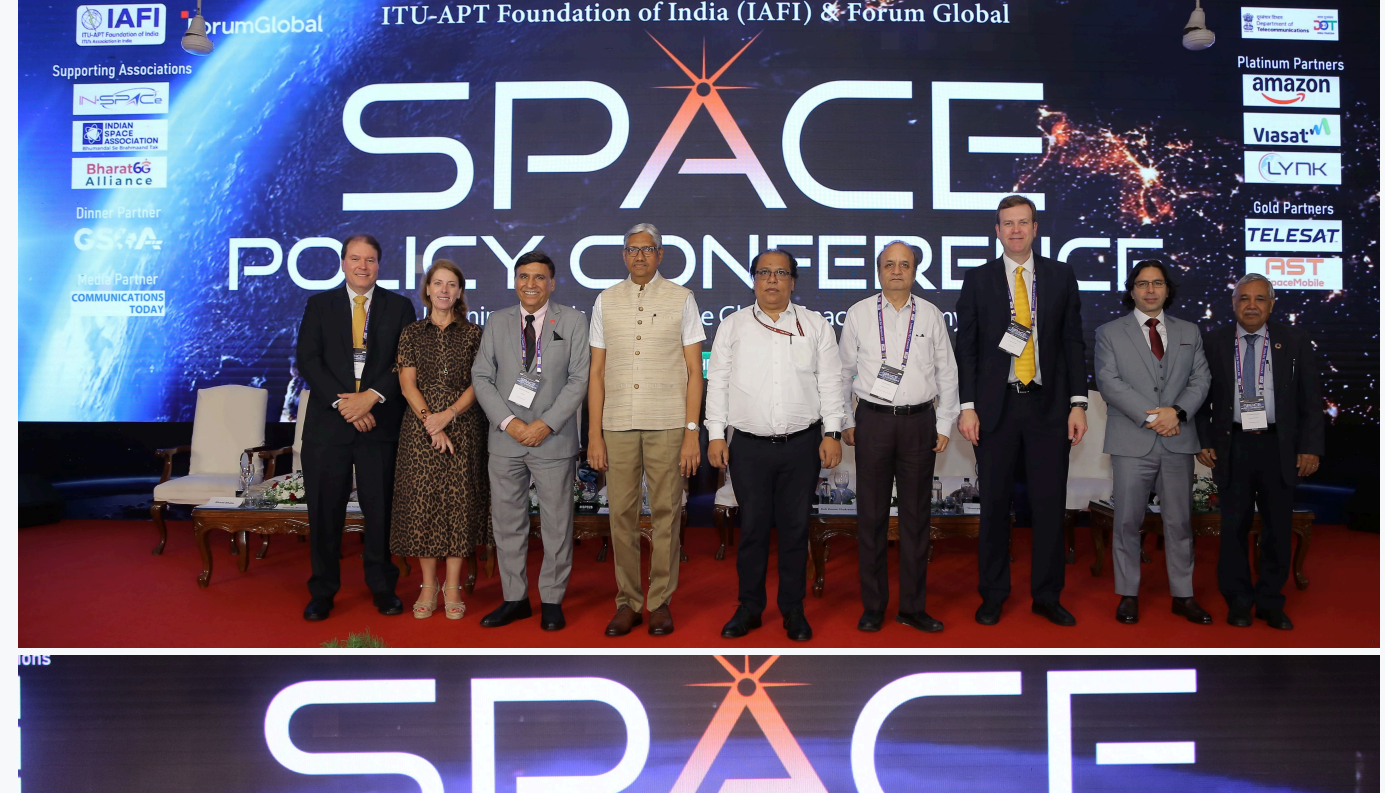


IAFI News

India Space Policy Conference (ISPC-26)



