

Monthly News Summary

Dear Respected Member,

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



The 3rd Meeting of APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3): The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3) was successfully held from July 27 to 31, 2026, in Sapporo, Japan. Organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, the event was conducted in a hybrid format, allowing both physical attendance and remote participation via Zoom. The conference commenced with welcome addresses by Dr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary General, APT; Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Director BR, ITU and Mr. Nobuyuki Kawai, Chair, APG for the WRC-27. The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Jun Muroyama, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan. The primary objective of the meeting was to thoroughly discuss and finalize the Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACP) for various Agenda Items ahead of the upcoming World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27). All Agenda Items were discussed thoroughly, and the preliminary views were developed. The APG27-3 saw exceptional participation, with a total of 861 attendees participating either physically or virtually. This included 725 delegates representing 33 member countries and 85 members from 37 affiliate organizations.

India maintained a strong presence at the conference. The physical delegation included prominent industry leaders such as Shri Bharat Bhatia (President, IAFI and Vice-Chair, APG), Ms. Aarushi Qureshi (GM, IAFI), Dr. Sendil Devar (Sr. Director - Standards and Spectrum, Ericsson), and Shri Jitendra Singh (Head of Government Affairs, Qualcomm India). Additionally, many other officials from IAFI. During the meeting, 89 contributions were submitted by various member countries covering Agenda Items 1.1 through 1.19, as well as items 2, 4, 8 and 10. India submitted four vital contributions outlining its preliminary views on WRC-27 Agenda Items 1.1 through 1.19. Among the 47 information documents received by the meeting, the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI), in collaboration with the Bharat 6G Alliance, submitted a key contribution regarding the 6G Golden Band (6425-8400 MHz). This IAFI submission (NG-24) was officially considered by the DG-1.7 under WP-2. In the spirit of collaboration, IAFI hosted an exclusive reception for Heads of Delegations on July 30, 2026, at the Sapporo Prince Hotel. The gathering provided delegates with a valuable opportunity to network across the Asia-Pacific region and exchange insights in an informal setting. The reception also served as a premier platform for international delegates to meet Dr. M. Ravathi, India's esteemed candidate for the position of Director, BR, ITU. It was decided that the next APG27-4 meeting will take place in Bangkok, Thailand from 25-30 Jan, 2027 and the last APG27-5 meeting before WRC-27 will take place in Republic of Korea from 04-11 August, 2027.

TRAI organized Open House Discussion (OHD) on Wi-Fi: As background, TRAI released a Consultation Paper on the 'Proliferation of Public Wi-Fi Networks in India' on 27 April 2026. Initially, TRAI invited written comments from stakeholders by 25 May 2026 and counter-comments by 08 June 2026. These deadlines were later extended to 01 June 2026 and 15 June 2026, respectively. In total, 32 stakeholders submitted comments, and 11 submitted counter-comments.

