

# THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

## IAFI News

### Dinner Reception in recognition of former Member (T) and welcoming new Member (T)



ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) organized a Dinner Reception on 04th April, 2024, to bid farewell to Ms Gunjan Dave, former Member (Technology) and to welcome newly appointed Member (Technology), Ms Madhu Arora, at CSOI, KG Marg, New Delhi. Ms. Gunjan Dave, a distinguished ITS officer, recently retired from the DoT on 31-03-2024, after a remarkable 37-year career. Ms Madhu Arora joined as Member (Technology), DCC, DoT on 01-04-2024. Prior to this, she served as CGM, Telecom West Bengal circle from September 2021 to January 2024 and joined as Sr DDC (Licensing), DoT HQ on 01-01-2024. She holds a Bachelor degree in Electronics and Communication from Delhi College of Engineering, an MBA from the University of Queensland, and an LLB from Campus Law Centre, Delhi University. She joined as an ITS officer in 1986 batch, a batch topper.

### TRAI Consultation Paper regarding auction of three new spectrum bands for IMT



IAFI President, Shri Bharat Bhatia, in a statement to the PTI applauded the TRAI's decision to release a consultation paper on auction of the 37-37.5 GHz, 37.5-40 GHz, and 42.5-43.5 GHz bands, as these millimetre wave bands hold immense potential for 5G and future 6G deployments. These high capacity bands are ideal for dense small cell networks, which are vital for ensuring reliable and widespread 5G coverage in sectors like healthcare, robotics, and Industry 4.0. TRAI on 04-04-2024, released a Consultation Paper for seeking the views of the stakeholders on the auction of these three new spectrum bands for mobile cellular services. The regulator has sought comments on pricing, validity, preferred block size, spectrum caps, allocation norms, rollout obligations, and other terms and conditions and payment terms etc. TRAI has requested stakeholders to submit written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper by May 2, 2024, and counter-comments by May 16, 2024.

[Read More: Trai begins consultation for auction of 4,000 Mhz spectrum in new bands](#)

### 19th Executive Council meeting of IAFI held on 4th April



19th Executive Council meeting was held on 04th April, 2024 from 1630 Hrs at CSOI, KG Marg, New Delhi and 14 EC members attended the meeting in person and 3 members attended virtually. Meeting was also attended by Shri T R Dua, Chairman, IAFI, Shri S.P. Purwar, Co-chairman, Prof N.K. Goyal, Vice Chairman of the Society. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI briefed all the members about the various activities of the Foundation. The EC also confirmed the new members who had joined the foundation since the last EC meeting.

### DoT has deferred the scheduled spectrum auction for 5G services due to general election



Department of Telecommunications (DoT) decided to defer the upcoming spectrum auction by 17 days to June 6, 2024, due to the general election in the country, which was earlier scheduled to start from May 20. Similarly, the mock auction will now be conducted on June 3 instead of May 13-14, 2024. The Department of Telecom had announced the schedule for the upcoming spectrum auction for 5G services in eight bands on 8th March, 2024. In February this year, the Union Cabinet had approved the auction in eight frequency bands 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3500 MHz, and 26 GHz bands.

### TRAI Consultation Papers

Consultation Papers	Submission Dates	Status
Auction of Frequency Spectrum in 37-37.5 GHz, 37.5-40 GHz, and 42.5-43.5 GHz bands Identified for IMT	30th April 2024	Under Development
Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024	02nd May 2024	Under Development

