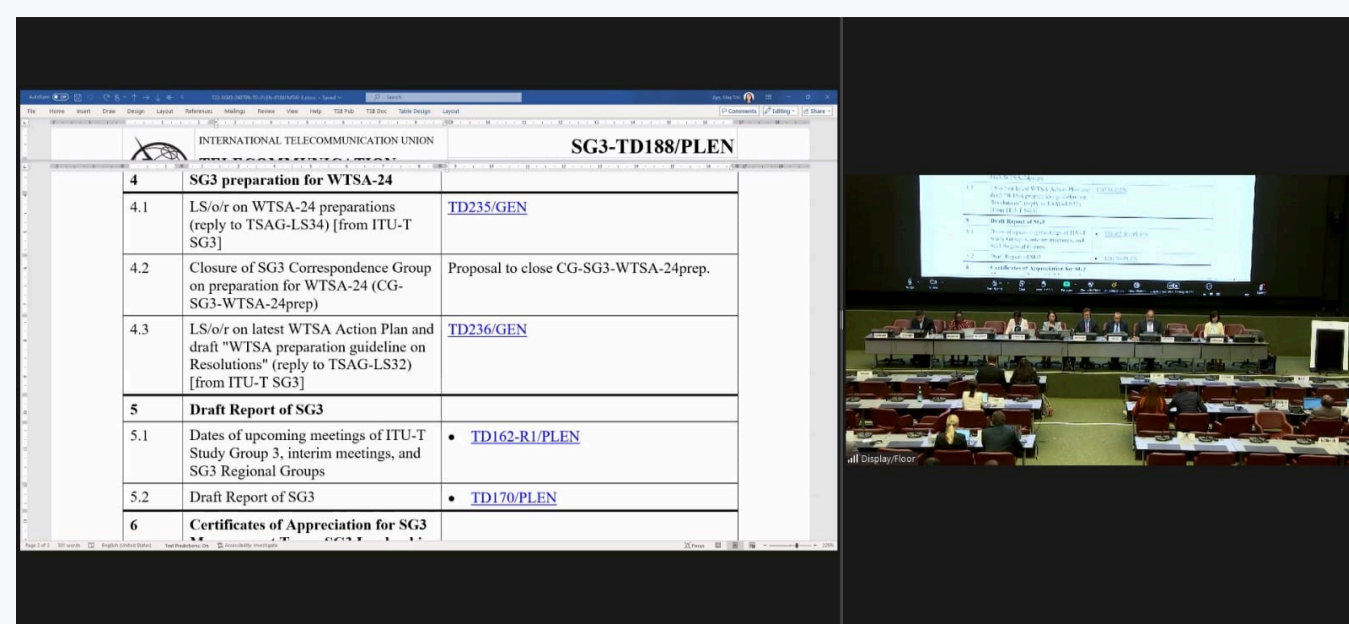


THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

Meeting of SG-3 of ITU-T



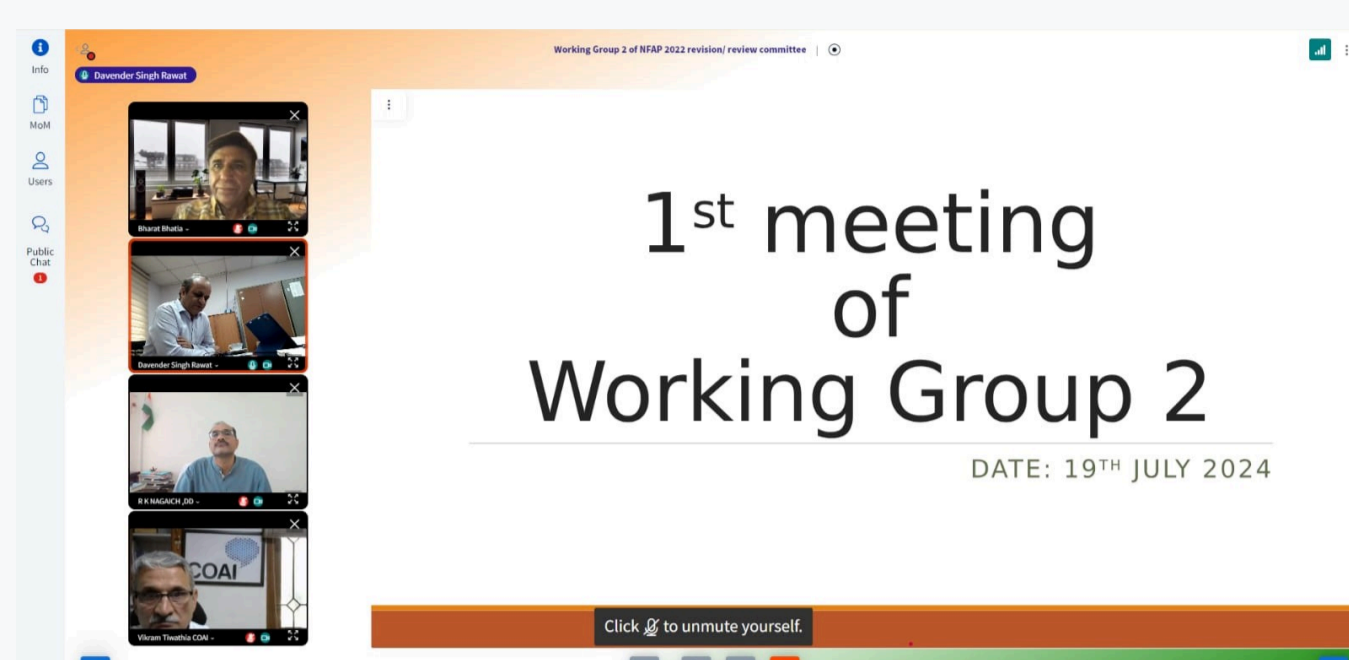
Fifth meeting of SG-3 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues) of ITU-T was held from 09th July to 18th July, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. It was the last meeting of SG-3 for the study period 2022-24. Work of SG-3 was distributed among four working groups WG-1 to 4. There are six regional groups working under SG-3, as detailed below.

1. SG3RG-AFR - Regional Group for Africa
2. SG3RG-AO - Regional Group for Asia and Oceania
3. SG3RG-ARB - Regional Group for the Arab Region
4. SG3RG-EECAT - Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia
5. SG3RG-EURM - Regional Group for Europe and the Mediterranean Basin
6. SG3RG-LAC - Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean

In addition to the above, one Focus Group (FG-CD) on Costing Models for Affordable Data Services is also functioning under SG-3. Meeting was attended by more than 100 participants. Total 48 contributions were presented in the meeting. It was decided to extend the life time of the FG-CD study group by one more year, till 03rd Oct, 2025. It was also decided in the meeting for the closure of SG3 Correspondence Group (CG-SG3-WTSA-24-prep) constituted for the preparation for WTSA-24.

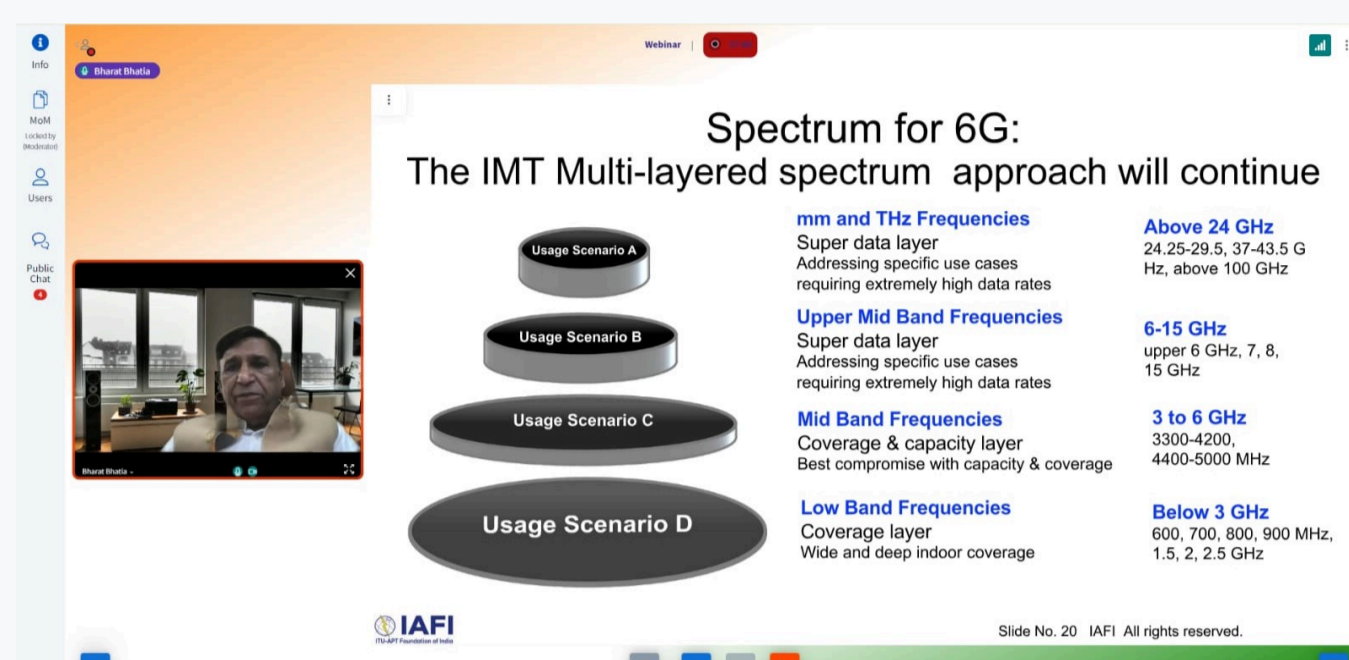
It was decided that next SG-3 meeting will be held from 08th to 17th April, 2025 at Geneva, Switzerland.

