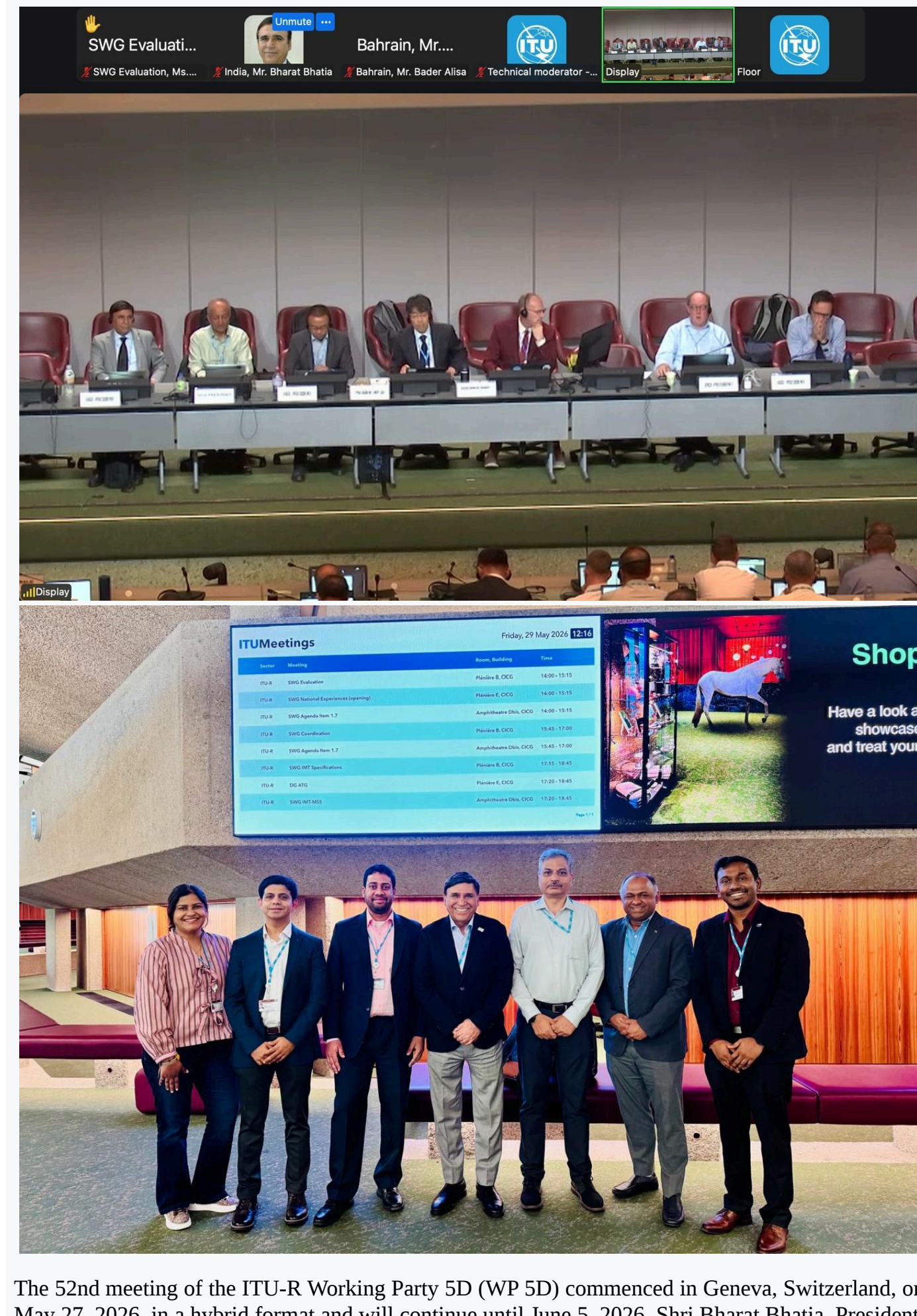


**Working Party - 5D Meeting**



The 52nd meeting of the ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D) commenced in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 27, 2026, in a hybrid format and will continue until June 5, 2026. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI (Chairman of Working Group General Aspects) and Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice Chairman, IAFI (Chairman of Sub Working Group Specific Applications), Mr. Sendil Kumar Devar from Ericsson (Chairman of Drafting Group Evaluation), and Dr. Punit Rathod from Qualcomm (Chairman of Drafting Group WRC-27 Agenda 1.7), participated in the meeting as delegates from Indian Administration physically, while several other members joined the meeting virtually. More than 200 documents were submitted for the meeting's consideration. WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.7 drew maximum attention, with 106 contributions submitted for consideration by Sub-Working Group 1.7 (SWG-1.7). IAFI submitted seven contributions, while India submitted six, bringing the total to 13 contributions.

