

IAFI News

IAFI Organises Lunch Honouring Distinguished Telecom and Defence Leaders



IAFI organised an informal lunch on 9 August 2026 at CSOI, K.G. Marg, New Delhi, to honour Shri D.K. Chakrabarti and Shri R.N. Palai, former Members of the Digital Communications Commission, and Dr. Sudhir Mishra, former CEO of BrahMos. More than 100 guests, including senior serving and retired officers from various government departments, attended the gathering. The event recognised the distinguished contributions and dedicated service of the three guests of Honour. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, delivered the welcome address, after which the guests shared valuable experiences from their professional careers. The occasion was warmly appreciated by all participants and provided an opportunity for colleagues and friends across the sector to come together and celebrate their contributions.

IAFI Contribution to NWP-6 Meeting



The first meeting of National Working Party-6 (NWP-6), corresponding to WP-6A, WP-6B and WP-6C of ITU-R Study Group 6, was held on 15 July 2026. IAFI submitted a contribution outlining a basic proposal on the “Utilization of IoT-Enabled Roadside Display and Disaster Warning Boards in Rural, Remote, and Hilly Terrains via Terrestrial Broadcasting.” The proposal was discussed extensively by the members, following which it was agreed that IAFI would develop a formal proposal for consideration by the forthcoming WP-6A meeting on behalf of India. IAFI has now submitted the formal contribution to NWP-6 for onward submission to WP-6A on behalf of India. The next NWP-6 meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2026.

TRAI Strengthens Action Against Unsolicited Commercial Communications



The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has published its Quarterly Highlights on action against Unsolicited Commercial Communications (UCC) for Q1 of FY 2026-27, covering 1 April to 30 June 2026. India's total telecom subscriber base stood at 1.348 billion as of 30 June 2026. During the quarter, the telecom network originated 730.82 billion calls and 691.09 billion SMS messages. TRAI received 1.085 million UCC complaints, equivalent to approximately 1.5 complaints per million calls. Of these, 0.553 million complaints were classified as actionable. TRAI reported significant enforcement action against violators. For first-time violations, 137,053 telecom resources were temporarily barred for 15 days. For repeat violations, 46,786 telecom resources were disconnected for one year. In addition, 263 senders were blacklisted for one year and 2,873 SMS headers were blocked. Consumer participation through the TRAI Do Not Disturb (DND) app remained a major component of the enforcement framework. By the end of June 2026, the app had recorded 3.316 million downloads. Of the 1.085 million UCC complaints received during the quarter, 0.966 million, or approximately 89%, were submitted through the DND app.

Supreme Court Declines to Stay Bombay High Court Order on ₹3,300 Crore OTSC



The Supreme Court has declined to grant an interim stay on the Bombay High Court's order quashing the Centre's demand for a ₹3,300 crore One-Time Spectrum Charge (OTSC) from telecom operators, including Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea. While the Supreme Court issued notice on the Centre's appeal and agreed to examine the Department of Telecommunications' challenge, it rejected the request to stay the Bombay High Court order. The High Court's relief to the telecom companies therefore remains in effect for the time being, including directions relating to the release of bank guarantees valued at approximately ₹3,300 crore. The Bombay High Court's 8 June 2026 ruling had brought an end to a 13-year legal dispute by striking down the Centre's retrospective levy of OTSC on spectrum held beyond 6.2 MHz from 2008 onwards.

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

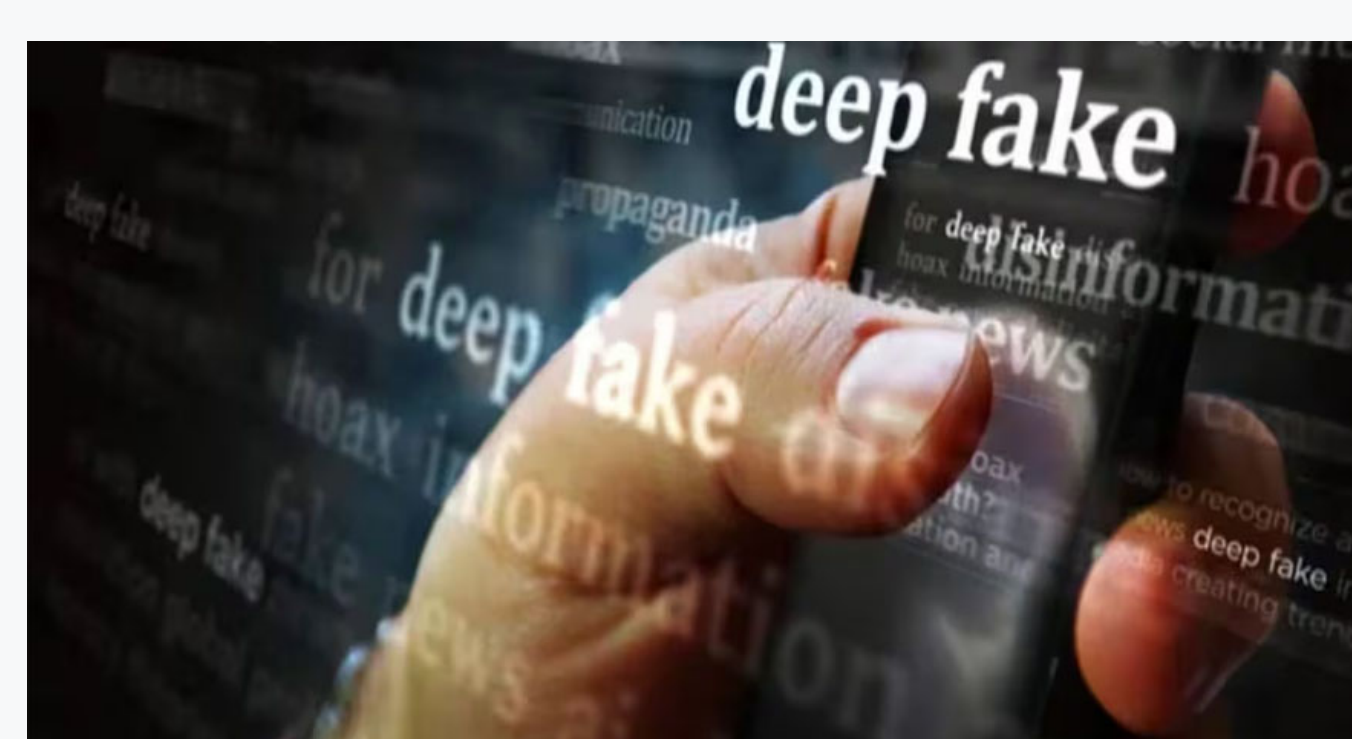
Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-5)	24th - 28th August 2026	14th August 2026
APT: The 37th Meeting of APT Wireless Group (AWG-37)	07th - 11th September 2026	28th August 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 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 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	28th Sep - 08th Oct 2026	16th September 2026

