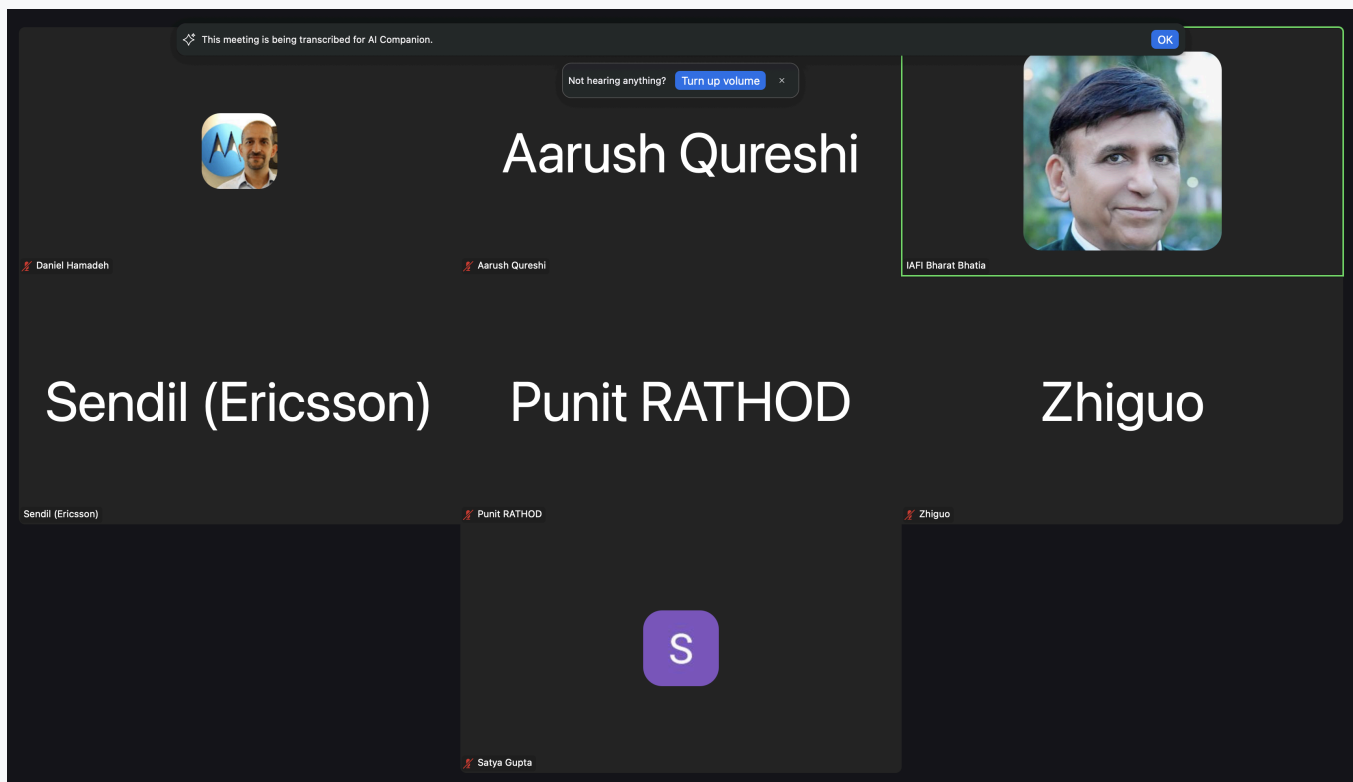


## IAFI News

### IAFI Radio Group Meeting to review AWG-35 and WTDC-25-5 contributions



IAFI Radio Group Meeting was held on 20-08-2025 to discuss the contributions to be submitted in the upcoming meetings of the AWG-35 and WTDC-25-5, going to held in Bangkok, Thailand. Following five contributions to be submitted in the AWG-35 meeting were discussed by the meeting and tentatively agreed. These will be further considered for final approval in the next meeting on 27- 08-2025.