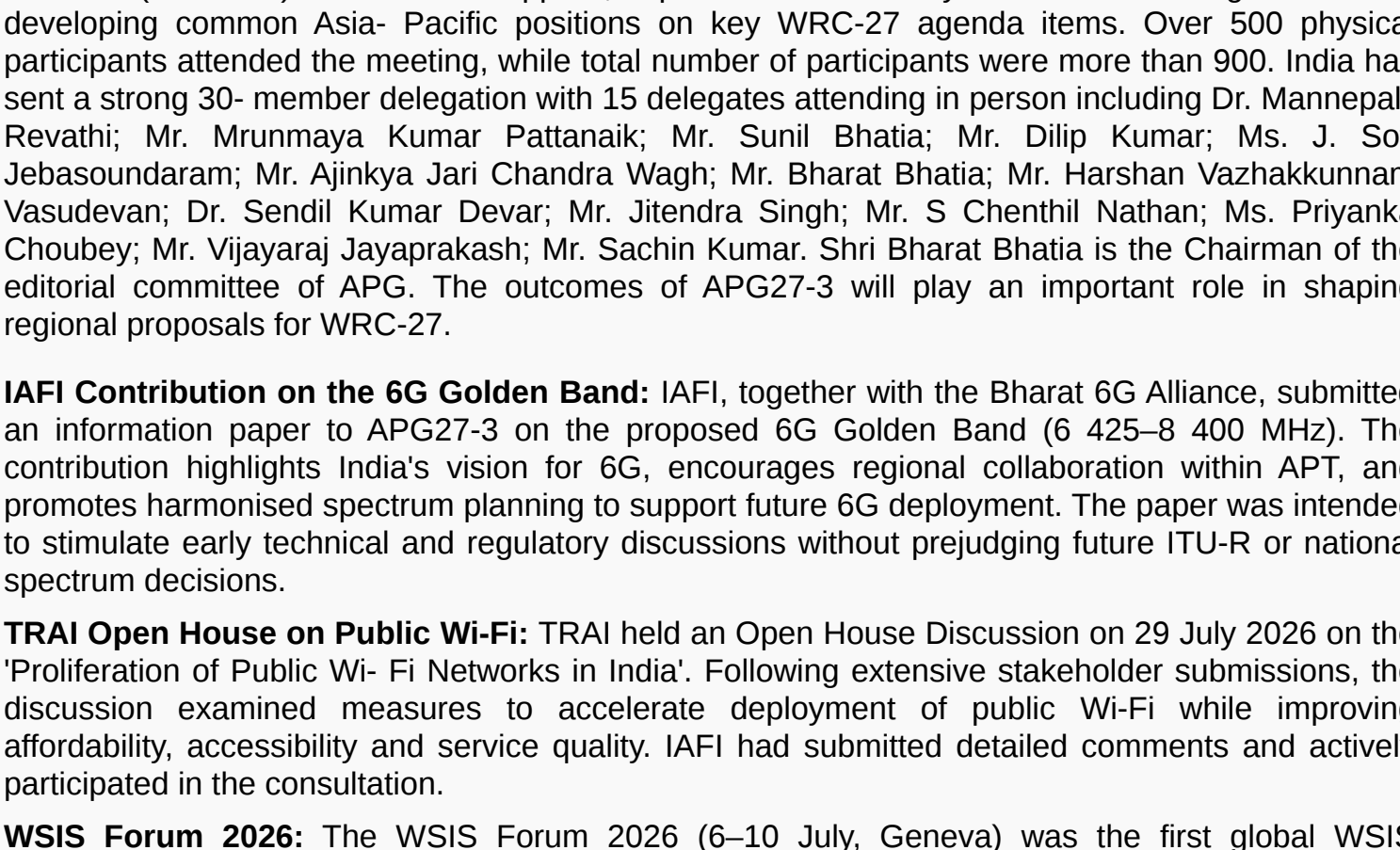
As part of this consultation process, TRAI convened a virtual Open House Discussion (OHD) via video conferencing on 29 July 2026. The five-and-a-half-hour session was chaired by the Chairman of TRAI, accompanied by two Members, the Secretary, Principal Advisors, and an Advisor. During the event, all issues raised in the Consultation Paper were thoroughly discussed among the 93 participating stakeholders. IAFI submitted detailed comments on all the issues and actively participated in the OHD.

SG-3 of ITU-T Meeting from 28-07-2026 to 05-08-2026: The meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunications/ICT economic and policy issues) started from 28 July 2026 and will continue till 05 Aug 2026. ITU-T Study Group 3 is responsible, inter alia, for studying international telecommunications/ICT policy and economic issues and tariff and accounting matters (including costing principles and methodologies), with a view to formulating timely contributions of enabling regulatory models and frameworks for universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. Total 62 contributions were received. India submitted five contributions, while Telecom Centre of Excellence of India submitted one contribution.

TEC National Workshop on "one2M: Standards, Global Deployments": Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) organized a National Workshop on "one2M: Standards, Global Deployments and Implementation experiences" through active stakeholder interactions. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri R.S. Singh, DDO (IoT), TEC and special address was given by Shri Alok Shukla, Member (T), DoT. The workshop aims to spread awareness about one2M standards, global deployments, testing & certification and implementation experiences through stakeholders' interactions. The workshop featured key speakers from DoT, Railway, one2M TP, ETSI, C-DOT, TSDSI, C-DAC, IIIT Hyderabad.

India Space Policy Conference (ISPC-2026): IAFI, in partnership with Forum Global, successfully organised the 3rd India Space Policy Conference (ISPC-26) on 22-23 July 2026 in New Delhi. The conference brought together senior policymakers, regulators, satellite operators and industry leaders to discuss a comprehensive vision of India's space and satellite communications ecosystem. Key discussions focused on spectrum policy, licensing, satellite-terrestrial convergence, space sustainability, Direct-to-Device (D2D) services and the integration of satellite with 5G and the future evolution towards 6G. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, delivered the opening remarks, while TRAI Chairman Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti presented the keynote address. The conference reaffirmed India's growing position as a global hub for satellite communications and space innovation. The event was addressed by distinguished galaxy of speakers, including Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti, Member (Services), Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), DoT; Mr. Dilip Kumar, Director, FCC Space Bureau; Mr. Cristian Gomez, Vice President, Government & Regulatory (Asia Pacific), Viasat; and Mr. Chris Hoffer, Head of International Spectrum Management and Strategy at Amazon.

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TRAI released Telecom Subscription Data ending June, 2026: As per the TRAI, total Wireless Subscribers have reached 1300.25 million. Wired-line subscribers 47.82 million and total subscribers 1348.08 million. Broadband subscribers without M2M cellular mobile reached to 953.79 million. Wireline broadband – 47.71 million and total Broadband subscribers reached 1001.50 million. By adding Broadband subscribers of 5G Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, Radio/BBR, Satellite, etc. Broadband reached to 304.65 Gbps – total Broadband Subscription has reached 1087.50 million. Total FWA connections including 5G+UBR have been reached to 18.36 million and now more number of FWA connections are working in rural area than urban area. Total M2M cellular mobile connections have reached 134.73 million.

