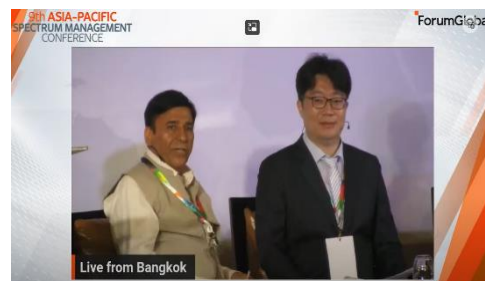


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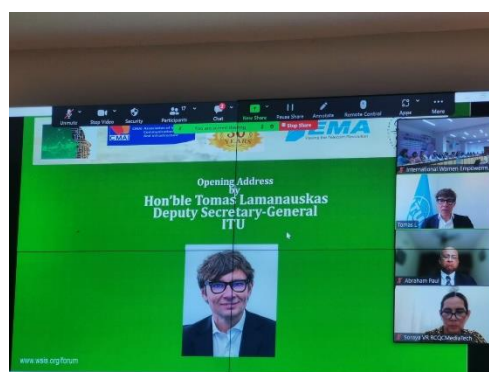
9th Asia Pacific Spectrum Management Conference:

Mr. Bharat B Bhatia President, IAFI & Vice Chairman WWRF, Moderating the session on Shaping the future connectivity landscape involving the progress of continued rollout and development of 5G and lessons learnt in building a healthy roadmap. The Panel consisted of Mr. Jonghyeuk Lee, (Korea) Mr. Konesh Kocchal (Huawei) Yishen Chan (GSMA) Arrisa Chong (Telenor).



International Girls in ICT Day 2023:

International Women Empowerment Forum has been promoted by CMAI Association of India and TEMA under the leadership of Prof. N K Goyal, Vice Chairman (IAFI). The event took place in Vigyan Bhawan on 27th April 2023. The Chief Guest of the event was Tomas Lamanaukas, Deputy Secretary General, ITU, Dr. Cosmos Zavazava, Director BDT & Ms. Atsuko Okuda, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific. The aim is to encourage young women and girls to pursue their studies and careers in science, engineering, technology, mathematics, and other fields and help them achieve their dreams. The theme for this year is 'Digital Skills for Life' and has been identified in consultation with youth.



22nd Edition of the Telecom Leadership Forum” (TLF)

Future of the Mobile Economy: Mr. Tilak Raj Dua, Director General DIPA, Chairman ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) has received The Telecom Person of the Awards for 2022. The award is presented in different aspects of business, including processes, infrastructure, networking, customer service, security, skilling, enterprise solutions, and innovation.



TRAI Consultation papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services	04 th May 2023	Under Development	-

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: 30th Meeting of the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)	01 st May 2023 – 5 th May 2023	24 th April 2023
ITU-R: ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar for the Americas (RRS-23-Americas)	08 th May 2023 – 12 th May 2023	05 th May 2023

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<u>ITU-D: Study Group 1 Rapporteur Group Meetings</u>	08 th May 2023 – 19 th May 2023	05 th May 2023
<u>ITU-T: Workshop on "The Future of Television for South Asia, Arab and Africa Regions"</u>	11 th May 2023	04 th May 2023
<u>APT: The 31st Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-31)</u>	22 th – 26 th May 2023	15 th May 2023

Telecom Stories:

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is not considering any reduction in license fee of telecom operators, rejecting repeated demands from the industry and recommendation from the TRAI. The DoT has also rejected the Trai's recommendations on reducing the universal services obligation (USO) levy to 3% from 5%, as that would also lead to a revenue loss.



Call Disconnected

Telcos have been investing huge capital in rolling out 5G networks

They claim there is no clear visibility of additional revenue from 5G services

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Telecom industry is estimated to have closed 2022-23 with a debt of about ₹6.3 lakh cr

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Inaugurated 91 new 100W FM transmitters via Video Conferencing. The Inauguration will give a further boost to radio connectivity in the country. The Prime Minister underlined that the inauguration of the 91 FM transmitters forwards the policies of the government that gives preference to the underprivileged who have been deprived of this facility.



The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) has called the second round of pre-drafting consultations with the industry stakeholders and policy experts on the principles of the upcoming Digital India Act (DIA). The Ministry has been working on a Draft Digital India bill to replace digital law information Technology Act (IT) 2000 for addressing changing challenges created by the modern-day internet.

