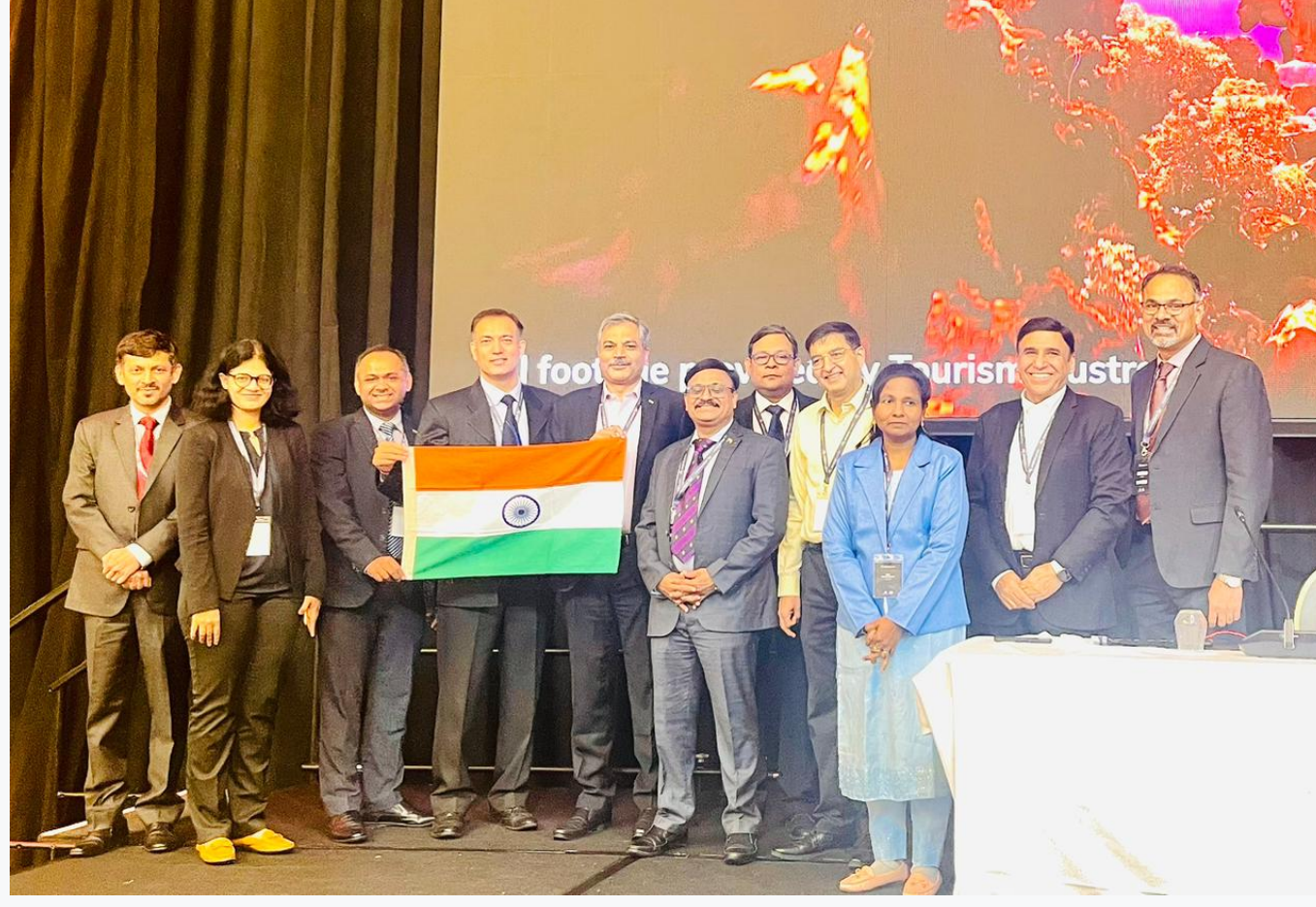


THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

The 6th Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-6)



The 6th Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-23 (APG23-6) was held from 14 to 19 August 2023 in Brisbane, Australia. APG23-6 meeting was the final APG meeting before the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23) which will be held at Dubai from 20th Nov to 15th Dec, 2023. The focus of APG was on drafting the Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) for WRC-23 agenda items as well as on RA-23 related issues and arrangement of coordination for RA-23 and WRC- 23. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI along with other members attended the meeting, to support the Indian Delegation stand, to achieve favorable common proposals for several agenda items. Some of the important agenda items in which IAFI actively contributed include:

- Start studies for new Spectrum bands for 6G
- Permitting NGSO satellites to offer inflight connectivity, as also connecting ships and trains
- Connecting multiple satellites directly through intersatellite links
- Studies for Mobile cellular bands to be used by satellites for direct to mobile connectivity
- A proposal to allocate 6 GHz band for IMT in Europe, Middle east and Arica Region (known as ITU Region 1)
- And many more

National Working Group 3 (NWG3) for ITU-T Study Group 3 (SG3) for the study period 2022-24



National Working Group 3 (NWG3) corresponding to the ITU-T Study Group (SG3) reconstituted for the study period 2022-24, was held on 14-08-2023 in hybrid mode. Meeting was chaired by Sh. Manish Sinha, Chairman NWG3 and Member (Finance) DCC DoT. Main agenda of the NWG3 meeting was to discuss the activities of NWG3, SG3, SG3RG-AO, and FG-CD, reviewing the structure and working methods of SG3RG-AO, discussion on proposed contributions for the SG3RG-AO meeting scheduled to be held on 11-12 September 2023 in Bangkok, where IAFI planned to submitted three contributions. Next meeting of NWG 3 is likely to be held on 21-08-2023.

Comments on the questioner issued by IN-SPACE



IAFI drafted comments on the questioner circulated by IN-SPACE, to work out the strategy for regulating and strengthening ecosystem for meeting the SATCOM requirements in the country. IN-SPACE through the questioner requested stakeholders to provide inputs, to ascertain the projection of satellite capacity demand to meet the requirements of various SATCOM applications in the country, for next five and ten years.

TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	status
REGULATORY MECHANISM FOR OVER-THE-TOP (OTT) COMMUNICATION SERVICES	01st Sep 2023	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
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 (PREP-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 - 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 metaverse (FG-MV)	03rd Oct - 05th Oct 2023	28th 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:



PM underscores India's rapid strides in telecom sector: On India's 77th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered an address from New Delhi, where he highlighted the achievements in the telecom sector, especially India's fastest rollout of 5G in the country and leadership in 6G.



The government is expected to disburse about Rs 13,000 crore to eligible firms seeking benefits under PLI as Domestic electronics production hits record high of Rs 8.25 lakh crore. Indigenous production of electronic goods in the country more than doubled to Rs 8.25 lakh crore.



Cabinet approves Rs 14,903 crore for Digital India expansion: Digital India programme was launched on 1st July, 2015 to enable digital delivery of services to the population.