TRAI Open House Discussion on V2X: TRAI organised a virtual Open House Discussion on 23 July 2026 as part of its consultation on the regulatory framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communications. Around 150 participants from telecom operators, vehicle manufacturers, standards bodies, research organisations and government agencies participated. Discussions covered spectrum requirements, technology standards, safety certification and cybersecurity for connected vehicles. IAFI submitted comprehensive comments on the consultation paper and actively contributed to the deliberations.

APG27-3 Meeting in Sapporo: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3) was held in Sapporo, Japan from 27-31 July 2026. The meeting focused on developing common Asia-Pacific positions on key WRC-27 agenda items. Over 500 physical participants attended the meeting, while total number of participants were more than 900. India sent a strong 30-member delegation with 15 delegates attending in person including Dr. Mannepal Ravathi, Mr. Munir Khan, Mr. Sunil Bhatia, Mr. Dilip Kumar, Director, FCC Space Bureau, Mr. Cristian Gomez, Vice President, Government & Regulatory (Asia Pacific), Viasat, and Mr. Chris Hoffer, Head of International Spectrum Management and Strategy at Amazon.

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IAFI Contribution to one2M Golden Bands: IAFI, together with the Bharat 6G Alliance, submitted an information paper to APG27-3 on the proposed 6G Golden Band (6 425-8 400 MHz). The contribution highlights India's vision for 6G, encourages regional collaboration within APT, and promotes harmonised spectrum planning to support future 6G deployment. The paper was intended to stimulate early technical and regulatory discussions without prejudging future ITU-R or national spectrum decisions.

TRAI Open House on Public Wi-Fi: TRAI held an Open House Discussion on 29 July 2026 on the 'Proliferation of Public Wi-Fi Networks in India'. Following extensive stakeholder submissions, the discussion examined measures to accelerate deployment of public Wi-Fi while improving affordability, accessibility and service quality. IAFI had submitted detailed comments and actively participated in the consultation.

WSIS Forum 2026: The WSIS Forum 2026 (6-10 July, Geneva) was the first global WSIS gathering following the 2015 WSIS+10 UNGA review. Discussions focused on digital inclusion, digital governance, and digital government. IAFI President Bharat Bhatia participated in a high-level session alongside ITU, TRAI, NCA and international experts. India also secured a WSIS Prize 2026 for DoT's 'Samridh Gram' initiative, recognising BharatNet-enabled digital services for rural communities.

WNG-3 Meeting: IAFI participated in the National Working Group-3 meeting at DoT on 8 July. Members reviewed work related to ITU-T Study Group 3, including a draft paper on satellite service tariff principles. The Chair recommended further refinement before advancing the document.

IAFI at ITU-R WP4A/WP4C: IAFI President, Shri Bharat Bhatia and IAFI corporate member Dr. Sendil Kumar Devar participated in the ITU-R WP4A and WP4C meetings (6-10 July, Geneva) as delegates representing the Indian delegation. The main focus of the meeting was to further develop the draft CPM text for WRC-27 Agenda Items 1.5 (unauthorised NGSO earth stations) and 1.13 (Direct-to-Device satellite connectivity). Both groups made significant progress and will continue work at their October 2026 meetings.



BSNL Launches Satellite Phone Service: BSNL has introduced the Inmarsat IsatPhone 2 satellite phone at ₹1,34,166 (inclusive of taxes). The service targets defence, disaster response, maritime and remote-area users. Operation requires DoT authorisation and approved satellite service subscriptions.

DoT Wins WSIS Prize 2026: The Department of Telecommunications received the WSIS Prize 2026 under Action Line C6 for the 'Samridh Gram' project. The award recognises India's use of BharatNet to deliver integrated digital services, including healthcare, education and agriculture, to rural communities.

IAFI President presents India 6G Vision at South Asian University: Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, ITU-APT Foundation of India, delivered a presentation on India 6G Vision during the International Symposium on '6G and Beyond Ecosystem' organised by South Asian University and Sharda University in partnership with IAFI on 3 July 2026. The presentation outlined India's roadmap towards 6G, emerging technologies, spectrum requirements, global standardisation activities and opportunities for international collaboration. The symposium brought together distinguished leaders from academia, government and industry, including representatives from the Bharat 6G Alliance, NITI, Tech Mahindra and IIT Delhi. The event highlighted IAFI's continuing role in promoting dialogue between policymakers, industry and academia on future digital networks.

