

## Monthly News Summary

**Dear Respected Member,**

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is delighted to share its previous month's activities with you:



**Meeting of the Working Party 4C at Shanghai, China:** The International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Working Party 4C (WP4C) started in Shanghai, China, from April 23rd, 2025, for a duration of 10 days. The meeting is being hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government. WP4C deals with efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for the Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) and Radiodetermination-Satellite Service (RDSS). The meeting of Working Party 4C commenced on April 23rd and is scheduled to continue until May 2nd, 2025. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI; Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice Chairman, IAFI and Shri Sendil Kumar Devar, corporate member, IAFI are attending the WP-4C meeting in person as a part of the Indian delegation. Many other IAFI members are also participating virtually. During the WP-4C meeting, IAFI presented a contribution related to World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27) Agenda Item 1.13. This contribution addressed the methodology for calculating aggregate interference from Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) constellations operating in neighbouring countries to International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) receivers situated in a border country. Notably, Agenda Item 1.13 garnered significant interest, evidenced by the submission of over 50 contributions from various administrations. In addition IAFI also presented number of contributions on agenda 1.1 and 1.13 on behalf of Indian Administration.

**Indian Delegation Engages with Consul General in Shanghai to Discuss Global Telecom Regulations:** The Indian delegation to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) 4C Working Party Meeting had the privilege of meeting Shri Pratik Mathur, Consul General of India in Shanghai, China. During the meeting, the delegation discussed the evolving telecommunication regulatory landscape and highlighted India's crucial role in shaping global telecom policies. The interaction underscored India's commitment to actively contributing to international dialogues and advancing the global telecommunication ecosystem.

**11th Meeting of the NSG-5:** The 11th Meeting of the NSG-5 (corresponding to SG-5 of the ITU-R) was held on 24th April, 2025 in a virtual mode. Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC/DoT was the chair of the meeting. Following two documents received by the NSG-5A were presented in the meeting.

- Frequency bands, technical characteristics, and protection criteria, and compatibility and sharing studies for the modernization of high-frequency spectrum use in the aeronautical mobile (OR) service within the 2.8 to 18.05 MHz frequency range (WP-5B).
- Proposed text edits to the working documents for draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.2121 and draft revision of Report ITU-R M.2444. Both the documents were discussed in detail and further updated.

**International Girls in ICT Day - 24 April, 2025:** The Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, Ms Doreen Bogdan Martin, delivered a message framing this as a global call to action, celebrating girls and young women not merely as technology users, but as the leaders, creators, and change-makers of the digital age. She pointed out that this year, International Girls in ICT Day is focused on empowering all girls and young women to not only participate, but lead the world's digital transformation. In her message underscoring the significance of meaningful connectivity, she highlighted a persistent digital gender gap: in 2024, only 65 percent of women globally were online, compared to 70 percent of men, resulting in 158 million fewer women than men with internet access. While much of the world is making strides towards gender parity in internet use, this disparity is regrettably growing in the Least Developed Countries. Recognizing that meaningful connectivity is fundamental to opportunity, she stressed the urgent need for affordable, safe, relevant, and transformative online spaces where girls can flourish. Achieving this requires dismantling longstanding barriers, including unequal access to education and digital skills, harmful social norms, affordability constraints, and online environments that too often exclude or endanger women and girls. ITU launched International Girls in ICT Day in 2011, to help to open doors so that women and girls around the world could be digital leaders. He informed that International Girls in ICT Day 2025 marked with events in Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania and Switzerland.

**ITU Space Connect Episode 4:** ITU's Space Connect Episode 4 took place on April 24, 2025, focusing on the critical theme of "Satellites for Emergencies". The episode delved into the vital role of satellite technology in disaster response, exploring current applications and future potential for enhancing disaster preparedness and relief efforts. A significant aspect of this episode was the celebration of women in the space industry. The program featured engaging dialogues and interviews with prominent female leaders and rising stars, highlighting their invaluable contributions and inspiring the next generation. In her welcome and opening remarks, ITU Secretary General, Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, underscored the significance of this topic within the ITU's ongoing work.

