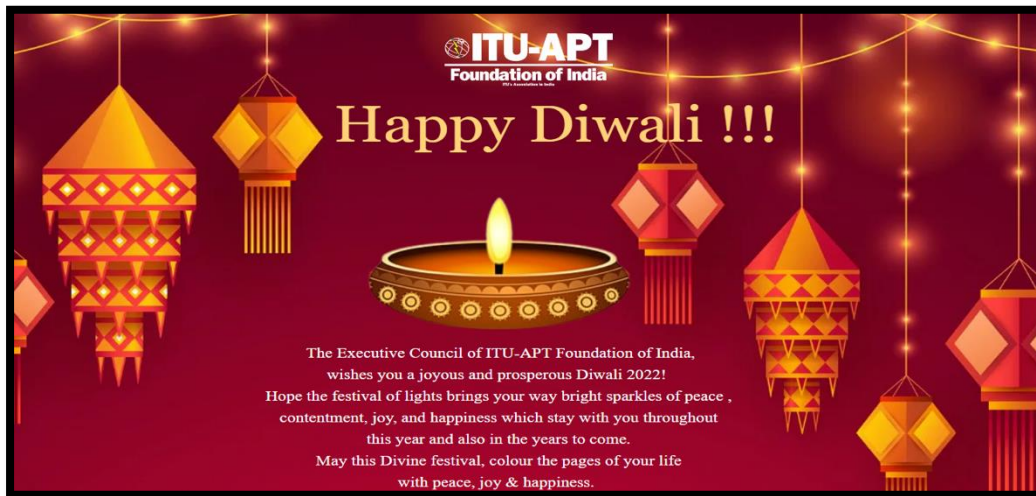


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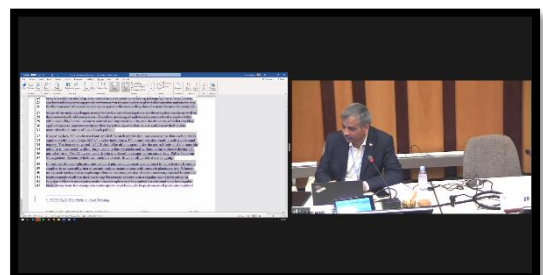


### Highlights of the week:

The 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ITU WP5D, which is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of IMT (4G, 5G and 6G) began on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, and concluded on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. IAFI President Mr. Bharat Bhatia is chairing the group on 5G for industries, along with Mr. Jitendra Singh (DG Chair) in the meeting. 9 contributions submitted by the IAFI were successfully presented and accepted. 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 and submitted by the Indian administration were also accepted and incorporated into the working documents, including the one on 600 MHz arrangements.

IAFI is organising the 2<sup>nd</sup> India Spectrum Management conference on 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, India. For this IAFI had gathered support from the Department of Telecommunications. IAFI secretariat met and briefed the MOC and MOS staff on the details of the proposed event with a view to invite both the ministers to the event. We have already confirmed the secretary General of the APT as well as many other global speakers.

Mr. Jitendra Singh chaired the DG on Industrial and enterprise usages and applications supported by IMT in the WP5D meeting and progressed the document further for eventual completion at the next meeting in February.



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### *Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Nov-Dec 2022)*

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: (WGMC-10)	07 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	01 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	-
APT: (MC-45)	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	07 <sup>th</sup> November 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:

The draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022, along with an Explanatory Note, was released by this Ministry on DoT's website on 21st September 2022. Comments from general public, various stakeholders and industry associations were sought by 20th October 2022. In response to the requests received from several stakeholders, the Ministry has decided to extend the last date for receipt of comments till 30th October, 2022.

The government is putting together an action plan to expand telecom connectivity, The Ministry of Home Affairs has specifically asked the Ministry of Information and broadcasting to finalise the contours of the plan. It was decided to leverage mobile towers under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) the centre's programme to provide affordable mobile and digital services in rural India and other BSNL towers to enhance the reach of FM in villages and get Department of Telecommunications to share a list of towers, both established as well as planned.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is not in favour of regulation for over-the-top communication service providers written into the telecom bill. They added the sector regulator had communicated this to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) during consultation on the draft telecom bill. TRAI had stressed the moment was not opportune for bringing in a comprehensive regulatory framework for various aspects of services.

Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman recently revealed that 5G technology in India is completely indigenous. The technology has not been imported from anywhere else. The 5G which we have launched in our country is completely indigenous, standalone. There could be critical parts coming from countries like Korea, but certainly not from any other country. She also assured that the technology will cover almost the entire nation by 2024. "On 5G we can be immensely proud of India's achievement.





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