TRAI Holds Open House Discussion on Satellite Communication Network Framework: IAFI participated in the TRAI Open House Discussion held on 2 July 2026 on the proposed Framework for Satellite Communication Network (SCN) Authorisation and Assignment of Spectrum. The consultation follows the Telecommunications Act, 2023, under which DoT has proposed a dedicated network authorisation for satellite infrastructure with administrative spectrum assignment for eligible services. The five-hour virtual meeting, chaired by the TRAI Chairman and attended by over 100 stakeholders, witnessed detailed discussions on the proposed regulatory architecture. Most satellite operators and several telecom companies supported the creation of a separate infrastructure layer, while a few stakeholders expressed reservations. IAFI highlighted the need for a simple, technology-neutral and investment-friendly framework that facilitates rapid deployment of satellite networks, promotes competition and supports India's Digital India objectives.

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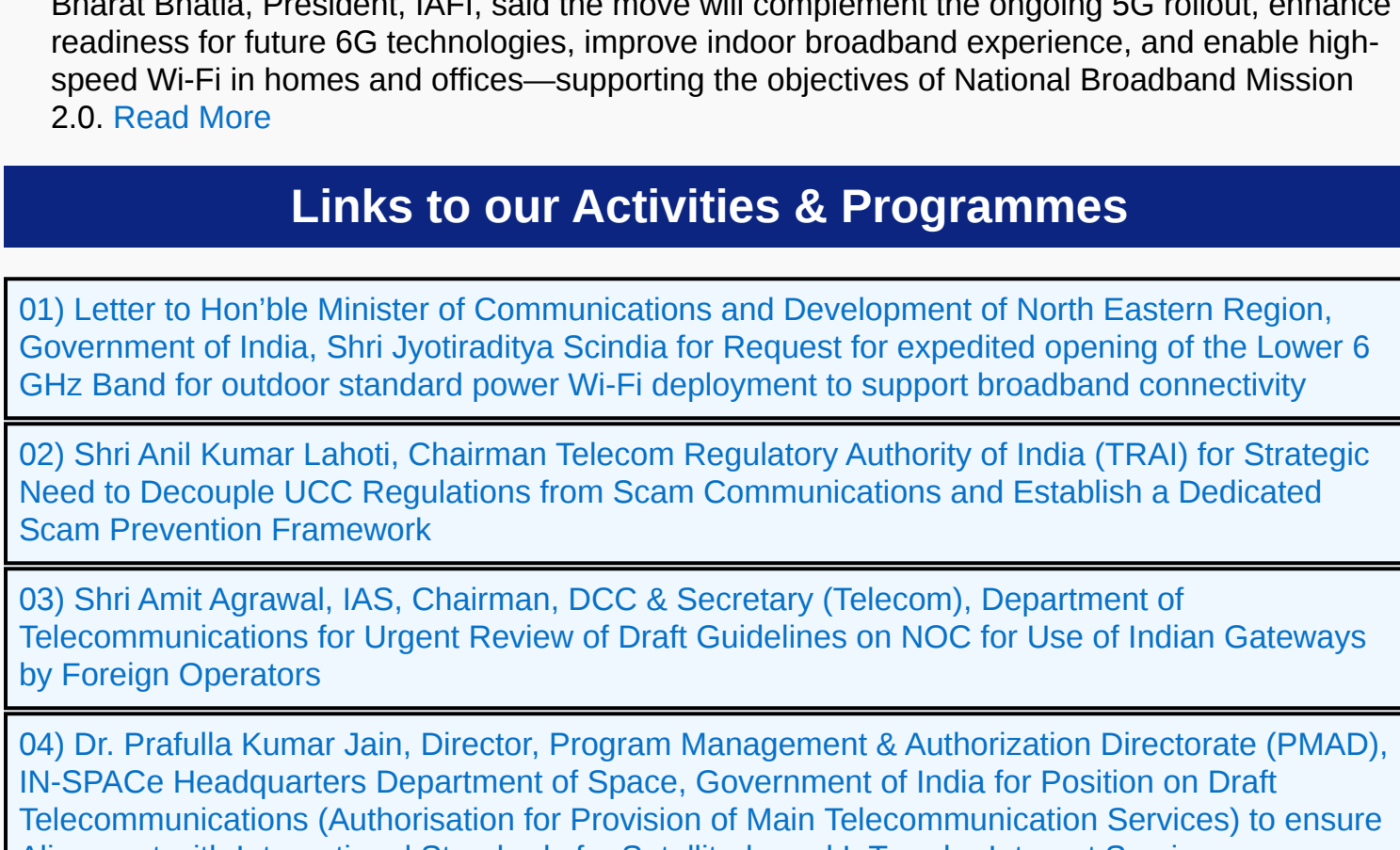
India's Telecom Sector Crosses ₹ 4 Lakh Crore Revenue: According to TRAI's latest Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicators, the telecom sector recorded gross revenue exceeding ₹ 4 lakh crore during FY 2025-26, reflecting the industry's continued expansion. Access services accounted for nearly 84 percent of total revenue, while urban teladensity exceeded 151.47 percent and rural teladensity crossed 60 percent. Broadband subscriptions also exceeded 1.06 billion, underlining India's growing digital adoption. The figures demonstrate the sustained contribution of telecommunications to the national economy and reinforce the importance of continued investment in broadband infrastructure, spectrum availability and next-generation technologies such as 5G, satellite communications and the future transition towards 6G.

