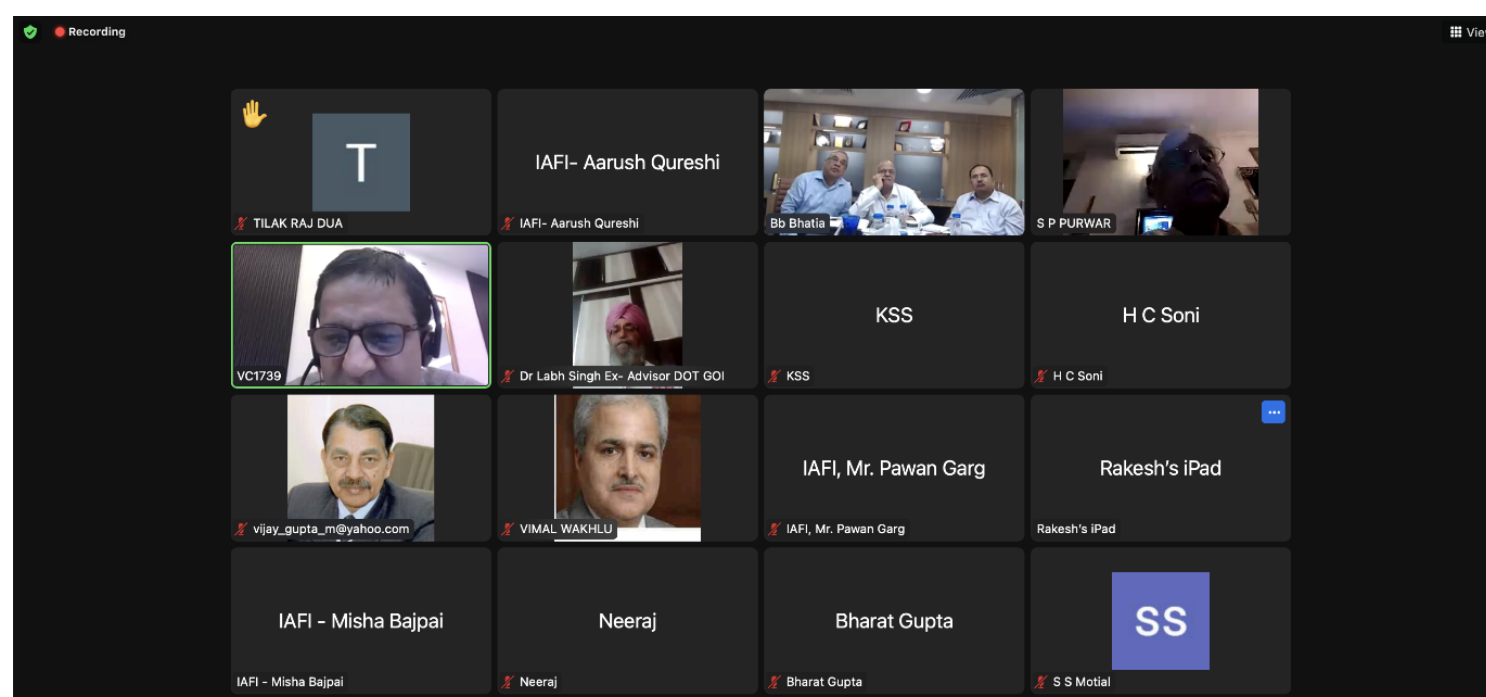


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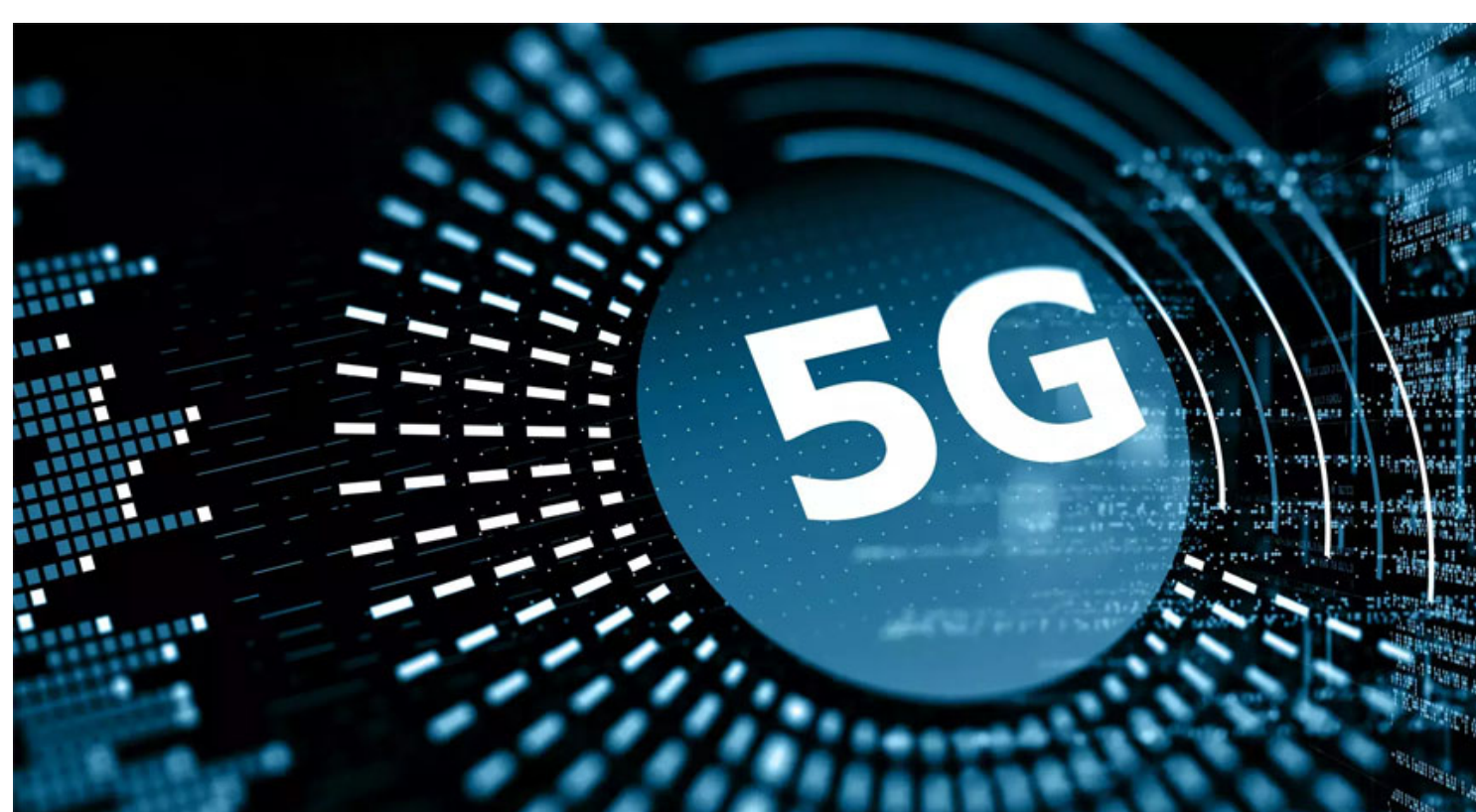
IAFI News

17th Executive Council meeting:



The 17th EC meeting of IAFI took place on Friday, 21st July 2023 at 12:30 PM at the IAFI office with remote participation and well attended by almost all the EC Members. The meeting reviewed past five events and current activities of IAFI on global level. The EC also approved 2 new corporate members i.e., E-Space and BSNL along with reviewing the new individual members. The EC further also approved the date of 20th AGM and next EC meetings to finalise the finance for 2023 and emphasized on the regular events and activities.

Support for Industrial 4G/5G networks:



IAFI in its recent letter to the Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal and the Communications Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, urged the government about the Policy for 5G network for industry 4.0. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is the next phase in the digitization of the manufacturing sector and 4G/5G networks are critical to manage and optimize all aspects of manufacturing processes and supply chain. To support Atamirbhar Bharat, IAFI is pursuing the matter with Government of India for opening of dedicated spectrum for private networks by the national regulators, to accelerate the adoption of captive NPN (Non-Public Networks) 4G and 5G networks, as already started by many industrialized countries. It is rapidly gaining popularity in recent years due to privacy, security, reliability, and performance advantages over public cellular mobile networks to replace hardwired connections that are traditionally used in the Industrial environments. IAFI therefore requested the Minister to urgently take the following actions.

Reserve spectrum in 4.9 GHz band (and also in other bands) for direct assignment to Industries and enterprise captive users.

