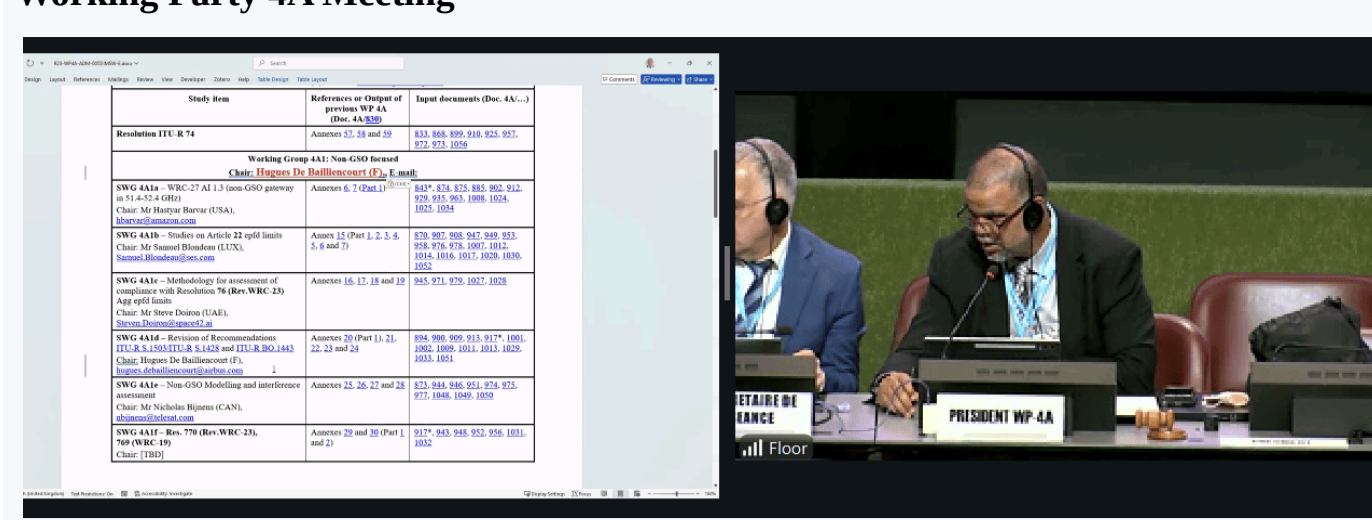


Working Party 4A Meeting



IAFI is currently participating in the ITU-R Working Party 4A (WP 4A) meeting, taking place in a hybrid format from May 4 to May 14, 2026, in Geneva, Switzerland. A total of 230 documents have been presented during the session. WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.2 has drawn the highest number of contributions, while Article 22 and Agenda Item 1.5 have also received significant attention and engagement from delegates. During the meeting, IAFI presented a contribution proposing draft CPM Text for WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.2. This agenda item focuses on reviewing sharing conditions within the 13.75–14 GHz band, with the goal of enabling the operation of Fixed-Satellite Service (FSS) uplink earth stations utilizing smaller antenna sizes. Following the presentation and discussion of this contribution, the delegation from Singapore proposed merging the IAFI document with their own submission to collaboratively develop the draft CPM text. IAFI has formally agreed to this proposal. IAFI also intervened and supported India's position on agenda item 1.5.

Extension of Last Date for Comments: TRAI Consultation Paper on Satellite Networks