A key highlight of the episode was the interactive panel discussion titled "Navigating Careers in the Space Industry". This session brought together three accomplished and diverse space professionals:

- Ms. Sandra Magnus, Chief Engineer - Department of Commerce - MITRE
- Ms. Jane Nkechi Egerton-Idehen, CEO - Nigerian Communications Satellite NIGCOMSAT
- Ms. Rayyanah Barnawi, General Supervisor - Microgravity Research - Saudi Space Agency (SSA)

These panelists shared valuable insights on navigating a career as a space professional, with a particular focus on:

- Providing practical guidance for emerging talent entering the space sector.
- Exploring the diverse array of career paths available at the intersection of space and ICT.
- Facilitating meaningful connections between established leaders in the field and the next generation of professionals.

The Master of Ceremony for this insightful episode was Ms. Patricia Cooper from ITU.

**Apple plans to ramp up iPhone production in India:** Apple is poised to significantly boost iPhone production in India, a key move in its strategy to accelerate manufacturing diversification away from China and mitigate risks stemming from the on-going Sino-US trade tensions. Currently assembling 40-43 million iPhones annually in India, with nearly 80% destined for export according to industry estimates, Apple anticipates that this figure could surge to 70-80 million by the end of 2025. This expansion aims to shift India as the primary source of iPhones for the US market. Industry executives project this position could elevate India's contribution to global iPhone sales to 40% within the next 18 months, a substantial increase from the current 18-20%.

**Leadership Forum India organized by the Mobile Ecosystem Forum (MEF):** Recognizing India's unprecedented market growth fueled by affordable devices and widespread internet access, the Mobile Ecosystem Forum (MEF) hosted the "MEF Leadership Forum India" on April 15th, 2025, at the Grand Hyatt, Gurugram, Haryana. This one-day event explored the immense potential across industries within India's dynamic and rapidly expanding mobile ecosystem, aiming to foster collaboration among leaders shaping its future. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI was invited as Guest Speaker and delivered his speech on "Navigating Data Privacy in the Digital Era-Strengthening Consumer Protection: How TCCPR & DPDP is combating Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC)". The session highlighted the importance of data security and privacy in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape. The session highlighted the importance of data security and privacy in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

**10th Meeting of National Study Group-4 (corresponding to ITU-R SG4):** 10th meeting of the NSG-4 was held on 16th April, 2025 at spectrum room, Sanchal Bhawan, under the chairmanship of Ms. M. Revathi, JWA, DoT to discuss, finalize and recommend the contributions on Agenda items 1.2 and 1.3 submitted to the NSG-4 by the NWP4A.1, and Agenda Item 1.5 submitted by the NWP4A.2. Following three contributions to be submitted to the 56th meeting of ITU-R Working Party 4A scheduled w.e.f. 5th to 15th May, 2025 at Shanghai, China, were discussed in detail.

- Draft multi-country proposal on update to Working Document on Agenda item 1.2 of WRC-27 (GSO aggregate study)
- The Draft India contribution on proposal for amendments to draft CPM text on AI 1.3 of WRC-27;
- Draft India contribution on update to Working Document on Agenda item 1.5 of WRC-27

Regarding Agenda Item -1.5, IAFI initiated draft contribution as amended by WPC contribution was approved by the NSG-4. The Rapporteur informed the NSG-4 that another proposal by the Singapore administration on Agenda Item 1.2 was received by NSG-4 on 14th April through the IAFI for consideration. NSG-4 decided that this document needs to be deliberated at the NWP-4A.1 and then submitted for consideration of NSG4. A multi-country proposal submitted by Intelial, to update Agenda item 1.2 of WRC-27, was also approved.



**Fourth virtual meeting of the NWP-20:** The fourth meeting of National Working Group-20 (NWP-20), corresponding to ITU-T SG-20 for the study period 2025-28, was held on 17th April 2025 (Thursday) at 11 AM in virtual mode. Meeting was organized by the TEC under the chairmanship of Shri R.S.Singh, DDO. All participants were apprised about the status of Indian contributions submitted and presented in recent ITU-T SG- 20 meeting held from 15-24 January 2025. A list of active work items and prioritizing questions/work areas under ITU-T SG-20 was also discussed and Members were encouraged to submit contributions for this meeting.

**RAG MEETING:** The 32nd Radio Advisory Group (RAG) meeting was held from 14th to 17th April, 2025 in a hybrid mode. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated in the meeting virtually. As per the ITU Constitution, RAG has been allocated the following tasks:

- Review the priorities and strategies adopted in the Sector;
- Provide guidance for the work of the Study Groups.
- Recommend measures to foster cooperation and coordination with other organizations and with the other ITU Sectors.

