

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

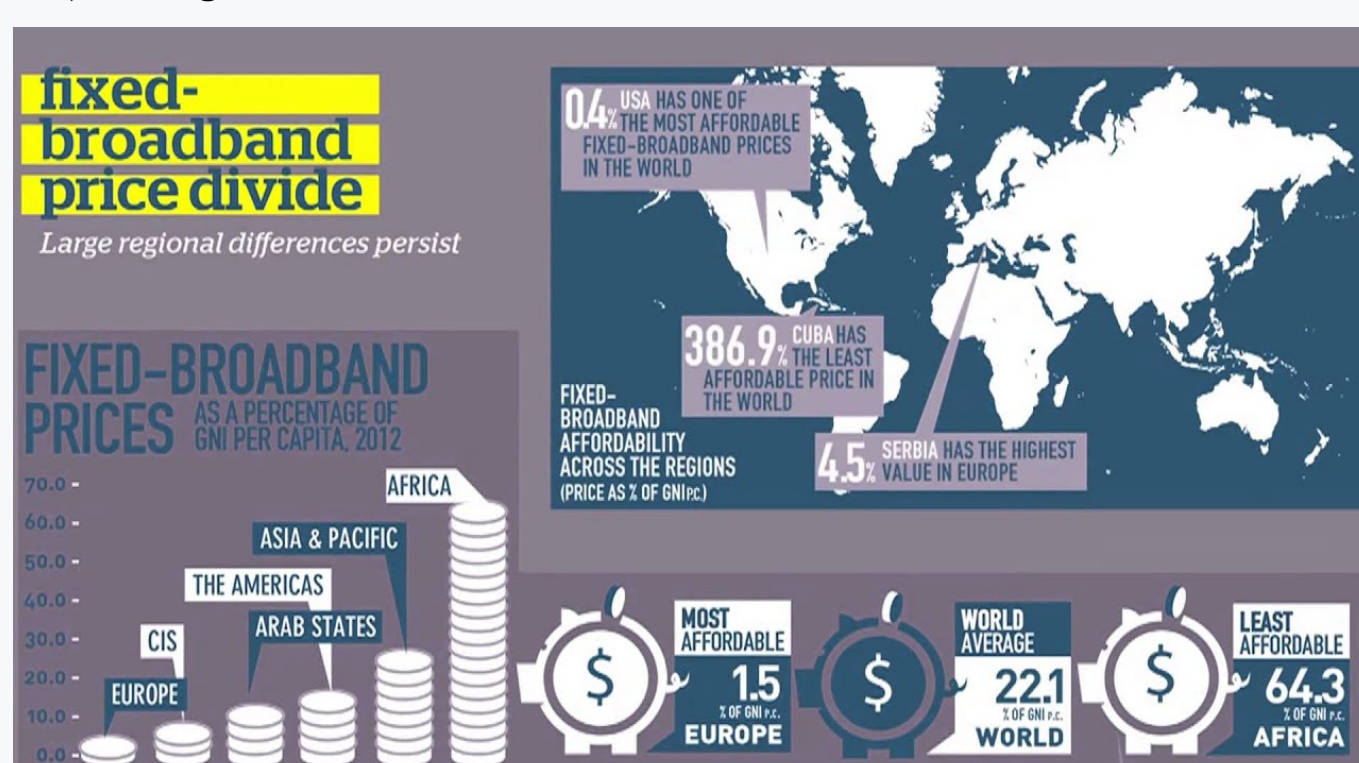
IAFI News

Falication of Shri Neeraj Mittal as new Secretary, DoT.