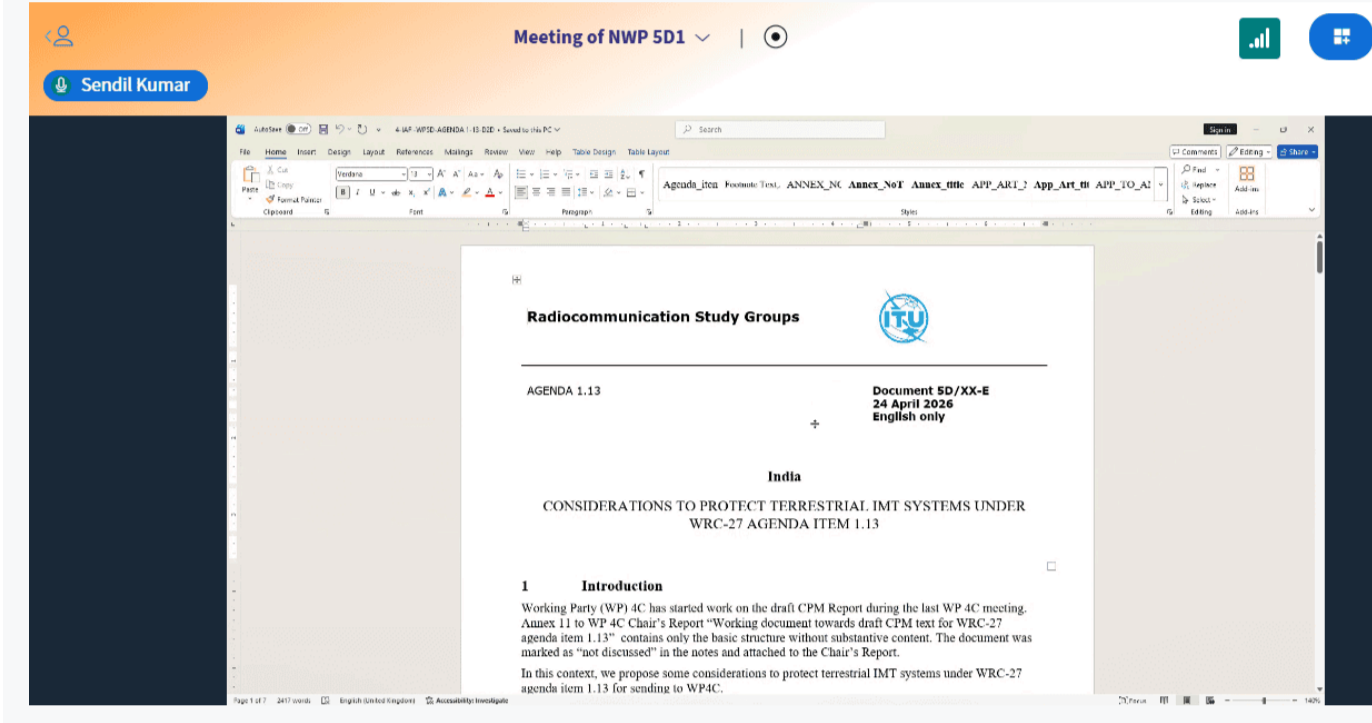
On April 8, 2026, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) released a Consultation Paper on the 'Framework for Satellite Communication Network Authorisation, and Assignment of Spectrum to Satellite Communication Network Providers.' The initial deadlines for submitting comments and counter-comments were May 6 and May 20, 2026, respectively. Following industry requests, TRAI has officially extended these deadlines to May 13 and May 27, 2026. In response, IAFI has drafted its comments addressing the key issues raised and has circulated the document to all members for their review and feedback prior to final submission.

National Study Group 5 meeting



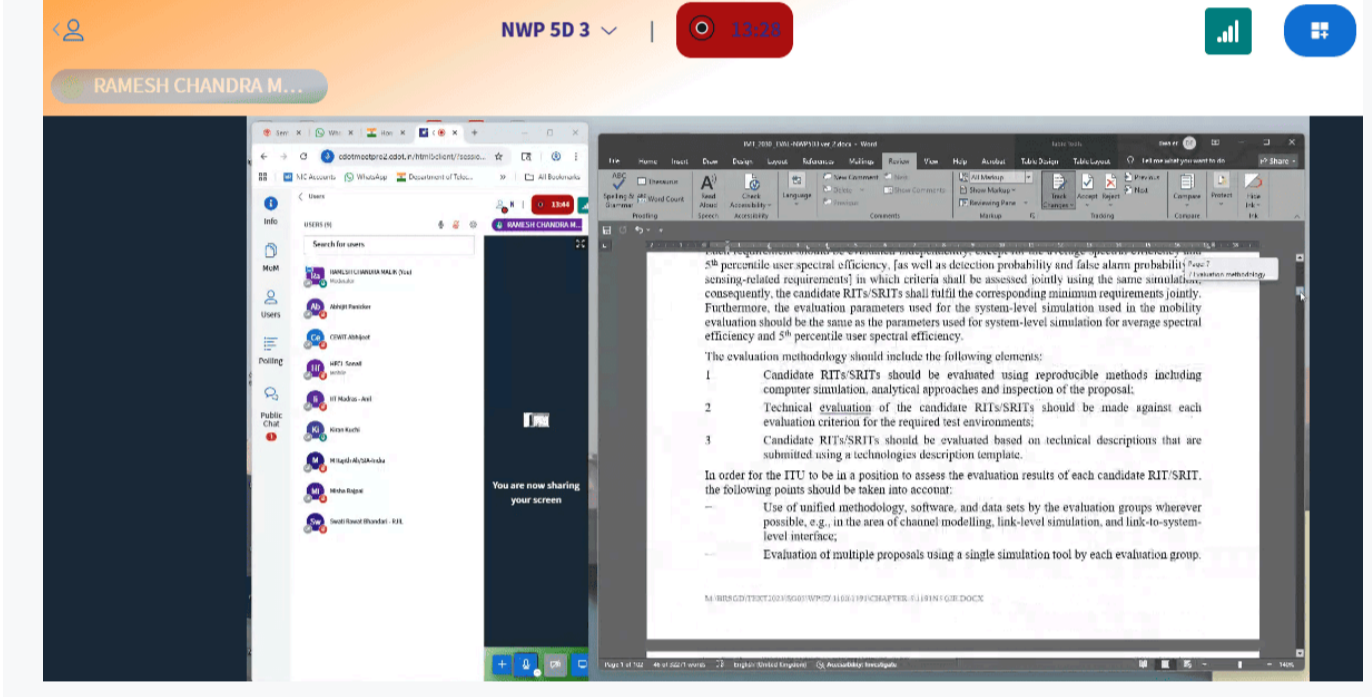
IAFI participated in the NSG5 meeting, organized by the WPC wing of DoT 9th May in online mode under the chairmanship of Sh. Gulab Chand, JWA WPC Wing. The meeting considered 7 contribution documents recommended by NWP5D1 and NWP5D3 for consideration for forthcoming WP5D meeting in May-June 26 (Deadline is 15th May, 26). These documents were agreed and sent to WPC for further action.