Many important issues like implementation of RA-23 decisions on improving the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) Process, implementation of WRC-23 decisions, RA/WRC-27 preparation and Study Group activities were discussed and deliberated. Furthermore, the meeting addressed inter-sector activities like issues related to Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) and of TSAG, ITU-T and ITU-R. Finally, the agenda included a review of the partial restructuring of the Space Services Department and drafts Rolling Operational Plans for 2026-2029 were also discussed.

**IAFI's 2nd Preparatory Workshop of WRC-27:** The ITU-APT Foundation of India successfully hosted its 2nd Preparatory Workshop for WRC-27 on April 7, 2027, at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. The workshop was co-chaired by Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI and Shri Sendil Kumar Devar, Vice Chairman, IAFI. The workshop was attended by over 150 participants, including key government officials, spectrum managers, telecom industry executives, academics, and international satellite and spectrum specialists, to discuss crucial agenda items for the upcoming WRC-27. Inaugurating the workshop, Shri Ravi Ranjan Mittal, Member (TRA) and the Chief Guest of the event, commended IAFI's efforts and noted that the workshop's discussions would significantly improve India's contributions to WRC-27. Shri Anand Khare, Member (Service), Digital Communication Commission (DCC), DoT highlighted its crucial role as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and policy shaping, particularly in India's growing relationship with global telecom forums, with a specific focus on 6G development and spectrum innovation. The opening session featured insightful addresses from eminent speakers Dr. Rajeev Shorya (Director, IIT Surat), Shri N K Bhatia (Director, WMO, WPC), Shri Feng Zhao (Vice-President, Policy and Regulatory, GSOA, UK), and Shri Ravi Gandhi (Chief of Public Policy and Regulatory, Reliance Jio). Prof. N K Goel, Chairman TEMA and CMAI, delivered the Vote of Thanks. In his welcome address, Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, highlighted IAFI's long-standing dedication to spectrum policy in India and the Asia-Pacific Region. He further stressed the organization's objective to ensure India's strong and well-prepared voice at WRC-27, particularly concerning Agenda Items 1.7 and 1.13, which are crucial to India's national interests.

