

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### Upcoming Conference of IAFI



### Highlights of the week:

**Inauguration of Area Office & Innovation Centre:** The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi inaugurated the ITU-Area Office & Innovation Centre on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He noted that a new beginning is taking place in the telecom sector in India on the auspicious day i.e., the start of the Hindu New Year. He emphasised that this decade is India's techade. India's telecom and digital model is smooth, secure and transparent. The Hon'ble PM also unveiled the Bharat 6G Vision document and launched the 6G R&D Test Bed.

IAFI along with its delegates actively participated in this event and expressed that it is a proud moment for India and that this innovation centre and foster many sustainable goals that ITU aims and aspires for.



**Regional Innovation Forum & Exhibition by Innovators:** Key dignitaries from participating South Asian countries and India visited the newly launched ITU Area Office and Innovation Centre at C-DOT, Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. This Regional Innovation Forum (RIF) aims to facilitate exchange of knowledge among a pool of multi-stakeholder audience and will provide support towards building partnerships that mainstream entrepreneurship-driven innovation and competitive digital ecosystems.



**#ET5GCongress, India's 6G ambition with the role of Academia and Industry Global Standards:** It is in the interest of the entire telecommunications ecosystem to get people on the 6G bandwagon along with the affordability schemes which will be crucial to drive adoption. This session was moderated by Mr. Bharat B Bhatia, President, IAFI. This was indeed a fruitful session as it laid down the roadmap for India, right after our Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the 6G Vision document, emphasizing India's Global role for the implementation of 6G services.



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### *TRAI Consultation papers*

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Enabling Convergence of Carriage of Broadcasting and Telecommunication services	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Under Development	-
Introduction of Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Provider (DCIP) Authorization under Unified License (UL)	06 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Under Development	-
Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	Next IAFI Meetings
ITU-R: CPM WRC-23, Geneva	27 <sup>th</sup> March to 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	-
APT: 35th APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP-35)	17 <sup>th</sup> April – 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	-
ITU-T: SG15 - Networks, technologies and infrastructures for transport, access and home	17 <sup>th</sup> April – 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	-
ITU-R: Coordination Committee for Terminology (CCT)	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	-
APT: 1st Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA 24 (APT WTSA24-1)	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	11 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	-

### Telecom Stories:

A Communication Ministers' Conclave was held in New Delhi, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 with the theme of 'Enabling Innovation in Telecommunications to Ensure Digital Transformation of the Society'. During the conclave, Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw and Ms Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary General, ITU unveiled Coffee Table Book 'ITU@India' as well as launched the UN Way finder navigational mobile App. The App has been developed by C-DOT, to enable users to find their way in various blocks and floors of UN buildings in Geneva.



The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS), part of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 agreed to collaborate and do joint R&D leading to development of tools and products in deep tech domains. The move is a part of the "Make in India Initiative" and aims to improve self-reliance on information and cyber security.



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Neighbouring nations like Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and other friendly nations like Iran will get access to India's [5G](#) testbed. The highly discounted testing services will be opened to all allied nations. The proposal has come from Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, who has pushed for India playing a bigger role in technological partnerships with other nations. The development of the indigenous testbed was hailed as a key milestone step for India's becoming self-reliant in the 5G technology domain and building the ecosystem for domestic manufacturing of 5G telecom equipment.