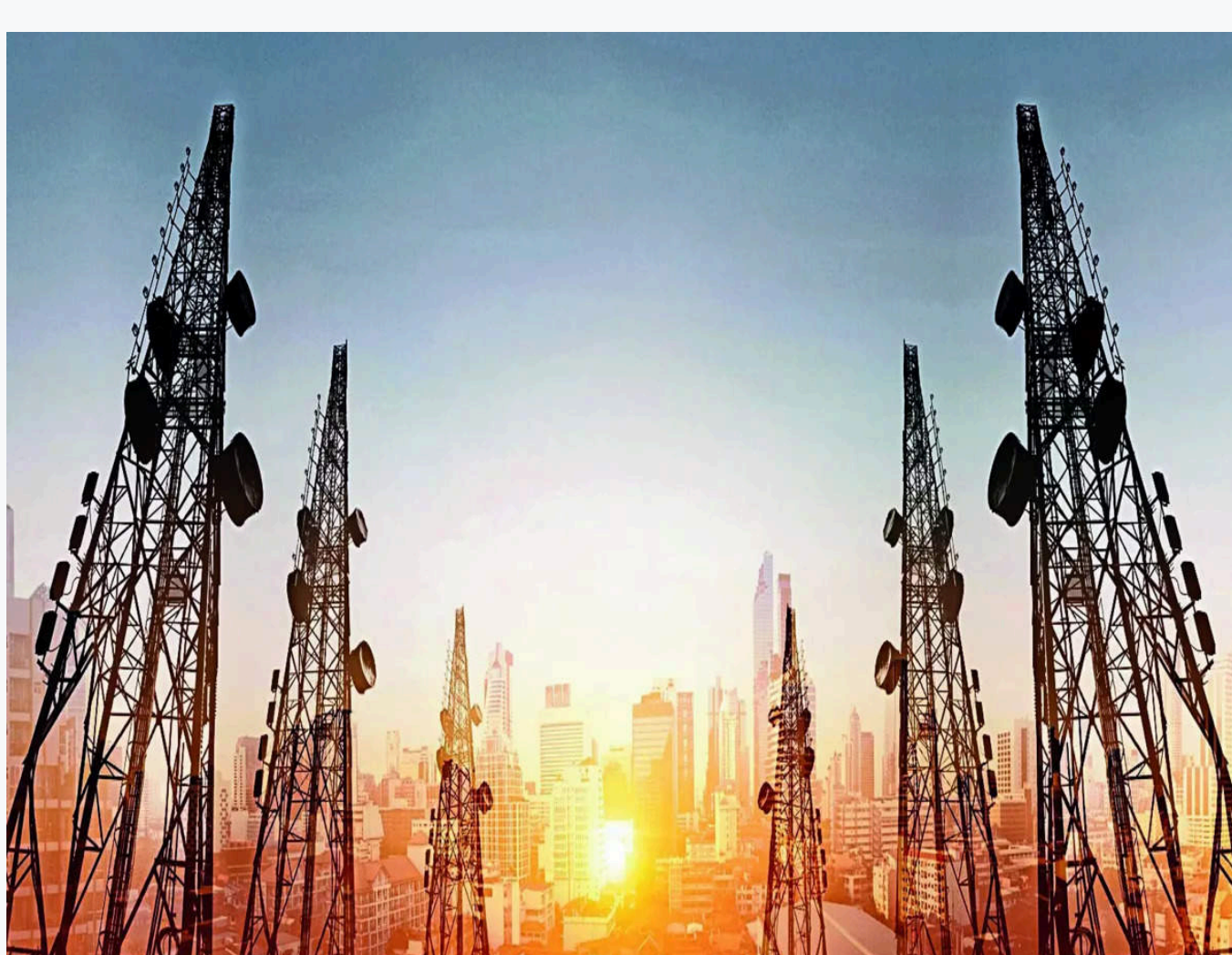
### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T: Focus Group on cost models for affordable data services	09th - 10th April 2024	30th Mar 2024
ITU-T: Focus Group on Testbeds Federations for IMT-2020 and beyond	10th - 12th April 2024	31st Mar 2024
ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Africa	10th - 12th April 2024	31st Mar 2024
ITU-T: SG16 Multimedia and related digital technologies	15th - 26th April 2024	05th April 2024
ITU-T: SG12 - Performance, quality of service (QoS) and quality of experience (QoE)	16th - 25th April 2024	06th April 2024
ITU-T: TSAG RG-WISA e-meeting	18th April 2024	08th April 2024
ITU-D: TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (TDAG-WG-StreamRes)	18th April 2024	08th April 2024
ITU-R: (SG 4) Satellite Services	23rd April 2024	13rd April 2024
ITU-T: SG20 Regional Group for Asia and the Pacific (SG20RG-AP)	23rd - 24th April 2024	13rd April 2024
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	20rd April 2024
APT: Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Spectrum	07th - 09th May 2024	28th April 2024
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-1)	03rd - 06th Jun 2024	24th May 2024

### Telecom Stories:



New Delhi [India], April 6 (ANI): In a move to smoothen the processes for 100 5G Labs across academic institutions in India, Secretary (Telecom), Neeraj Mittal, virtually launched one of the "Experimental Licence module for 100 5G Labs" during a 5G workshop at IIT Madras. This initiative aims to simplify the experimental licence requirements for these institutions, facilitating smoother operations and fostering innovation in the 5G domain.



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has rejected a proposal from telecom firms suggesting they be offered a refund for part or full payments in case of spectrum surrender. The demand was raised by one more telecom firm while seeking clarifications on the notice inviting application (NIA) for the upcoming spectrum auction now scheduled to start from June 6.



Experimental License module for 100 5G Labs on National Single Window System has been virtually launched at a workshop by Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications. The workshop was organized by National Telecommunications Institute for Policy Research, Innovation and Training at IIT Madras. This module streamlines spectrum license acquisition for 5G R&D in academic institutions.

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