

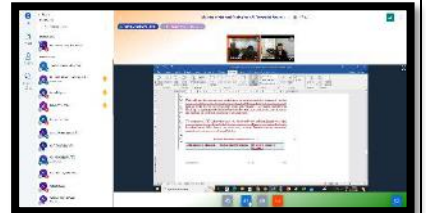
THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

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 Wednesday to proceed the work on the draft contributions. The meeting discussed finalised several important documents i.e., IMT multimedia, IMT Applications, FSS band frequency, R-65 etc. Draft contributions on RR21.5 and OOBE limits were also reviewed. The next meeting will be held on 17th January (Tuesday).



National Study Group 5 (NSG-5) Terrestrial Services meeting of was held on 13th January 2023. The meeting focused on the discussion and finalization of the contribution documents for 43rd meeting WP5D. IAFI had submitted 3 documents for the NSG meeting. IAFI presented contribution titled 'Studies in reply to WRC-19 document 550 on the verification of RR No. 21.5 for the notification of IMT stations which use an array of active elements'. However considering the complexities involved and the extent of the document, the NSG-5 members held that the document should be taken up for further discussions and deliberations in NSG-5 and may not be submitted in the upcoming ITU-R WP5D meeting. It was also proposed that a Sub-Working Group within NSG-5 can be created to work on this document. IAFI had also presented the document on generic unwanted emission characteristics of base stations using the terrestrial radio interfaces of IMT-2020 which was agreed by NSG with minor edits. IAFI joint contribution with 5GIF on 6G vision was discussed at length and a drafting group was constituted to further work on this document.



Letter to MOC: IAFI in its recent letter to Minister of Communications. Shri. Ashwini Vaishnav, explained the economic benefits of 6 GHz Wi-Fi, such as the capabilities required for advanced use cases as Wi-Fi 6E it delivers faster speed, lower latency, higher efficiency, and higher density. 6 GHz band is currently extensively used by satellites for up linking of broadcasting channels as well as by VSAT for providing data connectivity. This letter emphasises on opening of the 6 GHz band for license exempt use of Wi-Fi urgently so that software and hardware exporters in India could access the untapped global market.

This was well covered in the media:

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	17 th January 2023
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	17 th January 2023
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:

India's participation at CES 2023, Las Vegas, world's largest electronic show. CES 2023 will shed light on how technology helps people tackle the world's most pressing problems. Human Security for All is the theme of CES2023 this year. TEMA has been joining ribbon cutting of show for last 11 years and has been sponsoring a delegation.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is likely to seek the opinion of the law minister over allocation of spectrum to enterprises for rolling out private networks. While the Cabinet had approved direct allocation to enterprises in June 2022, it had not spelled out the specifics around the methodology. The issue of direct allocation of spectrum to enterprises has been a contentious one, pitching technology firms against telecom



 **SC's 2012 order says auction preferred mode to allot spectrum for commercial purposes**

For administrative allocation, Trai has to set the price

TELCOS


Say direct allocation will distort level playing field

Fear losing out on 5G enterprise revenue

TECH COS

Want spectrum via administrative route

See no sense in auction as airwaves meant for captive use & required only at select locations



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operators. Telcos have opposed any direct allocation alleging that it would distort the level playing field and give technology players a backdoor entry to provide 5G services to enterprises.

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will be presenting the annual budget for 2023 on 1st February and the telecom industry, riding high on the 5G wave, is looking forward for some GST relaxations to the industry and other digital technology service providers. The telecom sector is one of the key sectors in development of any nation and plays a crucial role in implementation of key development schemes. With the double down of 5G services implemented recently by the centre and the ongoing rivalry between the significant telecom operators like Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel, India is expecting to experience an unprecedented usher of next digital revolution with the aim to accelerate their daily life chores digitally.