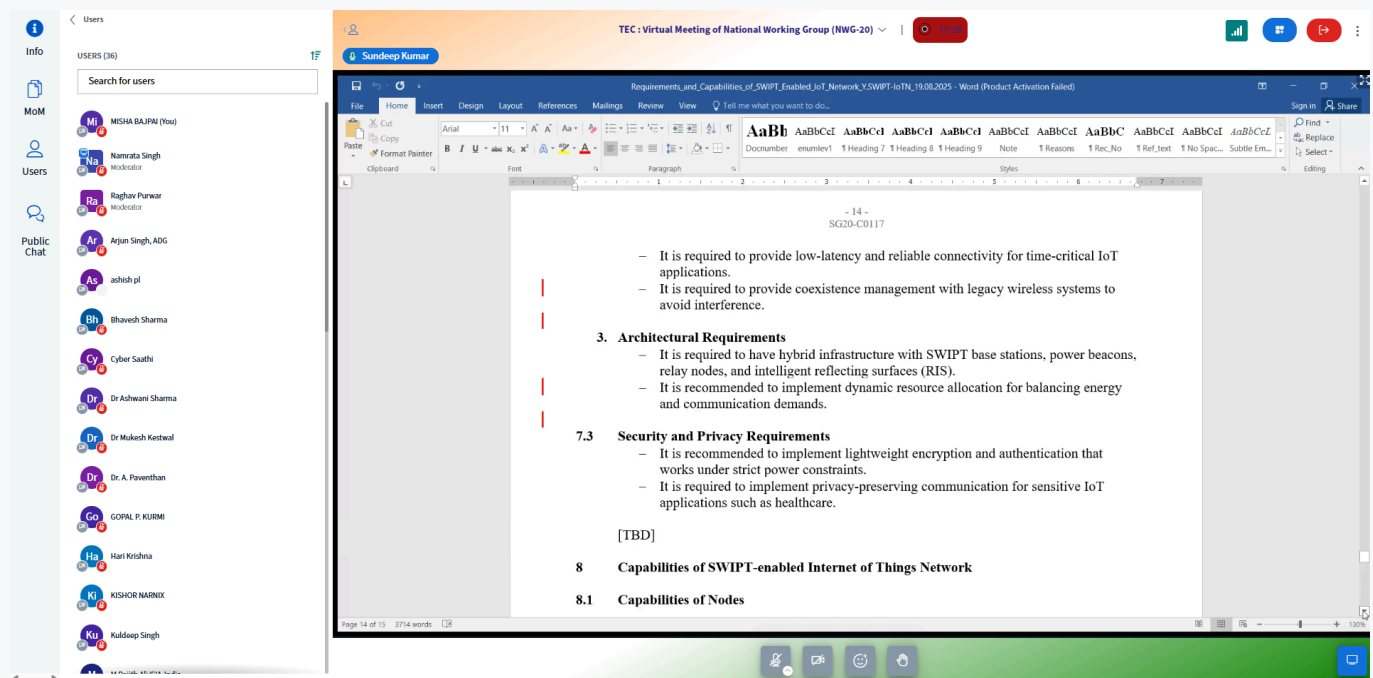
- APT Strategic Spectrum Plan to bridge the Digital Connectivity.
- A Draft New Report on the usage of Cooperative Vehicle-Infrastructure ITS Systems.
- A draft new APT report on usage of Cellular Integrated Sensing and Communication (ISAC) for small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in Asia Pacific region.
- Further updates to the Working Document towards a draft New APT report on IMT-2030/6G potential use cases and applications.
- A draft new APT report on Technical and Regulatory aspects of RAN/Spectrum sharing in IMT among mobile network operators in Asia Pacific Region.

In addition to the above, five contributions to be submitted in the WTDC-25-5 were discussed in the meeting and agreed in principle.

- Joint proposal of China, Viet Nam and IAFI regarding a new resolution on strengthening international and regional connectivity.
- Proposed modifications to WTDC Resolution 63: Internet Protocol address allocation and facilitating the transition to and deployment of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) in the developing countries.
- Proposed modifications to WTDC Resolution 79: the role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in combating and dealing with counterfeit and tampered telecommunication/information and communication devices
- A new resolution on harnessing advanced technologies to accelerate the attainment of universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity to connect the un-connected.
- Proposal for modifications to Resolution 69 on facilitating the creation of National Computer Incident Response Teams, particularly for developing countries, and cooperation among them.
- In addition, one IAFI member proposed to submit a contribution on WTDC Resolution-34 (PACP) regarding the role of telecommunications/information and communication technology in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response.

The next IAFI Radio Group meeting will be held on 26-08-2025, to finalize and submit the documents to the respective meetings. Both the meetings AWG-35 and WTDC-25-5 will both be held in Bangkok, Thailand. The AWG-35 Meeting is scheduled for September 8-12, 2025, followed by WTDC-25-5 from September 15-19, 2025.

### NWG-20 meeting organized by TEC



IAFI participated in the seventh meeting of National Working Group-20 (NWG-20), corresponding to ITU-T/SG-20 on “Internet of Things (IoT), Digital Twins and Smart Sustainable Cities & Communities (SSC&C)” for the study period 2025-28. Meeting was organized by the TEC on 21st August 2025 (Thursday) in virtual mode. Meeting was chaired by Shri R S Singh, DDG (IoT). The agenda of this NWG-20 meeting includes discussion and finalization of contributions for submission to the forthcoming meeting of ITU-T/SG-20 likely to be held from 15-25 September 2025.

