

THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

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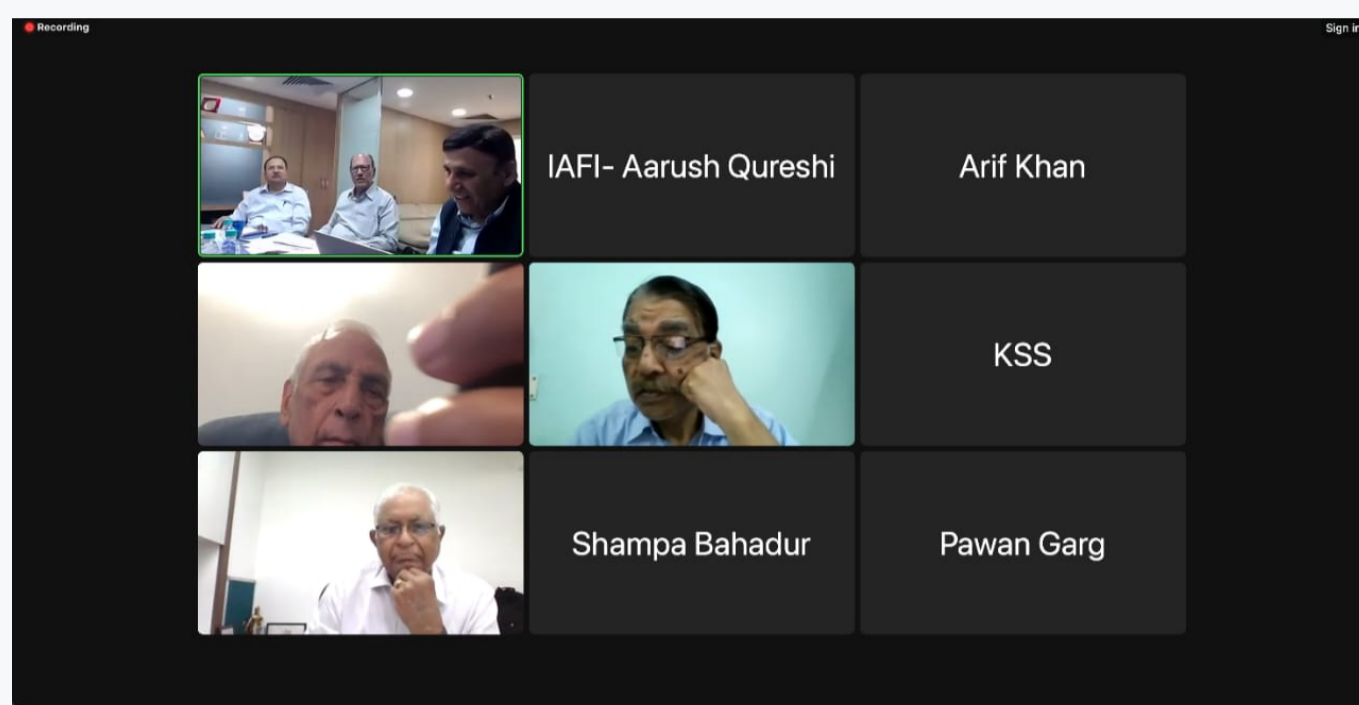
IAFI submits information contribution to APG23-6 on spectrum needs for PMSE Industry



IAFI has submitted an information contribution on the spectrum needs of Programme Making & Special Events (PMSE) Industry to the upcoming 6th meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-6) being held from 14th to 19th August 2023 at Brisbane, Australia under Agenda Item 1.5 of WRC- 23. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI and Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice President will physically join the meeting along with Indian delegation. Many IAFI delegates will attend the meeting virtually.

Programme Making & Special Events (PMSE) includes wireless applications used in making professional audio/video/film etc. and staging or performance of concerts, musicals entertainment, meetings, conferences, cultural and educational activities, trade fairs, sport, religious, and many types of public or private events. IAFI through this contribution provided information on the spectrum challenges faced by the PMSE industry worldwide, as available spectrum for PMSE applications below 1 GHz, has been shrinking over time, due to deployments of 3G, 4G and 5G mobile services.

18th EC meeting of IAFI held on 11-07-2023.



18th Meeting of the Executive Committee of IAFI was held on 11-07-2023, to discuss the statement of financial position of the IAFI and to finalize the agenda for the upcoming AGM meeting. Many other major issues like enhancing of the membership fee of corporates and individuals and draft guidelines for inactive members for more than two years was also discussed in detail. It was decided in the meeting that annual AGM will be held on 22-09-2023 at CSOI, K G Marg, New Delhi from 1600 onward, followed by dinner.

IAFI asks Ministry of External Affairs towards WRC-23



IAFI in a letter to Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs raised concerns about some WRC-23 agenda items that may impact national interest during the upcoming 6th Meeting of the Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG-6). It was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs that most of the countries in the world have already allocated the lower 6GHz (5925-6425 MHz) band for Wi-Fi, and many developed countries including USA (and the QUAD) have also allocated the upper GHz band for Wi-Fi.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
REGULATORY MECHANISM FOR OVER-THE-TOP (OTT) COMMUNICATION SERVICES	18th Aug 2023	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
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-T: SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)	11th - 12th Sep 2023	07th Sep 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:



New Delhi: The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, passed by Parliament this week, has received President Droupadi Murmu's assent, said Union Minister for electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnav said on Friday. The permission was granted by the President on August 11 and it was notified in the gazette the same day.

India, which is one of the largest data markets in the world, will finally get its privacy law. The government is now likely to move on to framing and rolling out the rules and regulations of the DPDP Bill. Officials had earlier told ET that the framing and rolling out of the administrative rules and regulations under the Bill would be done within the next 6-10 months.



Reliance Jio has successfully tested its 5G services and achieved high data speeds using both the 26 GHz (mmWave) and 3300 MHz spectrum bands in the Delhi licensed service area. The testing was conducted by the Department of Telecommunications' Delhi service area wing to verify Reliance Jio's minimum rollout obligations.

The testing took place on August 7th and 8th, and Reliance Jio has fulfilled its minimum rollout obligations for 5G deployment within the first year of acquiring spectrum in the July 2022 auctions. The company has also submitted the necessary applications to the Department of Telecommunications (DOT).



New Delhi: India now has the second largest 5G network in the world, on the back of the fastest 5G rollout with 300,000 sites set up in 10 months, the government said Tuesday.

In a Koo post on Tuesday, telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnav said, "The world's fastest 5G rollout continues, over 3 lakh sites installed in 714 districts. World's second largest 5G ecosystem." Telecom services providers Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio have together set up the sites, which were at 2.8 lakh in July, according to information shared with Parliament.

The department of telecom is monitoring the rollout of 5G networks in terms of districts, the department told the Parliament last month, noting that 5G networks have been rolled out in 717 districts distributed across the country as of 7 July.