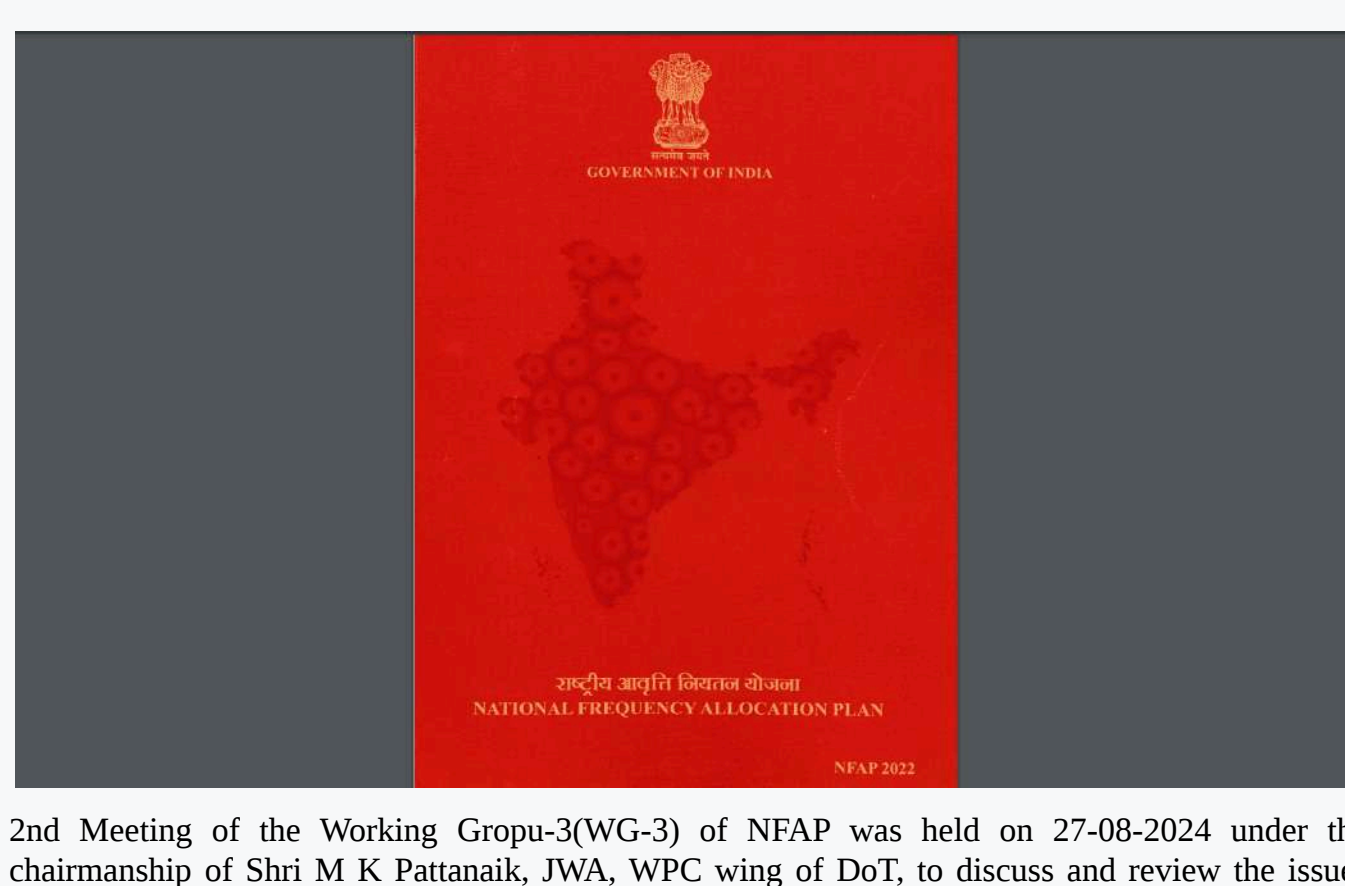


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IAFI News

Meeting of the Working Group-3 of NFAP

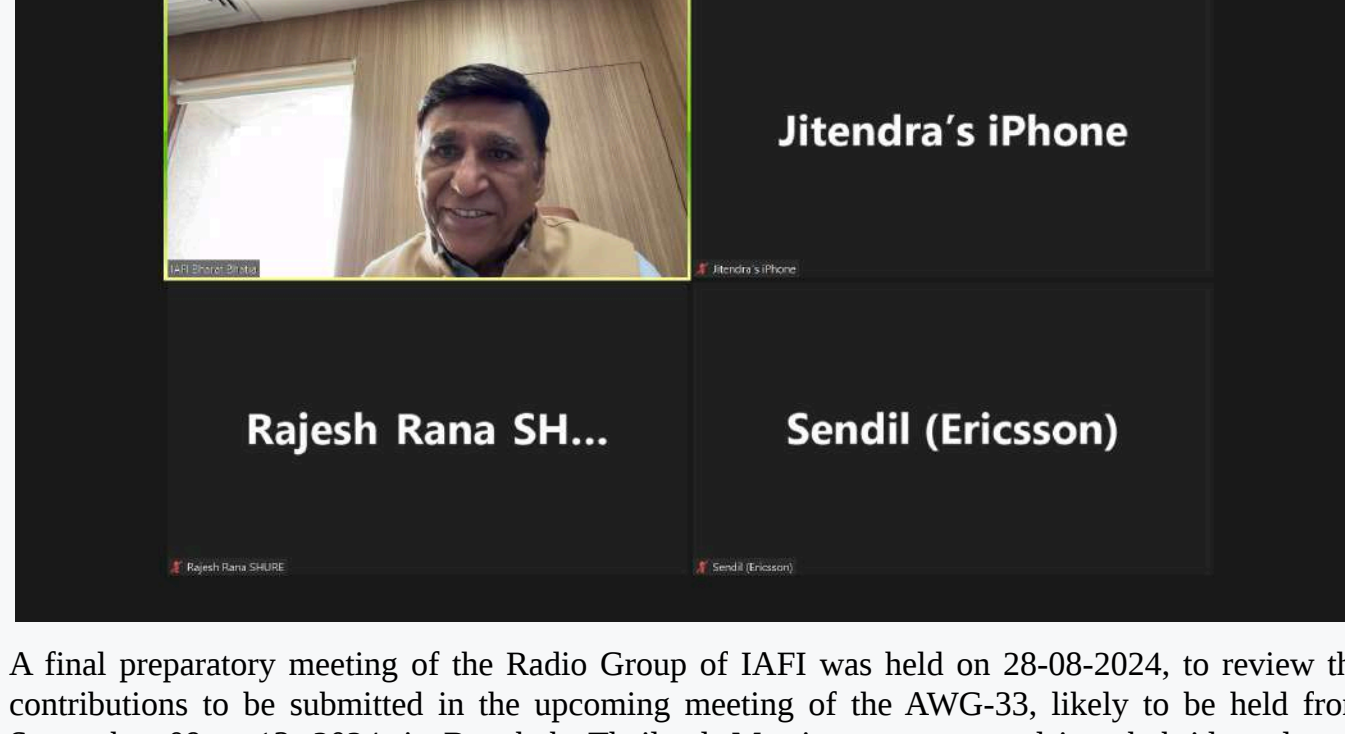


2nd Meeting of the Working Group-3(WG-3) of NFAP was held on 27-08-2024 under the chairmanship of Shri M K Pattanaik, JWA, WPC wing of DoT, to discuss and review the issues between the frequency range 17.5 -31.0 GHz, to review of International Footnotes from 5.514 to 5.542 and relevant India Footnotes IND- 16,17,31,32 and 33. Three contributions were presented and discussed in the meeting.

- Contribution for updating National Frequency Allocation Table-2022 – Proposed changes in the India Footnote IND-17.
- IAFI suggested suitable new remarks to be added in the NFAP –“The Frequency bands 18.1-18.6 GHz, 18.8-20.2 GHz and 27.5-30 GHz may be used for inter-satellite links in accordance with numbers 5.521A and 5.523DA of the Radio Regulations”.
- IAFI proposes to the Review Committee for NFAP 2022, to revised text for simplification of remark IND16 - “The frequency bands 612-960, 1427-1518 MHz, 1710-2200 MHz, 2300- 2450 MHz, 2500-2690 MHz, 3300-3670 MHz, 24.25-27.5 GHz, 37-43.5 GHz, 47.2-48.2 GHz, 66-71 GHz or parts thereof, have been identified for implementation of International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT)”.

All above contributions were discussed in the meeting and Chair suggested some changes to be incorporated in the documents and to be re-submitted before the next meeting.

Radio Group preparatory meeting for the upcoming AWG-33



A final preparatory meeting of the Radio Group of IAFI was held on 28-08-2024, to review the contributions to be submitted in the upcoming meeting of the AWG-33, likely to be held from September 09 to 13, 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand. Meeting was arranged in a hybrid mode and many IAFI members and industry partners joined the meeting from India and abroad online. IAFI proposes to submit the following six documents in the AWG-33 meeting.

