reach the public, Sitharaman said in her interaction with students at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). The 5G that we've launched in our country is completely standalone, she said in response to a question. There could be some parts coming from, say, countries like (South) Korea, but (not) coming from somebody else. So complete indigenous technology that we can now provide 5G (to any country) who wants the same.

The government has accorded infrastructure status to data centres with more than 5-megawatt capacity of IT load. This move helps data centre companies to get easier access to institutional credit at lower rates, attract foreign investments etc. "Data Centre is included in the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure sub-sectors by insertion of a new item in the category of 'Communication" Data centres that are "housed in a dedicated/centralized building for storage and processing of digital data applications with a minimum capacity of 5 MW of IT load" will be considered eligible for infrastructure status, the capacity of data centres is measured in terms of power they consume which reflects on the scale of the server they are hosting in their facilities.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) intends to regulate only over-the-top (OTT) communications apps like WhatsApp, Signal, Google Meet, Facetime and Telegram among others and not the ones that offer content and e-commerce services under the proposed telecom bill. Further, the regulation of OTT communication apps will be done primarily keeping the security perspective in mind and it will not focus on revenue raising measure such as licence fees as the aim is not to hurt growth of the sector.