Virtual meeting of Working Group -2 of NFAP-22



1st Meeting of Working Group-2 (freq. 1 to 6 GHz) of NFAP-2022 Review/ Revision Committee was held on 19.07.2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri. N K Bhola, JWA, WPC. Main aim of the meeting was to update India's National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), as it was last updated in October 2022 and many decisions taken during WRC-23 (Dubai, 2023) needs to be taken in cognizance, while amending NFAP. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI explained the IAFI's view on the various frequency bands, especially de-licensing the frequency band from 5925-6425 MHz, for the WAS/RLAN and Wi-Fi 6E, as more than 70 countries have already de-licensed the same. Similarly, it was explained to the members regarding the usefulness of the frequency band 5875-5925 MHz, for the use of C-V2X, for Intelligent Transport System.

Bharat 6G Alliance leadership Tech Talks



The Bharat 6G Alliance initiated regular "6G Leadership Tech Talks" to strategically position India as a key contributor to global 6G standards, deployments, and services. The inaugural discussion focused on "Developing India's Spectrum Roadmap for 6G." Shri Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI, delivered an excellent in-depth presentation on the complexities of frequency bands, their global and Indian applications, and the spectrum allocation for current and potential future IMT services. A comprehensive overview of 4G and 5G spectrum, exploring all relevant bands was commendable.

Participants actively engaged in the discussion, raising numerous questions that were thoroughly addressed.

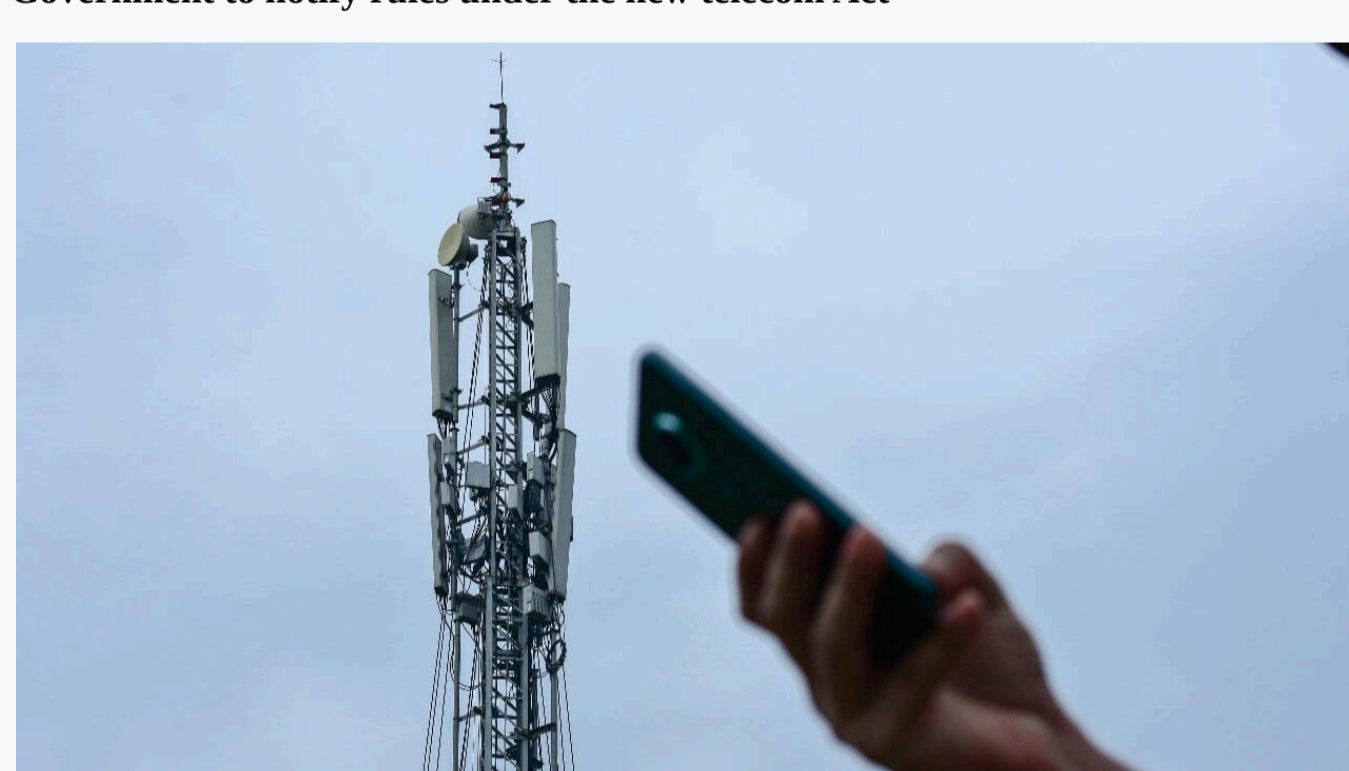
Theme of IMC-24 launched by the Telecom Minister



