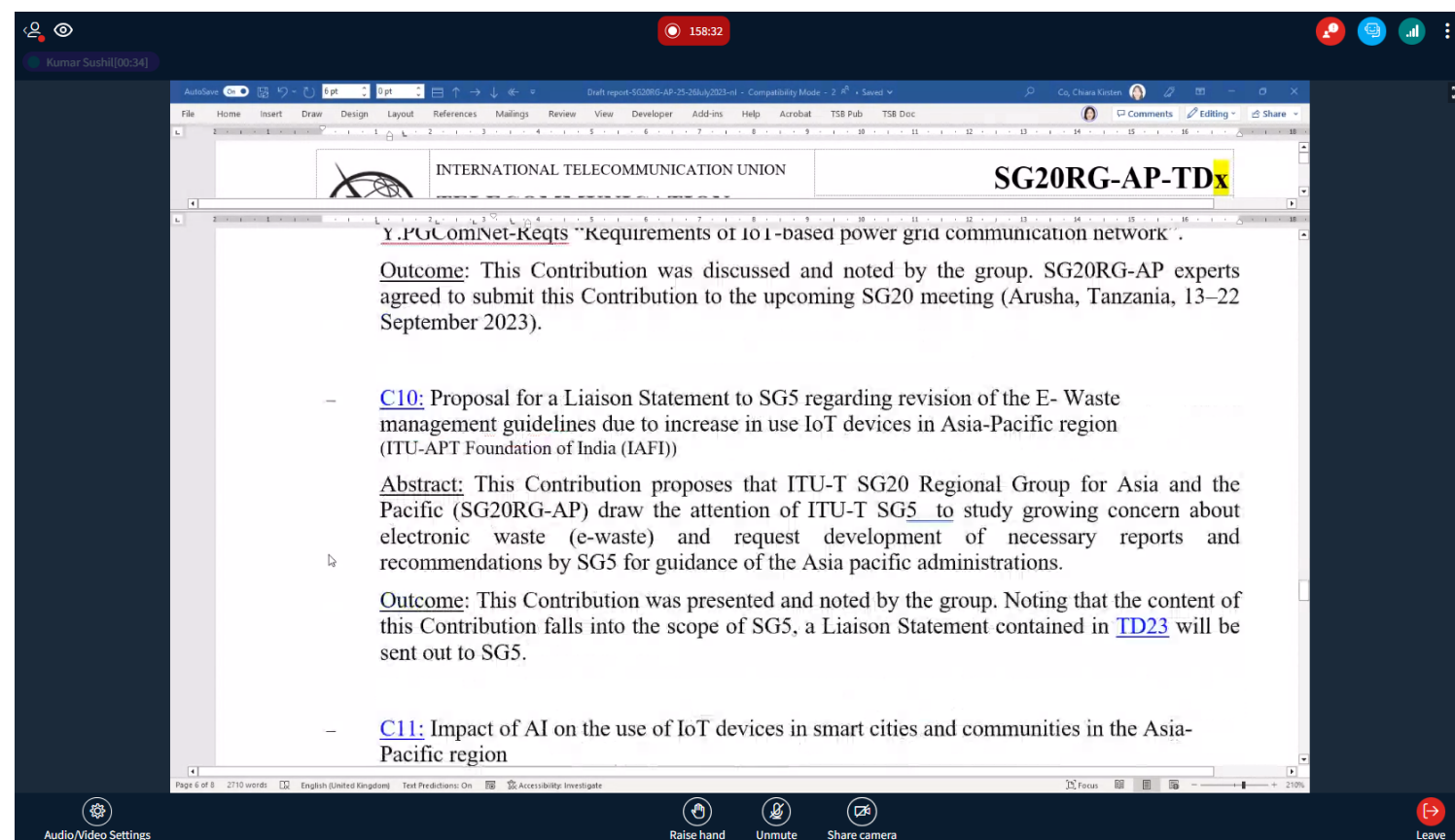


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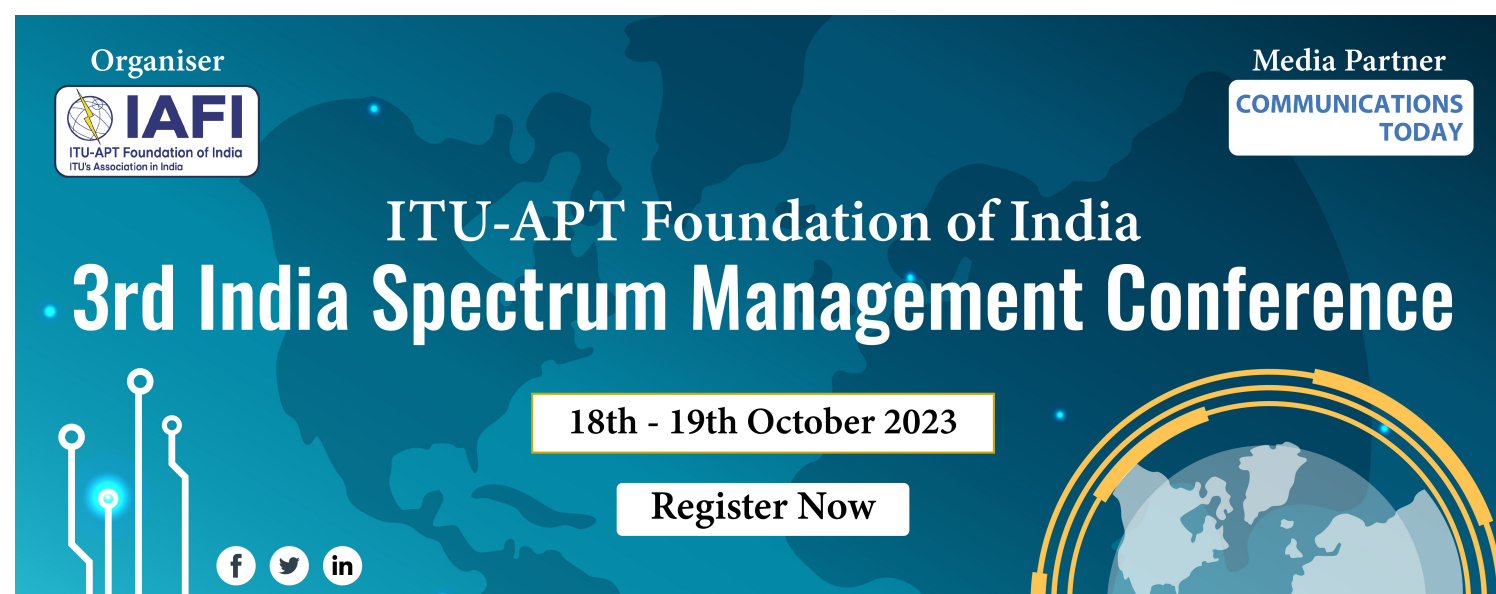
IAFI News

IAFI presents 3 contributions to the first meeting of SG-20 Regional Group AP of ITU-T



IAFI presented its 3 contributions to the first meeting of the newly constituted SG-20 RGAP (regional group for the Asia and the Pacific) of ITU-T which was held in a virtual mode on 25 and 26 July 2023. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sushil Kumar, from TEC New Delhi and was attended by approx 90 participants from 14 countries. Member Service, DoT and Director TSB gave the opening remarks to ensure the success of the meeting and emphasized the importance of collaboration and cooperation among 38 countries of regional group of Asia-Pacific, to develop consensual views on various issues, for raising in other ITUs meetings. Total 12 contributions were presented and discussed in the meeting, out of which, three contributions were from IAFI. Issues raised by IAFI were discussed in detail and members agreed for further necessary action in two contributions and in one contribution, there was bit disagreement regarding the proposal submitted by IAFI, so matter was recorded. IAFI decided to submit the same again after directly to the SG-20 meeting, likely to be held from 13 th to 22 nd Sept 2023 at Arusha, Tanzania, after incorporating necessary changes.

IAFI starts Preparations for ISMC-23



IAFI secretariat started various preparatory activities for ISMC-23 that will be held in New Delhi on 18 and 19 October 2023. Initial Website has been completed and launched and registrations are open now. Speaker invitations are being sent. We have already received confirmations from IIT Kanpur and IIT Delhi, in addition to many industry speakers. An organizing meeting is planned for next week.

