

**ITU-R Working Party-5D Meeting**



Meeting of the 48th Working Party 5D (WP-5D) was held from 4th to 13th February 2025, at ITU Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. It was the 4th meeting of WP-5D new cycle (2024-2027) since WRC-23. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI along with many other IAFI members attended the meeting physically and many other IAFI members attended the meeting virtually. Shri Bhatia served as Chairman of the Working Group (General Aspects) and represented India in various Sub-Working Group (SWG) and Drafting Group (DG) meetings. He also presented a detailed report during the WP-5D plenary session outlining the planned activities for the meeting. Several other IAFI members and office bearers are continuing on key positions in the various SWG/DG of the ITU-R are

1. Shri Jitendra Singh: Chairman of SWG Specific Applications
2. Shri Punit Rathod: Chairman of DG 7 GHz
3. Shri Sendil Kumar Devar: Chair of DG in the Evaluation Group

The WP-5D meeting concluded on 13th February, 2025, considered a substantial workload of 149 input documents. However, due to time constraints, discussion on 31 documents, primarily 27 from the SWG (Spectrum Aspect) on Agenda item 1.7 were deferred to the next meeting, a record number of carry-forward documents. IAFI also submitted seven contributions and all were thoroughly discussed.

**Meeting of NWP4A-1 arranged by WPC**



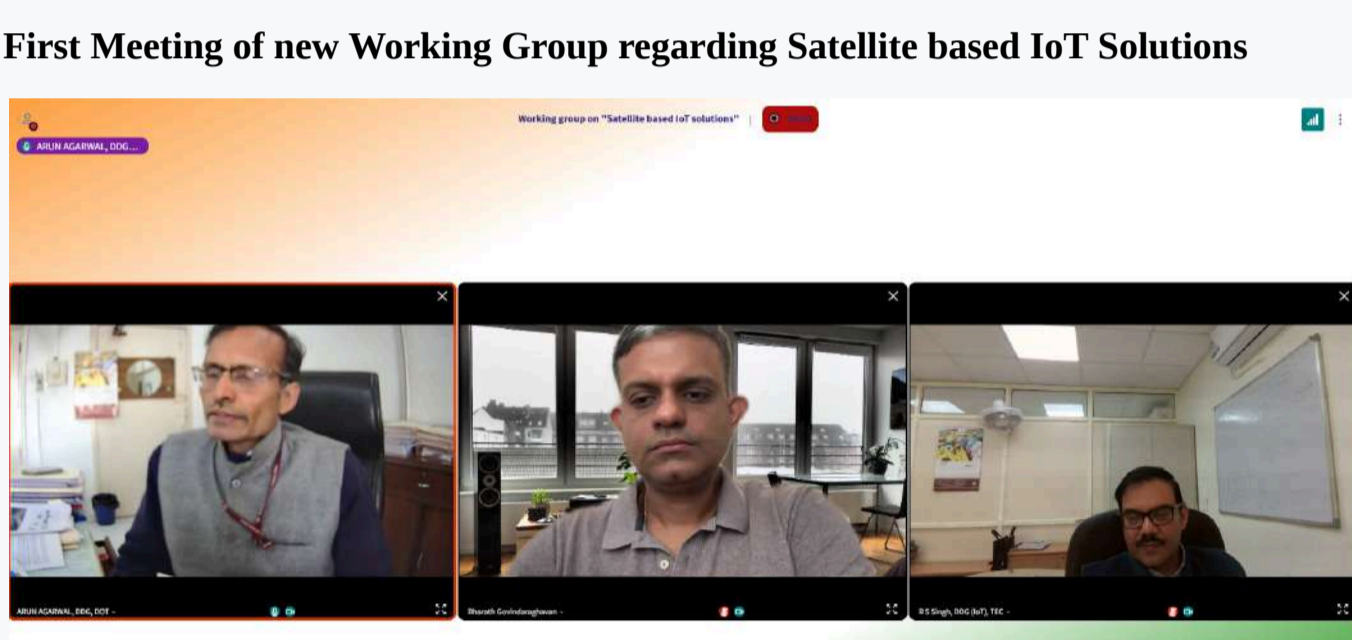
The Coordinator of the National Working Party (NWP) - 4A1 convened the 5th meeting on February 14, 2025, to address issues related to Agenda Items 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated remotely from Geneva, along with numerous other IAFI members, who joined virtually. Contributions from various stakeholders were discussed during the meeting. The meeting provided an update on a contribution from Intelsat (on behalf of Papua New Guinea, PNG) concerning Agenda Item 1.2. This contribution, initially received by the Indian Administration after the 4th NWP-4A1 meeting on September 20, 2024, was discussed in both the 4th and 5th NSG-4 meetings. Following revisions proposed by NSG-4, the contribution was resubmitted to WP-4A as a multi-country proposal involving PNG, India, Thailand, and Singapore. WP-4A subsequently accepted this proposal as document 4A/289. Shri Bhatia informed the attendees that IAFI will be submitting a new contribution on agenda 1.2 for the next 4A1 meeting.

