

## THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

### IAFI News

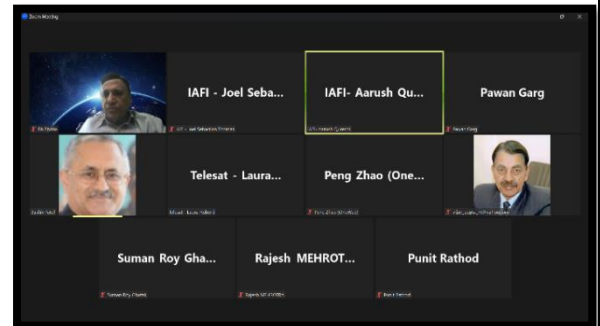
**National Workshop on the 6 GHz band in India:** ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI)

organized the National Workshop on planning of the 6GHz band in India on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at The Lalit Hotel, New Delhi. Attended by nearly 200 guests, the event had speakers and panelists explaining various planning options for the 1200 MHz precious mid band spectrum and technical studies regarding sharing of the 5925-7125 MHz band between Wi-Fi, IMT, satellites and other telecom services. The event also presented DoS views, META & CUTS studies on Wi-Fi6 & 6e Consumers. The inaugural session consisted of the Chief Guest; Shri V J Christopher, WA, DoT, Guest of Honour; Smt. Revathi Mannepalli, Joint Wireless Advisor, DoT, Mr. Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, Mr. Jitendra Singh, Senior Director, Qualcomm & Vice President, IAFI who gave the industry keynote and Shri. Tilak Raj Dua, Chairman, IAFI. This was well covered by the media: [IAFI hosts national workshop on the planning of the 6GHz band in India | Communications Today](#)



**Preparatory meeting for APG-6:** Asia-Pacific

Telecommunity (APT) has invited contributions for APG-6 meetings from administrations on various WRC-23 Agenda items and issues related to RA-23. Towards this IAFI hosted a drafting meeting of Stakeholders for preparation of Draft contributions for APG23-6 on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2023 the meeting was hybrid with physical participation at IAFI office. The meeting discussed views on agenda items of Fixed, Mobile and Broadcasting issues (1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 9.1 (c), Article 21.5) as well as satellite issues (WRC-23 Agenda Items 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 7)



### TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Date	Submission
Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services	1st June 2023	Submitted
Counter Comments on Assignment of Spectrum for Space-based Communication Services	15 June 2023	Being finalized

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates

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<u>ITU-R: WP5D IMT Systems</u>	12 <sup>th</sup> June – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	submitted
<u>30<sup>th</sup> Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG-23)</u>	19 <sup>th</sup> June – 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<u>23rd APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-23)</u>	20 <sup>th</sup> June – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<u>ITU-R: WP4A, 4B &amp; 4C</u>	21 <sup>st</sup> June – 06 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	14 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
<u>APT: SATRC WG PRS</u>	04 <sup>th</sup> July – 06 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Important Meetings that IAFI will attend

#### Telecom Stories:

Global satcom biggies, including Amazon, OneWeb, Starlink, Telesat and Hughes have strongly discouraged the regulator from backing the allotment of 28 GHz spectrum for 5G services, asserting that allocation of such airwaves for next-gen mobile broadband services have failed in South Korea, Japan, Thailand and US. Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea (Vi), though, have countered this, saying that reserving 28GHz airwaves exclusively for satellite services would lead to inefficient usage and blockage of a national resource.



Starlink and Amazon, along with Bharti Group-backed OneWeb and Canada's Telesat, have told the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) that auctioning satellite airwaves would make the business of satellite communications unviable. They contend that auctions would make broadband from space services unaffordable and deprive consumers, particularly in rural and underserved regions, of high-speed broadband connectivity.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, held a meeting with OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and stated "We welcome all collaborations that can accelerate our digital transformation empowering our citizens. AI has the potential in enhancing India's Tech ecosystem is vast and that too among youth in particular."





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