Delicense 5925-6425 MHz spectrum for advanced Wi-Fi needed by the enterprise and innovation sectors.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
REGULATORY MECHANISM FOR OVER-THE-TOP (OTT) COMMUNICATION SERVICES	4th Aug 2023	Under Development

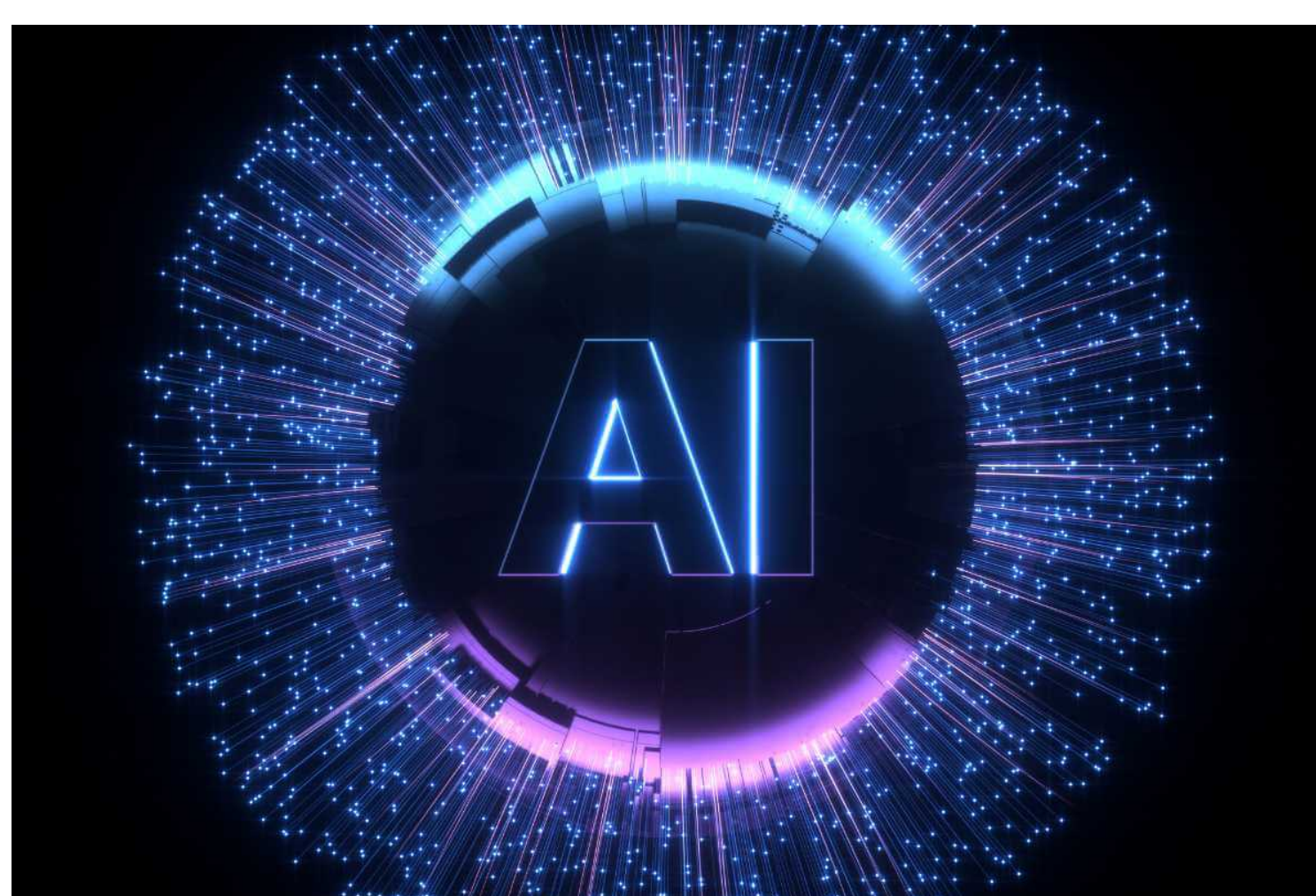
Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T SG20 Regional Group for Asia and the Pacific (SG20RG-AP)	25th - 26th July 2023	18th June 2023
APT: 3rd Meeting of the Correspondence Group for the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for 2024-2026	03rd - 4th Aug 2023	27th June 2023
APT: The 6th Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-6)	14th - 19th Aug 2023	07th Aug 2023
ITU-R: Working Parties 6A, 6B and 6C	28th Aug - 7th Sep 2023	21st Aug 2023
APT: 16th APT Policy and Regulation Forum for Pacific (PRFP-16)	29th Aug - 1st Sep 2023	23rd Aug 2023
ITU-R: WP 5A	13th - 21st Sep 2023	09th 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 cost models for affordable data services (FG-CD), and its first meeting and associated Workshop	04th - 6th Oct 2023	27th Sep 2023

