

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

IAFI weekly meeting for Working Party 5D: IAFI weekly Radio group meeting for the preparation of 43rd WP5D was held last Friday to proceed the work on draft contributions. The meeting discussed several important documents i.e., IMT multimedia, vision 2030 & beyond, IMT Applications, RR21.5, FSS band frequency, R-65 etc. Draft contributions on IMT Applications and OOB limits were also reviewed. The next meeting will be held on 11th January.

APG23-5: The Preparatory meetings regarding the discussions on WRC-23

agenda items in preparations for NPC-23 and APG23-5 meetings have been initiated by IAFI. Furthermore, WPC is also holding meetings of all working groups of NPC and IAFI participated in all the meetings: WG-1 (Terrestrial Services) on 6th January 23, WG-2 (Aeronautical and Maritime) on 3rd January 23, WG-3 on 29th December, WG-4 on 28th December and WG-5 (General Issues) on 5th January 23 to prepare for the APG-23/5. IAFI provided its views on various agenda items to all the Working Groups

Building the case for Direct to mobile using 3GPP 5G Broadcast for India's Broadcast Digitalization: Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President, ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) suggested, a New Business Model for MIB and its units Doordarshan / Prasar Bharati and TSPs, using 3GPP 5G Broadcast technology and seamlessly integrating their network with 3G PP based 5G cellular networks of the TSPs. He also emphasised on how a broadcaster will earn revenue by licensing spectrum and leasing airtime, the cellular operator (TSPs) and OTT players may use this model as a way to reach new subscribers. This was well covered in th media:

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

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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	11 th January 2022
APT: SATRC Workshop on Spectrum	31 st January 2023 – 2 nd February 2023	5 th January 2023	-
APT: Training course on Utilisation of ICT services to achieve Future Digital Community	31 st January 2023 – 14 th February 2023	-	-
APT: APG-23/5 (Busan, Korea)	20 th – 25 th February 2023	13 th February 2023	11 th January 2022
APT: Training course on Preparing for International Conferences 2023 (TCPIC-2023)	7 th March – 10 th March 2023	-	-
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	20 th March 2023	-

Telecom Stories:

Microsoft plans to collaborate with Indian Space Agency to give India space tech startups free access to cloud tools, the two said Thursday, the latest in the U.S. tech giants attempts to deepen its ties with young firms in the South Asian Market. As part of memorandum of understanding that Microsoft has signed with the Indian Space Research Organisation, the firm will also provide space tech startups with go-to-market and help them become enterprise ready.

The telecom operators need to improve the quality of services as the current situation is not ideal," a senior Department of Telecommunications (DoT) official said. "We have also written to Trai (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) regarding the matter and will see how the issue can be resolved." Consumer complaints about call drops and call failures are on the rise, with areas which are seeing a switch from 4G to 5G in particular focus, prompting the government to push mobile operators to improve the quality of service.



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Union Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday said that the state-owned BSNL will start providing 5G services in 2024. The company has shortlisted a TCS and C-DOT led consortium for rolling out 4G network, which will be upgraded to 5G in about a year of placing the order under the contract. He was speaking on the side-lines of an event to launch 5G services of Jio and Airtel in Odisha. Vaishnaw along with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the services. "Entire Odisha will be covered by 5G services in two years. Today, 5G services have been launched in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack," PTI quoted the telecom minister as saying.