The first week of the meeting focused heavily on sharing and compatibility studies for the various frequency bands assigned under Agenda Item 1.7. Key discussions also included finalizing the detailed evaluation methodologies, reviewing Technical Performance Requirements (TPRs), and establishing frameworks to ensure that 6G specifications meet the targeted capabilities. Furthermore, the group made progress on drafting templates and criteria for independent evaluation groups regarding the technology requirements for IMT-2030 (6G) Radio Interface Technologies (RITs).

**IAFI Submits Draft India PVs**

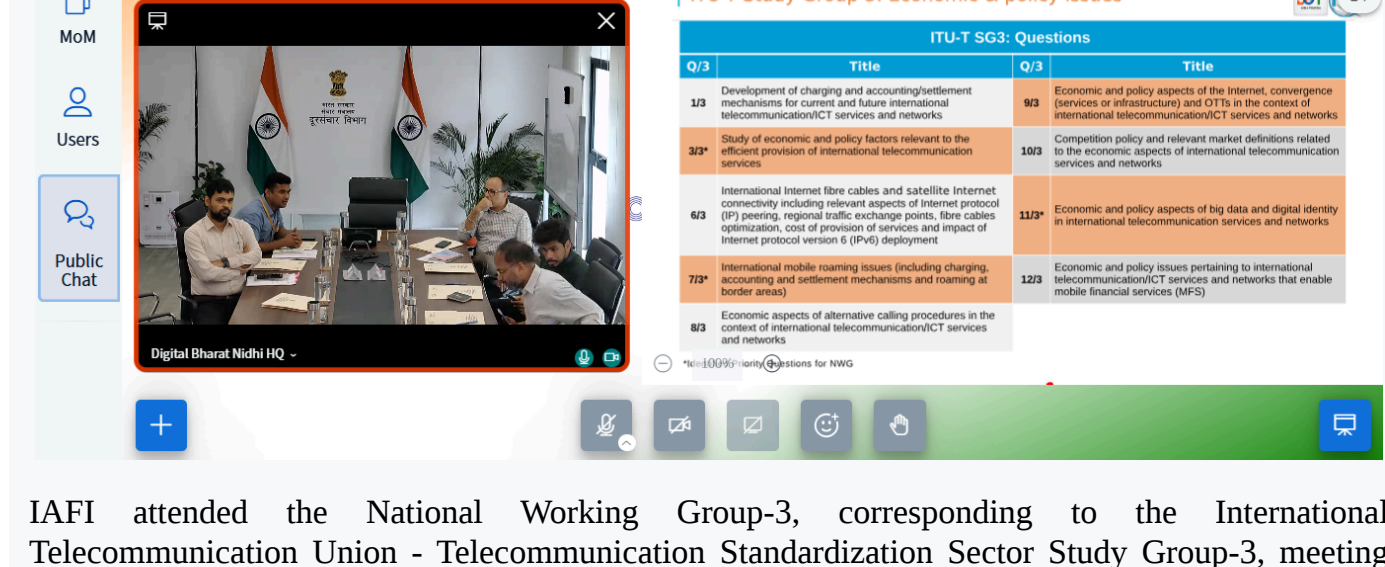


IAFI has submitted draft of India provisional views on all WRC-27 agenda items to the concerned working groups under WRC-27 National Preparatory Committee. These were based on the consensus drafts developed during the Last IAFI workshop on WRC-27:

1. DRAFT INDIA PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-27 AGENDA ITEMS 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 & 1.6
2. DRAFT INDIA PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-27 AGENDA ITEMS 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 & 1.10
3. DRAFT INDIA PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-27 AGENDA ITEMS 1.11, 1.12, 1.13, & 1.14
4. DRAFT INDIA PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-27 AGENDA ITEMS 1.15, 1.16, 1.17, & 1.18
5. DRAFT INDIA PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-27 AGENDA ITEM 8

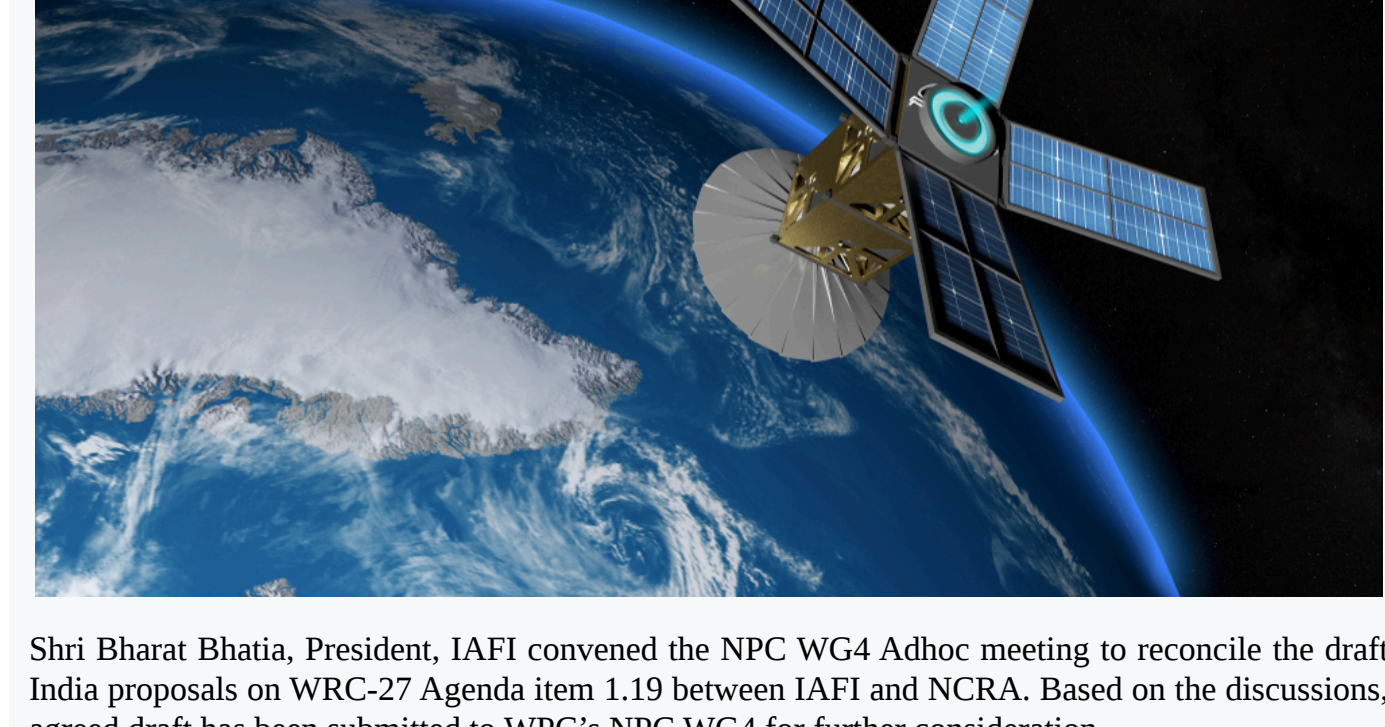
Draft PVs on agenda items 7, 1.19 and 10 are still being developed and will be submitted next week.

