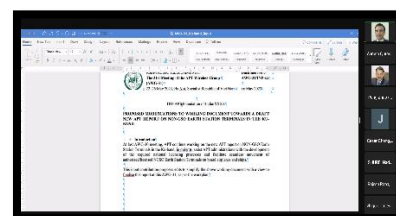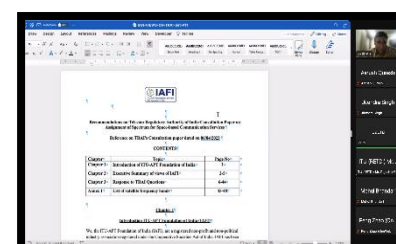# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

IAFI celebrates WTISD-23: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) which is celebrated around the world on 17th May each year helps to raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT). IAFI organised a gathering of telecom professionals and the government body at CSOI KG Marg, while keeping in mind the theme of this year i.e., "Digital transformation in the least developed countries (LDC)" This was well covered in the media: IAFI hosts World Telecommunication and Information Society Day | Communications Today

IAFI weekly meeting for the 44th WP5D: The weekly radio group meeting for the 44th WP5D was held on Friday 19th May 2023. The meeting discussed several important documents i.e., IMT Applications, IMT Multimedia, IMT Framework for 2030 and beyond, Elements on mitigation measures between FSS and IMT frequency band 3 400 – 3 600 MHz. The next weekly meeting will be held on 31st May 2023 (Wednesday)

TRAI Consultation on Satellite spectrum: IAFI has submitted 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. IAFI is of the firm view that administrative assignment is a more appropriate approach than auction-based approach for satellite spectrum. This was well covered in media: IAFI seeks assignment of satellite spectrum on non-exclusive basis | Communications Today

TRAI Consultation Papers

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

Important Meetings that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 31st Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-31)	22th – 26th May 2023	15th May 2023
ITU-R: SG 3	02nd July 2023	25th May 2023
ITU-R: SG 1	05th July 2023 - 06th July 2023	28th May 2023

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ITU-R: WP5D IMT Systems	12th June – 22nd June 2023	06th June 2023
ITU-R: WP4A, 4B & 4C	21st June – 06th July 2023	14th June 2023
APT: SATRC WG PRS	04th July 2023 – 06th July 2023	27th June 2023

Telecom Stories:

WhatsApp has expressed gratitude towards IT and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for acknowledging the Meta-owned messaging app's "continuous commitment to user safety in India". This comes after several WhatsApp users were bombarded with spam and international calls and messages. MoS IT Rajeev Chandrashekar asked the platform to explain how these spammers were getting access to the WhatsApp numbers. Vaishnaw also launched the Sanchar Sathi Portal on the occasion of WTISD. This portal aims at helping users track their lost and stolen phones.

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) focuses this year on "Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies". The aim behind the observance is to raise awareness of the potential of the internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) in bringing societies and economies together by bridging the digital divide. The telecos are uniquely positioned to bring connectivity to underserved areas, and as they transition to technology companies, they are brining innovative mobile solutions.

ChatGPT, the artificial intelligence bot became a global sensation for its powers to churn out human like content and provides answers on all subjects. Open AI, the Microsoft-backed company behind ChatGPT, said the release came after it heard from users that they "love using ChatGPT on the go". Open AI continues its encroachment on the market massively dominated by Google, which has been put under pressure by the rise of generative AI.