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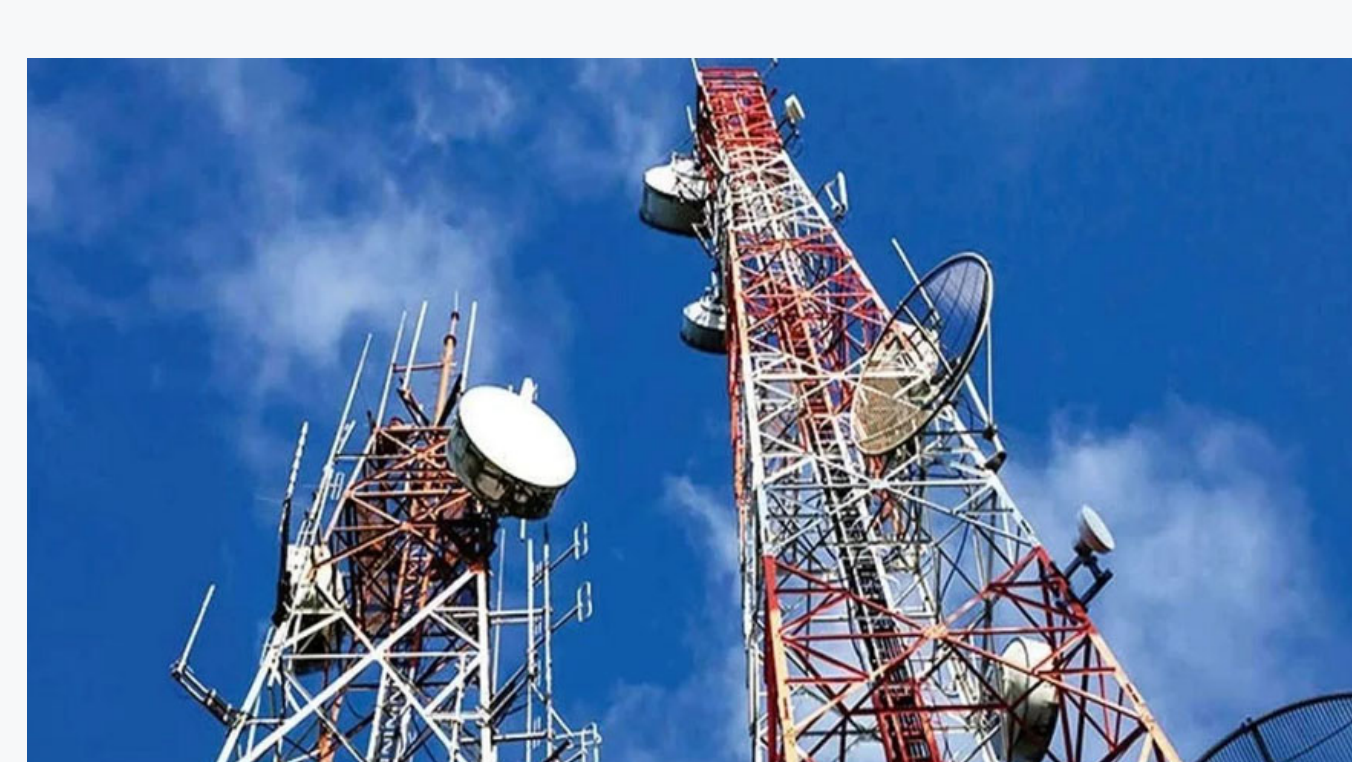


India's AI strategy is based on the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision to democratize the use of technology. It aims to address India centric challenges and create economic and employment opportunities for all Indians.

The Government is cognizant of the risks associated with limited domestic capabilities in semiconductor manufacturing, computing infrastructure, foundational models and advanced research ecosystems, and has adopted a multi pronged and calibrated approach under the IndiaAI and India Semiconductor Missions to build technological sovereignty across the AI value chain.



The Government remains conscious of the threats posed by deepfakes powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), including synthetic audio, video and text. With an aim to ensure an open, safe, trusted and accountable cyberspace for users, Government of India has enacted the following laws and rules that address various aspects of the deepfake challenge:



A total penalty of Rs 1.9 crore has been imposed on telecom operators in FY26 for flouting service quality norms, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Communications, Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, said as per the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) quality of service (QoS) regulation, wherever the prescribed QoS benchmarks are not met, the explanation of the service provider for non-compliance is called for.

After considering the response, the regulator imposes financial disincentives on the service provider concerned, the minister said.

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