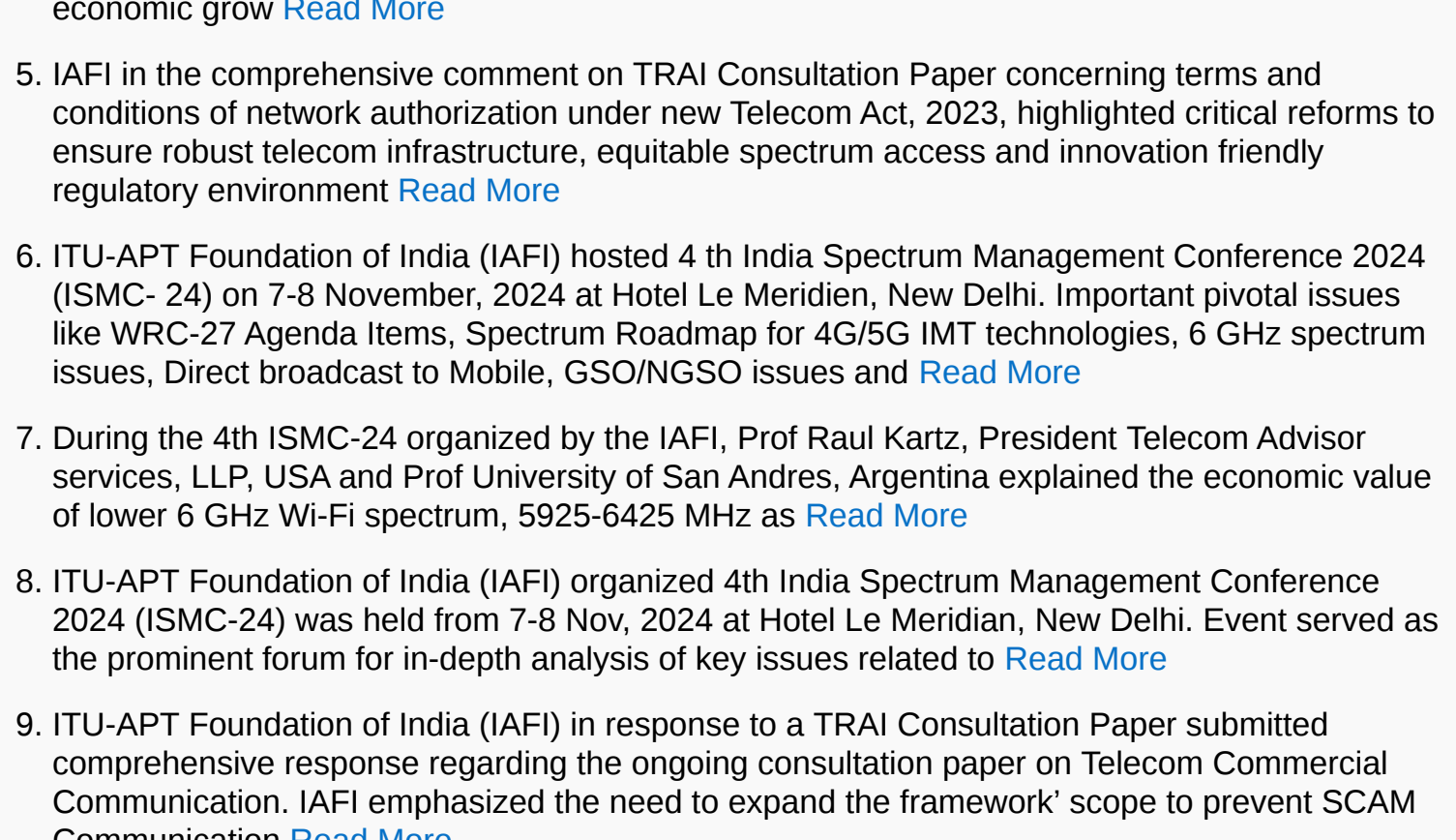
**IAFI organized Preparatory workshop for APG-27:** IAFI organized a preparatory workshop for the WRC-27, a draft contribution to WRC-27, on 08th April, 2025 at CSO KC Maya Neelam. The Workshop was arranged in a hybrid mode and many participants from India and abroad joins the workshop. All contributions to be submitted to the next APG meeting (APG-27-3) was discussed and deliberated in detail. Draft contributions presented in the meeting were discussed and deliberated in detail and documents were updated in the meeting.

**8th meeting of National Study Group-4 (NSG-4):** The 8th hybrid meeting of the NSG-4 was held on 08 April 2025, in the Spectrum Room, 6th Floor, Sanchal Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Ms. M Revathi, Joint Wireless Adviser, WPC Wing, to discuss and update the India's contributions to be submitted in the upcoming meeting of the WP-4A, likely to be held from 05-05-2025 to 15-05-2025 at Shanghai, China. All NWP chairs working under NSG-4 presented their inputs in the meeting.

**10th Meeting of NSG5:** The 10th Meeting of the NSG-5 was held on 09th April, 2025, in online mode under the chairmanship of Sh. Gulab Chand, JWA WPC Wing. Following two documents received by the NSG-5A were presented in the meeting.

- Frequency bands, technical characteristics, and protection criteria, and compatibility and sharing studies for the modernization of high-frequency spectrum use in the aeronautical mobile (OR) service within the 2.8 to 18.05 MHz frequency range (WP-5B).
- Proposed text edits to the working documents for draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.2121 and draft revision of Report ITU-R M.2444.

**NWP-4A1 meeting:** 9th virtual meeting of NWP-4A1 was held on 11.04.2025 under the chairmanship of Ms. J. Softi Jebasundaram, Associate Director (Frequency Management), Satellite Communication Programme Office ISRO, HQ, India. All input documents/ comments on various agenda items, AI 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 were discussed. During 9th NSG-4 meeting, multi country proposal from M/s Intelial (on behalf of PNG administration) were duly discussed and some queries were raised. Based on the suggestions received, recent updated versions of these contributions were discussed in the meeting. Similarly, some issues were raised during 9th NSG-4 meeting regarding M/s Viasat India input contribution pertaining to the draft CPM text on AI 1.3. Revised version received from Viasat was also discussed in the meeting.