New India-Southeast Asia Submarine Cable Announced: NEC Corporation, together with Lightstorm, Microsoft, Singtel and Tata Communications, has announced the 3,600-km India-Southeast Asia (I-2SEA) submarine cable connecting India, Malaysia and Singapore. With landing stations at Madhapuram and South Chennai, the new system will directly connect major AI, cloud and hyperscale data centre hubs across the region. Scheduled to enter service in 2029, the cable will significantly improve international bandwidth, route diversity and network resilience while supporting the rapidly growing demand for cloud computing, artificial intelligence and digital services. The project further strengthens India's position as a strategic regional digital connectivity hub.

Month's other Highlights: IAFI participated in the first National Working Party-6 meeting and presented a proposal on the use of IoT-enabled terrestrial broadcasting systems for disaster warning in rural, remote and hilly areas. India is expected to submit the proposal to the upcoming ITU-R WP5A meeting.

IAFI submitted detailed comments and recommendations to DoT on the draft Telecommunications (Spectrum Assignment) by Administrative Procedures (Regulations, 2026, following consultations with industry experts and members of the public. IAFI highlighted the need for a simple, technology-neutral and investment-friendly framework that facilitates rapid deployment of satellite networks, promotes competition and supports India's Digital India objectives.

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



1. The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI), in collaboration with the Bharat 6G Alliance, presented a landmark proposal for a harmonised Asia-Pacific 6G spectrum roadmap at APG27-3 in Sapporo, Japan. The proposal introduced the concept of the 6425-8400 MHz '6G Golden Band', which was noted by representatives from 33 Asia-Pacific administrations, marking a significant milestone towards regional spectrum harmonisation. The initiative reinforces India's leadership in shaping the global 6G spectrum agenda. [Read More](#)

2. The 3rd India Space Policy Conference (ISPC-2026) concluded successfully on 22-23 July 2026 at The Imperial, New Delhi, bringing together policymakers, regulators, satellite operators, industry leaders, and global experts to discuss the future of India's space ecosystem. The conference highlighted the need for a transparent, technology-neutral regulatory framework, efficient spectrum management, and stronger public-private collaboration to accelerate innovation and position India as a global [Read More](#)

3. IAFI and Forum Global successfully concluded the India Space Policy Conference 2026, bringing together policymakers, regulators, satellite operators, and industry leaders. Discussions focused on space policy, regulation, spectrum management, and India's expanding satellite communications ecosystem. The conference provided a valuable platform to address opportunities and challenges, emphasizing the need for clear policy, investment certainty, and collaboration to drive innovation. [Read More](#)

4. At the India Space Policy Conference (ISPC) 2026, organised by the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) in partnership with Forum Global, 16-year-old aerospace innovator and India's Young Missile Maker, Pradhar Vishwakarma, was honoured for his exceptional achievements. His recognition celebrated the spirit of innovation and inspired young minds to contribute to India's growing space and aerospace ecosystem. The event highlighted IAFI's commitment to encouraging young talent and fostering [Read More](#)

5. The IAFI 6 GHz Wi-Fi Conference 2026, held on 24 June 2026 in New Delhi, brought together policymakers, industry leaders, and global experts to discuss the future of 6 GHz Wi-Fi in India. Under the theme 'Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz Wi-Fi in India: Policy, Power & Possibilities', the conference focused on spectrum policy, standard-power Wi-Fi, innovation, and next-generation connectivity to support India's digital transformation journey. [Read More](#)

6. The IAFI 6 GHz Wi-Fi Conference 2026, scheduled for 24 June at Le Méridien, New Delhi, will bring together policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders to discuss the future of the 6 GHz spectrum in India. The conference will focus on key areas including standard-power Wi-Fi, AFC implementation, coexistence frameworks, and next-generation wireless connectivity. As highlighted by Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI, the 6 GHz band presents a significant opportunity to expand affordable, high-performance [Read More](#)

7. India's rising influence in global telecom standardisation was highlighted at the 36th Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Wireless Group (AWG-36) meeting held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam (April 6-10, 2026), where the country secured key leadership roles. Bharat Bhatia, President of the ITU-APT Foundation of India, was appointed Special Adviser to AWG (Equivalent to Vice Chair), while Dr. Punit Rastogi, Member of the ITU-APT Foundation of India and Lead – Technical Standards at Qualcomm, [Read More](#)