IAFI, in partnership with Forum Global, successfully organised the 3rd India Space Policy Conference (ISPC-26) on 22–23 July 2026 in New Delhi. The conference brought together senior policymakers, regulators, satellite operators and industry leaders to discuss the next phase of India's space and satellite communications ecosystem. Key discussions focused on spectrum policy, licensing, satellite-terrestrial convergence, space sustainability, Direct-to- Device (D2D) services and the integration of satellite with 5G and the future evolution towards 6G. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI, delivered the opening remarks, while TRAI Chairman Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti presented the keynote address. The conference reaffirmed India's growing position as a global hub for satellite communications and space innovation. The event was addressed by distinguished galaxy of speakers, including Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti, Member (Services), DoT; Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), DoT; Ms. Isabelle Mauro, Director General, GSOA; Shri N. K. Bholia, Wireless Advisor, DoT; Mr. Tom Hastings, Associate Chief, FCC Space Bureau; Mr. Cristian Gomez, Vice President, Government & Regulatory (Asia Pacific), Viasat; and Mr. Chris Hofer, Head of International Spectrum Management and Strategy at Amazon LEO. Dr. Laura Roberti Telesat Director for Spectrum & Market Access, Telesat, Ms. Amy Mehlman, Executive Vice President and Chief Global Affairs Officer, Lynk, USA. Ms. Diha Amir, Head of Asia Pacific Regulatory Affairs, AST SpaceMobile; Ms. Cindy Cook, Vice President and Head of Spectrum & Technology Regulations, Ericsson; Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice Chairman, IAFI and Head Govt. Affairs, Qualcomm, India

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TRAI Open House Discussion on V2X



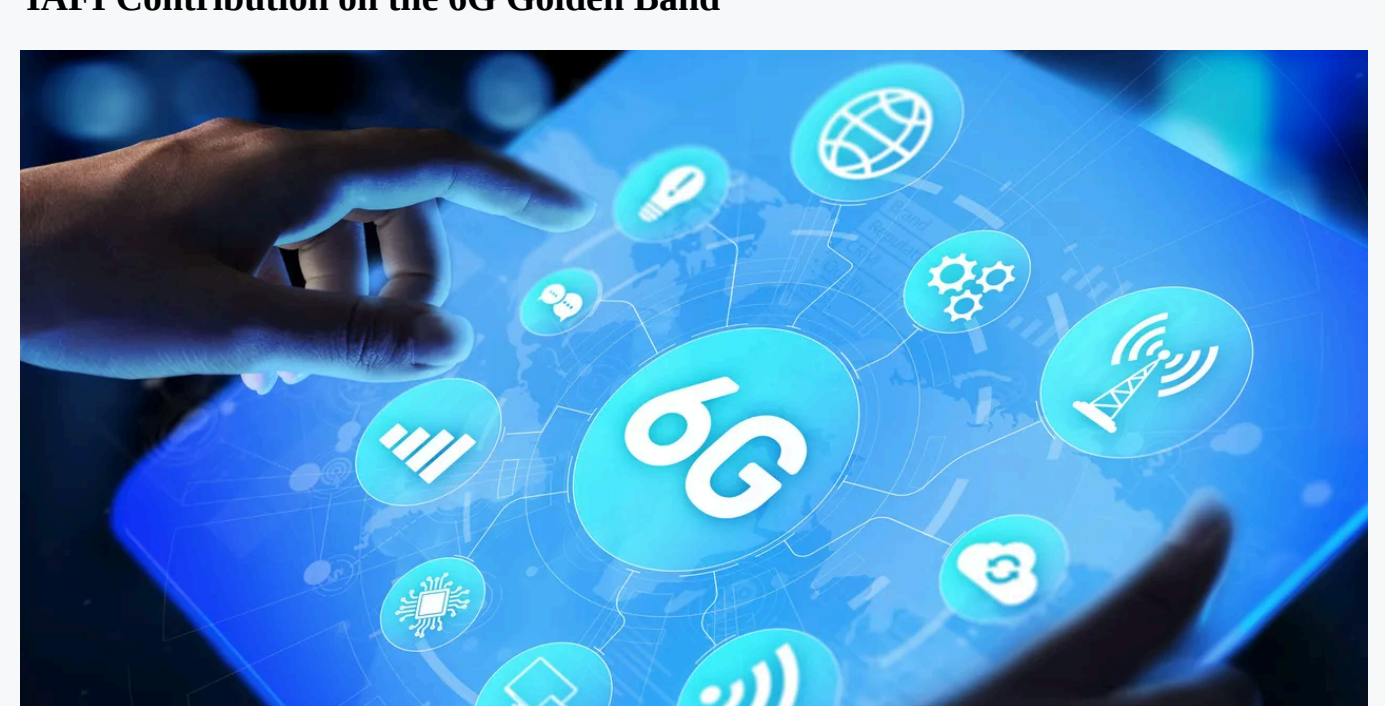
TRAI organised a virtual Open House Discussion on 23 July 2026 as part of its consultation on the regulatory framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communications. Around 150 participants from telecom operators, vehicle manufacturers, standards bodies, research organisations and government agencies participated. Discussions covered spectrum requirements, technology standards, safety certification and cybersecurity for connected vehicles. IAFI submitted comprehensive comments on the consultation paper and actively contributed to the deliberations.

