

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### Highlights of the week:



Participants at the ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2021 for Asia and the Pacific ([RRS-21 Asia-Pacific](#)), held in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, reviewed the last updates to the Radio Regulations, and implemented radiocommunication updates. IAFI delegates under the leadership of Mr. Bharat Bhatia, participated in this event. Mr. Bharat Bhatia presented his views during these meetings on Public Protection on Disaster Relief (PPDR).

In a letter to Chairman ISRO and secretary DOS, ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) called for the opening of the Indian space sector to the private industry with quick and easy licensing of new Indian & foreign satellites for early implementation of the announced policy to encourage both private domestic as well as foreign investment, additional Regulatory changes needed for quick and easy licensing of new satellite earth stations, adoption of global/regional harmonized spectrum and regulations for all satellites, and urgent licensing of NGSO satellites.



Mr Bharat Bhatia made a presentation on the Role of Private 4G & 5G networks in Industrial, Enterprises and Societal Applications and related ITU activities at a global event organized by the IWPC (The International Wireless Industry Consortium) took place on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Furtherance to the ITU activities.

IAFI Executive Council Meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021 as a hybrid meeting in IAFI Office. The meeting was attended by 12 members of the Executive Council.

***Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings. Please contact the secretariat to join these meeting***



Name of the Meeting	Dates
ITU-R study Group on Fixed Satellite Services (WP4A)	27 October – 4 Nov
APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-3)	8-13 November
APT SATRC	1-3 November
Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG-21/2)	8 Nov-11 December
APT WTSA	17-19 November
ITU-R Study Group on Land Mobile Services (WP5A)	15-26 November

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### Top Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has removed several non-telecom income items, such as those from property rents, dividends, and interests, from the calculation of adjusted gross revenue (AGR). The amendment comes into effect from October 1, 2021. This will be applicable to the dues arising from operations of license after the effective date. The amendment aligns with the government's attempt to revamp the sector and reduce the burden on the industry. Licence fees and spectrum usage charges (SUC) are paid based on AGR.



Telecom operators are expected to lose \$2.1 billion in roaming revenue by 2026, exacerbated due to the inability to distinguish between 4G and 5G data traffic using current standards and as the travel industry returns to pre-pandemic levels and 5G adoption rises. It is suggested the use of BCE (Billing & Charging Evolution) protocol as a key strategy for plugging the leakage of roaming revenue. Additionally, it urges operators to leverage machine learning.

TRAI on 28<sup>th</sup> October organized a Webinar on “Internet of Things (IoT) - Trends, Security Challenges & Solution “at the regional office of Hyderabad. These programmes are primarily intended to outreach to the customers, industry bodies, State Govt, various Government bodies, CAGs, and TSPs.



OneWeb and NEOM on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov signed a \$200 million joint venture deal to bring high speed satellite connectivity to NEOM. The partnership between the two also include long term strategic association on research and development(R&D) of future connectivity systems.