

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

IAFI celebrated Happy Diwali



IAFI wishes you all a very Happy Diwali. May the festival of lights bring you and your loved ones happiness, good health, and wealth. Happy Diwali was celebrated in the IAFI office to spread the light of happiness and prosperity and to encourage all in creating a festive and inclusive work environment. Shubh Diwali.

IAFI Media release – call for abolition of CMRTS License



TRAI released a Consultation Paper regarding review of Terms and Conditions of PMRTS and CMRTS Licenses. Consultation Paper was examined in detail and after draft comments were circulated to all members and finally the IAFI comments were sent to TRAI on 07-11-2023, communication the IAFI views that there is an urgent need to review the terms and conditions of PMRTS/CMRTS licenses, as introduced long back, as telecom scenario has been changes significantly, especially after roll out of 4G/5G services. In addition, IAFI issued a media release to Communication Today announcing significant progress by the Government/DoT in past two years in introducing many telecom reforms, including simplifying regulation and creating a more transparent environment. IAFI also called on TRAI to recommend merging the CMRTS license with the WPC license for captive users. Captive users play a critical role in nation building, industrial development, and infrastructure projects such as metro rail, seaports, airports, and PMRTS. Merging the two licenses would simplify the licensing process and make it easier for captive users to obtain spectrum.

Summary of the contributions to be discussed in the Radio Assembly meeting from 13th to 17th Nov, 2023 at Dubai



The Radio Assembly will meet in Dubai from November 13-17, 2023, and many IAFI members are expected to attend to support the Indian delegation. The five-day meeting will discuss 55 contributions, and a brief of each contribution has been circulated to all relevant members to help them plan their schedules and discussions.

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

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI preparatory Meetings
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	-
ITU-R: Forty-fifth meeting of Working Party 5D	31st Jan 2024 7th June 2024	24th Jan 2024	15th Dec 2023

Telecom Stories:



Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeew Chandrasekhar on Tuesday (November 7) said the government is all set to launch the India AI programme on December 11. The minister delivered his speech virtually at the Nasscom Future Forge event 2023. India is chairing the global partnership for AI on December 12,13 and 14 in New Delhi. "We hope the New Delhi Declaration will take forward the Bletchley Declaration in a more harmonised way," he said.

The Commission last month also sent companies including Meta, X and TikTok urgent orders to detail measures taken to counter the spread of content related to terrorism, violent content and hate speech on their platforms. BRUSSELS: Facebook owner Meta Platforms and social media company Snap have been given a Dec. 1 deadline by the EU to give more information on how they protect children from illegal and harmful content, the European Commission said on Friday



In a move to bolster India's telecom gear manufacturing sector, the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) is preparing to distribute over 400 crore (\$53 million) in incentives to 20 companies. The beneficiaries, which include Nokia Jabil, VVDN, and HFCL, are being rewarded for meeting their fiscal year 2022-23 goals under the revised Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

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