

IAFI News

WP-6A Meeting (02-12 Sept, 2025)



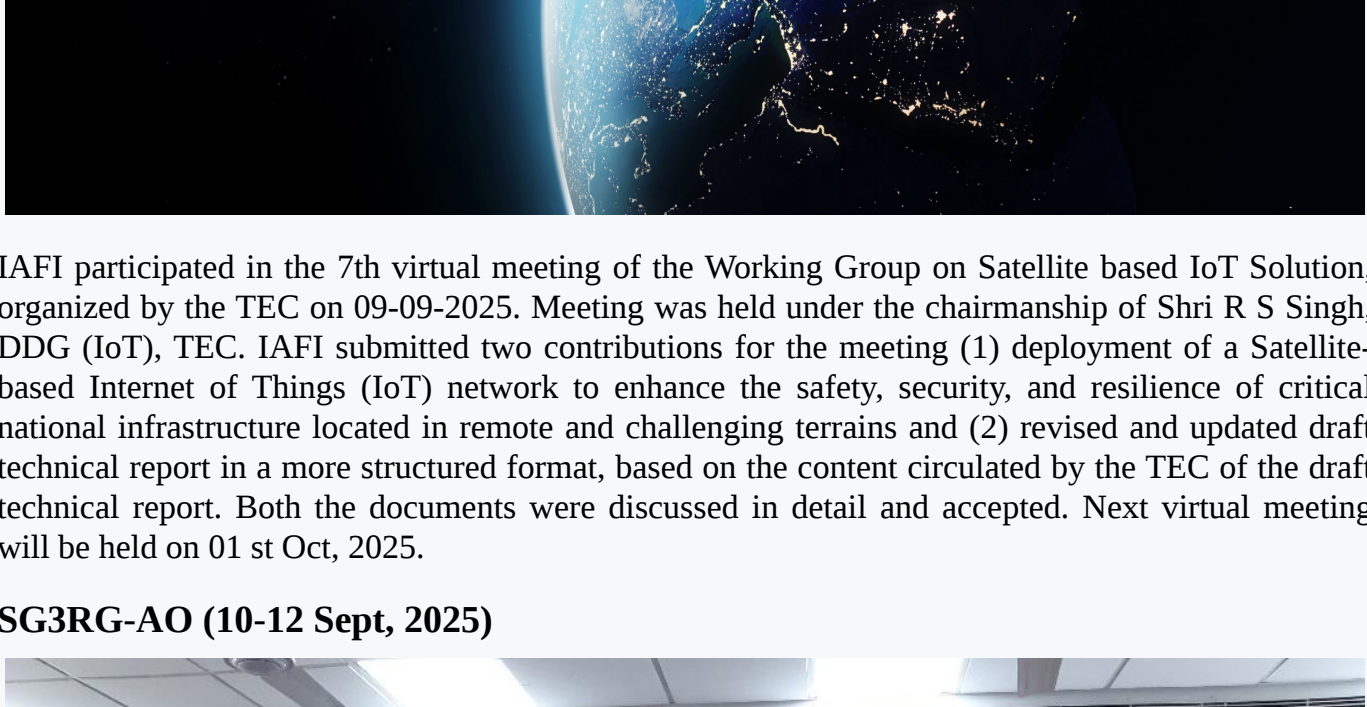
IAFI participated in the Working Party-6A of the ITU-R meeting, held from September 02 to September 10, 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland. The primary focus of the WP-6A is terrestrial broadcasting delivery. Total 45 contributions were presented in the meeting. Key Activities and discussions included Terrestrial Broadcasting Systems, HF Broadcasting, Public Warning and Disaster Relief and Ultra-High Definition Television (UHDTV).

The 35th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-35)



The Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) held its 35th APT Wireless Group (AWG-35) Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 08-12, 2025. This significant event brought together 339 participants from 21 member countries, affiliate members, international organizations, and the APT Secretariat. The AWG addresses various aspects of wireless systems, aiming to provide effective radio-communication solutions and facilitate technology and knowledge transfer to meet the demands of the emerging digital convergence era in the Asia-Pacific region. Total 339 participants from 21 member countries, affiliate members, international organization and APT Secretariat attended the meeting. Total 94 documents including 83 input contributions and 11 information documents were discussed and deliberated in the meeting. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated in the meeting physically along with many others, as the head of the Indian delegation. Many IAFI members joined the meeting virtually. The meeting was highly productive, with participants deliberating on 94 documents, including 83 input contributions and 11 information documents. The discussions led to the successful development as updating of 26 Working Documents and the finalization of seven Reports and Recommendations. A notable development at the meeting was the change in leadership. Dr. Le Van Tuan from Vietnam, who served two consecutive terms as AWG Chair (2019-22 & 2022-25), completed his tenure. He was succeeded by Dr. Daejung Kim, Vice- Chair, AWG from the Republic of Korea. In his farewell speech, Dr. Tuan expressed his special gratitude to Shri Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI and head of the Indian delegation, for his on-going support and advice, which contributed to the smooth functioning of the AWG.

