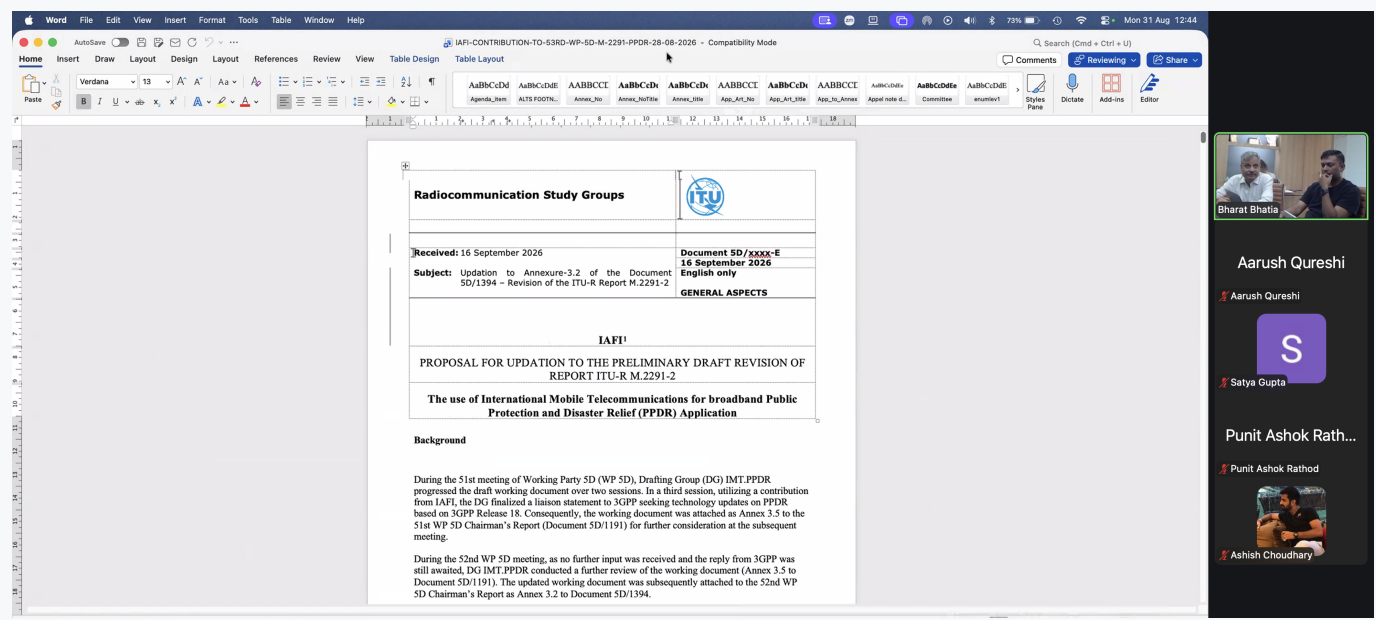


IAFI News

IAFI Radio Group Meeting for 53rd WP-5D



The IAFI Radio Group Meeting was held on 31-08-2026, under the chairmanship of Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, to review and discuss the preparatory activities for the upcoming 53rd WP-5D meeting. Twelve working documents attached to the 52nd WP-5D Chair's report were identified and discussed in detail, where IAFI may submit further updates during the upcoming WP-5D meeting. Finally, seven issues were identified, on which IAFI will submit contributions in the upcoming meeting. The next and final meeting of the IAFI Radio Group will be held on 07-09-2026, as the last date of submission to WP-5D is 16-09-2026. It may be noted that the upcoming 53rd WP-5D meeting will be held from 28-09-2026 to 08-10-2026 in Geneva, Switzerland.

