# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY
## IAFI News

### IAFI submits Seven contributions in WP-5D



Following extensive consultations with its members, the IAFI submitted seven key contributions for the upcoming WP-5D meeting, scheduled to be held in a hybrid format from February 4th to 13th, 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland.

1. C-453: Further updates on Working Document M.2527 regarding "Applications of the terrestrial component of IMT for specific societal, industrial and other usages".
2. C-454: Updates on working document regarding "Coordination of stations in the fixed service (FS) with IMT stations in the frequency band 6 425-7 125 MHz".
3. C-455: Updates on working document regarding "Usage of IMT for Aircraft to everything (A2X) Communications".
4. C-456: Updates on working document regarding "Mitigation of interference for IMT network under tropospheric ducting effect".
5. C-508: Proposed Liaison Statement regarding determination of draft new recommendation ITU.T Y.3211 (ex. YFMSC-ABC-REQ) "Fixed, mobile and satellite convergence: requirements of supporting airborne broadband communication for IMT-2020 networks and beyond".
6. C-509: Further updates to the working document towards a preliminary draft new Report on sharing and compatibility studies in relation to WRC-27 agenda item 1.7.
7. C-510: IAFI and WWRF joint contribution on "Characteristics Template and Evaluation Template as part of IMT-2030".

The meeting received a total of 139 contributions, with the majority focused on Agenda Items 1.7 and 1.13 of the WRC-23.

### IAFI participated in the SG-20 meeting



IAFI participated virtually in the recently held first SG-20 of ITU-T meeting, for the new study cycle 2025-28, from 15th to 24th Jan, 2025 at Geneva, Switzerland. SG20 focuses on "Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities," with its work divided among three Working Parties (WP-1, WP-2, and WP-3), each addressing three specific questions within this domain (Q-1 to 9/20). A total of 155 documents were submitted to the meeting, with India contributing 21 and China leading with 78 submissions.

### SATRC Workshop at Goa



The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) organized the three-days South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC) workshop on Spectrum from 21st to 23rd January, 2025 in Goa, with physical attendance as well as virtual/online participation through Zoom (i.e. hybrid meeting). The workshop was hosted by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The workshop was inaugurated by Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI, who welcomed Shri Masanori Kondo, Secretary General, APT. The event saw strong participation with 115 attendees joining both in-person and virtually. The workshop addressed a wide range of spectrum-related topics, including:

- NGSO satellite constellations for space-based communication services
- Land mobile radio systems, particularly VHF and UHF person-to-person communication
- Satellite-IMT integration
- Spectrum outlook and registration of frequency assignments
- Backhaul infrastructure readiness for 5G deployment
- Spectrum valuation and pricing
- 6G/IMT-2030 and Terahertz spectrum prospects

The objective was to facilitate knowledge sharing, identify challenges and opportunities, and explore potential solutions for effective spectrum management. The workshop provided a valuable platform for SATRC members and industry stakeholders to exchange experiences and discuss future plans.

Shri Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI, alongside many other members attended the workshop physically, while many IAFI members joined the workshop virtually. During the workshop, Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI moderated a key session titled "6G/IMT-2030: Catalyzing the Next Wave of Connectivity". The session explored the transformative potential of 6G/IMT-2030, analyzing how its anticipated capabilities and applications could revolutionize various sectors.