**National Working Group -3 (NWG-3) Meeting**



IAFI attended the National Working Group-3, corresponding to the International Telecommunication Union - Telecommunication Standardization Sector Study Group-3, meeting held on 29.05.2026 (Friday) at 12:00 Hrs at the Committee Room, Second Floor, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi, in a hybrid mode. The meeting was chaired by the Member (Finance), Digital Communications Commission and convened by Shri Satish M.C., Director and Vice-Chair cum Convener, National Working Group-3. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss the preparation for the upcoming ITU-T SG3 meeting in July 2026 and submission of contribution by India, also seeking volunteers from the Indian Posts and Telecommunications Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers.

**Adhoc Meeting on WRC-27 agenda Item 1.19**



Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI convened the NPC WG4 Adhoc meeting to reconcile the draft India proposals on WRC-27 Agenda item 1.19 between IAFI and NCRA. Based on the discussions, agreed draft has been submitted to WPC's NPC WG-4 for further consideration.

**TRAI deferred the OHD regarding TCCPR-2018 to 03-06-2026**



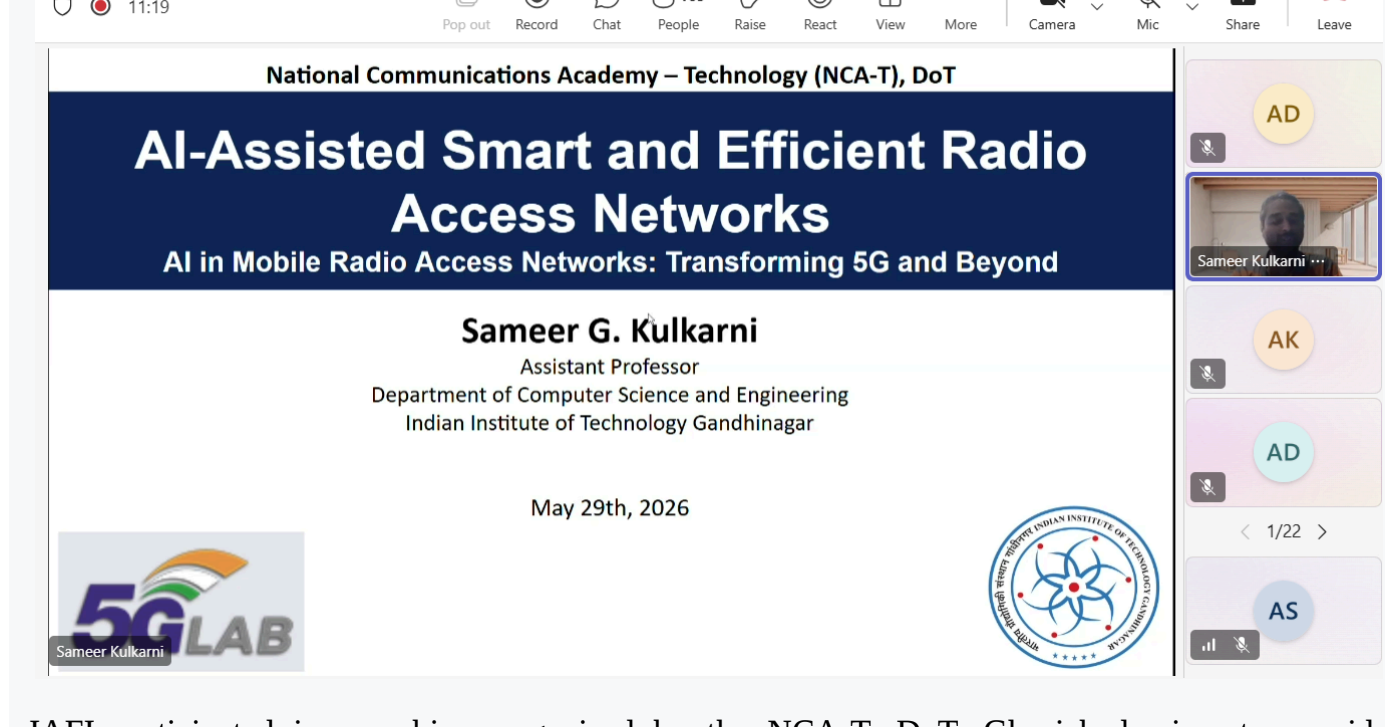
TRAI has rescheduled the Open House Discussion (OHD) on Draft Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, which was scheduled to be held on May 26th, 2026 through video conference, to June 3rd, 2026 due to administrative reasons. TRAI has invited interested stakeholders/ industry representatives to participate in the Open House Discussion and willing person may register themselves on the TRAI's website on the OHD notification.

