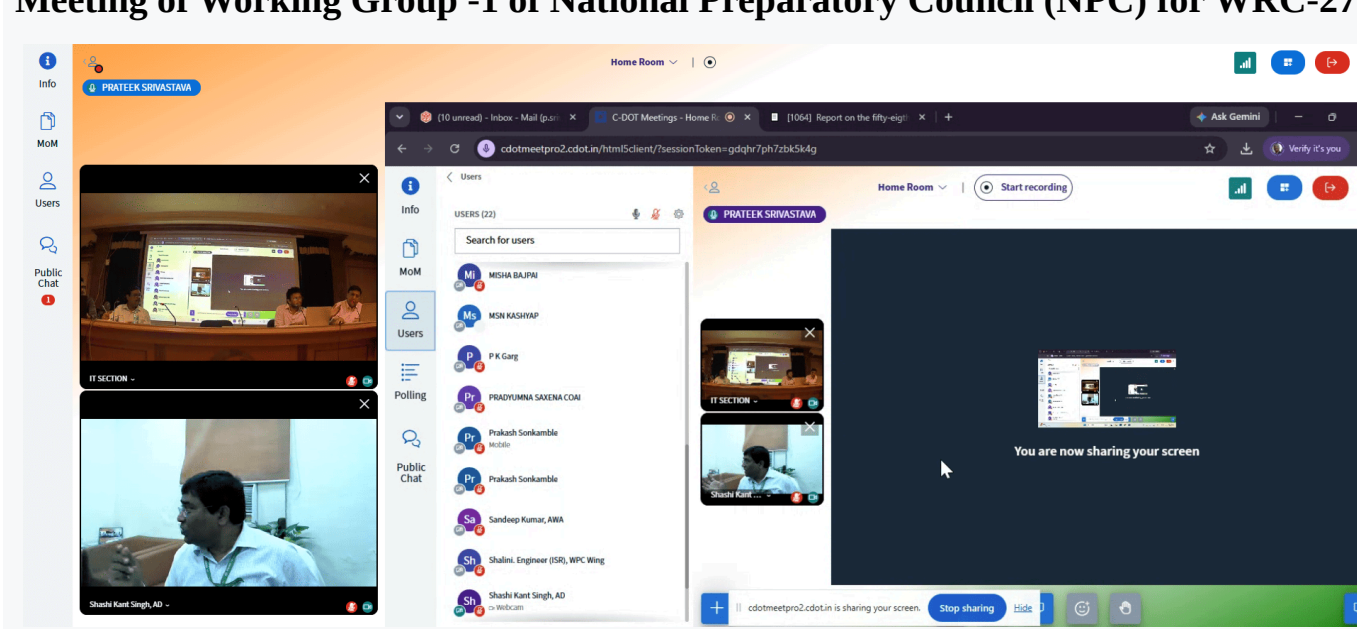


**Meeting of Working Group -1 of National Preparatory Council (NPC) for WRC-27**



The second meeting of Working Group-1 (WG-1) of the National Preparatory Committee (NPC) for WRC-27 was held on June 12, 2026, in a hybrid format. The meeting was chaired by Shri M.K. Pattanaik, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC Wing. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI, attended the meeting in person, while many others joined virtually. The main aim of the meeting was to finalize the proposals to be submitted for WRC-27 regarding Agenda Items 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, and 7, and to develop India's common preliminary views for the aforementioned items. IAFI submitted contributions to six Agenda Items (1.1 to 1.6), all of which were discussed and deliberated in detail. It was decided by the Chair that the final outcome of the meeting will be circulated soon for comments from stakeholders. Upon receipt of these comments, the proposals will be submitted to the NWG for approval, followed by onward submission to APG-27-3 (the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27), which is scheduled to be held from July 27, 2026, to July 31, 2026, in Japan.

**TRAI to hold OHD on Satellite Communication Network on 02 nd July, 2026**



The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has scheduled an Open House Discussion (OHD) on July 2, 2026, from 10:30 AM onwards via video conferencing. The discussion will focus on the Consultation Paper regarding the "Framework for Satellite Communication Network Authorisation, and Assignment of Spectrum to Satellite Communication Network Providers." TRAI initially released the Consultation Paper on April 8, 2026. The original deadlines for submitting comments and counter-comments were May 6, 2026, and May 20, 2026, respectively. These deadlines were later extended to May 13, 2026, and May 27, 2026. In response to the paper, TRAI received 31 comments and 12 counter-comments from various stakeholders.

