



IAFI News

The 2nd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG-27-2)



Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) organized the 2nd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (APG-27-2) from 28 July to 01 August 2025 in Pattaya, Thailand. The meeting was organized by the APT as physical meeting with remote participation. The main objectives of the APG-27-2 were to develop APT preliminary views on WRC-27 Agenda Items based on input contributions from APT Members. Other issues discussed in the meeting were – (1) to finalise appointment of Vice Chairs, WP Chairs and drafting group chairs for APG-27 (2) to arrange briefing sessions for WPs and DG Chairs (3) to consider the progress in ITU-R Study Groups in relation to WRC-27 Agenda items, and take the actions as appropriate, (4) to review the activities of other regional organisations, in particular, their preliminary views/positions with a view to fostering inter-regional cooperation and (5) to review of issues related to RA-27 and develop preliminary views of APT, if any. The meeting saw a record-breaking attendance of over 733 participants, the highest ever for an APT meeting. This included 508 participants from 27 member states, 59 from 30 affiliate members, and 28 from 7 international organizations. Even, almost 350 + were present physically in the meeting. India played a significant role in the meeting, submitting its preliminary views on 19 agenda items to the APT. These views were based on 20 contributions submitted by IAFI during a National Preparatory Committee (NPC) meeting held in July 2025. India's proposals regarding Agenda Items -1.1 to 1.6 were discussed in WP-1 meeting, 1.7 to 1.10 in WP-2, 1.11 to 1.14 in WP-3, 1.15 to 1.18 in WP-4 and Agenda Item -8 in WP-5 meeting, alongwith many other proposals of various countries, covering a wide range of agenda items for WRC-27. Meeting concluded with great success, and it was decided that the next APG-27-3 meeting will be held in Japan during July 2026.

Shri Bharat Bhatia elected as Chair, Editorial Committee for APG-27



During the Heads of Delegation meetings at APG27-1 and APG27-2, discussions were held regarding the leadership roles for the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity's Conference Preparatory Group for WRC- 27 (APG-27). Following these discussions and a recommendation from the Heads of Delegation meeting at APG27-2, it was unanimously agreed that Shri Bharat Bhatia from the Republic of India will serve as both the Chair of the Editorial Committee and, by virtue of that role, a Vice-Chair of APG-27. This decision reflects a spirit of cooperation among the participating nations. His nomination was well covered by the media and further details can be seen at

[Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI elected as Vice-Chair APG-27](https://www.communicationstoday.co.in/bharat-b-bhatia-appointed-vice-chairman-and-editorial-chair-for-apg-27/)

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IAFI Hosted lunch for the APG delegates during APG-27-2 meeting at Pattaya, Thailand



During the APG-27-2 meeting in Pattaya, Thailand, ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted a lunch for all delegates, on July 29, 2025. This event was a goodwill gesture and served as an opportunity to promote the candidacy of Ms. M. Revathi Manneppalli, India's nominee for the position of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) at the ITU. Ms. M. Revathi Manneppalli, Joint Wireless Advisor in the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), as its candidate for the position of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This nomination is a significant move for India, marking its most substantial bid in decades for a top leadership role in global radio spectrum governance. Ms. Revathi currently serves as a member of the ITU's Radio Regulations Board (RRB), where she has been a strong advocate for equitable and efficient spectrum use. If elected, she would be the first woman and the first representative from ITU Asia/Africa regions to lead the Radiocommunication Bureau.

DoT issued draft New Telecom Policy – 2025



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on 24-06-2025 issued a draft National Telecom Policy (NTP), 2025, for public consultation. This policy aims to transform India into a "Telecom Product Nation" by focusing on universal connectivity, infrastructure development, and boosting the telecommunications sector's contribution to the GDP. The policy sets ambitious targets, including 100% 4G and 90% 5G coverage by 2030, along with initiatives to enhance fiberization, public Wi-Fi, innovation, telecom equipment manufacturing & export and many more. Details of the new telecom policy - 2025 can be seen at

[Draft New Telecom Policy - 2025](#)

DoT Consultation Paper

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status
Circulation of Draft National Telecom Policy (NTP), 2025 for Public Consultation.	14th Aug 2025	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Meeting
APT: The 35th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-35)	08th - 12th Sep 2025	28th Aug 2025	20th Aug 2025
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-5)	15th - 19th Sep 2025	3rd Sep 2025	20th Aug 2025
ITU-R: Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	15th - 24th Sep 2025	3rd Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	16th - 25th Sep 2025	4th Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	16th - 25th Sep 2025	4th Sep 2025	-

Telecom Stories:



Indian telecom equipment exports to the US will remain competitive even after imposition of additional tariffs, Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said.

Telecom equipment worth about Rs 85,000 crore have been produced under the PLI scheme, of which equipment worth Rs 16,000 crore have been exported to various countries.