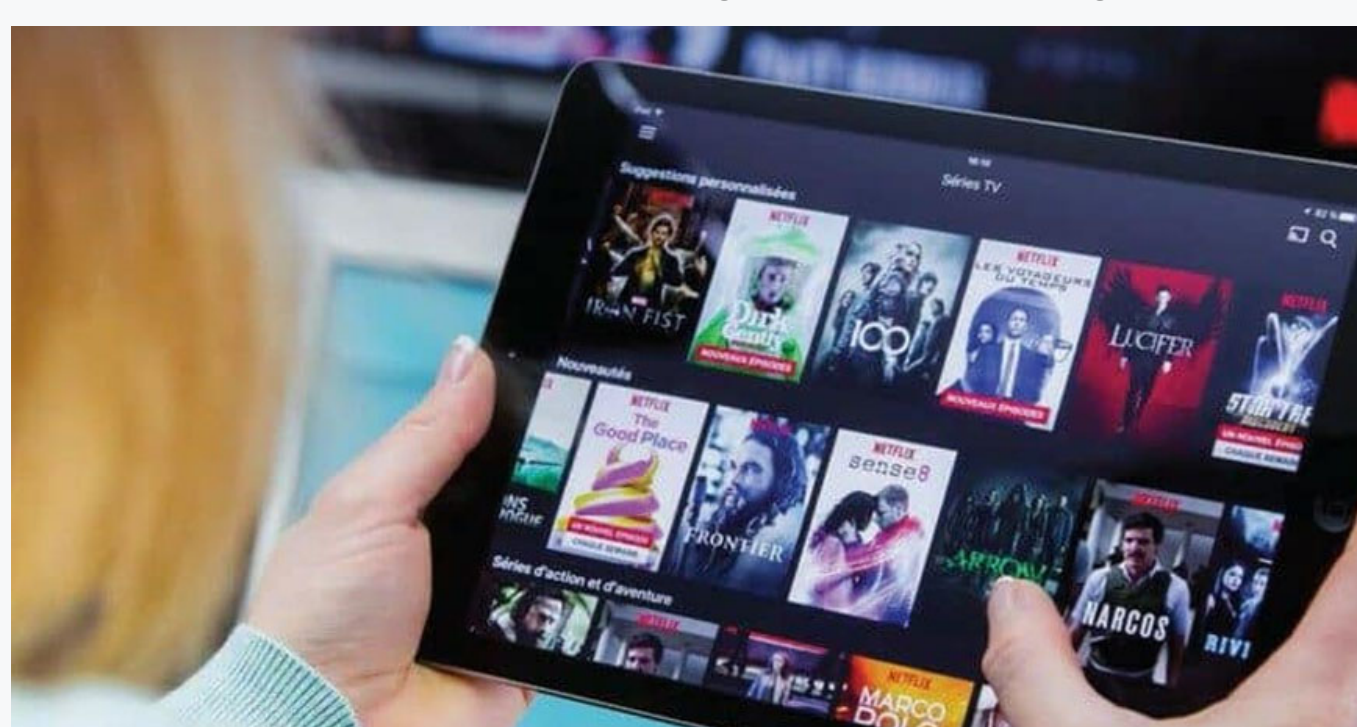
Shri Neeraj Mittal, a Tamil Nadu Cadre IAS officer of 1992 batch, assumed the charge of Secretary, DoT on 06-09-2022, as Shri K. Rajaraman, ex-Secretary was transferred and joined as Chairperson, International Financial Services Centres Authority, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI along with other industry partners personally met Shri Neeraj Mittal and congratulated him upon joining as Secretary, DoT and requested for early decision on the major challenging issues like next round of spectrum auctions for 5G and crucial decisions regarding allotment of satellite airwaves. Secretary, DoT assured for arranging a regular meeting to discuss all issues in detail, to develop a more vibrant and competitive telecom sector in order to meet out the needs of Indian consumers and businesses.

Meeting of study group ITU-T SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) at Bangkok, Thailand



Meeting of ITU-T SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) will commence from 11 th Sept, 2023 at Bangkok, Thailand under the Chairmanship of Shri S.K. Mishra, ex- Advisor, DoT. IAFI has submitted two contributions regarding assessment of the socio-economic impact of Local Area Networks using technologies such as Wi-Fi, New Radio -Unlicensed (NR- U) on consumers in Asia and Oceania and economic impact of transition from IPv4 to IPv6.

Press Release on IAFI comments to TRAI against Selective Banning of OTT Service



In a press release, IAFI expressed its support for the market-driven approach for regulating OTT services. The IAFI said that no regulatory intervention is required for OTT services and it is against any "selective" or otherwise banning of OTT services in any form. In response to TRAI Consultation Paper regarding the Regulatory Mechanism for Over-The-Top (OTT) Communication Services, and Selective Banning of OTT Services, IAFI furnished detailed reply to TRAI that the market forces may be allowed to respond to the situation without prescribing any regulatory intervention for OTT services, and only specific regulatory interventions be made for achieving better consumer experience.

IAFI is against any "selective" or otherwise banning of OTT services in any form.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
REVIEW OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PMRTS AND CMRTS LICENSES	29th Sep 2023	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)	11th - 12th Sep 2023	04th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Meeting of Study Group 20	13th - 22nd Sep 2023	06th Sep 2023
ITU-R: WP 5A	13th - 21th Sep 2023	09th Sep 2023
ITU-R: Study Group 5 (SG 5)	25th - 26th Sep 2023	18th Sep 2023
ITU-R: 3rd ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 Preparation	27th - 29th Sep 2023	20th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Focus Group on metaverse (FG-MV)	03rd Oct - 05th Oct 2023	28th Sep 2023
ITU-T: Focus Group on cost models for affordable data services (FG-CD), and its first meeting and associated Workshop	04th - 6th Oct 2023	27th Sep 2023

