

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

Upcoming Conference of IAFI



 **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2023**
Digital Transformation in the Least Developed Countries (LDC)
Wednesday, 17th May 2023, 5 PM onwards, at CSOI KG Marg, New Delhi
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Highlights of the week:

6Ghz band delicensing for Wi-Fi Access Mr. Bharat B Bhatia President, IAFI & Vice Chairman WWRF conducted a webinar on 6Ghz band delicensing for Wi-Fi Access for the finance wing of DOT, organised by National Institute of Communication Finance, at Ghitorni. He explained how the current Wi-Fi spectrum is inadequate to meet the growing demands of the nation, along with how the 6GHz band is extensively being used in India for TV up-linking and VSATs.

IAFI weekly meeting for Working Party 5D and AWG: The Weekly Radio Group meeting of IAFI for the preparation of 44th WP5D and 31st meeting of AWG was held on Wednesday 04th May 2023. The meeting discussed several important documents i.e., IMT applications, IMT Multimedia, IMT Framework for 2030 & beyond. These documents have also been assigned to various members of IAFI for further input contribution. The next meeting will be held on 12th May 2023.

TRAI Consultation on Satellite spectrum: IAFI has almost finalised its response on the consultation paper of Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services. We have inculcated appropriate views on suitable frequency bands, band plan, block size. The date of submission of the consultation paper has been extended to 18th of May 2023.



TRAI Consultation Papers

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Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Status	Submission
Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services	18 th May 2023	Under Development	-

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar for the Americas (RRS-23-Americas)	08 th May 2023 – 12 th May 2023	05 th May 2023
ITU-D: Study Group 1 Rapporteur Group Meetings	08 th May 2023 – 19 th May 2023	05 th May 2023
ITU-T: Workshop on "The Future of Television for South Asia, Arab and Africa Regions"	11 th May 2023	04 th May 2023
APT: The 31st Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-31)	22 th – 26 th May 2023	15 th May 2023
ITU-R: WP5D IMT Systems	12 th June – 22 nd June 2023	06 th June 2023

Telecom Stories:

The Country is emerging as a technology power house and there is strong interest in learning from India's growth journey as technology develops. India has showcased how digital infrastructure is being developed to provide solutions at population scale. Use cases of Aadhar, UPI, CoWin etc. The central government has invited technical experts from G7 countries to test India's Telecom Stack on global standards.



TRAI would prefer minimal regulation in the broadcasting sector with a focus on pricing forbearance. Despite recent reforms, pricing remains a challenge, as smaller entities like local cable operators and multi-system operators often feel disadvantaged. In recent months, the sector has seen disputes over pricing between broadcasters and cable operators, leading to channels from major companies such as Disney Star, zee entertainment enterprises and Sony pictures networks being temporarily unavailable for smaller players



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India's telecom revenues have crossed a record Rs 3 lakh crore for the first time as a higher consumption of data content, as well as financial relief flowing in for the industry from the government's reforms package, saw income surge 20% in FY23. The growth also resulted in the government getting more earnings through the revenue share arrangement, as it netted upwards of Rs 16,700 crore as a part of license fee collections.

