

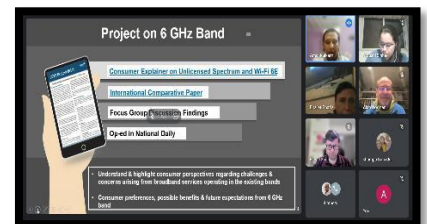
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Highlights of the week:

IAFI weekly meeting for Working Party 5D: IAFI weekly Radio group meeting for the preparation of 43rd WP5D was held last Thursday. The meeting noted that the approved 4 draft documents on IMT multimedia, IMT Applications and FSS band frequency, IMT Vision 2030 had been submitted to WP5D. A list of summaries of every 43rd WP5D contribution was also reviewed and delegates were nominated to present the documents.



Call with CUTS and WiFi 6GHz project members: IAFI organized a call with CUTS and WiFi 6GHz project members on 25th Jan 2023 wherein CUTS presented emerging findings of a consumer perspective on 6GHz band they also shared the status of updates on the deliverables under this project.



Letter to Secretary DoT: IAFI in its recent letter to Shri. K Rajaraman, IAS sought some further changes to the TRAI recommendations on “Licensing Framework for Establishing and Operating Satellite Earth Station Gateway (SESG). IAFI letter explained our views on how there should be a commitment to a fair and non-discriminatory treatment of service licensees/ permission holders.



TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Telecommunication infrastructure sharing, spectrum sharing and spectrum leasing	10 th February 2023	Under Development	-

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

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Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
ITU-R: WP5D, Geneva	31 st January - 9 th February 2023	24 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	-
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:

Telcos are divided on how to allocate spectrum for aircraft to ground station data communication services provided by entities other than the Airports Authority of India (AAI). It was added that since the spectrum is being given for commercial services to a commercial service to a commercial entity, “it should be allocated through a transparent and open auction process. The operators however agreed on matters of validity of the license, the license area and scope of the license.

India Cellular and Electronics Association has battled for rationalisation of duties on parts and components of mobile phones and sub-assemblies, saying some of the smaller tariffs should be done away with, while all inputs duties on “mechanics” should be removed immediately. The industry body has also suggested that the government should ease the basic customs duty on high end phones.

Rising prices of data and devices are a concern for the rapid proliferation of digitisation. Rise in cost of data or cost of devices are



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of concern because they are impediments in rapid digitisation The comments have come against the backdrop of a recent hike of about 57 per cent in the minimum monthly recharge plan.