National Working Party (NWP) 5D1 Convenes on WRC-27 Preparations



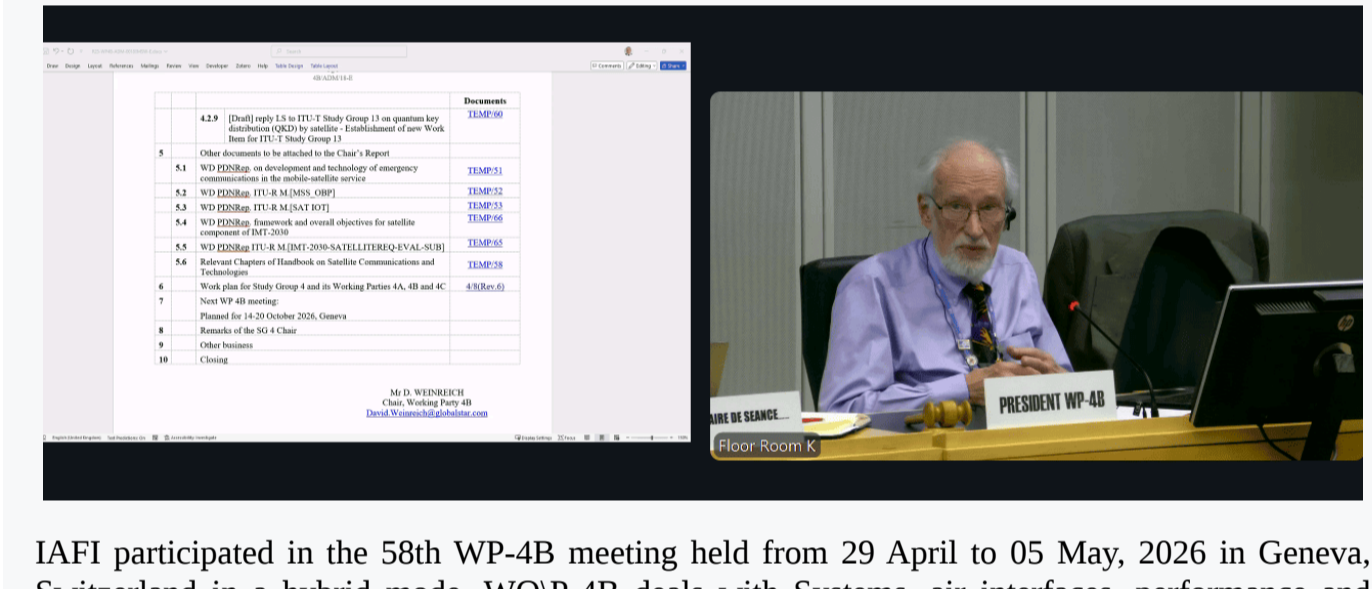
IAFI participated in the NWP-5D1 meeting, organized by the WPC wing of DoT on 05th May, 2026 from 1100-1200 Hrs. Meeting was Chaired by Ms Neha Upadhyay, Director, TEC. Regarding WRC- 27 Agenda Item 1.7 (IMT Spectrum), three contributions were jointly presented by Dr. Sendil Devar (Director of Standards and Spectrum, Ericsson) and Dr. Punit Rathod (Lead Technical Standards, Qualcomm). The proposals primarily focused on the potential usage of the 7125 – 8400 MHz frequency band for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT). Regarding WRC-27 Agenda Item 1.13 (DC-MSS-IMT), the IAFI submitted a proposal to allocate the frequency bands from 694/698 MHz to 2.7 GHz to the Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) on a secondary basis, specifically for the use of Direct-to-Cell (DC-MSS-IMT) systems. A representative from the Joint Communications and Electronics Staff (JCES), Defence HQ, formally advised the committee of the military's opposition to IMT provisioning in the 4 GHz and 7800 – 8400 MHz bands. The intervention cited the necessity of protecting critical, active defence equipment currently operating in these ranges. Following detailed discussions, all proposals were accepted by the meeting and will be forwarded to National Study Group 5 (NSG-5) for further consideration. It may be noted that NSG-5 virtual meeting will hold on 09-05-2026.

