

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:



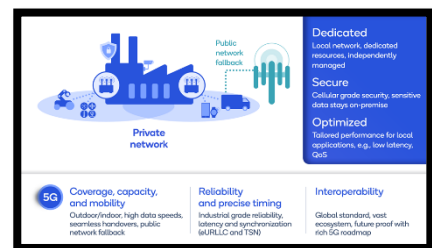
The Third Meeting of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG 23-3) was held from 8-13 Nov 2021 as a virtual meeting. Total of 768 delegates attended the meeting which included 25 delegates from India, 5 delegates from IAFI were part of the Indian delegation. Meeting Prepared APT common views on all agenda items which will be carried forward for the APG 23-4 meeting for next year likely to be held in July or August 2022.

APT WTSA-20 is being conducted from 17th to 19th November. One contribution was presented and submitted by IAFI in the APT-WTSA-20. This contribution focuses on Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and strengthening coordination and cooperation among, the ITU Radiocommunication, ITU Telecommunication Standardization and ITU Telecommunication Development Sectors.



Four contributions to the ITU Study group on Land mobile service excluding IMT; amateur and amateur-satellite service (WP5A) have been submitted and presented by the IAFI delegates. The meeting begins on 15th November, therefore interested participants can still send their nominations, and the same will be approved by IAFI.

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has submitted a proposal to the Secretary of DoT for streamlining licensing procedure for private LTE or 5G networks through a letter written by Mr. Bharat B Bhatia. It was further suggested by Mr. Bhatia that, the Captive Mobile Operating License should be merged with the WPC spectrum license and there should be a simplified process where the users directly apply for spectrum.



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Top Telecom Stories:



Viasat buys Britain's Inmarsat in \$7.3 billion satellite pay. The combined company will cooperatively engage with the U.K government with a view to operating in the U.K. consistent with the commitments previously made by INMARSAT. The company combined will cooperatively engage with the U.K. government with a view to operating in the U.K. Viasat is focused on rolling out its cutting-edge high throughput satellite technology and the same is proved by this buy in.

TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) is expected to cut the base costs of coveted airwaves pertaining to the 700 MHz and 3.3-3.6 GHz bands available. The global rating agency estimates that the 5G spectrum sale will be held next year. DoT had sent a reference to TRAI last September asking to be informed of the new base prices for the auctions related to airwave bands, including 700 MHz, 3.3-3.6 GHz, newer ones like 600 MHz and also the mm Waves like 26 GHz and 28 GHz required for satellite services as well as **5G** spectrum.



The government expects to action 5G Spectrum by April or May next year, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said in order to achieve the full potential of the telecom reforms expects the telecom regulator to send its recommendations by February end or beginning of March next year. This is in furtherance to reviving the profitability of the telecom sector.