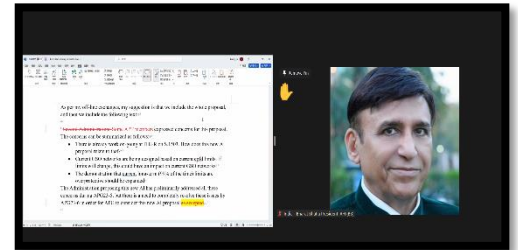


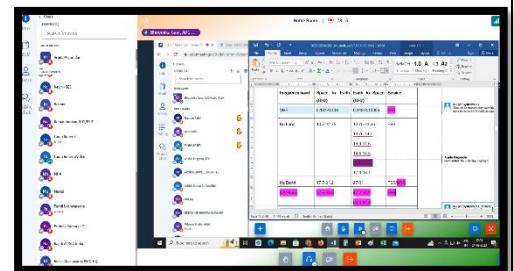
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Highlights of the week:

APG-23/5 (Busan, Korea) was held from 20 – 25 February 2023 in Busan, Republic of Korea. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Science and ICT, Republic of Korea. This meeting was conducted in order to update APT preliminary views on WRC-23 Agenda Items based on input contributions from APT Members. Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI and Jitendra Singh, Vice President, IAFI along with the Indian delegation were a part of this meeting.



DCC-SC & Manufacturer Forum (MF) meeting: TEC is under the process of formulation of new standard on “*Interface Requirements for Non-Geostationary satellite orbit (NGSO) based communication networks*”. IAFI members attended the Joint Development Coordination Committee- Subcommittee (DCC-SC) and Manufacturer Forum (MF) meeting on 24th Feb 2024 and presented our views. IAFI had already submitted its views and the same which were also accepted in the meeting.



TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Enabling Convergence of Carriage of Broadcasting and Telecommunication services	27 th February 2023	Developed	-
Telecommunication infrastructure sharing, spectrum sharing and spectrum leasing	03 rd March 2023	Under Development	-

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Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (February 2023-April 2023)

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: SG17- Security	21 st February - 03 rd March 2023	13 th February 2023	-
APT: 1st Meeting of the Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for 2024 – 2026 (CGSP-1)	1 st March – 2 nd March	14 th February 2023	-
ITU-T: SG3 - Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues	1 st March – 10 th March	24 th February 2023	-
APT: Training course on Preparing for International Conferences 2023 (TCPIC-2023)	7 th March – 10 th March 2023	24 th February 2023	-
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	20 th March – 24 th March 2023	28 th February 2023	-
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	19 th March 2023	-
APT: 35th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-35)	17 th April – 20 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-T: SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	17 th April –28 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-R: Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT)	18 th April 2023	11 th April 2023	-
APT: 1st Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA 24 (APT WTSA24-1)	21 st April 2023	11 th April 2023	-

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Telecom Stories:

The telecom regulator has asked all mobile and landline operators to submit quality of service (QoS) Data state-wise and union territory-wise – on a quarterly basis from the ongoing January-March Quarter to enable optimal tracking and analysis of their service, amid rising call drops.

The government is preparing to introduce the new telecom bill in the monsoon session of Parliament later this year, with a revised draft ready after inter-ministerial and public consultation. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has sorted out issues around possible dilution of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's powers and potential domain overlap with the broadcasting ministry. The draft will also propose light-touch regulation for over-the-top (OTT) communication apps such as WhatsApp and Signal from the prism of national security and consumer safety and not from a revenue generation standpoint.

The stakeholder consultation process for the much-awaited Digital India Bill – that is likely to introduce provisions related to a comprehensive framework for the internet, including provisions on user harm, ownership of non-personal data, cyberbullying, doxing and other cybercrimes. Digital India Bill will have extensive consultation across the country.

