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The 3rd Meeting of APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)



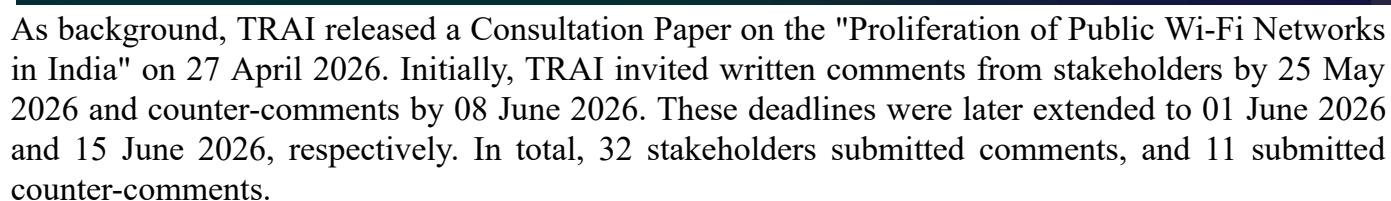
The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3) was successfully held from July 27 to 31, 2026, in Sapporo, Japan. Organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan, the event was conducted in a hybrid format, allowing both physical attendance and remote participation via Zoom.

The conference commenced with welcome addresses by Dr. Masanori Kondo, Secretary General, APT; Mr. Mario Maniewicz, Director BR, ITU and Mr. Nobuyuki Kawai, Chair, APG for the WRC-27. The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Jun Mukoyama, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for

India maintained a strong presence at the conference. The physical delegation included prominent industry leaders such as Shri Bharat Bhatia (President, IAFI and Vice-Chair, APG), Ms. Aarush Qureshi (GM, IAFI), Dr. Sendil Devar (Sr. Director - Standards and Spectrum, Ericsson), and Shri Jitendra Singh (Head of Govt. Affairs, Qualcomm India), alongside many others from IAFI.

In the spirit of collaboration, IAFI hosted an exclusive reception for all Heads of Delegations on July 30, 2026, at the Sapporo Prince Hotel. The gathering provided delegates with a valuable opportunity to network across the Asia-Pacific region and exchange insights in an informal setting. The reception also served as a premier platform for international delegates to meet Dr. M. Revathi, India's esteemed candidate for the position of Director, BR, ITU.

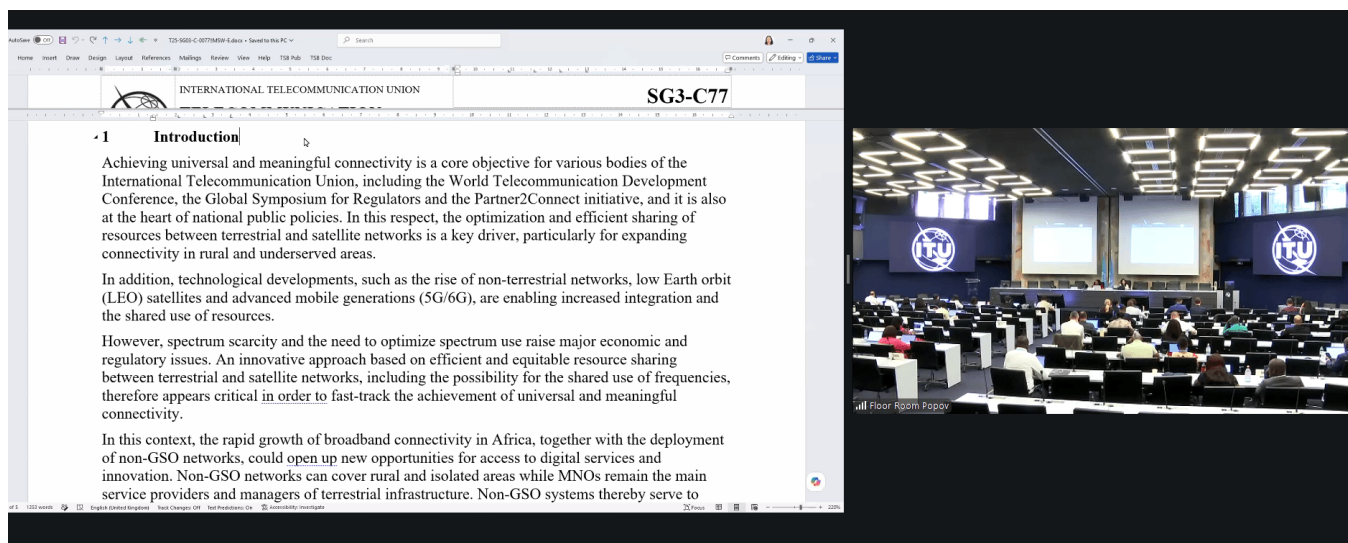
TRAI organized Open House Discussion (OHD) on Wi-Fi



