

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

Dinner Reception by IAFI for new EC Members: IAFI organised a dinner reception on 16th December 2022 at CSOI KG Marg, for its New Executive Council Members. This dinner was a meet and greet amongst members and to establish a way forward on how the new EC should function, the roadmap for 2023 and how to expand IAFI further in terms of regional and international activities.



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 and pending questions have been identified by the IAFI core team and assigned respectively. The preparatory meeting began last week and the next preparatory meeting is on 21st December 2022, interested participants can still send their nominations, and the same will be approved by IAFI.



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

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-T: Standardization Prog Coordination Group (SPCG)	24 th January 2023	17 th January 2023	-
ITU-R: WP5D, Geneva	31 st January - 9 th February 2023	24 th January 2022	21 st December 2022
APT: SATRC Workshop on Spectrum	31 st January 2023 – 2 nd February 2023	5 th January 2023	-
APT: APG-23/5 (Busan, Korea)	20 th – 25 th February 2023	13 th February 2023	21 st December 2022
CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	20 th March 2023	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has said that the government under PM Narendra Modi has been giving capital support for research and development efforts for India to take the leap from being a tech consumer and back-office support to becoming a leading tech producer of the world. India will soon launch future labs to channel R&D capital for semiconductor and deep tech development.

The Delhi High Court has directed Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to expeditiously hold consultations with the stakeholders for giving its recommendations to the union government on the proposed regulatory framework for Over-The-Top (OTT) services like WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger. The DoT in response told the court that recommendation suggesting that the regulatory framework for Over-The-Top (OTT) services is not required, has not been accepted. The court was also told that the Communications Commission in its 19th Meeting on July 26 had referred the matter back to TRAI to suggest a suitable regulatory mechanism for OTT.

Government is committed to reforms in telecom sector. The Government has approved various structural and procedural reforms in the telecom sector. These reforms include Rationalisation of Adjusted Gross Revenue; Rationalisation of Bank Guarantee (BG'S), Rationalisation of interest rates and removal of penalties; dispensing with the requirement of Spectrum Usage charge (SUC) for spectrum acquired in

