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Leadership Forum India organized by the Mobile Ecosystem Forum (MEF)



Recognizing India's unprecedented mobile market growth fuelled by affordable devices and widespread data 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 TCCCPR & 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.

For further details - <https://mobileecosystemforum.com/event/mef-leadership-forum-delhi/>

10th Meeting of National Study Group-4 (corresponding to ITU-R SG4)

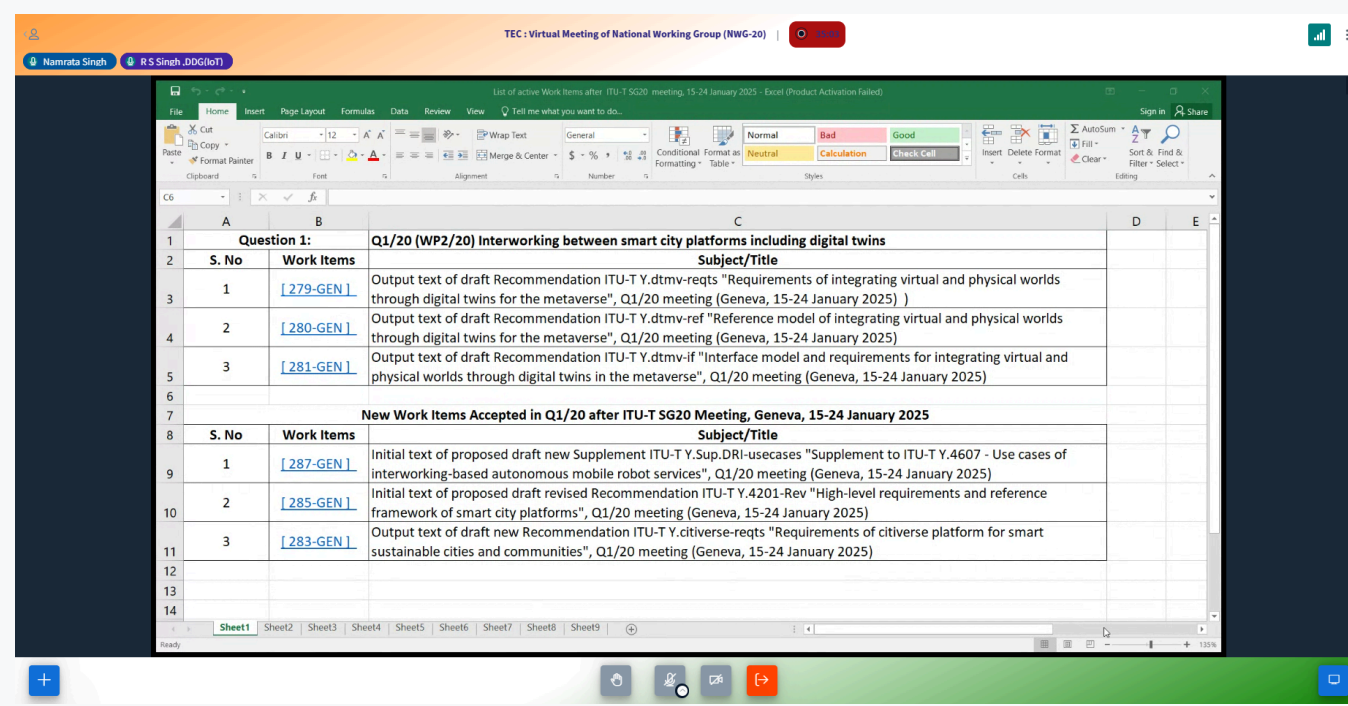


10th meeting of the NSG-4 was held on 16th April, 2025 at spectrum room, Sanchar Bhawan, under the chairmanship of Ms M. Revathi, JWA, DOT, to discuss, finalize and recommend the contributions on Agenda items 1.2 and 1.3 submitted to the NSG-4 by the NWP4A-1, and Agenda Item 1.5 submitted by the NWP4A-2. Following three contributions to be submitted to the 50th meeting of ITU-R Working Party 4A scheduled w.e.f. 5 th to 16 th May, 2025 at Shanghai, China, were discussed in detail.

- i. Draft multi-country proposal on update to Working Document on Agenda item 1.2 of WRC- 27 (GSO aggregate study);
- ii. Draft India contribution on proposal for amendments to draft CPM text on AI 1.3 of WRC-27;
- iii. 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 Intelsat, to update Agenda item 1.2 of WRC-27, was also approved.

Fourth virtual meeting of the NWG-20



The fourth meeting of National Working Group-20 (NWG-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 Shri R.S.Singh, DDG. 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.

- a. Review the priorities and strategies adopted in the Sector;
- b. Provide guidance for the work of the Study Groups.
- c. 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 discuss 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.

