

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) recommended to DoT regarding the Need for 6 GHz Unlicensed Band in India, through a letter written by Mr. Bharat B Bhatia to Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav, it was further suggested by Mr. Bhatia that supporting the establishment of sophisticated manufacturing facilities in rural areas where 6 GHz based Wi-Fi 6E private networks would play a key role in socio-economic development to provide vital services as well as being

crucial for disaster relief operations.

ITU-R study Group on Fixed Satellite Services (WP4A) meeting concluded on 4th November 2021. 10 Associate Members & 5 Affiliate Members were a part of this meeting, along with the delegates of IAFI. These meetings focused on efficient orbit/spectrum utilization; these meetings hold significant relevance to the preparatory work for World Radiocommunication Conferences.



APT South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) concluded on the 3rd of November. The SATRC aims at addressing the regulatory issues and challenges of common concern to its members that arise due to technological and developments in services in the field of information and communications.

APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-3) begins today and will conclude on 11th Nov, along with Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG-21/2). ITU-APT members, affiliate members and delegates of IAFI are contributing and participating for these meetings.



Forthcoming ITU and APT Meetings.

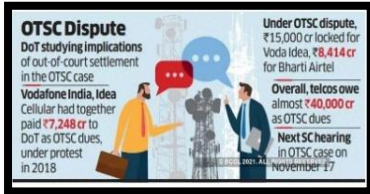
Name of the Meeting	Dates
APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-3)	8th-13th November
Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG-21/2)	8 Nov-11 December
APT WTSA	17th-19th November
ITU-R Study Group on Land Mobile Services (WP5A)	15th-26th November

IAFI has also submitted 4 contributions documents for the ITU-R WP5A meetings after widely discussion with the ITU-R group. These documents focused on Liaison statement regarding RSTT, compendium on ITU's work & CAV working document. These contributions will be further submitted and be presented on the 15th of November ITU-R WP5A meeting.



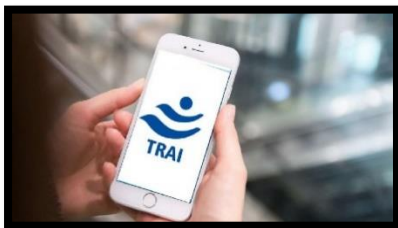
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Top Telecom Stories:



DoT gets legal opinion to settle disputes out of court. DoT has the power to settle cases such as those over one-time spectrum charges (OTSC) out of court. This is supported by the fact that the government is looking for out-of-court settlements to end all major legal disputes with telecom operators as it tries to help rebuild the sector into a profitable one.

Telecom department sets up 6G technology innovation group, this is lead forward by telecom secretary K Rajaram as a chairperson for this initiative, the frum aims to create vision & objectives as well as develop a roadmap for research and development, pre-standardisation, development of applications, products & action plans.



Trai starts consultation on tariff issues during disasters. The telecom department allows SMS and cell broadcast free of cost only for a definite period and for events where a specific request for free of cost messages comes from specific nodal authorities. TRAI further said the purpose of the latest consultation paper is to elicit stakeholders' views on the tariff for SMS/cell broadcast disseminated by telecom service

providers through the CAP platform during disasters and non-disasters.

DoT forms committee to chart out strategy for commercialisation of 5g & local 5gi. The committee has been set up under Member (Technology) of DoT and has been tasked with seeking inputs from stakeholders, including telecom operators, network providers. This falls in line with the recent visit made by Shri. K Rajaram to IIT Madras to monitor the development of indigenous 5g testbed being developed by the institute and collaborating institutes