**Shri Harinder Kumar, ITS, appointed as New Secretary, TRAI**



Shri Harinder Kumar, currently serving as Chief General Manager (CGM), BSNL, Maharashtra Circle, has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). The appointment is for an initial two-year term, and he will join TRAI on deputation under foreign-service terms. An Indian Telecom Service (ITS) officer, Shri Kumar brings decades of extensive experience in India's telecom sector to the regulator. Throughout his career, he has held key leadership positions within both BSNL and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), with a broad background spanning telecom operations, administration, and policy-related functions. As Secretary, one of the most senior administrative posts within the telecom regulator, Shri Kumar will play a crucial role in overseeing TRAI's day-to-day functioning and institutional coordination. His leadership will be instrumental in supporting TRAI's regulatory and administrative activities as the sector navigates 5G expansion, emerging technology ecosystems, and ongoing policy reforms.

**ITU-APT Flagship event on 6 GHz Wi-Fi**



The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) is hosting its flagship 6 GHz Wi-Fi Conference 2026 on June 24, 2026, at Hotel Le Méridien, New Delhi. The theme of the event is "Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz Wi-Fi in India: Policy, Power & Possibilities." The summit is positioned as a landmark event for shaping India's digital connectivity and spectrum policy. Following the Indian government's recent decision to delicense the lower 6 GHz band for low-power indoor Wi-Fi, this conference will shift the focus toward the next generation of regulatory decisions. The primary discussion topics include - Standard Power & Outdoor Wi-Fi: Advancing policy frameworks for standard-power operations and outdoor Wi-Fi deployments, the adoption and mechanics of Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC) systems and developing spectrum-sharing frameworks that allow 6 GHz Wi-Fi to coexist seamlessly with incumbent users and future 5G/6G networks without interference. The summit is expected to attract nearly 200 high-level attendees, including government officials, policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, global experts, and academia. In a press release, Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, stated that the event will provide a platform for evidence-based dialogue to help shape a balanced regulatory roadmap. He emphasized the recognition of the 6 GHz band as a critical opportunity to expand affordable, high-performance wireless connectivity across the country. The conference will conclude with a high-level roundtable dedicated to drafting practical, forward-looking policy recommendations for India's evolving 6 GHz spectrum framework, ultimately supporting the nation's digital economy, innovation ecosystem, and digital inclusion goals.

Read More: <https://www.communicationstoday.co.in/afi-to-convene-indias-premier-6-ghz-wi-fi-policy-summit/>

**Bombay HC Quashes ₹23,600 Cr Retrospective Spectrum Demands Against Airtel and Vi**



In a major victory for the telecom sector, the Bombay High Court has struck down the central government's retrospective One-Time Spectrum Charge (OTSC), wiping out roughly ₹23,600 crore in legacy financial liabilities for Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi). The division bench of Justices Manish Pitale and Shreeram V. Shirasat ruled on Monday (June 8, 2026) that the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) lacked any statutory or contractual power to unilaterally alter financial terms years after the spectrum had already been allocated and paid for. The court has also directed the immediate return of bank guarantees furnished by the operators during the prolonged litigation. The dispute traces back to November 2012, when the Union Cabinet decided that telecom operators holding GSM spectrum beyond 6.2 MHz must pay a one-time surcharge applied retroactively from July 2008. This policy emerged in the turbulent aftermath of the Supreme Court's 2G spectrum judgment. The High Court observed that under the National Telecom Policy of 1999 (NTP-99), operators had already migrated to a contractual, revenue-sharing model. Because Telcos were already paying an increased percentage of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) as they acquired additional spectrum blocks, the state could not abruptly impose a secondary retroactive fee. Bench emphasized that while Section 4 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 grants the Centre power to set licensing conditions at the time of a grant, it does not give the government a "free-floating right" to retroactively rewrite contracts that have already been executed and acted upon.