8. The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has recently updated the Department of Telecommunications to speed up in-principle approvals for NGSO (Non-Geostationary Orbit) satellite services, highlighting that delays—sometimes over a year—are slowing deployment and affecting India's competitiveness in satellite broadband. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, emphasized that the regulatory framework for satellite broadband in India is strong; however, delays in principal clearances are holding back progress. [Read More](#)

9. The ITU-APT Foundation of India organized its third workshop on preparatory studies for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 on March 17, 2026, at Le Méridien New Delhi. The workshop convened around 100 participants from government, industry, academia, and international organizations to deliberate on spectrum and satellite agenda items and prepare future global radiocommunication policies. Addressing the session, Rupra Narayan Palai, Member (Technology), Department of Telecommunications, [Read More](#)

10. The ITU-APT Foundation of India hosted a high-level workshop in New Delhi on March 17, 2026, bringing together over 100 experts from government, industry, legal, and technology sectors to address the growing threat of cyber threats and digital arrests. Delivering the keynote address, Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI, highlighted the alarming rise in scam calls and so-called "digital arrests," where fraudsters impersonate law enforcement agencies using advanced tools like voice cloning and deepfakes. [Read More](#)

11. The ITU-APT Foundation of India welcomed the 24 Feb 2026 spectrum auction recommendations issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India for 4G and 5G services. Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI, said the proposals signal a major shift from treating spectrum as short-term revenue to recognizing it as a foundation for India's long-term digital growth. [Read More](#)

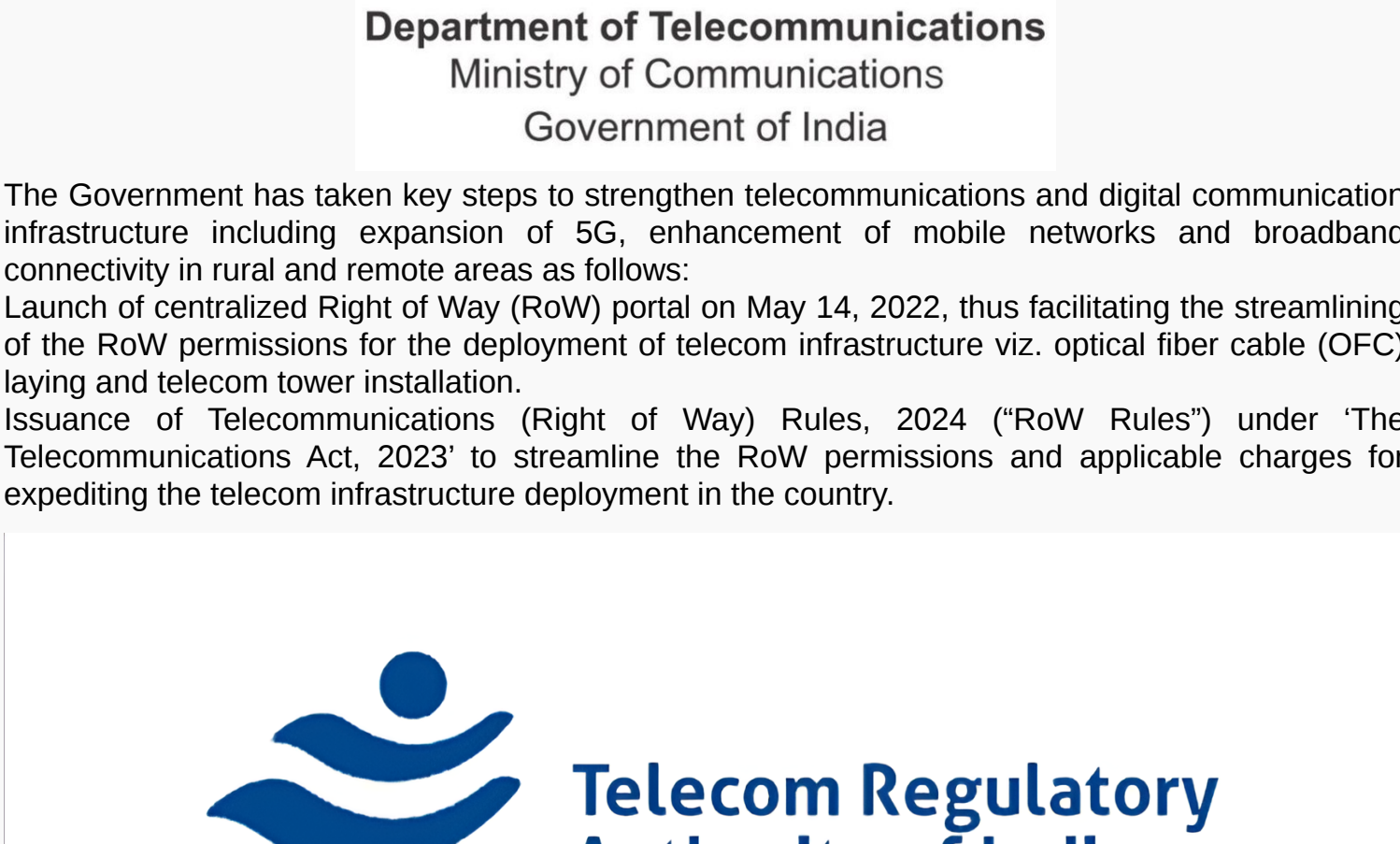
12. IAFI has welcomed the Government of India's decision to delicense the lower 6 GHz band for Wi-Fi use, calling it a significant policy step to strengthen India's digital connectivity ecosystem. Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI, said the move, from the broadcast industry, is a landmark readiness for 6G technologies, improve indoor broadband experience, and enable high-speed Wi-Fi in homes and offices—supporting the objectives of National Broadband Mission 2.0. [Read More](#)