Telecom Stories:

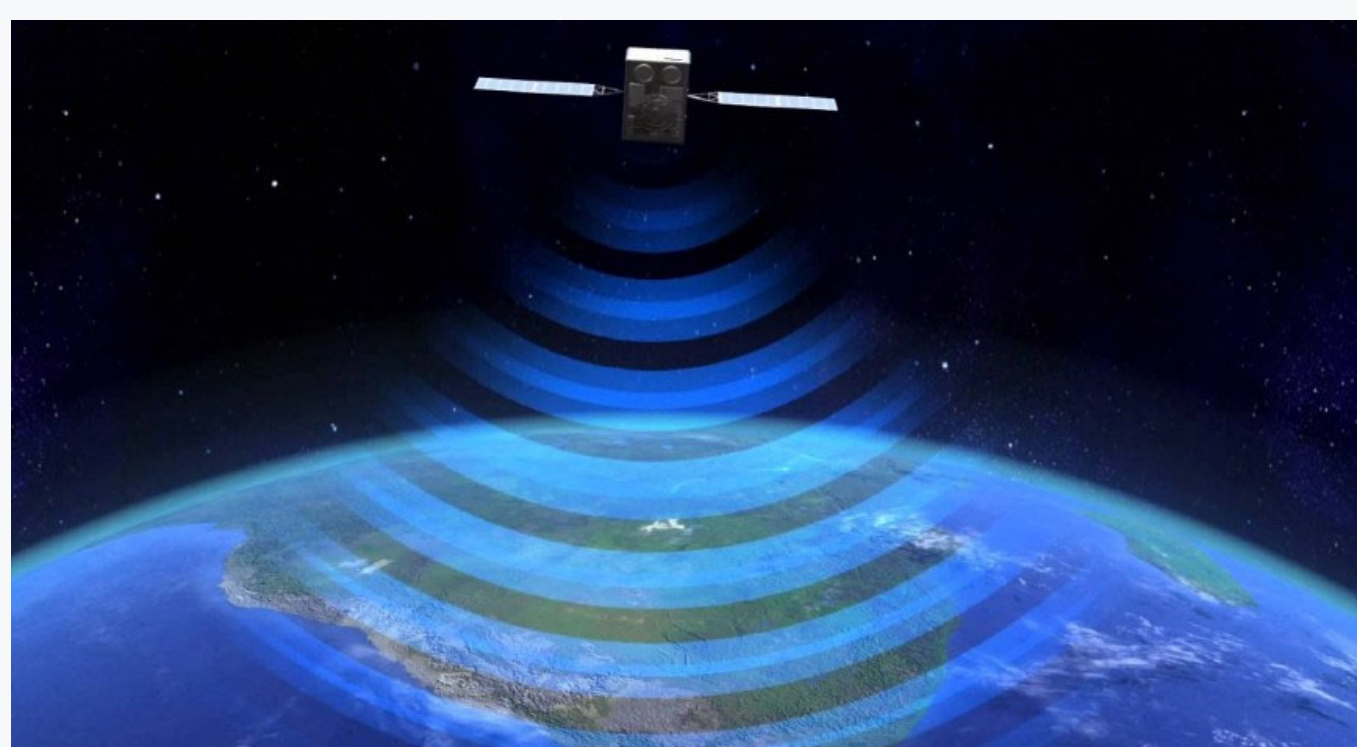


Seismic shifts are being wrought in the world today by emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), cryptocurrencies, blockchain and Web3, among others. Then there is the ever increasing urgency to bring in regulations regarding data privacy, cyber security, cross-border data flows, and the power being wielded by big tech companies. Another debilitating challenge that countries are confronted with today is the growing need for semiconductors, the technology required to produce them and their distribution-that has become a pawn in the high-stakes geopolitical game playing out in the global arena. It is in this backdrop that India assumed the G20 presidency for 2023 in December 2022, and the moment is ripe for crucial deliberations on these tech policy matters that hold unprecedented importance for the future.



According to the government, mobile phone users in Delhi will experience an enhanced connectivity during and after the G20 Summit. The city's 5G telecommunications infrastructure has undergone improved since it was selected to host this important event.

One of the key factors contributing to the improved connections is the addition of 5,718 5G base transceiver stations (BTS) in January alone. This brings the total number of operational BTS to 10,662 in the city, promising stronger and more reliable 5G connections for its residents.



Jio Satellite Communications has written to telecom regulator TRAI to allow flexible use of spectrum for satellite and mobile phone services networks.

The company in a letter dated September 5 to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Chairman PD Vaghela said technology is evolving that will enable convergence of satellite and terrestrial networks and therefore the regulator should consider flexible use of radio frequency for terrestrial and satellite services.