

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Highlights of the week:

43rd Working Party 5D: 43rd 5D which is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of IMT (4G, 5G and 6G) began on the 31st of Jan and concluded on 9th February. 4 contributions have been submitted by IAFI on IMT multimedia, IMT Applications and FSS band frequency, IMT Vision 2030. Many IAFI members have been registered as delegates for the meetings and are actively participating in these meetings. All 4 contributions of IAFI have been successfully presented and accepted.



IAFI meeting with ITU deputy Secretary General: Mr. Bharat Bhatia (President, IAFI) met with ITU Deputy Secretary General and discussed for our regular contributions in almost every meeting of ITU Groups and discussed collaboration on industrial 5G, sustainable development, CTUC, enhanced participation of the Industry in ITU activities through fellowships to attend ITU meetings, etc.



NWG-3 Meeting: The fifth meeting of the National Working Group 3, corresponding to the ITU-T Study Group (SG3) reconstituted for the study period 2022-24 took place last Friday, the meeting was chaired by Sh. S.K. Mishra, Chairman NWG-3, Vice-chair ITU-T SG3, and Advisor (Finance) DoT. IAFI has proposed the submission of document titled Creation of Focus Group on costing models for affordable data services.



TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Telecommunication infrastructure sharing, spectrum sharing and spectrum leasing	03 rd March 2023	Under Development	-
Enabling Convergence of Carriage of Broadcasting and Telecommunication services	27 th February 2023	Under Development	-

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

Meeting Groups	Meeting Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Preparatory Meetings
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	-
ITU-T: SG17- Security	21 st February - 03 rd March 2023	-	
APT: 1st Meeting of the Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for 2024 – 2026 (CGSP-1)	1 st March – 2 nd March	-	
ITU-T: SG3 - Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues	1 st March – 10 th March	-	
APT: Training course on Preparing for International Conferences 2023 (TCPIC-2023)	7 th March – 10 th March 2023	-	-
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	20 th March – 24 th March 2023	-	-
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 th March to 6 th April 2023	30 th March 2023	-
APT: 35th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-35)	17 th April – 20 th April 2023	-	-
ITU-T: SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	17 th April – 28 th April 2023	-	-
ITU-R: Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT)	18 th April 2023	-	-
APT: 1st Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WSA 24 (APT WSA24-1)	21 st April 2023	-	-

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Telecom Stories:

The Centre is likely to invite a “second round” of applications for semiconductor chip manufacturing in the country under the \$10 billion incentive package. The second round of applications is expected to open as early as mid-March. Last year, India had accepted five proposals for the scheme with the application window having closed in February 2022.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have formed a joint committee to look into ways to safely deploy next generation (5G) telecom towers across India's 137 airports. The deployment of fifth generation (5G) networks alongside airports has become a contentious issue between the two government departments who are in a deadlock since last year.

The Union Minister of State and Information Technology dispelled rumours about how social media networks operate in India. The centre, according to Rajeev Chandrashekar, has no plans to regulate social media intermediaries. The IT rules 2021, according to the Union Minister in a written response to the Lok Sabha, define specific obligations in the intermediaries nor does it impose any restrictions on users' freedom of expression.