- Working Document towards a draft new report on usage of cooperative vehicle-infrastructure systems
- Proposed further updates to the Working Document towards draft revision of APT report on information of mobile operators' frequencies, technologies and license durations in Asia Pacific countries.
- APT report on the status of implementation of APT 700 band plan in Asia Pacific countries. Proposed further updates to the working document towards a new APT report on WAS/RLAN technology, use cases, spectrum demand and regulatory development.
- Proposed further updates to working document towards a draft new APT report on Terahertz (THz) fixed wireless systems operating in the frequency above 450 GHz.
- Proposed further updates to the working document towards a draft new APT report on deployment approaches and solutions for IMT-2020/5G use case.
- Reply of the questionnaire supplied with the document No. AWG-32/Out-19 during AWG-32. The deadline for submitting contributions to the upcoming AWG-33 is September 2, 2024.

Meeting the Focus Group on Costing Model for Affordable Data Service



Third meeting ITU-T Focus Group on costing models for affordable data services (FG-CD) was held on 29-08-2024 from 1400 to 1600 Hrs CEST, in a virtual mode. Meeting was chaired by Shri S.K.Mishra. The mandate of FG-CD is to analyse the supply-chain of telecom/ICT, the multiple cost models and pricing strategies used for mobile data services and Internet services and study the policy, economic, regulatory and standardization aspects related to cost models for affordable data services, including best practices of cost assessment methodologies and economic models. FG-CD consists of two working groups - WG-1 & 2. Chairs of both the working groups submitted their report regarding the activities performed after the last meeting. WG-1's chair requested that IAFI revise the questionnaire submitted with their previous contribution in a simpler yes/no format, instead of detailed explanatory answers. This would make it easier for members to respond. IAFI agreed to submit the revised questionnaire before the next meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for November 2024 in virtual mode.

IAFI's 21st Annual General Meeting



The 21 st Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) was held on Thursday, 30 th August 2024 at CSOI KG Marg. Total 28 members including Chairman and President, IAFI attended the meeting. Following the Chairman's message, the President presented the Annual Report highlighting the Society's achievements. It was informed in the meeting that corporate membership of IAFI has increased to 27 corporate members (up from 22) and many new individual members also joined. Members were briefed about the participation of IAFI in ITU-R mega event WRC-23 at Dubai/ many ITU/APT meetings and other International events. President also briefed regarding the all major events organized by IAFI last year in India. Treasurer, IAFI presented the Financial Statement of accounts of the society for the year 2023-24 and members were briefed about the improved financial health of IAFI in last four years, demonstrating a positive financial trend. Proposal for appointing auditors was presented by the treasurer and approved in the meeting. Lastly, election of the office bearer for the period 2024-26 was considered and the following were declared elected:

S. No	Post	Nomination Received	Election Result
Governing Body			
1.	Chairman (1)	Tilak Raj Dua	Declared Elected
2.	Co-Chairman (1)	SP Purwar	Declared Elected
3.	Vice Chairman (1)	Jitendra Singh	Declared Elected
4.	Vice Chairman (2)	Prof. NK Goyal	Declared Elected
5.	Vice Chairman (3)	PK Garg	Declared Elected
All members of the Executive Committee, all corporate members, all individual members, all affiliate members and all honorary members			
Executive Committee			
1.	President (1)	Bharat Bhatia	Declared Elected
2.	Secretary General (1)	Dr. Satya N Gupta	Declared Elected
3.	Treasurer (1)	Mr. H C Soni	Declared Elected
4.	Vice President (1)	Alka Asthana	Declared Elected
5.	Vice President (2)	Srinivas KS	Declared Elected
6.	Vice President (3)	Rajesh Mehrotra	Declared Elected
7.	Vice President (4)	RK Mishra	Declared Elected
8.	Vice President (5)	RP Agarwal	Declared Elected
9.	Vice President (6)	Utpal Kanti Mandal	Declared Elected
10.	Vice President (7)	Vimal Wakhlu	Declared Elected
11.	Executive Member (1)	Dr. Alok Nath De	Declared Elected
12.	Executive Member (2)	Arif Ullah Khan	Declared Elected
13.	Executive Member (3)	BK Mitra	Declared Elected
14.	Executive Member (4)	Premchand Jain	Declared Elected
15.	Executive Member (5)	Dr. Umesh Kumar Gupta	Declared Elected
16.	Executive Member (6)	Vijay Kumar Gupta	Declared Elected
17.	Executive Member (7)	Vimal Chawla	Declared Elected