**IAFI submitted a new contribution to WP-4C regarding AI-1.13:** IAFI submitted a new contribution to the upcoming WP-4C meeting, likely to be held from 23-04-2025 to 02-05-2025 at Shanghai, China. WP-4C address efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for the mobile-satellite service (MSS) and the radio-determination-satellite service (RDSS). A total of 146 contributions were submitted for discussion at the meeting. The USA submitted highest number of contributions (21), while India submitted five. Notably, over 50 contributions relate to Agenda item 1.13, concerning studies on potential applications for direct satellite-to-IMT user equipment connectivity to enhance terrestrial IMT coverage, as mandated by Resolution 253 (WRC-23).

**6th NWP-4A1 Meeting:** The 6th NWP-4A1 meeting convened on April 1, 2025, to review input documents related to Agenda Items 1.1 through 1.4 (AI 1.1-1.4). A key discussion point was the joint contribution (4A/289) from Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Thailand, and India, submitted during the previous WP-4A meeting (October 21-31, 2024). This contribution addressed Operational and technical considerations for FSS earth stations in the frequency band 13.75-14 GHz (Earth-to-space) and proposed updates to the Working Document, which was Annex 4 of the WP 4A Chair's Report (Document 4A/128). Subsequently, Working Document 4A/128 was further revised, incorporating further contributions from Ghana, Ghana, USA, Canada, France, and WP-7B, and was presented as 4A/343 in the Chairman's report. Following the 5th NWP-4A1 meeting, a revised version of document 4A/289 was received from M/s Intelial (representing the Papua New Guinea Administration) and was discussed during this 6th meeting. Furthermore, M/s Viasat India submitted an input contribution concerning the draft CPM text for AI 1.3, which also underwent discussion. The outcome of the meeting was a decision to further refine these discussed documents for potential submission at the upcoming WP-4A1 meeting scheduled for April 4, 2025.

**7th Meeting of the National Study Group-4 (NSG-4) for ITU-R:** The 7th Meeting of the National Study Group-4 (NSG-4) for ITU-R for the Study Cycle 2024-2027 was held at 03:00pm on 02 April 2025 in the Spectrum Room, 6th Floor, Sanchal Bhawan, New Delhi. Meeting was chaired by M Revathi Manneppalli, Joint Wireless Adviser, WPC Wing. In addition to other issues, the meeting discussed Agenda Item 1.5, proposing regulatory measures to limit unauthorized operations of non-geostationary-satellite service (non-GSO) earth stations in the fixed-satellite service (FSS) and mobile-satellite service (MSS).

**Brief about the AWG-24 meeting held at Kathmandu, Nepal:** AWG-24 meeting was held from 31st March to 04th April, 2025 at Kathmandu, Nepal. Many IAFI members from India joined the meeting physically as well as virtually. Total five contributions were submitted by IAFI, and all were discussed in the meeting. Total 329 participants attended the meeting, 277 from 22 member states, 41 affiliate members, 1 associate member, 2 from international organizations and 8 from the APT Secretariat.

Total 77 documents were considered by the meeting, including 5 documents submitted by the IAFI.

- AWG-34/INP-40- Proposal for draft Liaison Statement on completion of APT/AWG-REP- 144 on WAS/RLAN.
- AWG-34/INP-41- Proposal for further updates to the working document, toward draft revision of APT recommendation APT/AWG/REC-08 on frequency arrangements for the implementation of IMT in the band frequency range 612-806 MHz (612-703 MHz and 698- 806 MHz).
- AWG-34/INP-42- Draft contribution on update towards a preliminary draft of new APT Report on emerging satellite technologies.
- AWG-34/INP-43- Proposal for updating working document towards revision of APT Report- 136 on trends and spectrum developments for IMT usage in 2025 – 2030 in Asia-Pacific region.
- AWG-34/INP-44-Proposals for working document towards a draft new survey report on usage of cooperative vehicle-infrastructure ITS systems.

All IAFI contributions were thoroughly discussed and accepted for carry-forward to the next meeting, with the exception of AWG-34/INP-41, regarding IMT frequency arrangements, where Australia proposed to submit further updates at the next meeting.