15th Meeting of National Working Party (NWP) 5D3 focuses on IMT-2030



IAFI participated in the 15th meeting of the NWP 5D 3, convened on 6th May 2026 from 11 AM onwards in a virtual mode, to discuss and finalize the three documents for onward submission to NSG-5. Shri R C Malik, DWA, WPC Wing was the coordinator and Prof Kiran Kuchi from IIT Hyderabad was the chair of the meeting. Three documents regarding IMT-2030 were discussed and all three were approved by the meeting. The documents will be submitted to the NSG-5 meeting, likely to be held on 09-05-2026 in a virtual mode.

Working Party (WP)-4B Meeting



IAFI participated in the 58th WP-4B meeting held from 29 April to 05 May, 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland in a hybrid mode. WOP-4B deals with Systems, air interfaces, performance and availability objectives for FSS, BSS and MSS, including IP-based applications and satellite news gathering. Total 345 members participated in the meeting physically as well as virtually. Total 46 contributions were discussed in the meeting. Based on the working documents and contributions submitted during the session, the primary focus areas included – IMT-2030 (6G) Satellite Component; Significant progress was made on drafting a new report concerning the development and technology trends for the satellite component of IMT towards 2030 and beyond. This included evaluating frameworks, technical performance requirements, and evaluation methodologies for satellite radio interfaces of IMT-2030; Emergency Communications; Working groups progressed on a draft report covering the development and technology of emerging communications within the mobile-satellite service; Satellite IoT; Discussions continued regarding the technical and operational aspects of satellite Internet of Things (IoT) applications and Mobile-Satellite Service with On-Board Processing (MSS-OBP). The working party reviewed surveys of network architectures and assessed their impacts on performance objectives for MSS systems utilizing on-board processing. Next WP-4B meeting will be held from 14 Oct to 20 Oct, 2026 at Geneva, Switzerland

TRAI releases the Telecom Subscription Data for March, 2026



As per the TRAI report of March, 2026, total Wired Broadband Subscribers (DSL+LAN+LLI etc) are 47 Million, total Fixed Wireless Broadband Subscribers (5G FWA, Wi-Fi, Radio/UBR, Satellite etc) are 17 Million, and total Mobile Wireless Broadband Subscribers (Handset, Dongle, M2M-3G, 4G, 5G) etc) are 1002 Million, so the total Broadband Subscription is 1066 Million. Similarly, total Wireless Telephone Connections (Consumer SIM) are 1142 Million, total Wireless M2M SIM Connections are 124 Million, total Wireless FWA Connections are 17 Million and total Wireline Telephone Connection are 48 Million, so the total number of Telecom Subscribers are 1331 Million. India continues to hold its position as the second-largest telecommunications market globally, trailing only China in total subscriptions. Furthermore, the rapid deployment of advanced networks has firmly established India as the world's second-largest 5G and broadband market. The country also consistently ranks at the forefront of global mobile data consumption per user, a metric predominantly driven by the widespread adoption of video streaming, social media, and a robust digital payment infrastructure.

