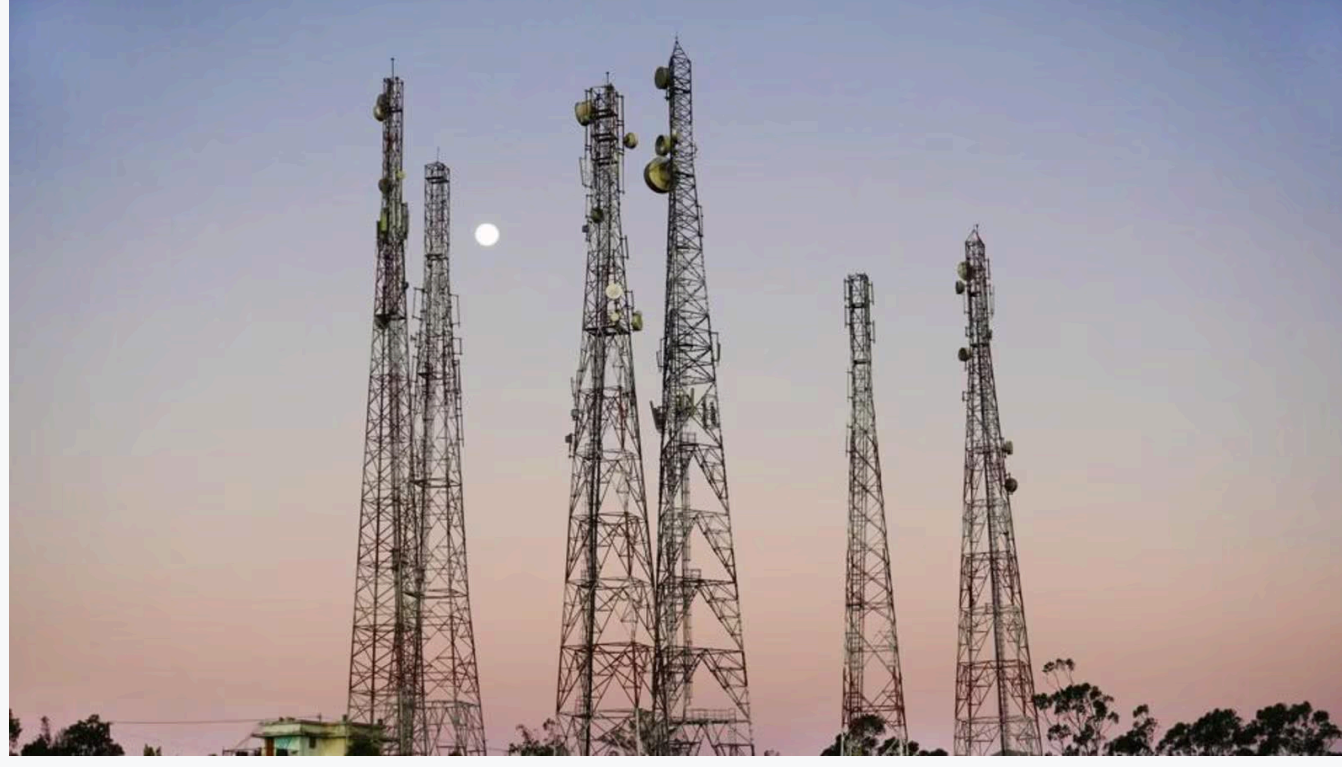


THE WEEKLY NEWS SUMMARY

IAFI News

IAFI letter to the Minister of Communications regarding need for timely industry consultation on new Telecommunication Rules to be adopted for implementation of Telecommunications Act, 2023



Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI in a letter to Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Communications, IT and Railway for initiating industry consultations on the draft Telecommunications Rules, 2024, before these are notified. In the letter, it is requested to ensure a smooth on-ground implementation and provide a stable regulatory environment, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) should prioritize industry consultations on the new draft rules. This can be done before their release or notification. By gathering industry feedback, the DoT can create regulations that best serve the interests of both the industry and stakeholders, ultimately leading to successful implementation of the Act. It is expected that DoT is going to announce Subordinate Rules to implement the newly enacted Telecommunications Act, 2023 in order to operationalize key aspects of the Act such as Telecom Authorization & Licensing, Spectrum assignment/ Allotment/pricing/trading/surrender, Right of Way (RoW), KYC norms, lawful interception, management of illegal repeaters, Consumer Protection, Sandbox, etc.