**Meeting of NWP4A-2 arranged by WPC**



The Coordinator of the National Working Party (NWP) - 4A2 convened the 5th meeting on February 14, 2025, to address issues related to Agenda Items 1.5, 1.6 and 7. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated remotely from Geneva. The meeting considered a contribution on Agenda item 1.5 submitted by IAFI and agreed with the draft in principle with some changes. The meeting also noted that IAFI will submit an updated draft along with the attachment for consideration at the next 4A2 meeting in first week of March.

**First Meeting of new Working Group regarding Satellite based IoT Solutions**



The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) has established a new Working Group focused on "Satellite-based IoT Solutions," operating under the DDG (IoT), TEC New Delhi. The group held its inaugural virtual meeting on February 13, 2025, with active participation from IAFI members.

The Working Group's Terms of Reference (ToR) encompass the following key objectives:

1. Examining IoT/ICT-based standards, specifications, and guidelines relevant to satellite-based solutions.
2. Engaging with stakeholders to identify the requirements for telecom/ICT/IoT in satellite-based solutions.
3. Analyzing national and international best practices, benchmarks, policies, and case studies related to satellite-based IoT solutions.

During the meeting, two companies specializing in satellite-based IoT networks, particularly those utilizing L-band GSO satellites, delivered presentations. To establish a clear roadmap for future work, the Chair emphasized the need to finalize the ToR.

Following a thorough discussion, the ToR was revised and finalized. Chair decided to circulate the draft ToR to all the stakeholders for feedback. The Chair also invited interested parties for presentation during the next meeting, the date of which will be announced shortly.

**TRAI amendment to TCCCP-2018 regarding UCC**



To strengthen consumer protection against Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC), TRAI issued second amendment to the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCCP-2018) – 2018 on February 12, 2025. This amendment addresses the evolving methods used to misuse telecom resources. While the TCCCP-2018, along with spam control measures like the block-chain-based regulatory framework, has been in place, spammers have adapted their tactics. These regulatory enhancements are designed to counter these evolving methods and create a more transparent commercial communication environment for consumers.

Main features of the amendment are:

- a. Complaint process has been made simple and more effective.
- b. Customer can now make a complaint about spam/ UCC within 7 days of receiving spam as compared to earlier 3-day time limit.
- c. The access providers have been mandated to display the options for registering spam/UCC complaints at a prominent and easy to find place in their mobile App and Web portal.
- d. Time limit for taking action by the access providers against the UCC from unregistered senders has been reduced from 30 days to 5 days.
- e. To ensure prompt action against the senders of UCC, the criterion for taking action has been revised and made more stringent. As compared to earlier criterion of 'having 10 complaints against the sender in last 7 days' to trigger action, it has been modified to "having 5 complaints against the sender in last 10 days".
- f. Now, Telecom operators must provide a mandatory option in the promotional messages using which a customer may opt out of receiving such messages.

Further details regarding amendment can be seen at [https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-02/Regulation\\_12022025.pdf](https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/2025-02/Regulation_12022025.pdf)