**3rd TEC Meeting regarding "Satellite Based IoT Solution":** The 3rd virtual meeting of the newly constituted working group under the Chairmanship of Shri R S Singh, DDO (IoT) TEC was held on 03-04-2025, to discuss further development took place after the 2nd meeting held on 11-03- 2025. Three contribution submitted by IAFI regarding

- Further updates to the Term of Reference of the Working Group, as circulated by the TEC after 2nd meeting.
- List of topics suggested for study by the newly formed Working Group.
- A framework document for submitting detailed study on the topic "Comparative Analysis of 3GPP NB-IoT over NTN (Release 17+) and LoRaWAN via Satellite.

All the documents were discussed in detail. It was suggested to develop a template document, for submission of the study report by various stakeholders and academia.

**7th NWP-4A1 meeting 04 April, 2025 1500 hrs IST:** The 7th meeting of the NWP-4A1 was held on 04.04.2025, to discuss the input documents/ comments submitted by the various stakeholders on agenda items, AI 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4. During the 6th NWP-4A1 meeting, multi country proposal from M/s Intelial (on behalf of PNG administration) was duly discussed and some queries were raised. Document was updated and an improved version was discussed in the meeting.

## Media Showcase: Following Items relating to IAFI were covered in the media



- The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has formally appealed to the Hon'ble Minister of Communications to delineate the 5925–6425 MHz band (Lower 6 GHz) to support high-speed Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7 connectivity. The request follows the government's recent move to open global radio spectrum for mobile services, and highlights the urgent need to complement this with unlicensed spectrum for next-generation Wi-Fi. Globally adopted in over 100 countries, the lower 6 GHz band is vital for India's digital t. [Read More](#)
- The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) held its 2nd Preparatory Workshop for WRC-27 on April 7, 2025, in New Delhi. The event saw participation from over 150 government officials, industry leaders, and experts across the telecom and satellite sectors. Supported by DoT, WPC, and leading organizations like ISRO, Qualcomm, Ericsson, OneWeb, GSMA, IN-SPACE, Bharat 6G Alliance, and GSOA, the workshop featured in-depth deliberations on key WRC-27 agenda items including 6G and satellite spectrum policy. [Read More](#)
- The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted the 53rd Wireless World Research Forum (WWRF) conference, hosted by BITS Pilani Hyderabad from February 18-20, 2025. Focused on "Review of Tariff for Domestic Leased Circuits (DLCS)" seeking inputs from stakeholders, the event brought together global experts, researchers, and industry leaders to explore advancements in 6G, AI, IoT, and sustainable communications. Shri Bharat Bhatia, Vice Chair of WWRF & President of IAFI, emphasized the role of next-gen wireless tech. [Read More](#)
- The IAFI-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has urged the Ministry of Communications to expedite spectrum allocation for satellite services, emphasizing the need for regulatory clarity to advance India's digital connectivity goals. With rapid advancements in satellite technologies like LEO and NEO constellations, delays in approvals are hindering efforts to bridge the digital divide. IAFI highlights the importance of integrating satellite and terrestrial networks to drive innovation and economic growth. [Read More](#)
- IAFI in the comprehensive comment on TRAI Consultation Paper concerning terms and conditions of network authorization under new Telecom Act, 2023, highlighted critical reforms to ensure robust telecom infrastructure, equitable spectrum access and innovation friendly regulatory environment. [Read More](#)
- ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted 4th India Spectrum Management Conference 2024 (ISMC- 24) on 7-8 November, 2024 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. Important pivotal issues like WRC-27 Agenda Items, Spectrum Roadmap for 4G/5G/6G IMT technologies, 6 GHz spectrum issues, Direct Broadcast to Mobile, GSNGSO issues and [Read More](#)
- During the 4th ISMC-24 organized by the IAFI, Prof Raul Kartz, President, Telecom Advisor Services, LLP, USA and Prof University of San Andres, Argentina explained the economic value of lower 6 GHz Wi-Fi spectrum, 5925-6425 MHz as [Read More](#)
- ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) organized 4th India Spectrum Management Conference 2024 (ISMC-24) was held from 7-8 Nov, 2024 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi. Event served as the prominent forum for in-depth analysis of key issues related to [Read More](#)
- ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) in response to a TRAI Consultation Paper submitted comprehensive response regarding the ongoing consultation paper on Telecom Commercial Communication. IAFI emphasized the need to expand the framework scope to prevent SCAM Communication. [Read More](#)
- In response to TRAI Consultation Paper on service authorization granted to new Telecom Act, 2023, IAFI vehemently opposes the proposed amalgamation of the GMPCS and VSAT authorization and said that these two authorization should remain separate as [Read More](#)