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TRAI Consultation Paper

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status
Consultation Paper on the Regulatory Framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communication	28th May 2026	Under Development
Proliferation of Public Wi-Fi Networks in India	25th May 2026	Under Development
Consultation Paper on the Framework for Satellite Communication Network Authorisation, and Assignment of Spectrum to Satellite Communication Network Providers	13th May 2026	Under Development

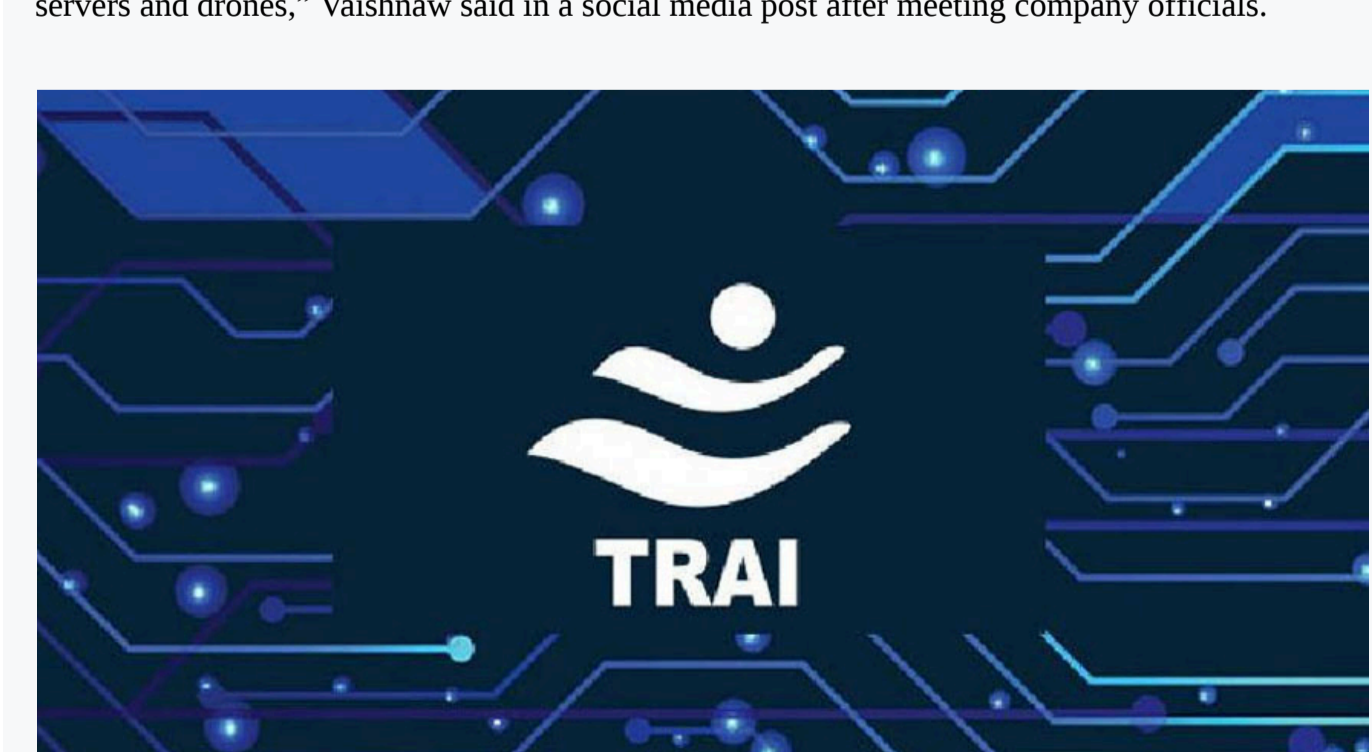
Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: WP 4A – Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for FSS and BSS	04th - 14th May 2026	22nd April 2026
ITU-R: SG 4 – Satellite Services	15th May 2026	03rd May 2026
ITU-R: WP 5A – Land mobile service above 30 MHz; amateur and satellite services	18th - 26th May 2026	06th May 2026
ITU-R: WP 5C – Fixed wireless systems; HF and other systems below 30 MHz	18th - 29th May 2026	06th May 2026
ITU-R: WP 5B – Maritime mobile service including GMDSS; aeronautical mobile service	19th - 28th May 2026	07th May 2026
ITU-R: WP 5D – IMT Systems	27th May - 05th June 2026	15th May 2026
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)	27th - 31st July 2026	20th July 2026