**BSNL posts Rs 262 crore profit in Q-3/FY-25, its first profit in 17 years**

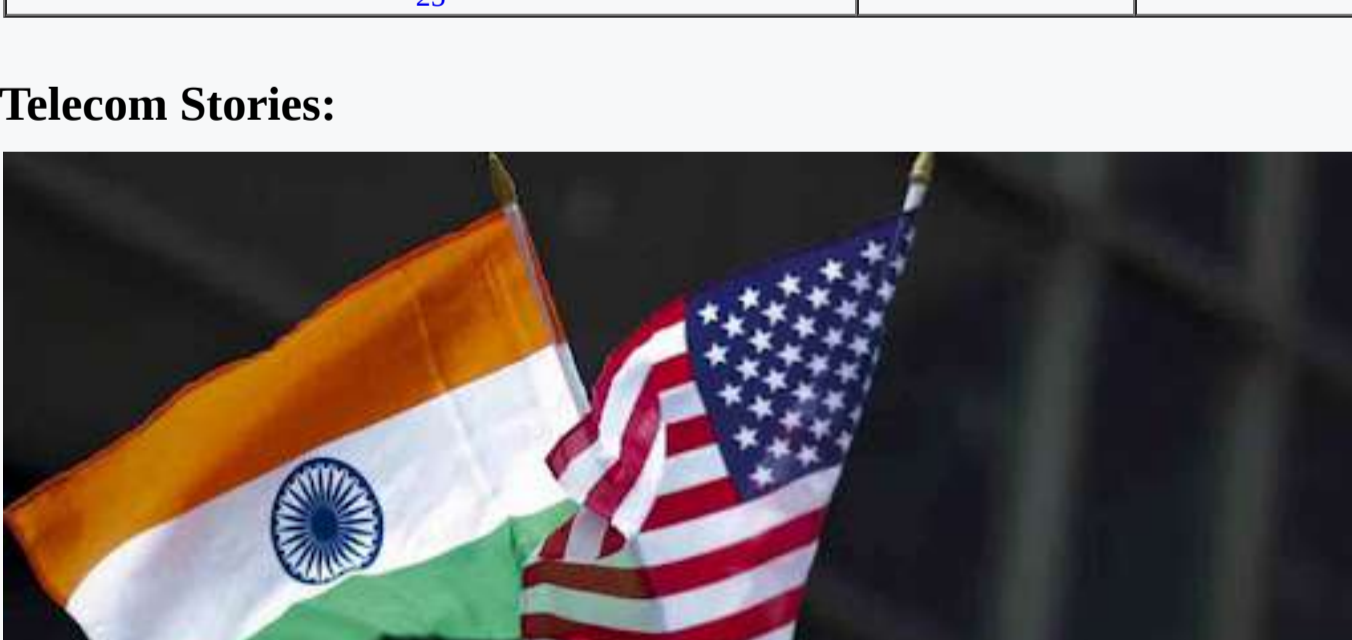


Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), the state-owned telecom provider, announced a profit of ₹262 crore for the third quarter of fiscal year 2024-25. This marks the company's first return to profitability since 2007, driven by network expansion, cost optimization, and growth across all business segments. BSNL now anticipates revenue growth exceeding 20% by the end of the fiscal year. In the same quarter of the previous fiscal year (2024), the company reported a net loss of ₹1,569.22 crore. This turnaround reflects BSNL's focus on innovation, aggressive network expansion, cost optimization, and customer-centric service improvements.

**Important Meeting that IAFI will attend**

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R Working Party 6C (WP 6C) - Programme production and quality assessment	03rd - 07th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025
ITU-T SG13 - Future networks and emerging network technologies	03rd - 14th Mar 2025	22nd Feb 2025
ITU-R Working Party 6A (WP 6A) - Terrestrial broadcasting delivery	05th - 12th Mar 2025	24th Feb 2025
ITU-R Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access	10th - 13th Mar 2025	28th Feb 2025
ITU-R Study Group 6 (SG 6)	14th Mar 2025	02nd Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	17th - 26th Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
ITU-R Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	17th - 21st Mar 2025	05th Mar 2025
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-3)	17th - 18th Mar 2025	07th Mar 2025
ITU-D Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia & Pacific for WTDC-25	20th - 21st Mar 2025	08th Mar 2025

**Telecom Stories:**



India and the US have decided to collaborate in critical areas like artificial intelligence, space exploration, and defence technology with the launch of the US-India TRUST initiative, which will focus on boosting partnerships in emerging technologies, strengthening supply chains, and securing sensitive technologies.

**Launch of TRUST initiative**

The US and India announced the launch of the US-India TRUST (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology) initiative, which will catalyze government-to-government, academia and private sector collaboration to promote application of critical and emerging technologies in areas like defense, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum, biotechnology, energy and space, while encouraging the use of verified technology vendors and ensuring sensitive technologies are protected, the Joint Statement issued after a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington DC on Thursday said.



The Government has taken the following key actions to improve broadband connectivity in rural areas:

- Launched the Gati Shakti Sanchar Portal on May 14, 2022, thus streamlining Right of Way (RoW) permissions for quick Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) laying and telecom tower setup, reducing approval time.
- The Telecommunications Act 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules 2024, effective from January 01, 2025, introduced uniform RoW charges nationwide, expediting Telecom Infrastructure deployment.



In a significant move to tackle the growing menace of spam calls and messages, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has introduced amendments to the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCCP-2018). These changes aim to provide relief to consumers while holding telecom operators and telemarketers accountable for violations.

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