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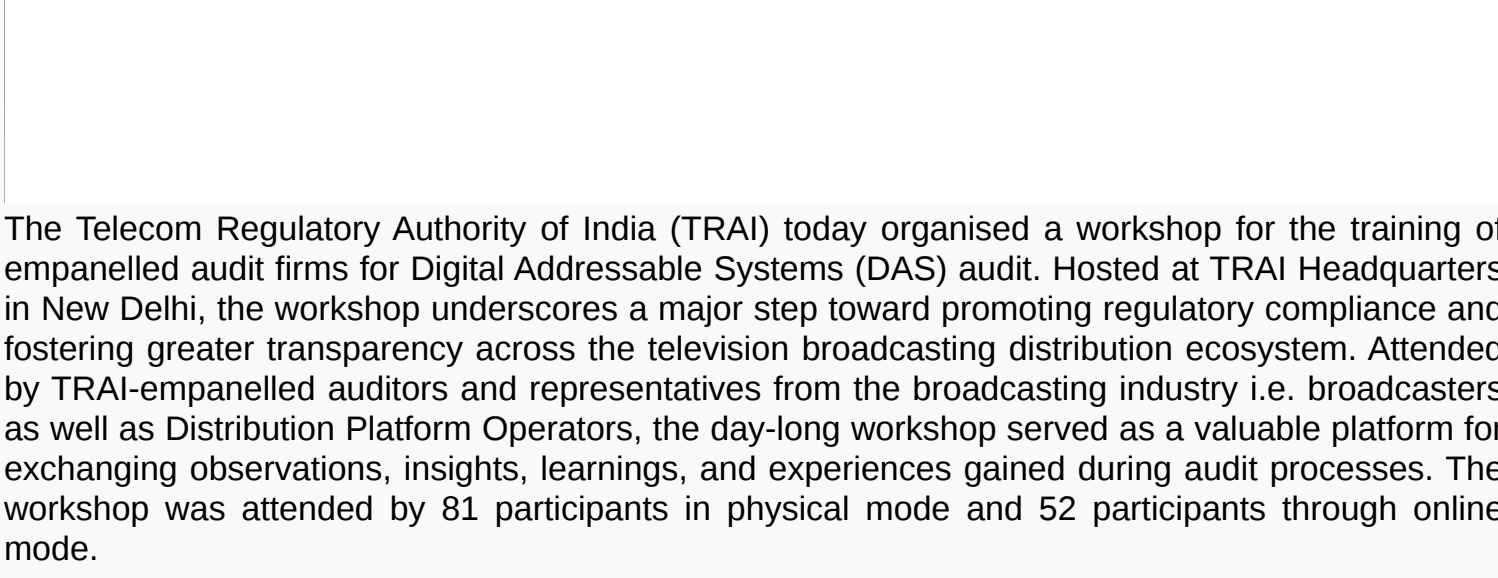
01) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia for Request for expedited opening of the Lower 6 GHz Band for outdoor standard power Wi-Fi deployment to support broadband connectivity
02) Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for Strategic Need to Decouple UCC Regulations from Scam Communications and Establish a Dedicated Scam Prevention Framework
03) Shri Amit Agrawal, IAS, Chairman, DCC & Secretary (Telecom), Department of Telecommunications for Urgent Review of Draft Guidelines on NCC for Use of Indian Gateways by Foreign Operators
04) Shri Pratiksha Kumar Jain, Director, Program Management & Authorization Directorate (PMAD), IN-SPACE Headquarters Department of Space, Government of India for Position on Draft Telecommunications (Authorisation for Provision of Main Telecommunication Services) to ensure Alignment with International Standards for Satellite-based IoT under Internet Service Authorisation
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07) Shri Amit Agrawal, IAS, Chairman (DCC) and Secretary (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India for Request for streamlining SACFA Clearance Procedures
08) Shri Amit Agrawal, IAS, Chairman (DCC) and Secretary (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India for Request for GST Rate Rationalization on Submarine Cable Repair & Maintenance Services within India's Territorial Waters (ITW) and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)
09) Shri Amit Agrawal, IAS, Chairman (DCC) and Secretary (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India for Request for Expedited Implementation of TRAI Recommendations regarding Assignment and Pricing of Microwave Backhaul Spectrum.
10) Dr. Devraj Tyagi, CG-1, IT & Telecom Division, NITI Aayog, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110001, for IAFI Submits Comments to NITI Aayog on Jan Vishwas Siddhant Draft
11) The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, Government of India, New Delhi for Urgent Appeal to Expedite Delicensing of the Lower 6 GHz Band to Secure India's AI Leadership and Digital Future.
12) Letter to Hon'ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia for Prompt delicensing of the 5925-6425 MHz Band for immediate Indoor Wi-Fi use and support innovation and "Make in India".