**Extension of last date of submission of comments on V2X till 04-06-2026**



Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a consultation paper on the Regulatory Framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communication on 30.04.2026 and the last date for the submission of written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper from stakeholders was fixed at 28.05.2026 and counter-comments by 11.06.2026. Keeping in view the requests of a few stakeholders for an extension of time for submission of comments, TRAI decided to extend the last date for submission of written comments and counter comments up to 04.06.2026 and 18.06.2026 respectively.

**NCA-T Webinar on AI-Driven Mobile Radio Access Networks (RAN)**



IAFI participated in a webinar organized by the NCA-T, DoT, Ghaziabad, aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Generative AI in Mobile Radio Access Networks (RAN) for 5G Advanced and Emerging 6G networks. It covered the key concepts, architectures, and AI-driven approaches for intelligent RAN automation, optimization, and resource management. The webinar further highlighted the application of AI/ML in Open RAN ecosystems, including intelligent RAN controllers, traffic prediction, energy efficiency, beam-forming optimization, interference mitigation, and self-organizing network capabilities. The technical sessions featured detailed insights into upcoming technology and core deployment challenges from industry and academic veterans - Dr. Sameer Gundurao Kulkarni, Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar, highlighted the architectural evolution toward AI-native networks and Sh. Sandeep Saini, expert in RAN Architecture at Ericsson, delivered deep operational perspectives on telecommunication radio network solutions, business development, and real-world 5G/6G evolution.

**DoT organized Second Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in ICTs**



Under India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) successfully hosted and led the Second Meeting of the BRICS Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). Held virtually on May 21, 2026, the summit gathered senior officials and representatives from member nations to deepen sector-wide collaboration. Guided by India's overarching BRICS theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," and the ICT-specific theme, "Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future," the discussions centered on advancing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), future networks, and innovation ecosystems. Ultimately, the meeting reinforced a shared commitment to leveraging digital technologies and capacity building to drive inclusive, sustainable socio-economic growth across the BRICS nations.

**TRAI Consultation Paper**

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
Consultation Paper on the Regulatory Framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communication	04th June 2026	Under Development	-

**Important Meeting that IAFI will attend**

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: WP 5D - IMT Systems	27th May - 05th June 2026	15th May 2026
APT: The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-4)	15th - 19th June 2026	05th June 2026
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)	27th - 31st July 2026	20th July 2026
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-5)	24th - 28th Aug 2026	14th Aug 2026

**Telecom Stories:**



Communication Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has asked telecom service providers to take all necessary measures to ensure that citizens get good quality telecom services. Scindia held the second meeting with the recently constituted Stakeholders Advisory Committee on Telecom Service Providers in New Delhi yesterday.



India's telecom sector reached a new milestone in April 2026, crossing 1.337 billion total telephone subscribers according to data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). This figure underscores the country's position as the world's second-largest telecom market by subscriber base, trailing only China.



BSNL and Starlink explore a strategic partnership to expand satellite-based broadband connectivity and improve internet access across remote and underserved regions in India. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Starlink are exploring a strategic partnership to strengthen satellite-based internet connectivity and expand broadband access across India, particularly in underserved and remote regions. The discussions reflect growing interest in combining satellite communication technologies with existing telecom infrastructure to improve nationwide digital connectivity.

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