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 37th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-37)	24th - 25th April 2025	11th April 2025
ITU-R Working Party 4C (WP 4C) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS	23rd April 02th May 2025	11th April 2025
APT: SATRC Workshop on Policy, Regulation and Services	28th - 30th April 2025	18th April 2025
ITU-R Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	30th April - 05th May 2025	18th April 2025
ITU-R Working Party 4A (WP 4A) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for FSS and BSS	05th - 16th May 2025	24th April 2025
ITU-D TDAG-25	12th - 16th May 2025	30th April 2025
APT: The 2nd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-2)	28th July - 01st Aug 2025	18th July 2025
APT: The 25th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-25)	01st - 03rd July 2025	22nd June 2025
APT: The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-4)	14th - 18th July 2025	04th July 2025
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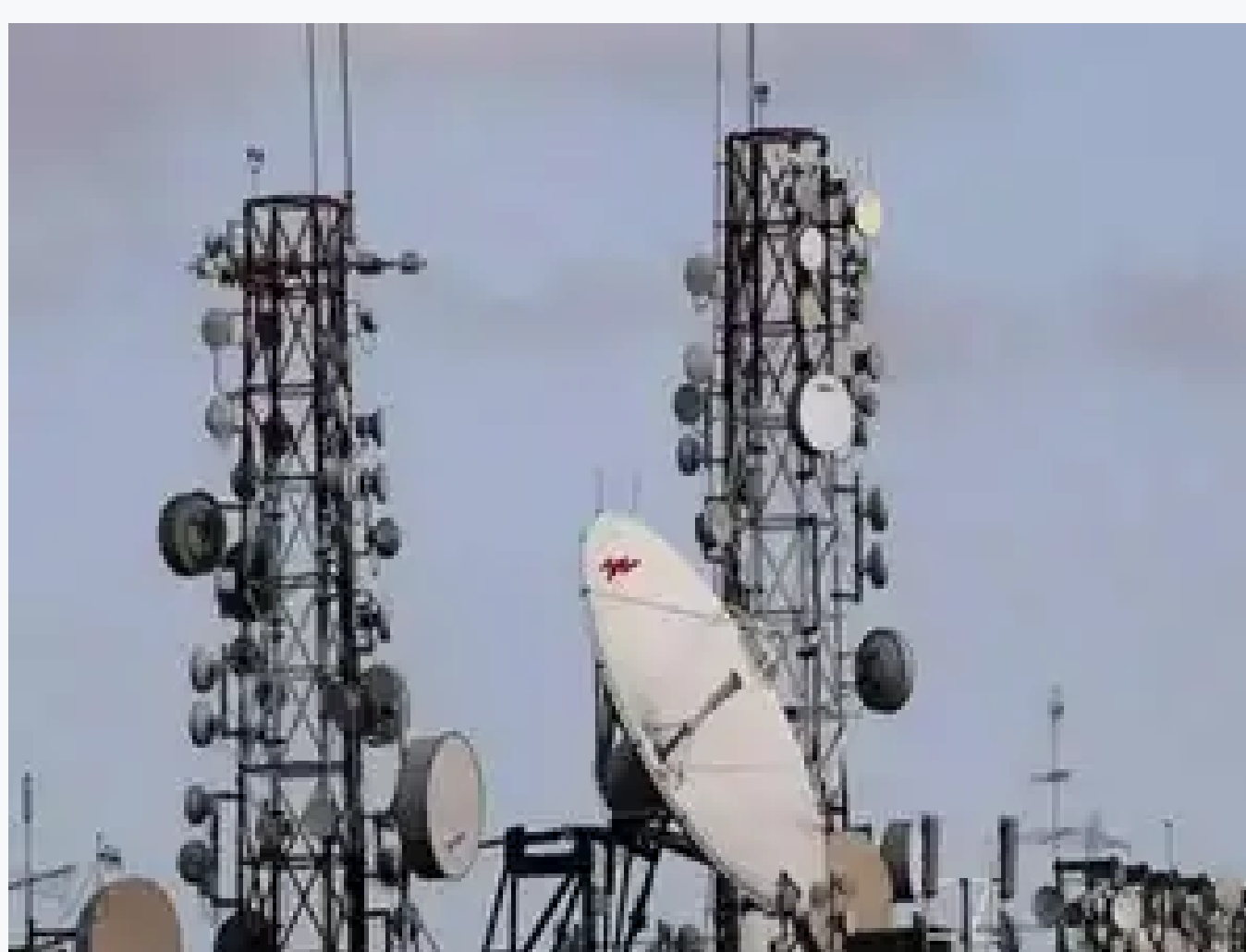
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NEW DELHI: PM Modi on Friday spoke to Elon Musk, the world's richest person with a strong influence on the Trump administration, as they discussed potential for collaboration in areas of technology and innovation. Modi's conversation with Musk comes at a time when Tesla is reportedly poised to enter the Indian market. The development also comes against the backdrop of ongoing negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement between India and the US. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal had also held a meeting with top executives of Musk's Starlink in Delhi on Wednesday to discuss the company's investment plans for India. Modi's conversation with Musk comes at a time when Tesla is reportedly poised to enter the Indian market. The development also comes against the backdrop of ongoing negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement between India and the US.



Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has passed 10,738 crore IndiaAI Mission under its initiative to build indigenous foundation AI models under the Rs 10,738 crore IndiaAI Mission. Under this initiative the government wants to build indigenous foundational AI models—such as large language models (LLMs), small language models (SLMs), and large multimodal models. In an office memorandum, the government said that since opening applications for the submission of models in January, it has received more than 200 proposals. They are currently being screened by an Expert and Approval Committee. Earlier, Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the government will soon be announcing the selected parties who will be working on the models further.



New Delhi: India has sought details from all the telecom operators about Chinese equipment deployed in their networks amid an escalating US-China tariff war. "The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has written recently to all telcos to provide details of Chinese equipment in their networks," a person privy to the details told ET. Multiple sources also said New Delhi wants to keep track of the Chinese.

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