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Highlights of the week:

ISMC-22: IAFI successfully organised the 2nd India Spectrum Management Conference organised by ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) on the 6th & 7th December 2022 covering new spectrum strategy for 5G expansion, digital divide, connecting the unconnected and providing impetus to local manufacturing and innovation in India. Honourable Minister of State for Communications of India Shri. Devusinh Chauhan was the Chief Guest of the event. He said that the "high-speed roll out of 5G across all sectors will be the key to reducing the digital divide leaving no man behind". ISMC-22 took place less than a year before the WRC-23, and was a great success with over 300 participants and 50+ speakers. The event was well covered by the media:

5G: Atmanirbhar Bharat: India has strong 4G, 5G ecosystem today, says MoS telecom, Telecom News, ET Telecom (indiatimes.com)

Department Of Telecommunications: Telecom department committed to spectrum allocation for economic benefits: Official, Telecom News, ET Telecom (indiatimes.com)

Minister calls for new spectrum strategy to support innovations and manufacturing | Communications Today

Working Party 5D: The 43rd WP5D will take place from the 31st of January 2022 to the 9th of February at the head office of ITU in Geneva, Switzerland. A total of 12 contributions have been identified by the IAFI core team. The preparatory meeting begins next week, therefore interested participants can send their nominations, and the same will be approved by IAFI.

Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (Nov 2022-April 2023)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: WP5D, Geneva	31st Jan- 9th Feb 2023	24th January 2022	14th December 2022
APG-23/4 (Busan, Korea)	20th – 25th February 2023	13th February 2023	12th January 2023
CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27th March to 6th April 2023	20th March 2023	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is likely to unveil a revised draft of the telecommunications bill in less than a month, to address issues raised by the ministry of information and broadcasting and others around regulating content of over-the-top (OTT) apps and broadcasting services such as direct-to-home (DTH). In the revised telecom bill draft, will clearly state that its aim is to regulate only communication apps that give the same services as telecom operators. This will remove any ambiguity around the category of apps that DoT will regulate.

Dr. Jitendra Singh Union Minister of State Science & Technology; Minister of State Earth Sciences; MoS, Personal, Public Grievances, Pensions Atomic Energy and Space expressed his views on proposing to the government to widen the participation of private players in space domain, by allowing them to undertake end-to-end space activities. He also added by saying that the department of space is in the process of formulating a comprehensive, overarching space policy, that shall bring clarity on roles of various stakeholders.

The government plans to run extensive cybersecurity workshops for key officials of public sector units as well as other government departments. The workshop by the IT ministry comes following a crippling cyberattack on the servers of the state-run All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) These workshops, to be conducted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) from December 19, will cover aspects such as darknet and dark web, D-DOS attack and service disruption, advanced persistent threats and common attacks techniques adopted by cybercriminals.