TEC organized meeting of the Working Group on Satellite based IoT Solution



IAFI participated in the 7th virtual meeting of the Working Group on Satellite based IoT Solution, organized by the TEC on 09-09-2025. Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri R S Singh, DDG (IoT), TEC. IAFI submitted two contributions for the meeting (1) deployment of a Satellite-based Internet of Things (IoT) network to enhance the safety, security, and resilience of critical national infrastructure located in remote and challenging terrains and (2) revised and updated draft technical report in a more structured format, based on the content circulated by the TEC of the draft technical report. Both the documents were discussed in detail and accepted. Next virtual meeting will be held on 01 st Oct, 2025.

SG3RG-AO (10-12 Sept, 2025)



Meeting of the SG3RG-AO, a regional group of the SG-3 of ITU-T, was held at National Communication Academy - Finance (NCA-F), DoT, Ghitorni, New Delhi in a hybrid mode. Meeting was attended by the representatives of Member States, Sector Members and Academia from the region. The main objectives of the SG3RG-AO are - to exchange of information between delegates of Member States on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications/ICTs, international and cross-border mobile roaming; international Internet connectivity; local and regional interconnection of infrastructure; regulatory accounting; cost methodologies and trends; methods of spectrum pricing; economic impact of OTTs, economic impact of transition from IPv4 to IPv6 and many more, in a manner closely aligned with the terms of reference and work structure defined by ITU T SG- 3. It may be noted that 38 countries are the member of the SG3RG-AO, covering 57% of the world population, highly developed and developing countries and most industrialized nation of the world. Total 12 Temporary Documents and 4 contributions were presented and discussed in the meeting. IAFI presented the two contributions (1) [C-15](#); IAFI contribution regarding the socio-economic value of Wi-Fi/NR-U and (2) [C-13](#); IAFI and China presented a joint contribution regarding Regional Technical Report TR_IPv6-AO. Both the documents were discussed in detail and accepted by the meeting. Chair requested all the member countries to respond to the questionnaire provided by the IAFI with this contribution, C-13 (IPv6). Similarly, regarding socio-economic value of the Wi-Fi /NR-U, after detailed deliberations, Korea agreed to refine the contribution, to improve its readability and logical flow. Chair proposed a future online meeting, to finalize the report with recommendations before the next full meeting. Additionally, a new regional recommendation, ITU-T D.502R "International Mobile Roaming in Asia and Oceania" (TD-22) in Asia and Oceania" was finalized and approved. This recommendation will now be submitted to the parent study group, SG-3, for further consideration. Next SG3RG-AO meeting will be held in Feb, 2025. Exact date and venue of the meeting will be intimated in due course of time.

AGM: 14-09-2025



22nd Annual General Meeting of the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) was held on 14th September 2025 as a physical meeting at CSOI at KG Marg New Delhi-110001 followed by Family Lunch. During the meeting, Chairman Shri Dua commended IAFI for its consistent improvement since 2017, highlighting its frequent contributions to various ITU and APT meetings. He also recognized the association's detailed feedback on issues from the DoT, TRAI, and TEC, as well as its active participation in open house discussions. Members unanimously praised IAFI President Shri Bharat Bhatia for his dedication and sincerity. The discussion also included suggestions to focus on emerging technologies like Quantum Communication and Blockchain. One member proposed that IAFI should lead a discussion with TSPs, ISPs, COAI, GSOA, and other satellite groups to finalize a response to the DoT's recent draft Gazette Notification (GSR-606/E) on authorization. The meeting concluded with a family lunch, which over 150 people attended, strengthening the community among members and their families.

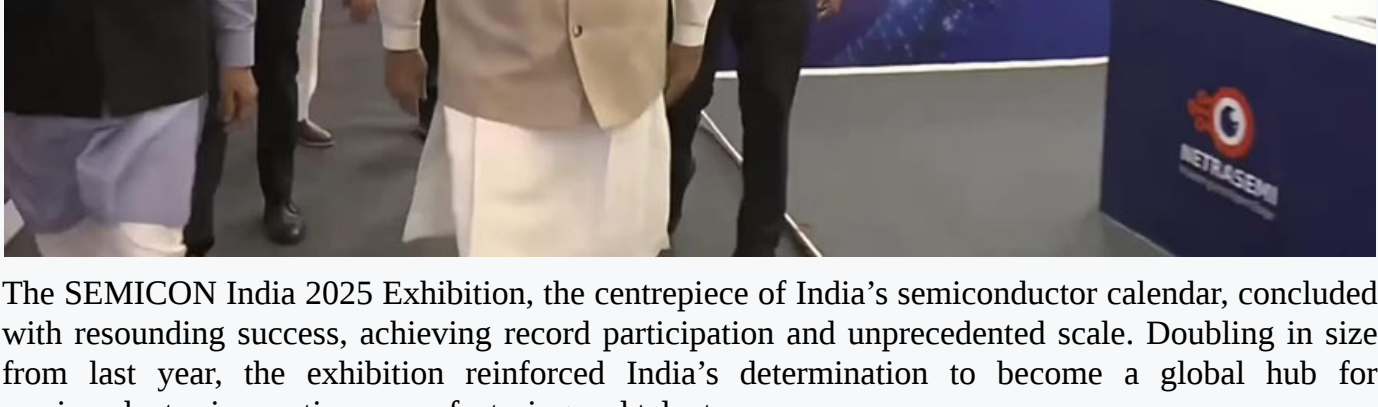
DoT Consultation Paper

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status
Department of Telecommunications - GSR-606-E Gazette Notification published draft Telecommunications Authorization Rules, 2025	25th Sep 2025	Under Development