IAFI members played a prominent role in sharing their expertise during the workshop. Shri Bharat Bhatia delivered a lecture on "Terahertz Spectrum: Innovations, Challenges and Prospects," providing valuable insights into this rapidly evolving field. Shri Rajesh Mehrotra presented on "Registration of Frequency Assignments in MIFR by SATRC Countries," while Shri Jitendra Singh focused on "6G/IMT-2030: Catalyzing the next wave of connectivity." Additionally, Shri Sendil Kumar Devar, delivered a lecture on "Spectrum Outlook," and Shri Punit Rathod addressed the topic of "5G from space: The next frontier for global connectivity."
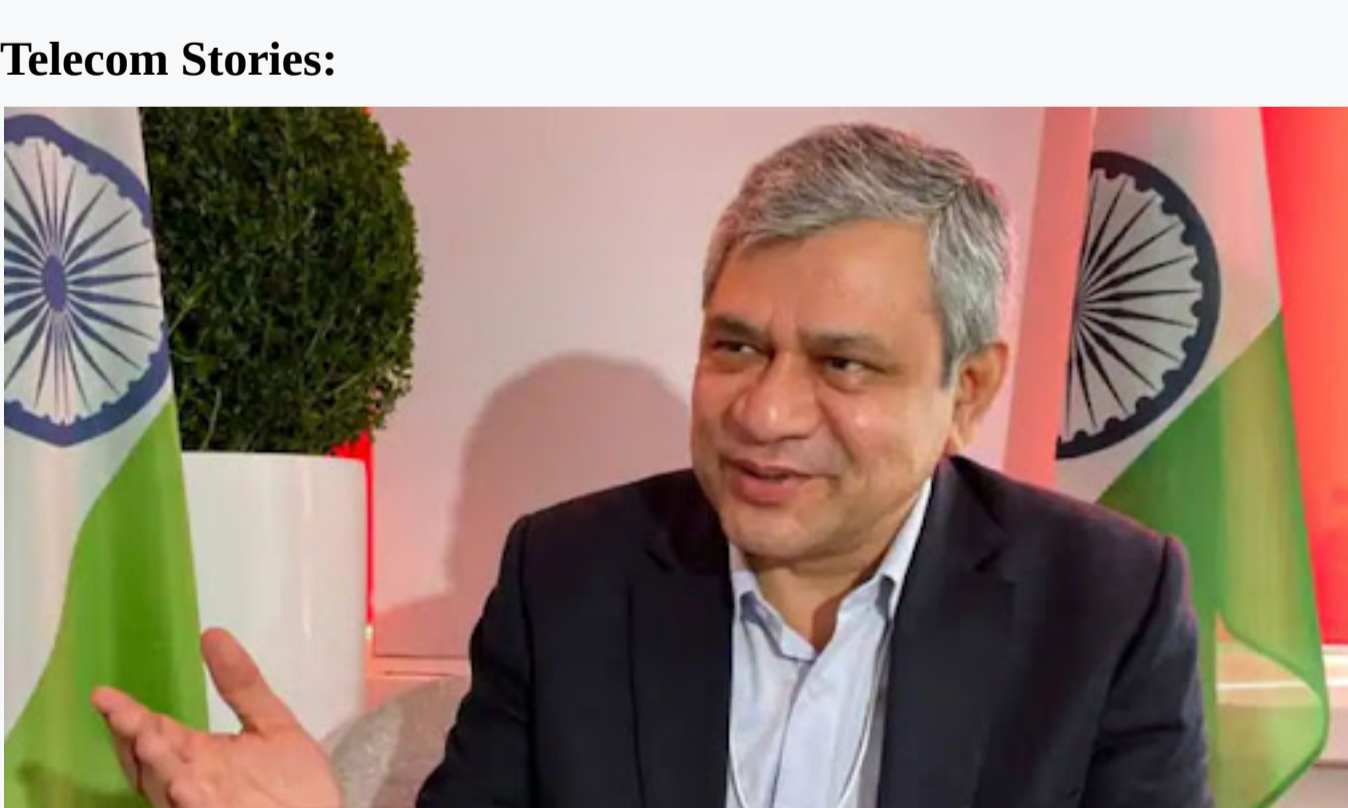
### TRAI gets two Whole-Time Member



The Government of India has appointed two new Whole-Time Members of the TRAI: Shri Ritu Ranjan Mittar and Shri Maruthi Prasad Tangirala, for three years. Shri Mittar, former Head and Advisor of the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), and Shri Tangirala, currently Additional Secretary in the Department of Financial Services, joined a Whole-Time member in TRAI, while Prof. Ranjan Bose and Shri Neelkanth Mishra, serve as Part-Time Members. Notably, Shri Mittar recently chaired the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2024 (WTSA-24) in New Delhi. With these appointments, TRAI now comprises the Chairman, Secretary, two Whole-Time Members, and two Part-Time Members. In the past IAFI has worked closely with Mr. R R Mittar during his election as chairman of ITU-T SG 11 as well as during his chairmanship of WTSA.

### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

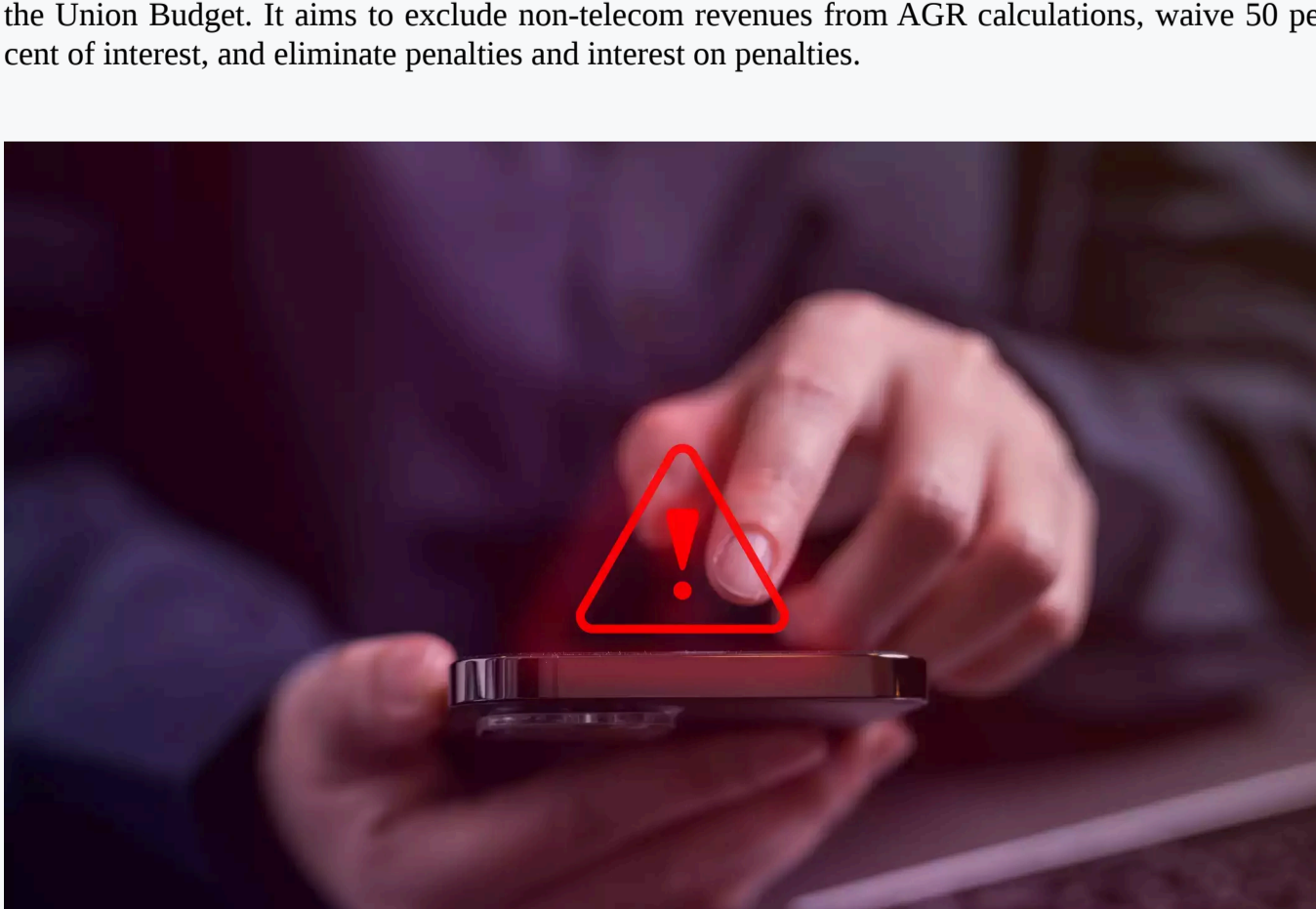| Meeting | Dates | Submission Dates |
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| ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D) | 04th - 13nd Feb 2025 | 23th Jan 2025 |
| ITU-T SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) | 10th Feb 2025 | 30th Jan 2025 |
| ITU-R Working Party 6C (WP 6C) - Programme 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 | Feb 2025 |
| ITU-R Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access | 10th - 13th Mar 2025 | 24th Feb 2025 |
| ITU-R Study Group 6 (SG 6) | 14th Mar 2025 | 02nd Mar 2025 |
| ITU-R Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - 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 is poised for a global leadership position in the area of artificial innovation just like it has proven its mettle in IT services, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

Speaking to PTI here during the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, the minister for electronics and information technology said all necessary regulations would be in place for AI while maintaining a balance with innovation.

Talking about a united India face at Davos this time, the senior minister said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had told us clearly that the Indian pavilion this time in Davos should integrate all states."



The Indian government is in the process of finalising a relief package exceeding Rs 82,000 crore for non-telecom companies grappling with adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues. This retrospective relief, expected to be part of the broader telecom bailout package, could be announced as early as the Union Budget. It aims to exclude non-telecom revenues from AGR calculations, waive 50 per cent of interest, and eliminate penalties and interest on penalties.



NEW DELHI: The Department of Telecommunications has asked incumbent telecom operators to initiate drives against spoofed calls originating from foreign destinations, and cautioned citizens against such communication. Lately, fraudsters have been deceiving Indian citizens and carrying out cyber-crimes and financial frauds, including from overseas destinations following sector regulator's tightening grip. In order to further tackle the menace of international spoofed calls from reaching Indian citizens, DoT has asked telcos to block traffic from such international carriers, which are repeatedly sending spoofed CLI call traffic to India.