The theme of the India Mobile Congress 2024 (IMC-24), 'The Future is Now', was unveiled on July 19 by Shri Jyoti Raditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region on July 18. The theme signifies how India stands at the heart of the technological evolution and IMC-24 bringing together global leaders, visionaries, pioneers, and innovators to collaborate and actively shape the technologies transforming our world today, where the future isn't just a concept, it's happening. IMC-24 aims to showcase more than 900 technology use case scenarios, host 100+ sessions and talks by more than 600 speakers. The prestigious IMC-24 is also expecting over 400 exhibitors, 640 startups and many more to participate and display their products, solutions, and use cases to more than 150,000 attendees, including delegates from 120+ countries. The event was attended by Shri T R Dua, Chairperson, IAFI, Shri N K Goyal, Vice Chairman and Shri Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI among many dignitaries.

The IMC-24 APP and the IMC-24 website was also launched by Shri Jyoti Raditya M. Scindia, Minister for Communications and Development of Northeastern Region. The App is available on Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The registrations are also accessible through the interactive application. The intuitive app combines cutting-edge AI technology with user-friendly features to ensure that the visitors make the most of every moment at the forum. The Indian Mobile Congress also announced the opening of the registrations for Delegates, Visitors, Academia/College, Government and Media. Minister of Communications called IMC as a global melting point and hoped to see India in the centre of such events for the time to come. He said that the theme 'Future is Now' represents both our capabilities, our achievements, and the possibilities of the future. India has transitioned from being a consumer of technology to now being a supplier of technology.

Government to notify rules under the new telecom Act



Telecom Minister Shri Jyoti Raditya Scindia during the launch of the theme of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024, announced that the government will notify the rules of the new Telecom Act in the next 180 days. He assured that within 180 days as deadline, each and every rule will be notified, so that all can walk down that path with complete confidence that the government stands by your side. The Minister further added that the fastest 5G rollout in the country has now been accompanied by a commitment towards 6G, for which we are in the process of getting another 127 Global patterns, for setting up of 100 5G case labs. The union minister further said that another area of achievement is production of telecom equipment, with 3400 crores worth of investment, 50,000 crores worth of sales, and a ten and half thousand crores worth of exports and creation of almost 17, 800 new jobs across India. Today the negative trade balance of telecom equipment has been narrowed down to Rs 4000 crore from 2014's, Rs 88,000 crore.