“We will remain competitive,” Scindia said when asked about the impact of the proposed US tariff on telecom equipment export.

He was speaking on the sidelines of an event organised by retailers' body CAIT on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the first cellular call in India.

According to government and industry sources, Indian electronics industry has around two weeks' breather from the proposed tariffs due to the pending review of a key section that covers technologies under the ongoing bilateral negotiations.



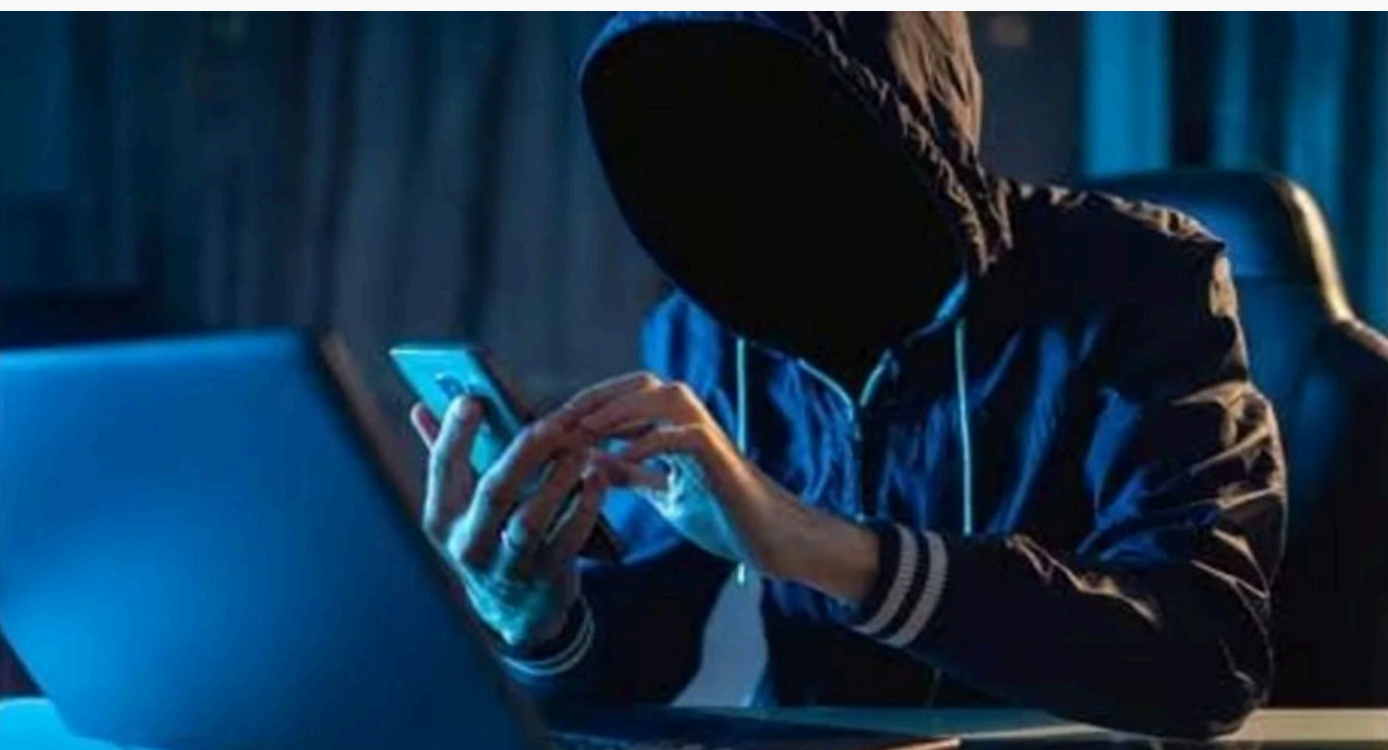
Elon Musk-led Starlink has received a licence to launch satellite service in India, and a framework for spectrum allocation is also in place for a smooth rollout, Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said.

The announcement coincides with the 30th anniversary of the first cellular call made in the country in 1995.

“Starlink has been granted a Unified License to launch satellite internet services in India. Frameworks for spectrum allocation and gateway establishment are ready, ensuring smooth rollout,” Scindia said.

Along with Starlink, Bharti Group-backed Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio SES are also awaiting spectrum allocation to roll out their satcom services.

The minister said over the last 11 years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's digital transformation has been nothing short of extraordinary.



The Union Minister of Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, addressed key concerns related to telecom frauds and the current status of public sector telecom operators BSNL and MTNL in the Lok Sabha. He was responding to questions from Members of Parliament.

Outlining the government's ongoing efforts to enhance prevention of cyber frauds, the Union Minister informed the House in a major nationwide push to curb cyber fraud and protect citizens from digital threats, the Government of India has rolled out a series of decisive, tech-enabled measures under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), in close coordination with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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