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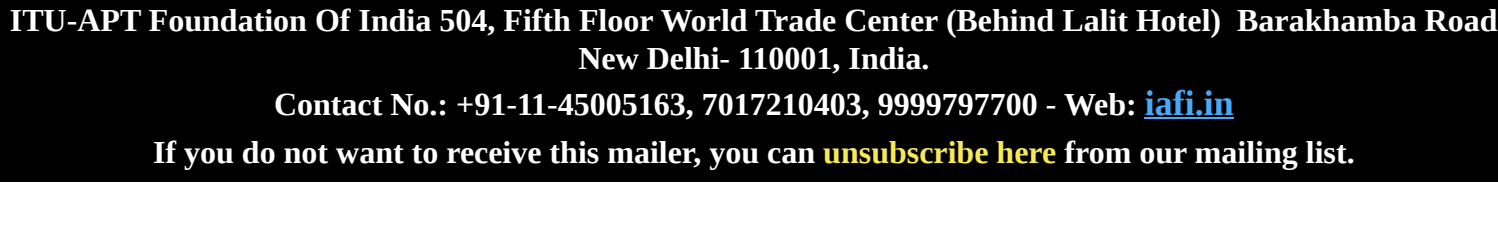
ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is a non-profit, non-political, non-partisan industry foundation registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1960. IAFI has been working for the last 22 years with the prime objective of encouraging the involvement of professional, academic, public/private sector industries, R&D organizations, academic institutions, and such other agencies engaged in the development of the Indian Telecom sector. IAFI currently has 29 corporate members and 150 individual members, bringing our total membership to 179. The IAFI also emphasizes 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 compulsory 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-R, ITU-T, and APT activities. The individual Membership Fee of IAFI has been revised to the previous fee that was applicable since the beginning. Please click [Membership Details](#)



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Activities in our focus areas during October to December 2025



The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has launched a new global initiative to help developing and emerging economies harness the transformative potential of artificial intelligence (AI). The AI for Good Lab initiative, announced on 8 July at ITU's annual AI for Good Global Summit, focuses on building skills, infrastructure, and policy foundations required for long-term AI success. Building on AI for Good Sandbox initiatives with Cameroon, India, Mozambique, Nepal, Peru, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as the African Telecommunications Union, this new initiative aims to bring together an ecosystem approach to scale local projects. The AI for Good Lab aims to help developing countries accelerate locally relevant AI solutions based on international standards. Countries can build datasets based on local contexts, a vital asset in training AI models for priority sectors such as health, agriculture, education and mobility. In-country projects will also develop local compute infrastructure and share locally adapted, open-source AI models that governments, the private sector, start-ups and academia can reuse at low cost.

Every year on 1 July, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) commemorates APT Day, marking the anniversary of the incorporation of the APT Secretariat's operations on 1 July 1979, following the establishment of its office at the General Post Office Headquarters on Chancery King Road in Bangkok. Since its establishment, the APT has continued to serve as a platform for collaboration among its members and partners, fostering innovation, capacity building, policy dialogue, and the harmonious development and use of ICT for the benefit of the region. As the APT commemorates this milestone, the Secretariat reaffirms its commitment to working closely with Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, and partners to further advance the shared objectives of the Asia-Pacific region.

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The Government has taken key steps to strengthen telecommunications and digital communication infrastructure including expansion of 5G, enhancement of mobile networks and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas as follows:

Launch of centralized digital India portal on May 14, 2022, thus facilitating the streamlining of the RoW permissions for the deployment of telecom infrastructure viz. optical fiber cable (OFC) laying and telecom tower installation.

Issuance of Telecom Infrastructures (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 ("RoW Rules") under The Telecommunications Act, 2022 to streamline the RoW permissions and applicable charges for expediting the telecom infrastructures deployment in the country.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today organised a workshop at TRAI Headquarters in New Delhi, the workshop underscores a major step toward promoting regulatory compliance and fostering greater transparency across the television broadcasting distribution ecosystem. Attended by TRAI-empowered auditors and representatives from the broadcasting industry, the broadcasters as well as Distribution Platform Operators, the day-long workshop served as a valuable platform for exchanging observations, insights, learnings, and experiences gained during audit processes. The workshop was attended by 81 participants in physical mode and 52 participants through online mode.

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