IAFI Submits a Contribution on IPv6 to upcoming ITU-T SG3RG-AO Meeting



On September 3, 2026, IAFI submitted a contribution to the upcoming ITU-T SG3RG-AO meeting regarding "Further updates to the baseline text (TD-36) Regional Technical Report TR_IPv6-AO." This builds upon IAFI's ongoing efforts from the previous SG3RG-AO virtual meeting held on February 10, 2026. During that session, IAFI submitted updates to TR_IPv6-AO, a regional technical report addressing the challenges, use cases, and economic advantages of IPv6 deployment across the Asia and Oceania region. That contribution was discussed extensively, resulting in the meeting agreeing to adopt TD-36 as the new baseline text. IAFI's submitted further updates and same will be reviewed during the next SG3RG-AO meeting, which is scheduled to take place from September 17–18, 2026, in the Republic of Korea.

IAFI Attends APT Training on Frequency Information System (AFIS)



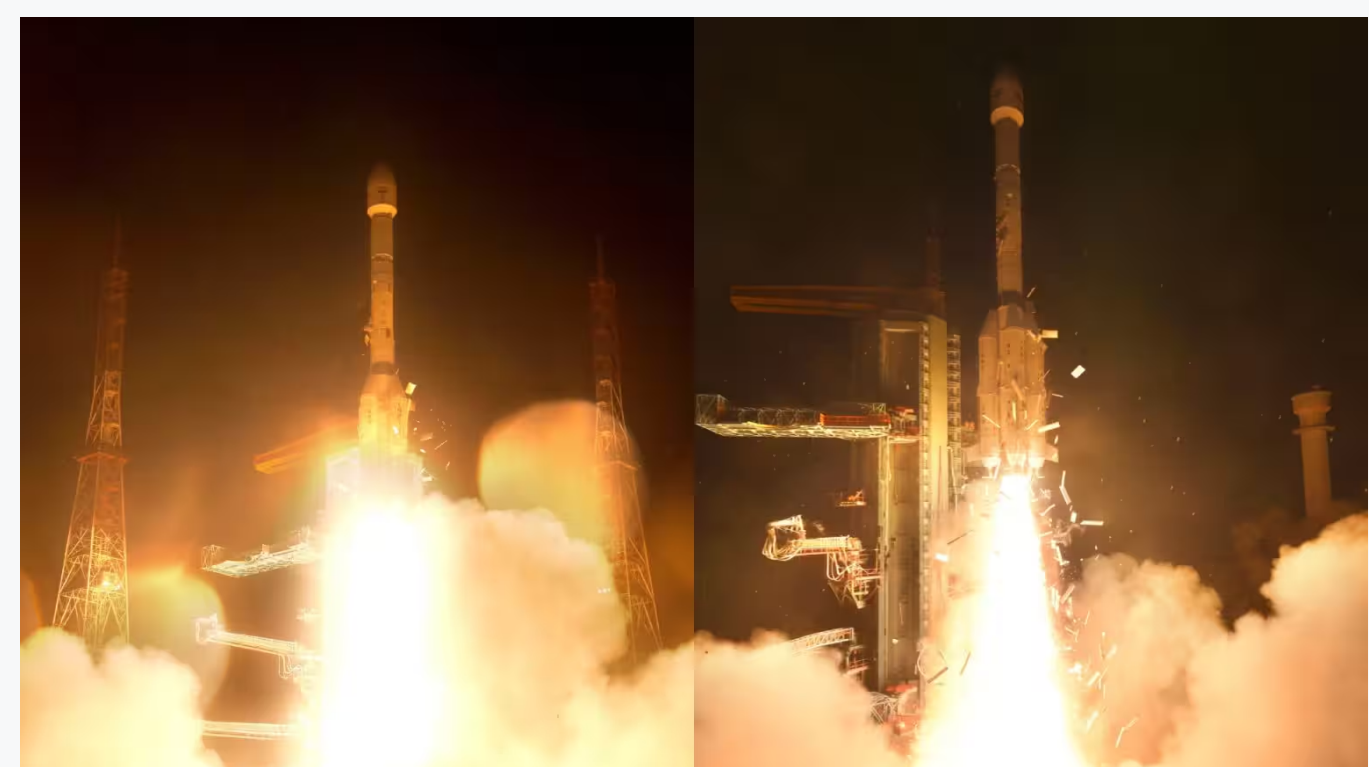
The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) recently attended a training session organized by the APT Secretariat on the APT Frequency Information System (AFIS). The event took place from September 5–6, 2026, at the Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Conducted in a hybrid format (in-person with remote participation), the session was held back-to-back with the 37th meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-37), scheduled for September 7–11, 2026, in Dhaka. The primary objective of the training was to provide a comprehensive overview of the platform and to assist member countries in successfully updating their spectrum data within AFIS.