IAFI letter to Secretary, Power regarding Green Energy Open Access



Shri Bharat Bhatia, President in a letter to the Secretary, Ministry of Power requested for fully adoption of the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2023, announced on May 23, 2023 by Central and all State Governments,. It is further requested that all State Govts, SERCs Discoms may be directed to ensure for the required HES and MDMS infrastructure is available to support demand aggregation and composite billing. It may be noted that in May 2023, the Ministry of Power amended the Green Open Access Rules, 2022. This amendment allows Green Open Access users to meet the 100 kW contract demand/sanction load limit by combining multiple connections. It also lays the groundwork for a "One Distribution Utility, One Bill, One Payment" system, where a single bill is issued for multiple meters. However, many states have not yet amended their own rules to comply with this central government directive. IAFI in the letter requested for relaxing the scheduling and forecasting for Open Access users for TSPs and tower companies and rationalizing the Open Access levies for TSPs to ensure that transition to Open Access energy proves to be economical for TSPs.

Wireless World Research Forum (WWRF) 6G Huddle - 2024



The Wireless World Research Forum (WWRF) hosted its Huddle-2024 event in Berlin, Germany on April 17-18, 2024. Focused on "Implementing the 6G Framework, Terrestrial and Beyond," the event served as a collaborative platform for leading policymakers, connectivity and service providers, researchers, and other key stakeholders from around the world. This forum aimed to discuss the upcoming challenges and opportunities associated with implementing the 6G framework. IAFI was one of the supporting organizations. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI in his capacity as vice chairman of WWRF was one of the organizers. He moderated the opening panel session on "Balancing realism and ambition – Goals and targets for 6G". He also moderated the minis workshop on ubiquitous connectivity and also made a presentation on Role of HAPS and NTN in 6G.

Presentations: [HAPS, LAPS & Non-Terrestrial Networks](#)

Presentations: [Ubiquitous Communications](#)

IAFI Contributions to WP-4A upcoming meeting



IAFI submitted following two new contributions for the upcoming meeting of the Working Party- 4A of SG-4 of ITU-R regarding "Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for the FSS and BSS", likely to be held from 01 st May to 09 th May, 2024 at Geneva, Switzerland.

Working Party	File No	Title
ITU-R WP4A	759	Studies on possible revisions of sharing conditions in the frequency band 13.75-14 ghz to allow the use of uplink fixed- satellite service earth stations with smaller antenna sizes
ITU-R WP4A	XXX	Studies on development of regulatory measures to limit the unauthorized operations of non-geostationary-satellite orbit (non-gso) earth stations in the fixed-satellite service (fss) and mobile-satellite service (mss) and associated issues related to the service area of non-gso fss and mss satellite systems