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates	IAFI Meeting
APT: The 35th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-35)	08th - 12th Sep 2025	28th Aug 2025	-
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-5)	15th - 19th Sep 2025	3rd Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	15th - 24th Sep 2025	3rd Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	16th - 25th Sep 2025	4th Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	16th - 25th Sep 2025	4th Sep 2025	-
APT: The Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services	23rd - 25th Sep 2025	13th Sep 2025	-
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	07th - 16th Oct 2025	25th Sep 2025	17th Sep 2025
ITU-R: Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C	15th - 24th Oct 2025	03rd Oct 2025	-

Telecom Stories:



The SEMICON India 2025 Exhibition, the centrepiece of India's semiconductor calendar, concluded with resounding success, achieving record participation and unprecedented scale. Doubling in size from last year, the exhibition reinforced India's determination to become a global hub for semiconductor innovation, manufacturing and talent.

The highlight of the event was the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who toured the exhibition floor, interacting directly with global CXOs and innovators. He was accompanied by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of State Jitin Prasada and S Krishnan, Secretary Meity. Their presence and engagement reaffirmed the confidence of international and domestic stakeholders in India's semiconductor vision.



The Indian government is set to announce which homegrown companies will get support from the IndiaAI Mission, a program designed to help boost local AI innovation.

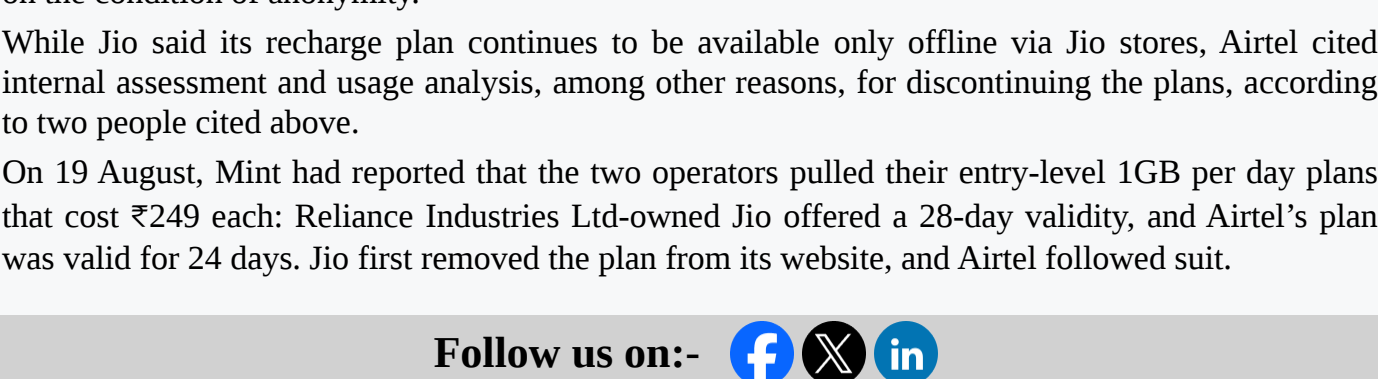
With GPU shortages making it tough for startups to train big models, the mission steps in by offering cheaper computing power.

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnav is expected to share the official list of around eight chosen companies next week.

BharatGen likely among new beneficiaries

BharatGen—a team of IIT researchers led by IIT Bombay—is likely among the new beneficiaries.

In January 2024, the government announced ₹1,500 crore in incentives for AI model builders under the IndiaAI Mission, which has since attracted over 500 applicants.



India's telecom regulator has asked Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd and Bharti Airtel Ltd to explain why they removed their cheapest 1GB entry-level mobile plans, said four people in the know, amid concerns that low-income individuals relied on these for basic internet access.

The department of telecommunications (DoT) also asked the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to look into the issue and submit a report, one of the four persons cited above said. All spoke on the condition of anonymity.

While Jio said its recharge plan continues to be available only offline via Jio stores, Airtel cited internal assessment and usage analysis, among other reasons, for discontinuing the plans, according to two people cited above.

On 19 August, Mint had reported that the two operators pulled their entry-level 1GB per day plans that cost ₹249 each. Reliance Industries Ltd-owned Jio offered a 28-day validity, and Airtel's plan was valid for 24 days. Jio first removed the plan from its website, and Airtel followed suit.

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