As part of this consultation process, TRAI convened a virtual Open House Discussion (OHD) via video conferencing on 29 July 2026. The five-and-a-half-hour session was chaired by the Chairman

of TRAI, accompanied by two Members, the Secretary, Principal Advisors, and an Advisor. During the event, all issues raised in the Consultation Paper were thoroughly discussed among the 93 participating stakeholders. IAFI submitted detailed comments on all the issues and actively participated in the OHD.

SG-3 of ITU-T Meeting from 28-07-2026 to 05-08-2026



The meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues) started from 28 July 2026 and will continue till 05 Aug 2026. ITU-T Study Group 3 is responsible, inter alia, for studying international telecommunication/ICT policy and economic issues and tariff and accounting matters (including costing principles and methodologies), with a view to informing the timely development of enabling regulatory models and frameworks for universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. Total 82 contributions were received. India submitted five contributions, while Telecom Centre of Excellence of India submitted one contribution.

TEC National Workshop on "oneM2M: Standards, Global Deployments



Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) organized a National Workshop on "oneM2M: Standards, Global Deployments and Stakeholders Perspective" on 29th July 2026 in hybrid mode at Auditorium Hall, 3rd floor, O/o CGCA, MTNL Building, JLN Marg, Minto Road, New Delhi. The

workshop aimed to spread awareness about oneM2M standards, global deployments, testing and certification, and implementation experiences through active stakeholder interactions. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri R.S.Singh, DDG (IoT), TEC and special address was given by Shri Alok Shukla, Member (T), DoT. The workshop aims to spread awareness about oneM2M standards, global deployments, testing & certification and implementation experiences through stakeholders' interactions. The workshop featured key speakers from DoT, Railway, oneM2M TP, ETSI, C-DOT, TSDSI, C-DAC, IIIT Hyderabad.

TRAI released Telecom Subscription Data ending June, 2026.



As per the TRAI, total Wireless Subscribers has reached 1300.25 million, Wired-line subscribers 47.82 million and total subscribers 1348.08 million. Broadband subscribers without M2M cellular mobile as 953.79 million, Wireline broadband – 47.71 million and total Broadband subscribers reached 1001.50 million. By adding Broadband subscribers of 5G FWA, Wi-Fi, Wi-Max, Radio/UBR, Satellite, M2M-based 3G/4G/5G - total Broadband Subscription has reached 1087.50 million. Total FWA connections including 5G+UBR has been reached to 18.36 million and now more number of FWA connections are working in rural area than urban area. Total M2M cellular mobile connections have reached 134.73 million.

Further details can be seen at - https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-07/PR_No104of2026.pdf

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-5)	24th - 28th August 2026	14th August 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026

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ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	28th Sep - 08th Oct 2026	16th September 2026

Telecom Stories:



Up to 100 crore people, will be connected to 5G technology in India, by 2030, according to a statement from Jyotiraditya Scindia, Telecom Minister, on Tuesday. He stated that 5G has now reached 50 crore people in India, which is the size of Europe’s entire population.

Scindia said the India will “lead the world on 6G”, and that it is taking part in standard setting framework of ITU and 3GPP. India is also setting up the very first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, as per Scindia. The minister stated that the infrastructure would create a telecom and data centre ecosystem.



Indian telecom carriers have warned regulators that time-sensitive banking texts, things like transaction alerts, may in some cases be moving through channels outside their networks entirely, a shift that could expose customers to greater security risk. The warning centres on telemarketers who handle bulk messaging on behalf of banks.

Behind the concern is a simpler business fact: operators have watched SMS volumes from lenders fall, a trend that also cuts into what they earn from text delivery.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India, and the Government of Madhya Pradesh will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30 July 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, for the establishment of India's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ), Phase-I, at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

The MoU signing ceremony will be graced by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region; Dr. Mohan Yadav, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani Minister of State for Communications & Rural Development, along with other distinguished dignitaries.

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