## Links to our Activities & Programmes

1) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Sindia for Urgent Need for Delineating the 5925–6425 MHz Band to Support Innovation and Make in India
2) Letter to Wireless Advisor to the Government of India, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, Shri V J Christopher for Request for Consideration of Allowing Lower Size Antennas less than 1.2 M in the Lower Ku-Band (13.75-14 GHz)
3) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Sindia for Spectrum Allocation for 6G in India
4) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Sindia for Urgent Need for Spectrum Assignment and Regulatory Clarity for Satellite Services
5) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Sindia for Strategic Spectrum Allocation for R&D and Regulatory Sandbox to Propel India's Leadership in 6G
6) Letter to Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, Shri P K Mishra for PMO Support needed for Innovation and Local Manufacturing
7) Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India Request for IAFI's recommendation for Delineating of Captive 5G networks under Service Authorisations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
8) Letter to Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Railways Request for Industry consultation on Draft Telecommunication Rules, 2023
9) Letter to Secretary, Ministry of Power Request for Implementing Green Open Access Rules for the Telecom Sector in States/UTs under MTCTE
10) Letter to Secretary DoT & Chairman DCC Request for further extension of implementation of MTCTE
11) Letter to Secretary DoT & Chairman DCC Clarification for import of NSGO Satellite Devices under MTCTE
12) Letter to Secretary DoT & Chairman DCC Assignment of Spectrum for Satellite Communication Services

## IAFI MEMBERSHIP

ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is a non-profit, non-political, non-partisan industry foundation registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1960. IAFI has been working for the last 20 years with the objective of encouraging the involvement of professionals, corporate, regulatory sector industries, R&D organizations, academic institutions, and such other agencies engaged in the development of the Indian Telecom sector. The members of IAFI are corporate members are 28 and individual members to 135 making a total of 163 members. The EC also emphasized on the creation of a new member category for academia and a campaign to register Eminent educational institutes as members.

The benefits provided to the members include an invitation to all the events of the Foundation which include: Training programs, seminars, workshops, etc. conducted by the society on a complimentary basis. Besides, EC Members will also have access to information related to ITU and APT and other telecom journals where members can subscribe. Members are further eligible to participate in ITU-T, ITU-D, and APT activities. The individual Membership Fee of IAFI has been reversed to the previous fee that was applicable since the beginning. Please click: [Membership details](#)



## Partners Association



As artificial intelligence (AI) motors ahead, standards are key to lower costs, increase affordability, and drive the spread of reliable AI technology. Equally, they are essential to ensure AI benefits everyone and to uphold people's fundamental rights. Legal frameworks are slow to change. However, technical standards help meet national policy objectives in an agile, swift and flexible manner – keeping up with private-sector innovation. To date, ITU has published 120 standards on AI, with 130 more in development. Standards like these are crucial to enable AI development, while aligning it with the needs of people and our planet.

The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) successfully organized the South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services from 28 to 30 April 2025, in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh). The workshop was organized in a hybrid form and hosted by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). The workshop was attended by 135 delegates, representing 9 SATRC Members, 2 other APT Members, 8 Affiliate Members, 1 International Organization, and 2 other organizations.



**Department of Telecommunications**  
Ministry of Communications  
Government of India

India has nominated M. Revathi, Joint Wireless Advisor at the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), as its candidate for Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This marks India's most significant bid in decades to influence global radio spectrum governance.

A specialized UN agency based in Geneva, the ITU ensures that the world's communication systems work together, safely, securely, and fairly. The Radiocommunication Bureau of the ITU regulates the global radio frequencies and satellite orbits—crucial for 5G, 6G, space broadband, disaster response, managing the finite radio frequency resources. As DoT, Revathi would play a central role in shaping next-gen radiocommunication standards and ensuring equitable spectrum access.



**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released a Pre-Consultation Paper on "Review of Tariff for Domestic Leased Circuits (DLCS)" seeking inputs from stakeholders. To facilitate this review, the Authority invites all stakeholders to participate in the present pre-consultation process by submitting relevant issues, concerns, and suggestions pertaining to the existing ceiling to the cost of Domestic Leased Circuits.

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