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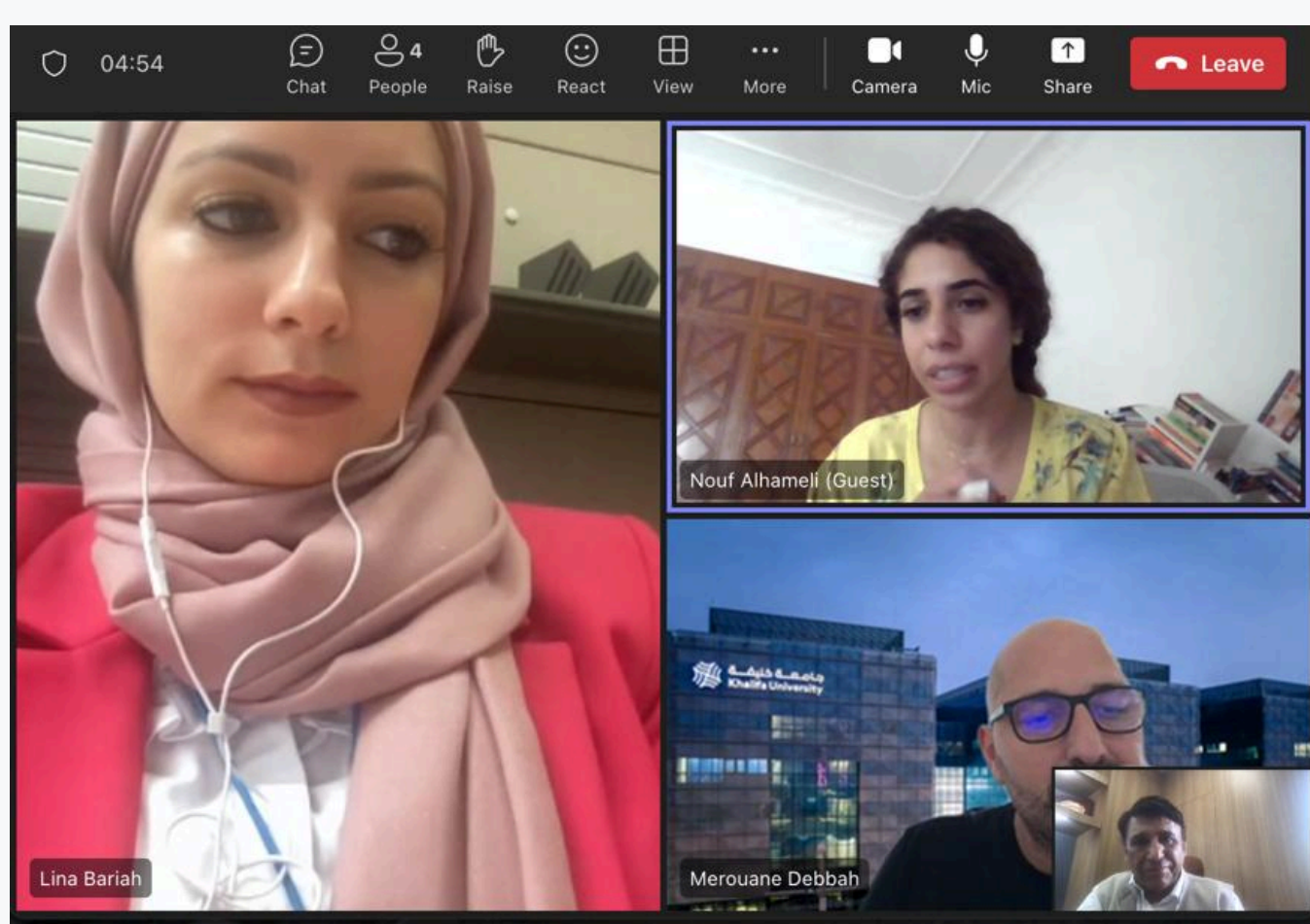
IAFI welcome dinner for Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director (TSB), ITU



The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) hosted an interactive session and dinner on March 19, 2024, at CSOI, KG Marg, New Delhi in honour of Mr. Seizo Onoe, Director of ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) who was visiting India for a TSB meeting. Senior officers from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), including Member (Technology), Member (services), DCC and senior officers from WPC, BSNL, and TEC, along with industry experts, participated in the event.