National Study Group (NSG-5) Holds Virtual Meeting



A virtual meeting of the National Study Group 5 (NSG-5), which corresponds to ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP-5D), was held on September 5, 2026, from 16:00 to 17:30 Hrs. The session was chaired by Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, and coordinated by Shri L D Meghwal. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI along with other IAFI members attended the meeting. During the session, four contributions were presented and discussed, two from NWP5D1 and two from NWP5D3. Following minor revisions, all four documents were approved for submission to the upcoming WP-5D meeting. Additionally, the group received two technical briefings: Shri Sendil Devar, Director, Standards and Spectrum, at Ericsson delivered a presentation on the progress of Agenda Item 1.13 and Dr. Punit Rathore, Lead Technical Standards at Qualcomm India, provided a status update on Agenda Item 1.7.

ISRO & Space Sector Milestones: Successful Launch of EOS-05 (Eye in the Sky)



On September 4, 2026, ISRO successfully launched the EOS-05 advanced earth observation satellite. Weighing over 2,300 kg, this is the heaviest payload ever carried by a GSLV rocket to date. Placed into a sub-geosynchronous transfer orbit, the satellite will eventually operate at an altitude of 36,000 km, matching Earth's rotational speed. The mission aims to provide crucial real-time imagery for agriculture, strategic data, and disaster management.

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI preparatory Meetings
APT: The 37th Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-37)	07th - 11th September 2026	28th 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	-
ITU-R: Working Party 6B (WP 6B) - Broadcast service assembly and access	21st - 25th September 2026	09th September 2026	-
ITU-R: Working Party 6A (WP 6A) - Terrestrial broadcasting delivery	22nd - 30th September 2026	10th September 2026	-
ITU-R: Working Party 6C (WP 6C) - Programme production and quality assessment	28th September - 01st October 2026	16th September 2026	-
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	28th September - 08th October 2026	16th September 2026	-
ITU-R: Study Group 6 (SG 6) - Broadcasting Service	02nd October 2026	20th September 2026	-
TU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C)	12th - 16th October 2026	25th September 2026	12th September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	14th - 20th October 2026	02nd October 2026	-
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A)	19th - 29th October 2026	07th October 2026	12th September 2026
APT: The 27th Meeting of South Asian Telecommunication Regulators' Council (SATRC-27)	20th - 22nd October 2026	10th October 2026	-

Telecom Stories:



Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd's (BSNL) indigenous 4G network is handling nearly 6 petabytes (PB) of data traffic every day, signalling rising usage on the state-run operator's expanding mobile broadband network.

On the sidelines of CDOT's 43rd foundation day, Rajkumar Upadhyay, chief executive officer of the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT), said BSNL has deployed around 1.75 lakh 4G base stations across nearly 1 lakh sites. The network is serving an estimated 2.2–2.3 crore 4G subscribers.



India's data centre sector is entering a different phase of its growth. For years, expansion followed a steady, incremental pattern built around colocation demand in established hubs. That pattern is now giving way to something larger and less predictable: gigawatt-scale campuses built specifically for AI workloads, backed by capital commitments that dwarf anything the market has previously absorbed. The stronger story is not merely that India is adding data centre capacity, but that the market itself is being restructured around this new scale.



India's Digital Communications Commission (DCC) is reportedly preparing to take up satellite-spectrum pricing and allocation conditions soon. The Department of Telecommunications is expected to favour a spectrum usage charge of 5 percent of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) for satellite-broadband operators, with a 1-percentage-point concession for service in notified rural and remote areas. The DoT is also reported to have rejected TRAI's alternative proposal, a 4 percent AGR charge plus a flat ₹500 fee per urban subscriber, in favour of a five-year spectrum assignment term with a two-year extension option.

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