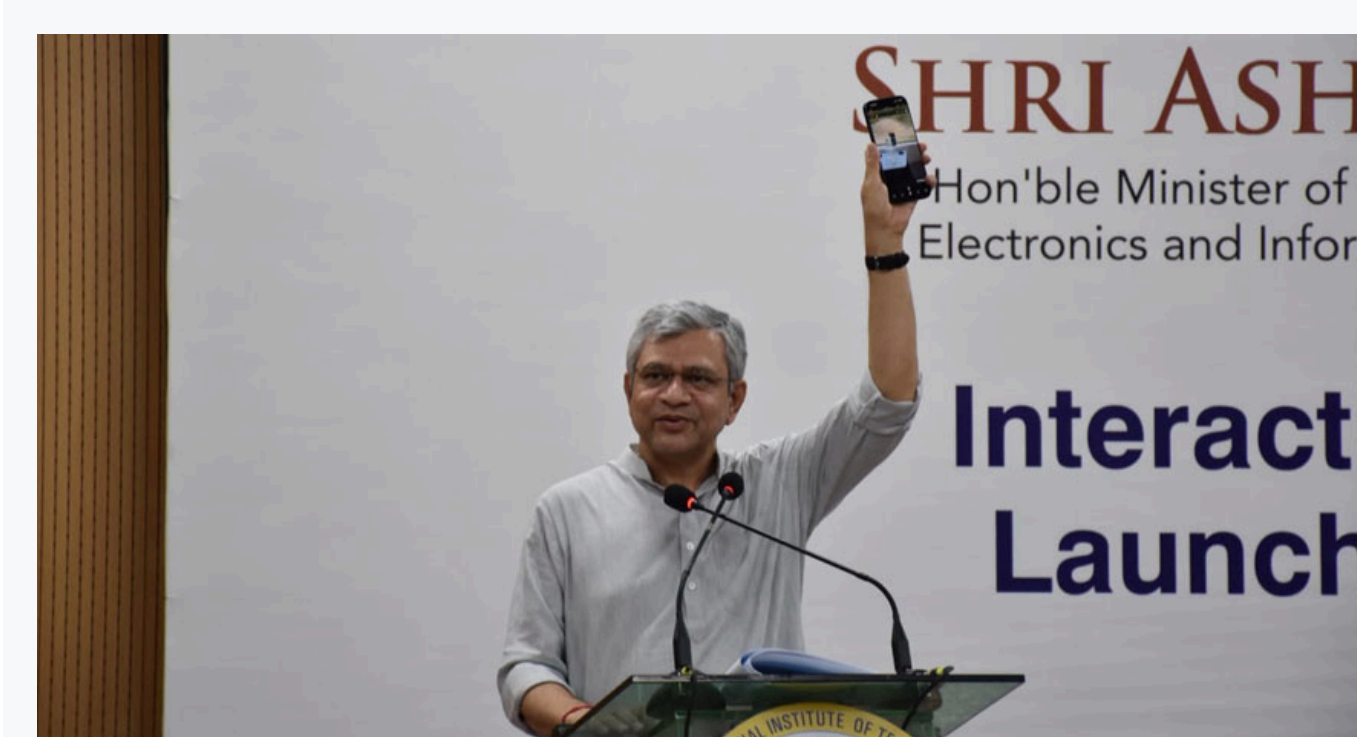
**Important Meeting that IAFI will attend**

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-4)	15th - 19th June 2026	05th June 2026
ITU-T: SG13 - Future Networks and Emerging Network Technologies	23rd June - 2nd July 2026	01st June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for FSS and BSS	29th - 30th June 2026	07th June 2026
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	29th June - 3rd July 2026	07th June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for FSS and BSS	6th - 10th July 2026	24th June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for MSS and RDSS	6th - 10th July 2026	24th June 2026
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)	27th - 31st July 2026	17th July 2026
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

**Telecom Stories:**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is pursuing a mission-mode approach to develop domestic capabilities in critical minerals and semiconductors, stressing that the country cannot afford to remain dependent on foreign nations in areas linked to economic and strategic security. Addressing NDA constituents in New Delhi, Modi said securing supply chains for critical minerals and building a robust semiconductor ecosystem have become national priorities as India seeks to strengthen its position in an increasingly competitive global landscape.



Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Railways and Information & Broadcasting, Ashwini Vaishnaw today announced the establishment of an Advanced Quantum Computing and Quantum Communications Lab at the Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur. The lab will be established under the Electronics and ICT Academic Project of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). It will focus on building indigenous capabilities in Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), Quantum Computing simulation, and Quantum Sensing hardware components.



The telecom department has exempted spectrum in the 5.9 GHz band and the high-frequency band of 77-81 GHz from licensing requirements, which experts believe will boost passenger safety in vehicles and pave the way for the development of autonomous vehicles. The spectrum in the frequency band of 5.9 GHz has been exempted from a license for wireless gear installed in the vehicle to enable its connectivity with the intelligent traffic management system. "The establishment, maintenance or working of On Board Unit installed on a vehicle, forming a part of such vehicle or held or carried by an individual in relation to a vehicle for the sole purpose of cellular vehicle-to-everything communication, which is operated as part of an intelligent transport system in the 5875-5905 MHz frequency band, shall be permitted without assignment of radio frequency, on non-interference, non-protection and non-exclusive basis," the notification said.

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