International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations arranged a workshop on "Cultivating tomorrow: Advancing digital agriculture through IoT and AI", on March 18, 2024. Workshop was co-hosted by the TEC (DoT) and ICAR at the National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), ICAR, New Delhi. Mr Seizo Onoe, Dir (TSB), ITU, Shri A.K. Sahu, Member (Services), DoT, Ms Tripti Saxena and Sr DDG and Head TEC emphasized the potential of technologies like IoT and AI to revolutionize agriculture. Mr. Seizo Onoe also visited C-DoT campus, New Delhi, to exchange insights on telecom standardization and emerging technology development. Mr. Seizo also visited C-DoT state-of-the-art labs, where India's home-grown solutions like SAMVAD, Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC), advance optical systems, ITU-CAP based early warning alert system, Quantum Key Distribution (QKD), BHARAT 4G / 5G with 5G demo, and many more were demonstrated.

IAFI, Khalifa University, and TII Abu Dhabi - a collaboration for 6G Technology



A virtual meeting was held between the ITU-APT Foundation (IAFI), The Technology Innovation Institute (TII) in Abu Dhabi, and representatives from the UAE Government to discuss the advancement of 6G technologies. Notably, the Technology Innovation Institute (TII) stands as a pioneering research institution in the United Arab Emirates, dedicated to pioneering advancements in technology. Key figures such as Shri Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI; Prof. Merouane Debbah, Director of the 6G RC Computer Communication Engineering; Dr. Lina Bariah, Professor at Khalifa University of Science and Technology, Abu Dhabi; and Ms. Nouf Alhameli, Administrator at the Abu Dhabi Government Executive Office, were among the participants, pooling their expertise to develop a comprehensive team for 6G development. This collaborative approach promises significant progress in 6G technology, positioning the UAE at the forefront of this transformative domain.

IAFI meeting with new Chairman TRAI



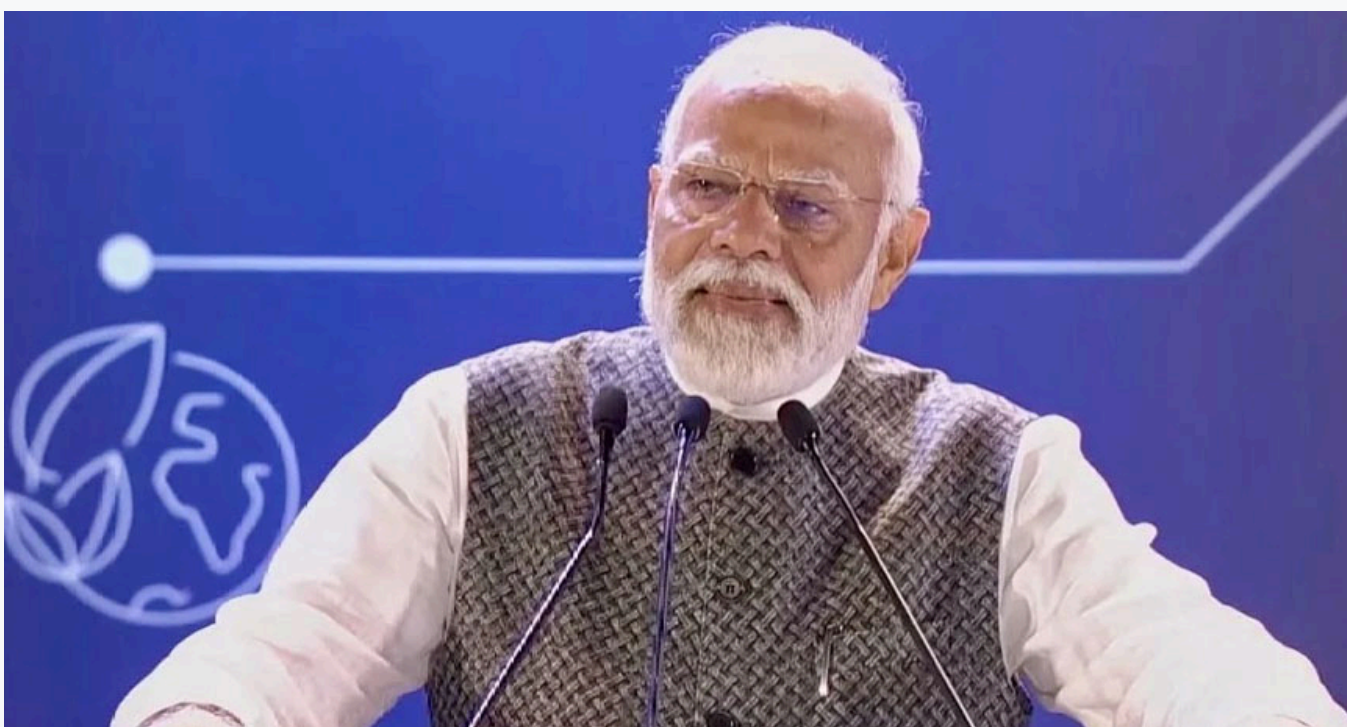
Shri Bharat Bhatia, President IAFI, called on Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, newly appointed Chairman of TRAI and extended a warm welcome. He also invited chairman TRAI to a formal interactive dinner scheduled for April 4th, 2024, at CSOI in New Delhi.

Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board, Ministry of Railways, joined as Chairman, TRAI on 31-01-2024 for a period of three years. Shri Lahoti was an officer of 1984 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Engineers and superannuated as Chairman and CEO Railway Board on August 31, 2023. He is a graduate in Civil Engineering from Madhav Institute of Institute of Technology and Science, Gwalior and Master of Engineering (Structures) from the University of Roorkee (IIT, Roorkee). He ensured for quality of services, curb call drops and a level playing field to facilitate the telecom sector's overall growth.

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-R: Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG)	25th - 27th Mar 2024	15th Mar 2024
ITU-T: Focus Group on cost models for affordable data services	09th - 10th April 2024	30th Mar 2024
ITU-T: Focus Group on Testbeds Federations for IMT-2020 and beyond	10th - 12th April 2024	31st Mar 2024
ITU-T: SG3 Regional Group for Africa	10th - 12th April 2024	31st Mar 2024
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-T: TSAG RG-WTSA e-meeting	18th April 2024	08th April 2024
ITU-D: TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (TDAG-WG-StreamRes)	18th April 2024	08th 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
APT: The 3rd Meeting of APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-24 (APT WTSA24-3)	30th April - 02nd May 2024	20rd 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

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday said that India will have an upper hand in AI. He said India will lead the world in AI capabilities, and exhorted young entrepreneurs and startups to work on 'Indian solutions for global applications' to solve challenges faced by nations across the world. Addressing the Startup Mahakumbh, Modi said the three missions on AI, semiconductors and quantum, launched by the government earlier, will generate jobs for youth and investment opportunities for global investors. "We are in a new era of AI technology, and world acknowledges that India will have an upper hand in AI. It is now our priority to ensure that we do not let go of this opportunity," he said.



Dr Neeraj Mittal has unanimously been elected as co-chair of the Digital Innovation Board of ITU formed under the aegis of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development. The Digital Innovation Board comprises of Ministers and Vice Ministers of Telecom/ICT of 23 Member Countries of ITU spanning Asia, Europe, Africa, North and South America. International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has started Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development to respond to significant unmet needs of ITU Membership in the area of innovation, as articulated in the Kigali Action Plan adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22) and the Outcomes of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (PP-22). The Alliance has three main vehicles: -



National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) is proud to announce the launch of the BhashaNet portal for the upcoming Universal Acceptance (UA) Day, scheduled to take place on March 21, 2024, at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in the National Capital. This will be the second event, hosted between NIXI and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), underscoring their joint commitment to promote the UA and advancing digital inclusion across the nation. In addition, it's noteworthy that Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the Internet Governance division, MeitY, Government of India are actively supporting UA Day.

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