TRAI Consultation Papers

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

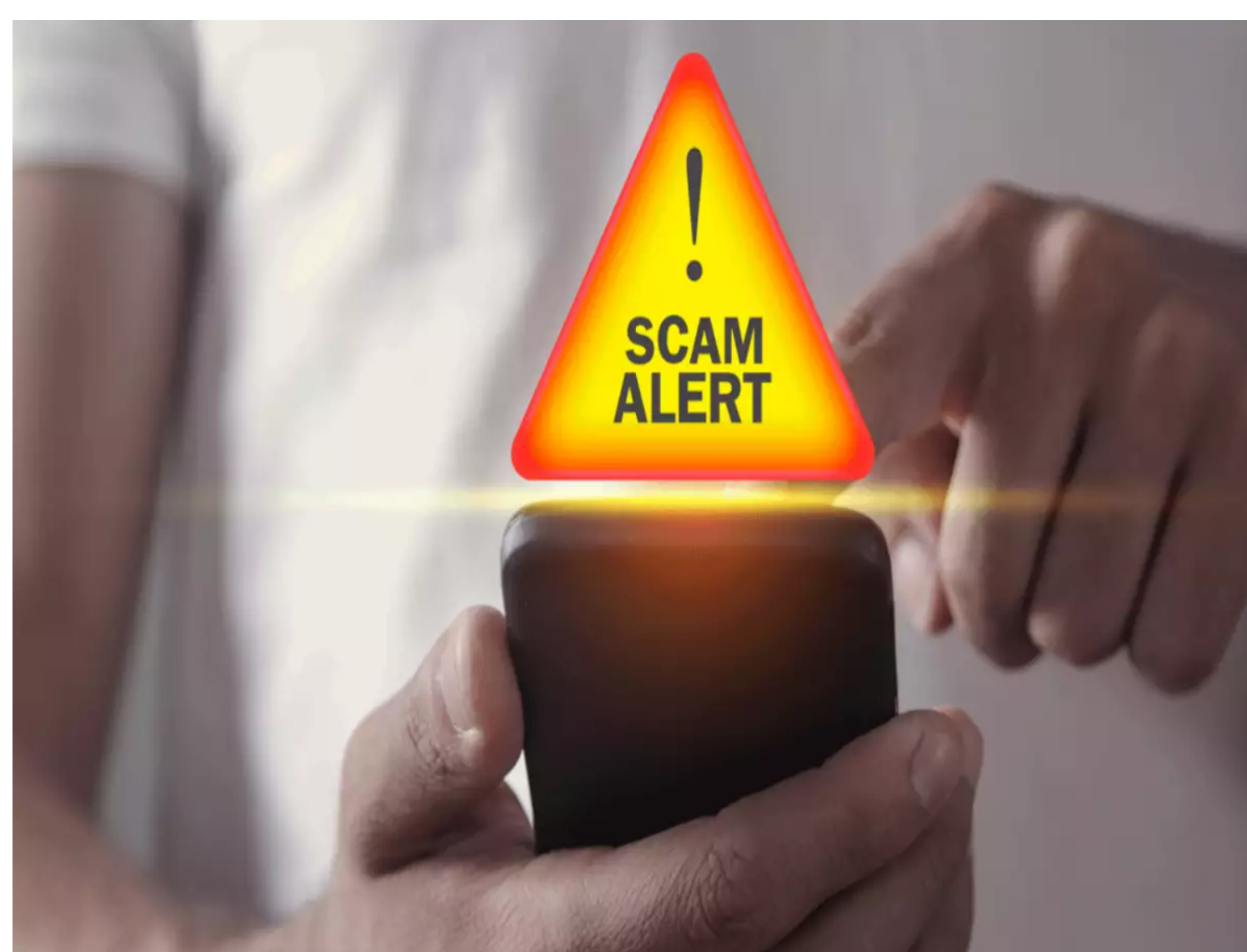
Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: 3rd Meeting of the Correspondence Group for the Strategic Plan of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity for 2024-2026	03rd - 4th Aug 2023	27th July 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 - 21th 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:

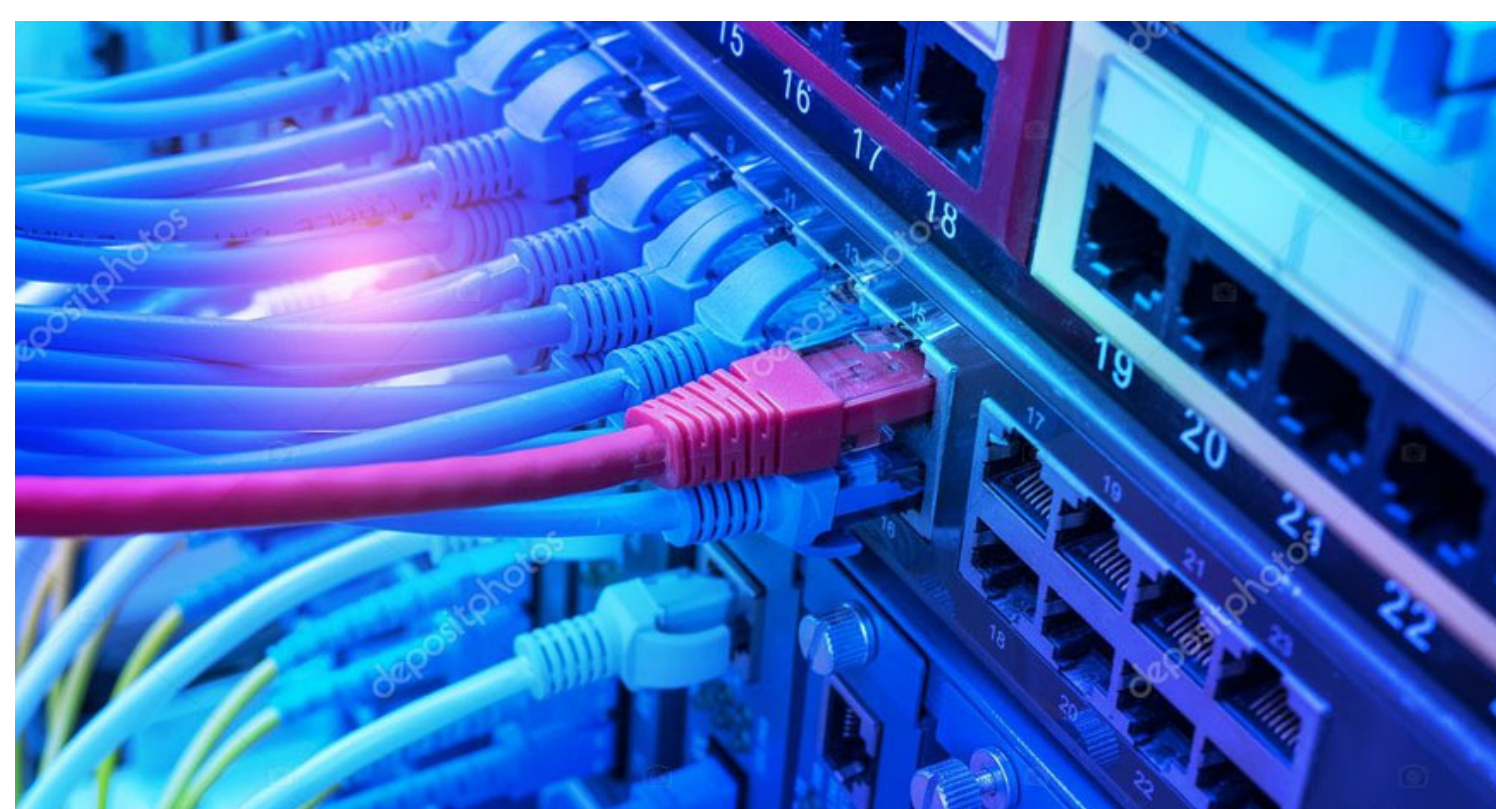
Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to inaugurate on July 26 the new convention centre at the redeveloped Pragati Maidan, which is set to host the G20 leaders' Summit in September, a government source said on Sunday.

In a series of tweets sharing the photos and details of the Integrated Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC), the Press Information Bureau said: "The redeveloped ITPO [India Trade Promotion Organisation] complex, which will host India's G20 Leaders meetings will be inaugurated on 26th July." While the tweets did not mention it, a government source said the Prime Minister was likely to inaugurate the new facility.



The matter assumed significance following incumbent operators such as Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel demanding the mid band frequency range for fifth generation or 5G expansion needs of the future, which they say could fuel economic growth in the country.

Union Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha said that as per the reports, telecom operators have disconnected 15,382 and 32,032 connections during the calendar year- 2021 and 2022, respectively, for violating Telecom Commercial Communication Customers Preference Regulation (TCCCPR), 2018.



The Indian government has appointed the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) as the nodal facilitation agency to handle telecommunication intellectual property rights (IPRs) and patents. C-DoT, the research and development wing of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), will act as a facilitator for negotiations related to standard essential patents (SEPs) without assuming any financial liability.