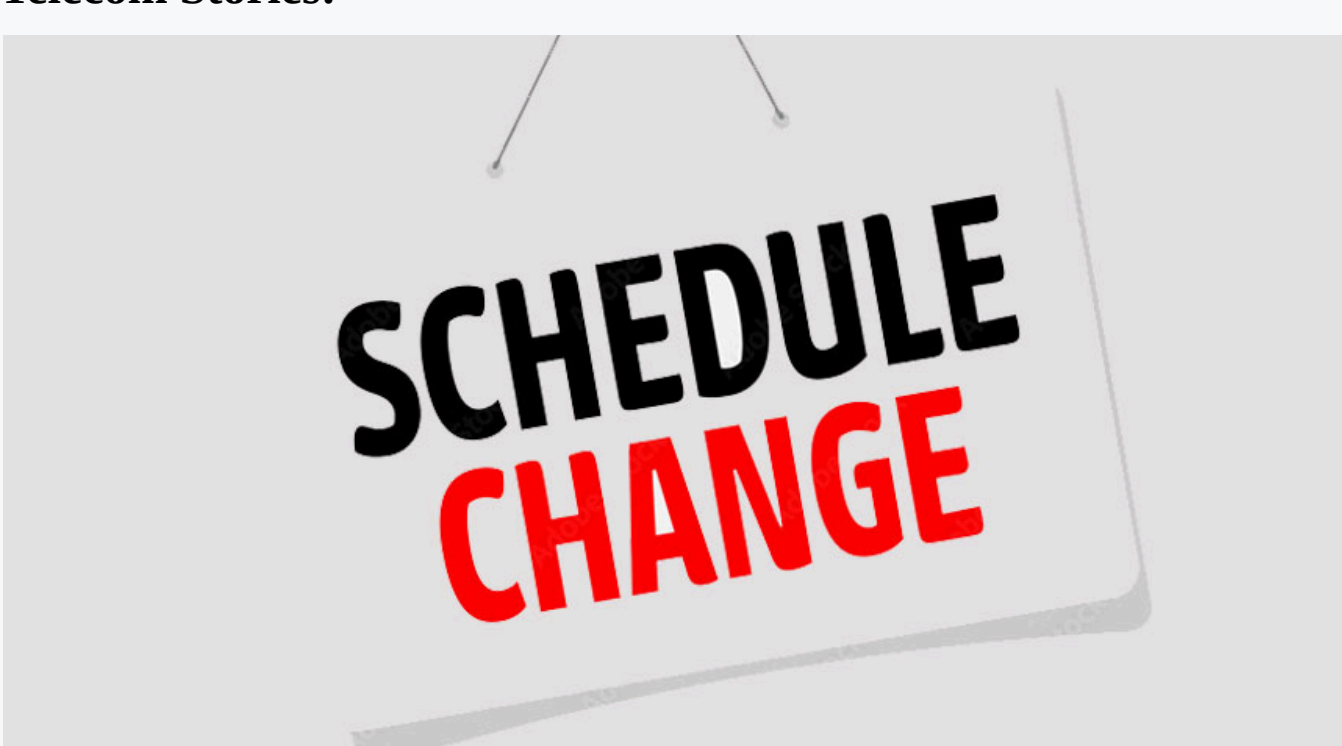
TRAI Consultation Papers

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: 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-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
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP 4C)	24th - 30th April 2024	14rd April 2024
ITU-T: SG13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13 RG-AFR)	25th April 2024	15rd April 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 4B (WP 4B)	25th April 2024	15th April 2024
ITU-T: ITU Focus Group on metaverse (FG-MV)	30th April 2024	20th April 2024
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTS-24 (APT WTS24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	20rd April 2024
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP 4A)	01st - 09th May 2024	21st 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
ITU-T Second Inter-regional Meeting for WTS-24 Preparation	25th July 2024	15th July 2024
ITU-T Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG)	29th July - 02nd Aug 2024	19th July 2024