All documents were presented and discussed in the meeting. After detailed deliberations, it was agreed by meeting to submit contributions on the 30 work items (12 New work items and revision of 18 existing work items) in the forthcoming ITU-T SG-20 meeting, Geneva, 15-25 September 2025. Copies of draft contributions to be presented during the NWG-20 meeting have been circulated for inputs/comments, if any, by 25th August 2025 positively. It is informed that the next NWG-20 meeting will be held after forthcoming ITU-T/SG-20 meeting, likely to be held from 15-25 September 2025.

### IAFI comments on draft Guidelines for Grant of NOC by DDG (Sat), DoT HQ



Director (Satellite), DoT HQ vide letter dated 29-07-2025 requested comments on the Draft Guidelines for Grant of “No Objection Certificate” (NOC) to a Unified Licensee having authorization for GMPCS service or Commercial VSAT CUG service for use of its earth station gateway established in India, by a telecommunication service provider having an authorization for telecommunication services outside India. Issue was examined in detail and IAFI submitted its detailed inputs on 22-08-2025, the various issues mentioned in the letter. Detailed reasons with elaborate justification for deviating from the proposed DoT guidelines were also attached as annexure along with the letter.

### Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

| Meeting                                                                                        | Dates                | Submission Dates | IAFI Meeting  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <a href="#">APT: The 35th Meeting of the APT Wireless Group (AWG-35)</a>                       | 08th - 12th Sep 2025 | 28th Aug 2025    | 26th Aug 2025 |
| <a href="#">APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-25 (APT WTDC25-5)</a>   | 15th - 19th Sep 2025 | 3rd Sep 2025     | 26th Aug 2025 |
| <a href="#">ITU-R: Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy</a>                              | 15th - 24th Sep 2025 | 3rd Sep 2025     | -             |
| <a href="#">ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications</a>        | 16th - 25th Sep 2025 | 4th Sep 2025     | -             |
| <a href="#">ITU-R: Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems</a>                       | 16th - 25th Sep 2025 | 4th Sep 2025     | -             |
| <a href="#">APT: The Meeting of the SATRC Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Services</a> | 23rd - 25th Sep 2025 | 13th Sep 2025    | -             |

### Telecom Stories:



The Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed via a video message today on the occasion of National Space Day 2025. On the occasion, the Prime Minister extended his warm wishes, highlighting that this year’s theme, “From Aryabhata to Gaganyaan”, reflects both the confidence of India’s past and the resolve for its future. He remarked that in a short span of time, National Space Day has become an occasion of enthusiasm and attraction for India’s youth, which is a matter of national pride. He conveyed his greetings to all individuals associated with the space sector, including scientists and youth. Modi noted that India is currently hosting the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, with nearly 300 young participants from over sixty countries. Modi expressed happiness that many Indian participants won medals in the event. He stated that this Olympiad is a symbol of India’s emerging global leadership in the space sector. The Prime Minister expressed happiness that to further spark interest in space among youth, ISRO has launched initiatives such as the Indian Space Hackathon and the Robotics Challenge. He congratulated all students and winners participating in these competitions.



The government has approved a permit to Starlink after the company agreed to comply with domestic laws, including security conditions, which bar it from copying and decrypting data overseas and mirroring Indian user traffic on any system set up abroad, Minister of State for Communications Pemasani Chandra Sekhar said.

The minister told PTI that security conditions mandate satellite communication providers to set up earth station gateways in India through which communications from satellite to users are routed.

He said that the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) granted a Unified License (UL) to Starlink Satellite Communications Private Limited after the US firm agreed to the stipulated terms and conditions of the UL, including security conditions which is applicable to all satcom players.



As per RGI (Registrar General of India) data, out of the total 6,44,131 villages in the country, 6,26,055 villages are having internet facility (3G/4G) through mobile coverage network as on 30.06.2025.

BharatNet project is being implemented in a phased manner to provide broadband connectivity to all the Gram Panchayats (GPs) and villages in the country. A total of 13,01,193 no. of FTTH connections have been commissioned in the country through BharatNet. The Wi-Fi technology enabled FTTH connections are being used for accessing all type of online services such as e-education, e-health, e-governance, e-commerce, etc. including the usage by farmers in increasing their knowledge about agriculture and keeping themselves updated about new development in agriculture.

Various projects such as 4G saturation project, Border Out Posts (BoP)-Border Intelligence Posts (BiP) project, BharatNet project etc under Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) are being taken up to improve the mobile coverage and internet connectivity in villages. Under 4G saturation project till Jun-2025, 21,748 mobile towers have been commissioned in the country under various Government funded mobile projects.

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