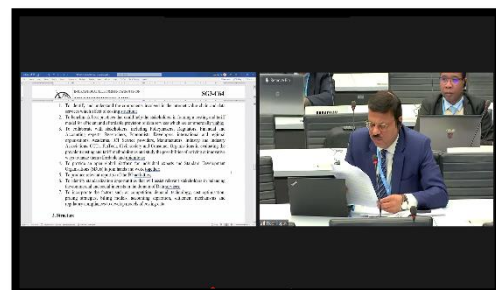


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Highlights of the week:

ITU-T- SG3 - Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues:

The meeting began on 1st of March 2023 and will conclude on 10th of March 2023. DOT and IAFI have jointly submitted a contribution on the creation of Focus Group (FG) on costing models for affordable data services. This contribution will be discussed in this meeting with a view to approve the creation of the new FG. IAFI along with the other members from DOT are actively participating in this meeting.



16th Executive Council meeting: The 16th EC meeting of IAFI took place on Tuesday, 28th February 2023 at 12:30 PM at the IAFI office with remote participation. The meeting reviewed both past events and current activities of IAFI. The EC also approved 2 new corporate members i.e., Amazon and Conqueror Innovations respectively. The EC further also approved the roadmap and tentative Calendar of events for 2023 and emphasized on the activation of Bangalore Centre office of IAFI.

NPC Meeting: Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI had attended an NPC meeting where he had presented a document for the upcoming CPM meeting from 27th March to 6th April 2023 at Geneva.

TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Telecommunication infrastructure sharing, spectrum sharing and spectrum leasing	03 rd March 2023	Developed	Submitted
Enabling Convergence of Carriage of Broadcasting and Telecommunication services	27 th March 2023	Developed	-
Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Meetings
ITU-T: SG3 - Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues	1 st March – 10 th March	24 th February 2023	-
APT: Training course on Preparing for International Conferences 2023 (TCPIC-2023)	7 th March – 10 th March 2023	24 th February 2023	-
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	20 th March – 24 th March 2023	28 th February 2023	-
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	19 th March 2023	-
APT: 35 th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-35)	17 th April – 20 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-T: SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	17 th April – 28 th April 2023	10 th April 2023	-
ITU-R: Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT)	18 th April 2023	11 th April 2023	-

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APT: 1st Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA 24 (APT WTSA24-1)	21 st April 2023	11 th April 2023	-
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Forthcoming ITU-APT Meetings (March 2023-April 2023)

Telecom Stories:

The parliamentary standing committee has given its go-ahead to the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill which will now be introduced in the upcoming second half of the budget session of the parliament. The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill is a legislation that frames out the rights and duties of the citizen (Digital Nagarik) on one hand and the obligations to use collected data lawfully of the data Fiduciary on the other hand.



India's sprawling digital public infrastructure received a glowing endorsement from Bill Gates as he praised the country's "great" digital network, reliable and low-cost connectivity and said this will be the cheapest 5G market. Under the G20 presidency of India, a session on 'Building resilient and inclusive economies- the Promise of Digital Public Infrastructure.



Indian mobile consumers may finally get some respite from phishing and cyber fraud which lead to estimated financial losses of Rs 1,000-1,500 crore every month. The initial results from a trial of an artificial intelligence (AI)-based solution to curb phishing and cyber frauds emanating from misuse of SMSs have returned an accuracy rate of over 99%. The final results from the trial will be shared with the TRAI which is already working with the Reserve Bank of India and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