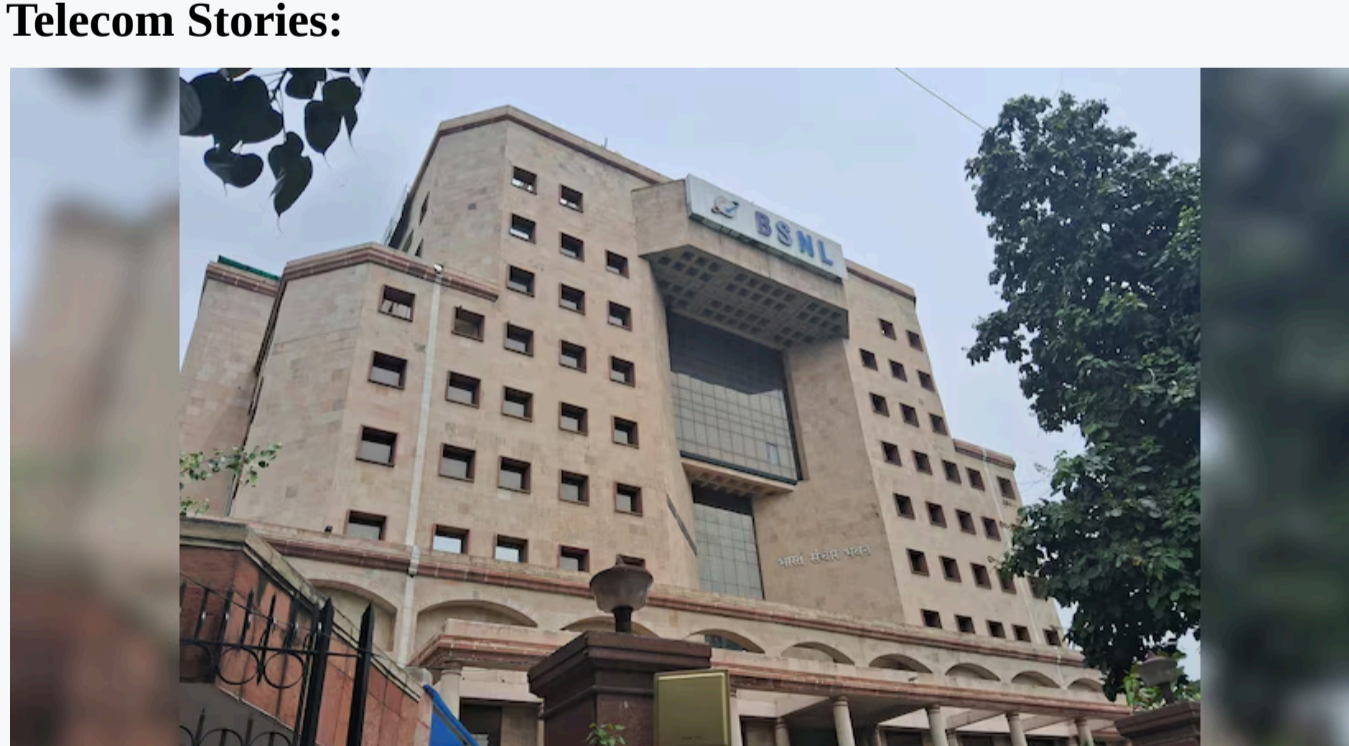
TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status
The Issues Related to Critical Services in the M2M Sector, and Transfer of Ownership of M2M SIMs	22nd July 2024	Under Development
Revision of National Numbering Plan	01st Aug 2024	Under Development
The Framework for Service Authorisations to be Granted Under the Telecommunications Act, 2023	01st Aug 2024	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T: SG/WP13- Future Networks	15th July - 26th July 2024	03rd July 2024
APT: The 24th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-24)	16th July - 18th July 2024	06th July 2024
APT: 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-1)	19th July 2024	09th July 2024
ITU-T: TSAG- Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group	29th July - 02nd Aug 2024	17th July 2024
APT: The 5th Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-5)	19th Aug - 23rd Aug 2024	09th 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

Telecom Stories:

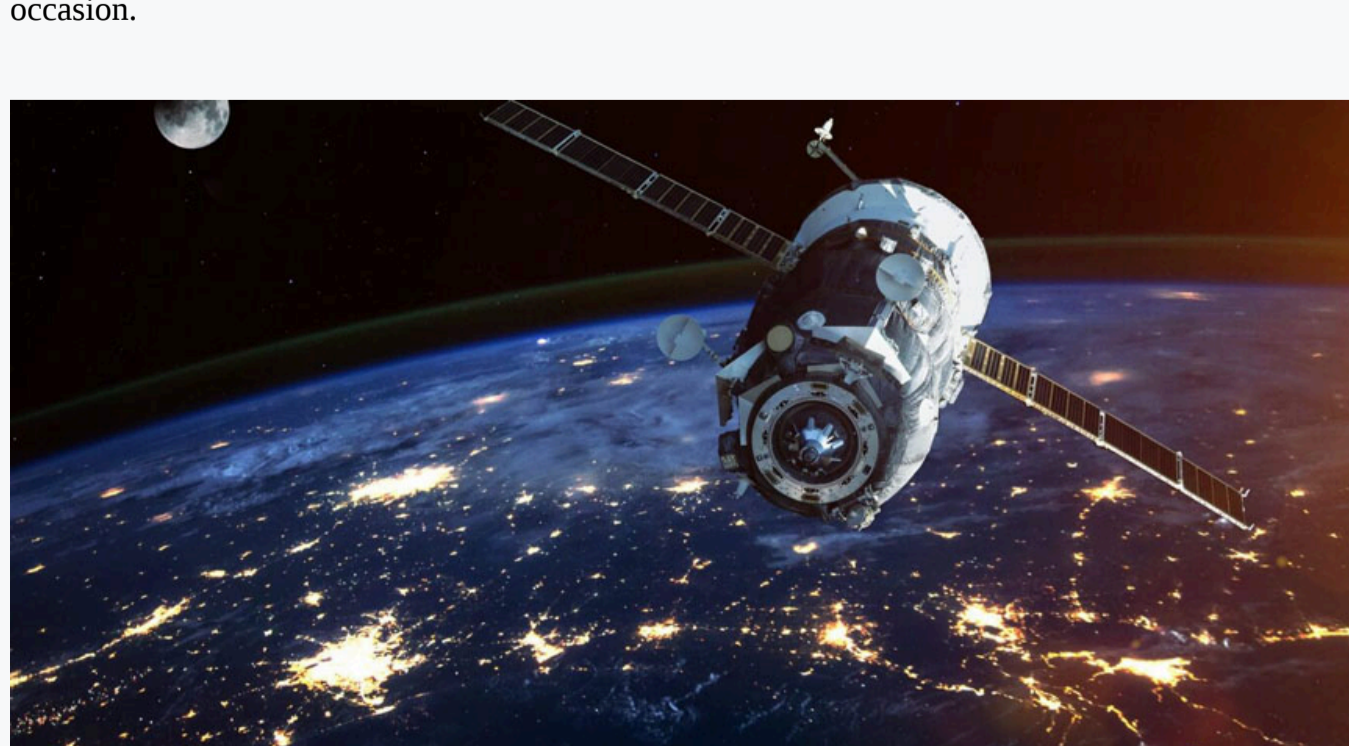


The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is in the process of forming a performance monitoring unit (PMU) for state-run telco BSNL and its efforts to roll out 4G, Telecom Minister Jyoti Raditya Scindia said on Thursday.

"Along with Tejas, BSNL, TCS, and C-DOT, and all our players together, we are forming a PMU. I have mandated them to set daily targets, which will be monitored by myself and the Telecom Secretary," Scindia said.



Dr Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom) has inaugurated a centre of excellence on "Classical and Quantum Communications for 6G" at IITM Research Park, Chennai. This is a sub-centre of Telecom Centres of Excellence (TCoE)-India and it will spearhead the development and deployment of 6G technology, promising unprecedented speeds, ultra-low latency, and enhanced connectivity. Sanjeev Kumar Bidwai, Sp DGT, Tamil Nadu was among those present at the occasion.



Electronics component manufacturing in India offers MSMEs a "huge opportunity to succeed", IT Secretary S Krishnan said on Wednesday asserting that Meity is looking at ways to spur the electronics components ecosystem in the country.

Speaking at the CII MSME Growth Summit, Krishnan also exhorted MSMEs to seize growth opportunities, adopt technology and digital tools to expand, and "graduate" to becoming a larger enterprise over time.

"You enter as a startup and try to exit within a reasonable time frame. So we should not have 'intergenerational' MSMEs anymore in this country," he said pointing to a slew of opportunities that technology today enables.

Follow us on:-

ITU-APT Foundation of India 504, Fifth Floor World Trade Center (Behind Lalit Hotel)
Barakhamba Road New Delhi- 110001, India.
Contact No.:- +91-11-45005163, 7017210403, 9999797700 - Website: iafi.in

If you do not want to receive this mailer, you can [unsubscribe here](#) from our mailing list.