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DoT/MHA one day workshop on BB-PPDR at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Directorate of Coordination Police Wireless (DCPW), MHA and DoT collaborated to jointly organize One Day Conference on Broadband Public Protection and Disaster Relief (BB-PPDR) on 13-03-2024 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI was invited as a guest speaker and delivered his presentation on "International Standards on Public Safety Network". During the conference, detailed deliberations on Pan-India implementation of Cellular Mobile BB-PPDR Network covering main aspects viz Global Scenario in Public Safety Network, Technology Environment & Present Network and Implementation Methodology for BB-PPDR in India were discussed in detail. The event was followed by a closed door meeting organized by the DOT with key experts including IAFI to deliberate on implementation of a pilot PPDR project.
More Information: PPDR

Webinar organized by the FG-CD of ITU on 13-03-2024 on Open RAN

The Focus Group on Costing Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD) working under ITU-T's Study Group-3 (SG-3) hosted the third episode of its webinar series on Open RAN best practices for affordable data services on March 13, 2024. This on-going series explores ways to optimize network costs, enabling more affordable services, improved environmental sustainability, and reduced visual pollution in cities. It is pertinent to mention here that based on the IAFI proposal during SG-3 meeting of ITU-T, FG-CD was established and its first meeting was held from 05th to 06th Oct, 2023 in Delhi and 2nd meeting is going to be held at Lilongwe, Malawi from 08th to 10th April, 2024.

IAFI established Task Force on 6G technology

IAFI established a new Task Force dedicated to address the challenges and opportunities in the development and standardization of 6G technology as per the ITU IMT-2030 framework. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI announced the formation of the Task force, as it will foster collaboration between industry, academia, research institutions, and standards development organizations on ubiquitous and affordable connectivity, support development of telecom and semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem, thus taking lead in 6G Technology ecosystem and services. The task force will convene regular meetings, workshops, and collaborative sessions to facilitate knowledge sharing and collective action.
Well Covered By Media: https://www.communicationstoday.co.in/iafi-sets-up-task-force-on-6g-to-support-itu-studies/

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	23rd April 2024
APT: Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Spectrum	07th May - 09th May 2024	30th April 2024
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-1)	03rd Jun - 06th Jun 2024	27th May 2024

Telecom Stories:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of three chip plants on March 13, two units by Tata Electronics and the third by CG Power entailing total investment of Rs 1.26 lakh crore. Modi said only a handful of nations are manufacturing semiconductors today, and emphasised the need for a reliable supply chain after the disruptions caused by the pandemic.
Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology said, "India will be among the top five chip ecosystems in the world by 2029. The first chip from Dholera plant will be out in December 2026 and chip from Micron plant will be out by December 2024."

Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology launched the curtain raiser of World Telecom Standardization Assembly Delhi 2024 (WTSA 2024) and India Mobile Congress (IMC 2024) on March 11, 2024.
While emphasising the importance of collaboration and cooperation among stakeholders to propel the sector forward, the Telecommunications Minister announced several reforms and reiterated the government's commitment to driving reforms in the telecom sector to create a conducive environment for investment and innovation. During the event, he also unveiled the policy on Spectrum Regulatory Sandbox that holds the potential of advancing India's telecommunications landscape and fostering global collaboration in the field. Minister also announced a complete abolition of Wireless Operating License (WOL) that further simplifies the licensing processes in telecom.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has issued guidelines for introduction of regulatory sandboxes aimed at simplifying equipment testing procedures. It has also scrapped operating license requirement for establishing, maintaining, or working of telecommunications including radio equipment, in a move designed to save time for telecom service providers.
The developments were announced by telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Monday at the curtain raiser of the India Mobile Congress, an annual event. The minister highlighted the government's commitment to continuous reform in the telecom industry, seeking suggestions for further improvements.