

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### **Highlights of the week:**

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) was held on October 28, 2022 at CSOI, KG Marg. The AGM elected the new office bearers of the Society for the years 22-23 and 23-24. The AGM also noted the annual report of the work of the society during the past year 2021-22, which covered the increased work in ITU & APT Activities, with submission of 13 contributions to WP5D, 7 contributions in WP5A and 6 documents for WRC-23 which were submitted to WPC.

IAFI organised the Annual Dinner Reception after the 19th AGM at CSOI, KG Marg hosted by the Executive council of IAFI. The 19th AGM marks the completion of 20 years of IAFI as an organisation and was an important occasion to express our appreciation towards the senior officers from various depts such as DoT, TRAI, TEC, WPC, BSNL, COAI etc. This dinner reception was a meet and greet for all the telecom fraternity and was very well attended by the society members and appreciated by all.



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

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
<b>APT: (WGMC-10)</b>	07 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	01 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-T: Study Group 3</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	04 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	
<b>ITU-R: WP5A, 5B, 5C</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>APT: (MC-45)</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	07 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>APT: ADF-19</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-D: Study Group 1</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-D: Study Group 2</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2022	29 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	-
<b>ITU-T SG3 Inter-regional WRC workshop</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2022	22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022	-

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### Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and telecom regulator are of the view that network slicing, a key feature of 5G Technology will not violate principles of net neutrality that appropriate changes will be made in licensing rules to allow slicing. DoT, which has held preliminary discussions internally and with the industry, feels operators are not going to throttle speeds for consumers when they slice the network.

TRAI's apprehensions over potential dilution of powers under the draft telecom bill have been addressed and the government may look at the option of taking up provisions related to the strengthening of the regulatory body separately at a later stage. On Over the top (OTT) communication apps the focus is on the user protection related regulation, not licensing. The Department of Telecommunication through the provisions of the draft bill, will come down heavily on spammers and those indulging in cyber frauds.

The satellite industry has urged the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to administratively allocate spectrum in line with global practices. The satellite companies reasoned that satellite spectrum auction has never happened in India, the industry is also of the opinion that a conducive policy is required for sector comprising international best practices, to ensure growth.