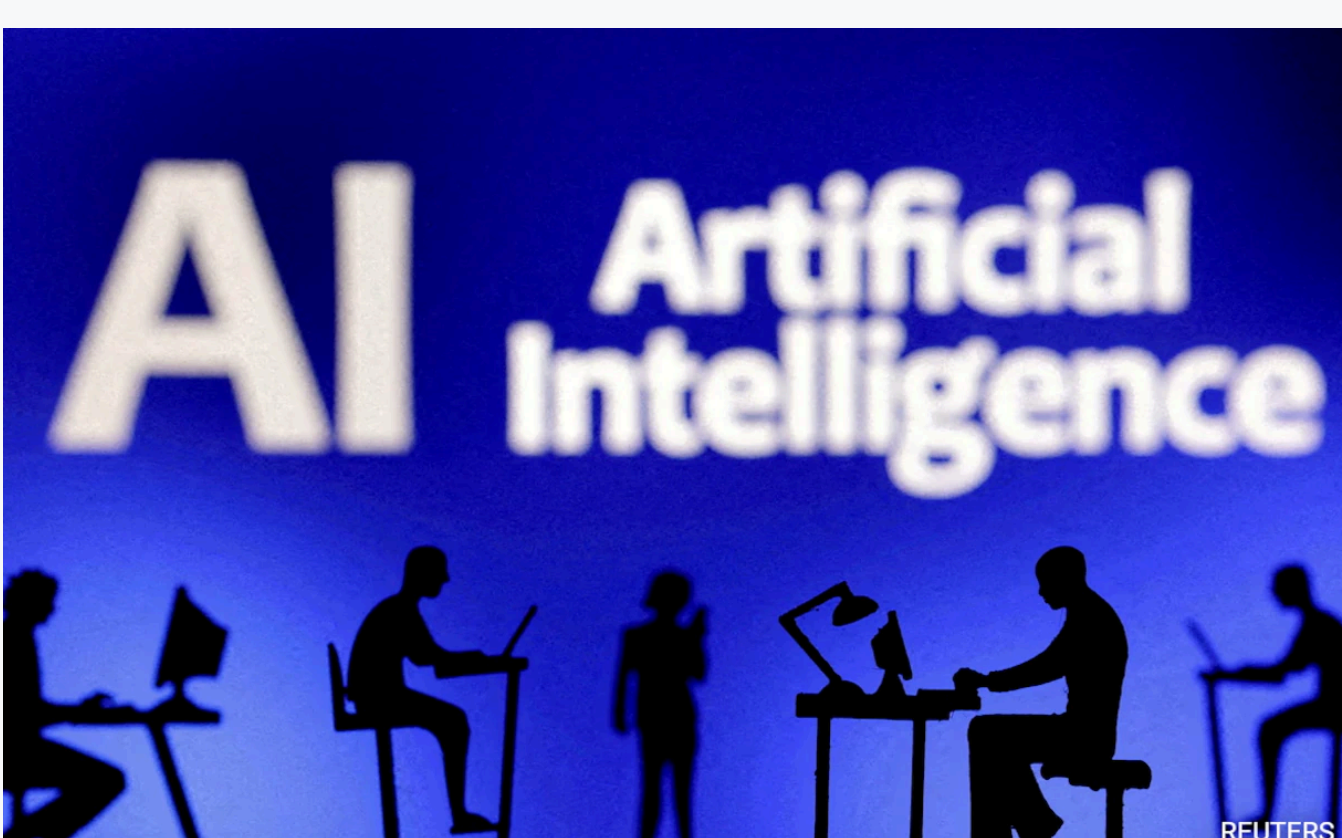
Telecom Stories:



The Department of Telecommunications has released a new schedule for the application submission procedure for upcoming spectrum auctions. Earlier this month, the DoT deferred the spectrum auction by 17 days to June 6 from May 20, as per the amendments made in the notice, inviting applications for the bids.



The Ministry of Finance, led by Nirmala Sitharaman, has notified new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) regulations for satellites within the Foreign Exchange Management Rules, with the aim to increase investment in satellite-related activities by foreign entities. This development follows the Union Cabinet's recent approval of a policy that is set to liberalise foreign investments within the space sector. Under these new guidelines, foreign investors can now invest up to 100 per cent of FDI into the sector, with 74 per cent being under the automatic route. This includes investments in satellite manufacturing and operations, the ground segment, user segment, as well as satellite data products.



India remains the top choice for enterprises looking to expand digital services portfolio and companies are expected to increase spending on AI, data analytics and cybersecurity, industry body nasscom said in a report on Monday. The report 'Digital Enterprise Maturity 5.0: Digital Industry in the Era of AI' is based on a survey of 550 enterprises across 11 major sectors and seven major geographical regions. The survey found that 71 per cent of enterprises in India spent over 20 per cent of their tech spends on digital in 2023.

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