THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY
IAFI News

IAFI Radio Group meeting regarding three Consultation Papers released by TRAI

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IAFI Radio Group meeting was held on 02-11-2023 at IAFI office in hybrid mode, to discuss the views of the members on the draft comments circulated to all members. Draft comments on the following three Consultation Papers were circulated and it was decided to hold a meeting on Thursday 2nd November at 12 PM IST at the IAFI office to discuss and finalize our draft response to TRAI.

1. Consultation Paper on Assignment of Spectrum in E&V Bands, and Spectrum for Microwave Access (MWA) & Microwave Backbone (MWB)
2. Consultation Paper on Open and De-licensed use of Unused or Limited Used Spectrum Bands for Demand Generation for Limited Period in Tera-Hertz Range.
3. Consultation Paper on Review of Terms and Conditions of PMRTS and CMRTS Licenses.

Draft comments were discussed in details and it was decided to write to TRAI, to seek extension of last date of submission of comments regarding Consultation Papers on MWA/MWB and Tera Hertz spectrum and send the updated comments to TRAI regarding PMRTS/CMRTS.

Digital India: Achievements and challenges:

Bharat Bhatia President IAFI participated in a panel discussions on achievements and challenges of Digital India initiative of the Hon'ble prime minister of India organised by the Doordarshan. The discussions will be telecast on DD in the coming weeks.

WRC-23 Reception

IAFI is working with WWRF in organization of the WWRF reception at the WRC-23 in Dubai. Around 150-200 heads of international delegations to WRC-23 are expected to join this international reception

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
OPEN AND DE-LICENSED USE OF UNUSED OR LIMITED USED SPECTRUM BANDS FOR DEMAND GENERATION FOR LIMITED PERIOD IN TERA HERTZ RANGE	15th Nov 2023	Under Development
ASSIGNMENT OF SPECTRUM IN E&V BANDS, AND SPECTRUM FOR MICROWAVE ACCESS (MWA) & MICROWAVE BACKBONE (MWB)	15th Nov 2023	Under Development
REVIEW OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PMRTS AND CMRTS LICENSES	07th Nov 2023	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

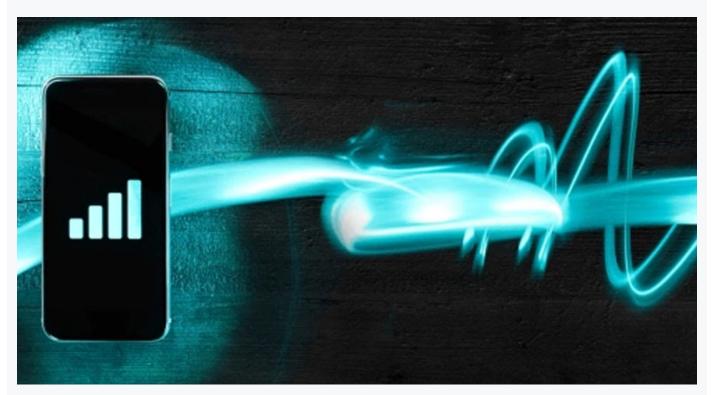| Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T: SG3 Plenary Meeting	6th Nov - 10th Nov 2023	30th Oct 2023
ITU-R: Radiocommunication Assemblies (RA)	13th Nov - 17th Nov 2023	06th Nov 2023
ITU-R: ITU World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23)	20th Nov - 15th Dec 2023	20th Oct 2023
ITU-T: Focus Group on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT) for Digital Agriculture" (FG-AI4A)	1st Dec 2023	24th Nov 2023

Telecom Stories:

Artificial intelligence safety is as important for India as its ambition to grow AI ecosystem and startup innovations, Union minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Friday. Addressing the AI Safety Summit 2023 held in the UK, the minister of state for electronics and IT said it is not a binary choice for India to do AI safety at the expense of growth of digital economy.

Two major industry issues which has divided telecom operators and big tech firms - regulation of OTT (over-the-top) communication services and allotment of satellite spectrum - are unlikely to be resolved anytime soon. This is because the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) which has to submit its recommendations on the same to the government, is without a regular chairman for more than a month now. The erstwhile chairman, PD Vagehla's three-year term ended on September 30 and the government has so far not appointed his successor.

Bharti Airtel will be spending much less on the upcoming spectrum auctions and subsequent sales over the next couple of years, as it does not require additional airwaves, but will renew spectrum in a few circles, managing director Gopal Vittal said during the earnings call on Wednesday. "I would not imagine that the company needs further spectrum for some time to come. The only place where some small chunks of spectrum may be needed is renewable spectrum in three or four circles, but it is a function of the traffic pattern. How much do we need? Do we need it at all? Those discussions are still underway."