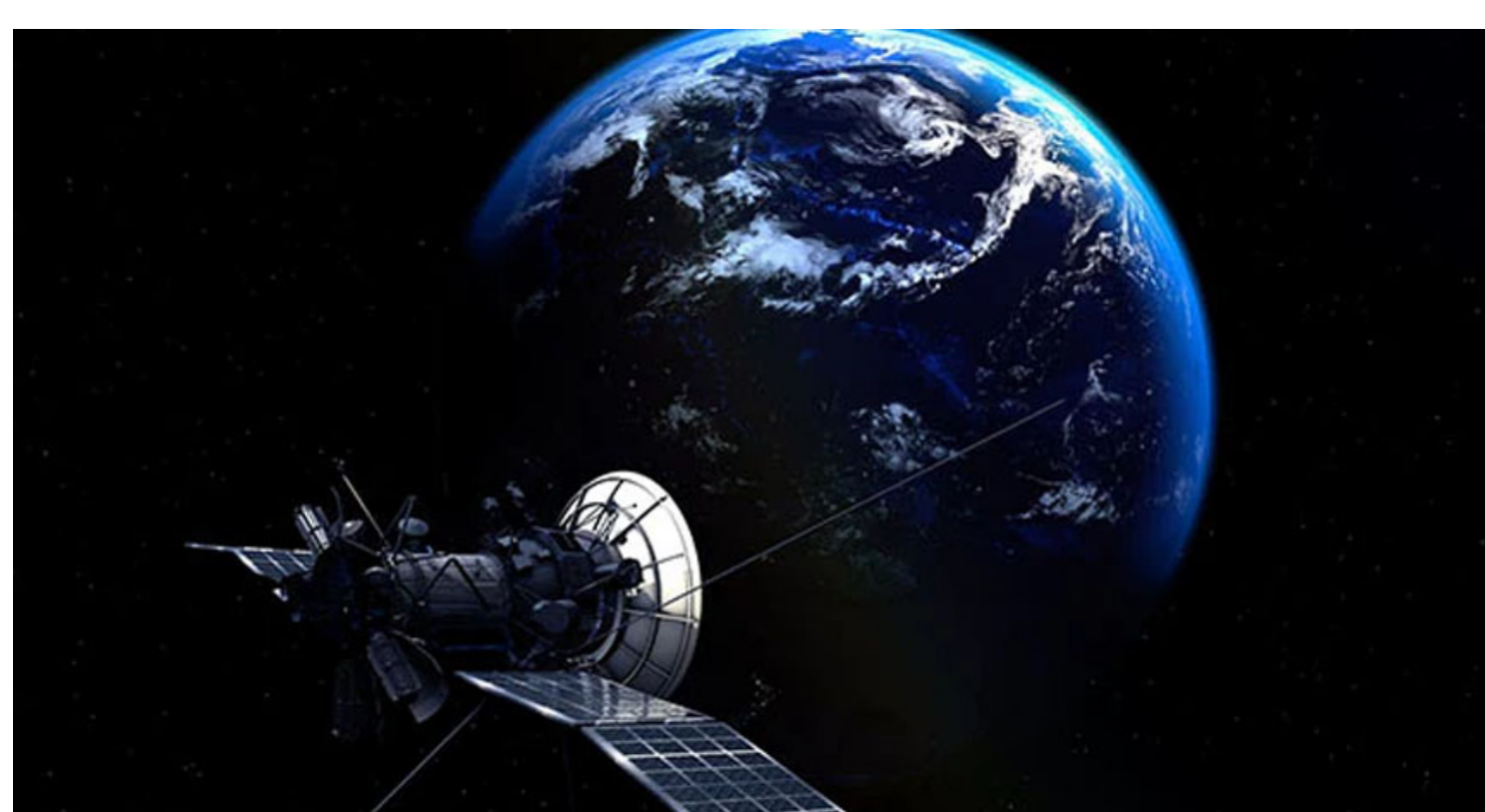
Telecom Stories:



The DCC, which is the highest decision-making body of the department of the department of Telecommunications (DoT), has cleared the recommendations given by the telecom Regulatory Authority of India in November last year. New Delhi: The Digital Communications commission (DCC) Thursday approved issuance of a separate License for setting up satellite earth station gateways (SESG).



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released its recommendations on "Leveraging Artificial Intelligence and Big Data in Telecommunication Sector." The move aims to unlock the transformative power of digital communications networks, as envisioned in the National Digital Communications Policy (NDCP)-2018, to achieve the goal of digital empowerment, according to the official release.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has supported auction as the preferred method for allocation of satcom spectrum, backing the stance of telecom firms Reliance jio and Vodafone Idea (VI) against satcom companies seeking allocation without bidding. Most telecom firms have opposed offering spectrum for satellite communications at an administered price as it may lead to an uneven playing field, as they would be offering the same services. However, satellite companies, led by OneWeb have opposed this, saying that globally, it is given administratively.