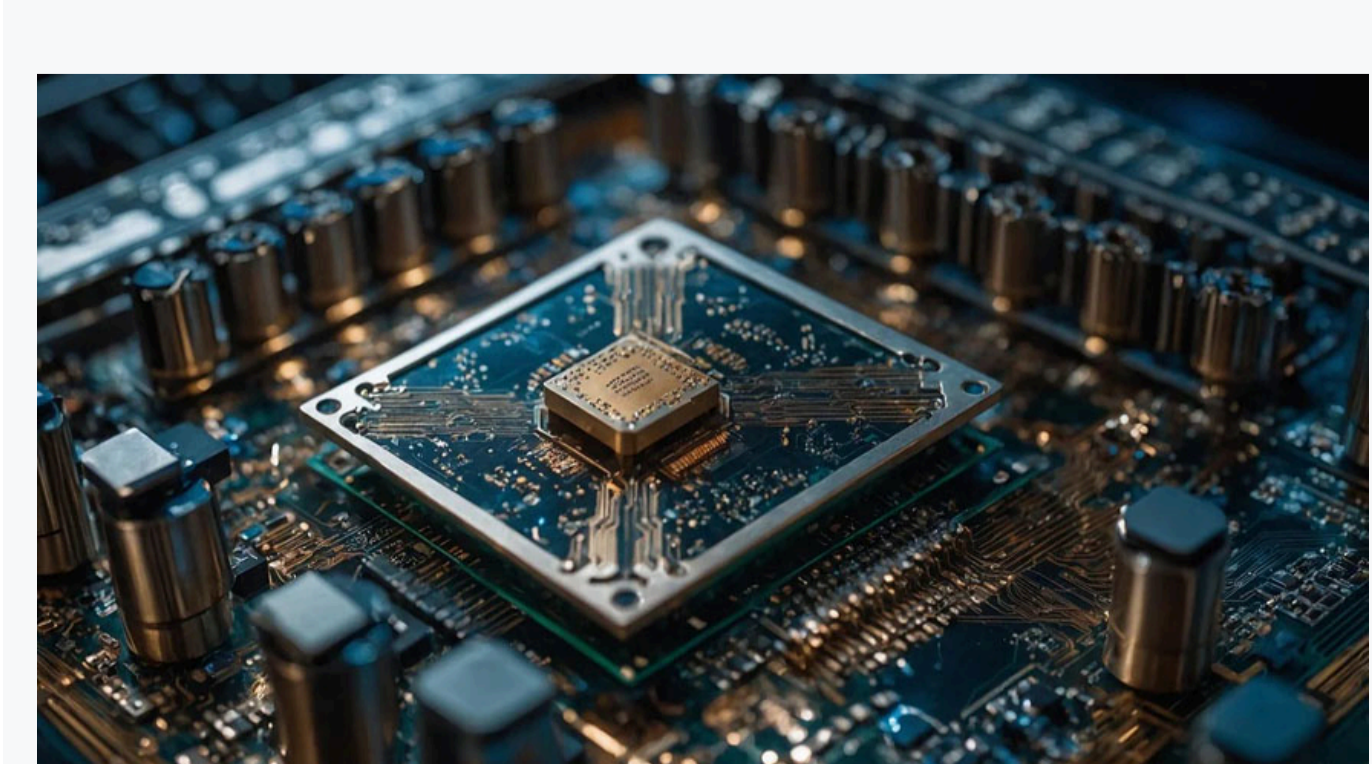
Telecom Stories:



Internet giant Google is exploring investment opportunities across AI infrastructure, including the production of servers and drones, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on Friday. This announcement follows Google's groundbreaking of its \$15 billion AI hub in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, in April this year. "Google is exploring investments in India across AI infrastructure and the manufacturing of servers and drones," Vaishnav said in a social media post after meeting company officials.



Trai's proposed penalties and requirements
The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has released draft amendments that could impose penalties up to ₹50 lakh per quarter on service providers for mishandling complaints. Operators may face fines of ₹1,000 for each improperly dismissed complaint and ₹5,000 for each wrongly disposed appeal, with mandatory digital complaint registration via websites, apps, and chatbots at all hours. Consumers would also receive ongoing status updates and be able to submit details using text or voice notes.



The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved two more semiconductor projects under India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) which includes country's first commercial Mini/Micro-LED display facility based on GaN (Gallium Nitride) Technology and a semiconductor packaging facility.

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