

IAFI News

IAFI Hosts National Conference on World Wi-Fi Day 2025, Advocates for 6 GHz Delicensing



On June 19, 2025, the ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) organized a high-level National Conference at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, to mark World Wi-Fi Day. The event focused on the strategic importance of delicensing the Lower 6 GHz band (5925–6425 MHz) to accelerate India’s digital growth through next- generation Wi-Fi technologies like Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7. The conference brought together senior officials from DoT, WPC, TEC, TCIL, and industry experts from HPE, Meta, Qualcomm, Wi-Fi Alliance, Inmarsat, Cisco, TATA Communications, CUTS International, and others. Multiple sessions addressed global regulatory trends, India’s current spectrum landscape, and innovations in Wi-Fi use cases. IAFI President Shri Bharat Bhatia emphasized that delicensing the 6 GHz band is essential for supporting bandwidth-intensive applications, boosting connectivity, and enabling local innovation. With over 94 countries already having opened the 6 GHz band for unlicensed use, India’s timely action is critical to remain globally competitive. The event reinforced the shared commitment between government, industry, and experts to advance spectrum policy and support India’s vision of universal broadband access and a digitally empowered society.

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BSNL launched 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) service



BSNL launched a 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) service in Hyderabad, with plans for expansion to other cities. BSNL has soft-launched a 5G FWA service in Hyderabad under the brand name Quantum 5G FWA, an indigenous, SIM-less solution. The service is initially being offered with plans starting at Rs 999/- for 100 Mbps, and Rs 1,499/- for a 300 mbps plan. BSNL will expand the pilot project in Bengaluru, Pondicherry, Vishakhapatnam, Pune, Gwalior and Chandigarh by September 2025. At present, Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel have been providing 5G Fixed Wireless Service (FWA) by using their 5G spectrum.

TRAI Consultation Paper

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status
Assignment of the Microwave Spectrum in 6 GHz (lower), 7 GHz, 13 GHz, 15 GHz, 18 GHz, 21 GHz Bands, E-Band, and V-Band	25th June 2025	Under Development

DoT Consultation Paper

Consultation Paper	Submission Dates	Status	Submission
De-licensing of Lower 6 GHz spectrum for the use of Low Power and Very Low Power Wireless Access System including Radio Local Area Network	15th June 2025	Submitted	FILE1

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: WP 5D	24th June - 03rd July 2025	12th June 2025
APT: The 25th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-25)	01st - 03rd July 2025	22nd June 2025
APT: The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-4)	14th - 18th July 2025	04th July 2025
APT: The 1st Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for PP-26 (APT PP26-1)	18th July 2025	08th July 2025
APT: The 2nd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-2)	28th July - 01st Aug 2025	18th July 2025

Telecom Stories:



The telecom department's Sanchar Saathi platform has helped in tracing over 20 lakh lost or stolen phones till date, Minister of State for Telecommunications Chandra Sekhar Pemasani said on Friday.

According to data available on the Sanchar Saathi platform, the government has been able to block 33.5 lakh mobile phones and traced 20.28 lakh handsets till date.

"DoT's Sanchar Saathi application has enabled reporting and blocking of fraudulent mobile connections and helped trace over 20 lakh lost or stolen phones. We remain committed to building a secure and citizen-centric digital ecosystem," Pemasani said on a social media platform after holding a review meeting on fraud prevention efforts by the Department of Telecom.



New Delhi: Major dilutions to local content rules for the telecom sector under the Public Procurement Order could negatively impact Indian firms by giving greater access to multinational corporations (MNCs) in government contracts without manufacturing in India, according to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).

The GTRI in a note further said that the move will benefit major foreign MNCs active in the Indian telecom component industry.

Earlier this month, on June 3, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) initiated a public consultation to revise its Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) (PPP-MII) Order for the telecom sector.



Even as India’s telecom infrastructure continues to expand—especially in rural regions—new data from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India reveals a concerning stagnation in actual internet adoption. The report for the January–March 2025 quarter highlights a paradox: rising access, but slowing engagement.

According to the TRAI report, the total number of internet subscribers declined marginally by 0.11%, dropping from 970.16 million to 969.10 million. This marks the second consecutive quarter where internet growth has been largely flat, despite significant government and private investment in digital infrastructure.

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