Meeting was ended with vote of thanks,

ITU publication regarding latest Radio Regulations-2024



The World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) was held at Dubai from 20 November to 15 December 2023 and took many decisions considered necessary or appropriate, including the review and revision of existing Resolutions and Recommendations and the adoption of various new Resolutions. On 19th Aug. 2024, Secretary General, ITU released the “Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23)”, based the various resolutions and recommendations adopted by the WRC-23. WRC-23 agreed for the partial revision of the 20 Articles, revision of 10 Appendices, deletion of the 32 resolutions, adoption of 43 new resolutions and revision of four recommendations of the Radio Regulations. All above decisions are included in the ITU publication “Final Act of WRC-23” containing 794 pages.

Further ITU has released new Radio Regulations, Edition of 2024, it contains the complete texts of the Radio Regulations adopted by the World Radiocommunication Conference of 1995 (WRC-95) and reviewed by the subsequent World Radiocommunication Conferences: WRC-97 (Geneva, 1997), WRC-2000 (Istanbul, 2000), WRC-03 (Geneva, 2003), WRC-07 (Geneva, 2007), WRC-12 (Geneva, 2012), WRC-15 (Geneva, 2015), WRC-19 (Sharm el-Sheik, 2019) and WRC-23 (Dubai, 2023). Radio Regulations consists of five volumes I to V, as detailed below.

- Volume - I - Radio Regulation Edition -2024 containing 59 Articles.
- Volume - II - Radio Regulation Edition -2024 containing 42 Appendices.
- Volume - III - Radio Regulation Edition -2024 containing 194 Resolutions and 25 Recommendations.
- Volume -IV - Radio Regulation Edition -2024 containing 40 references.

The majority of the provisions of these Regulations shall enter into force as from 1 January 2025; the remaining provisions shall apply as from the special dates of application indicated in Article 59 of the revised Radio Regulations.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
The Framework for Service Authorisations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023	08th Aug 2024	Submitted	File1
Review of the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018	25th Sep 2024	Under Development	-

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Preparatory Meetings
APT: The 33rd Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-33)	09th Sep - 13th Sep 2024	31st Aug 2024	-
ITU-R Working Party 7D - Radio Astronomy	17th Sep - 26th Sep 2024	05th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7B - Space radiocommunication applications	18th Sep - 27th Sep 2024	06th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7C - Remote sensing systems	18th Sep - 27th Sep 2024	06th Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT System	03rd Oct - 11th Oct 2024	22nd Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS	10th Oct - 18th Oct 2024	29nd Sep 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	16th Oct - 22nd Oct 2024	04th Oct 2024	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A)	21st Oct - 31st Oct 2024	09th Oct 2024	-
ITU-R: Study Group 4 (SG 4)	01st Nov 2024	19th Oct 2024	-

Telecom Stories:



Minister for Communication, Jyotiraditya Scindia has backed the recent tariff hikes by private sector players, stating carriers which have invested more than ₹4.26 trillion over the last two financial years and rolled out 5G networks in record speed require some return on capital. "In 21 months, 5G has been rolled out, 450,000 base stations have been set up. Telcos have spent close to ₹4.26 trillion in the last two fiscals. There has to be a return on that," Scindia said in an interview, adding this is the first tariff hike in the telecom sector in three years. Voice tariff that stood at 0.53 paise per minute in 2014 came down to 0.03 paise, before inching up to 0.033 paise now, he said.



The Department of Telecom has proposed to drop the penalty clause on telecom entities for violation of interception norms under the draft rules. The draft Telecommunications (Procedures and Safeguards for Lawful Interception of Messages) Rules, 2024, issued on Wednesday, proposes to exempt demonstrations and testing of interception systems by the central government under new rule. Under the proposed rules, the DoT has removed provisions related to fines and suspension of telecom licences for violation of licence conditions pertaining to maintenance of secrecy, confidentiality of information and unauthorised interception of communications.



After telcos, banks and others highlighted that message delivery may get disrupted on September 1 due to the whitelisting mandate for certain messages, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has extended the deadline by one month. In a directive issued a few weeks ago, the regulator had asked telcos to stop transmitting messages containing URLs, OTT links, APKs (Android application packages) or call-back numbers that are not whitelisted—or registered with telcos—by senders from September 1. But the industry urged the regulator to give some more time for implementing the mandate as they need to update their system, failing which there could be large-scale disruption in delivering service and transactional messages.

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