APG27-3 Meeting in Sapporo



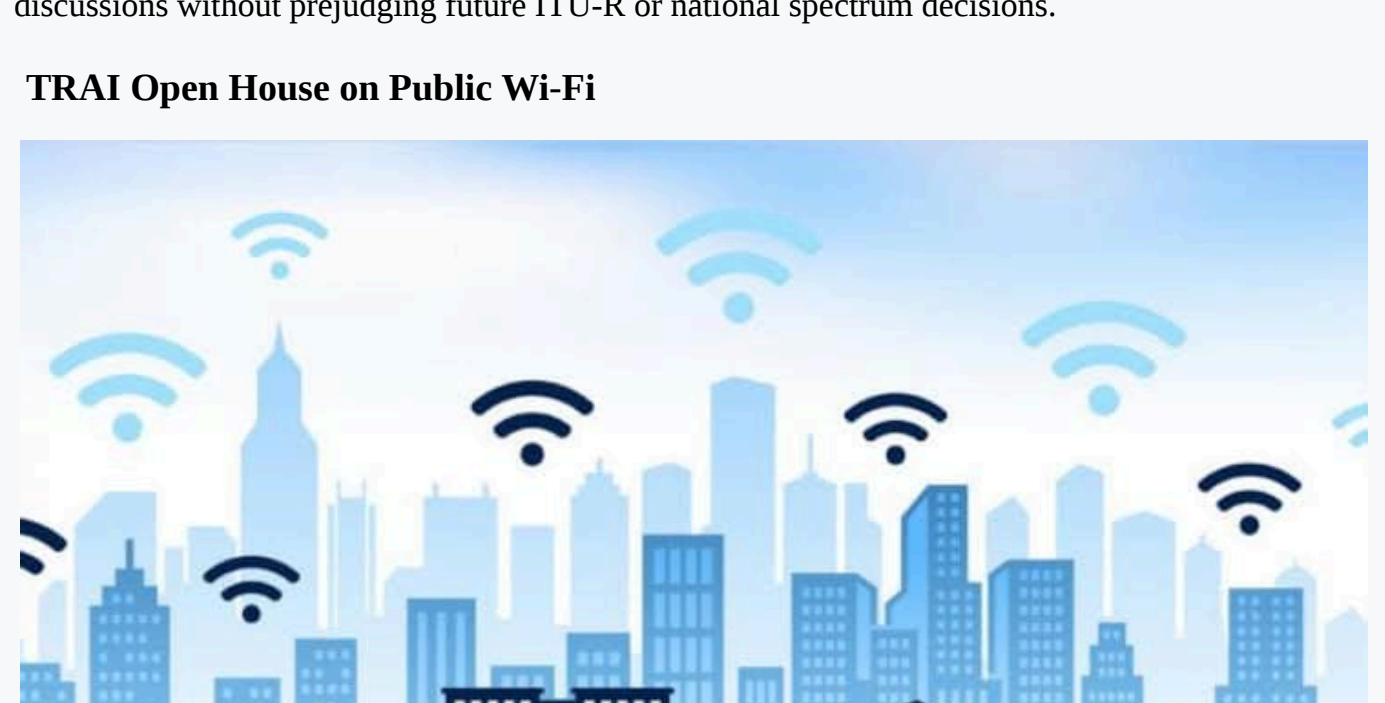
The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3) is being held in Sapporo, Japan from 27–31 July 2026. The meeting is developing common Asia- Pacific positions on key WRC-27 agenda items. Over 500 physical participants are attending the meeting while total number of Participants is over 900. India has sent a strong 30- member delegation with 15 delegates attending in person including Dr. Mannepalli Revathi; Mr. Mrunimaya Kumar Pattanaik; Mr. Sunil Bhatia; Mr. Dilip Kumar; Ms. J. Sofi Jebasoundaram; Mr. Ajinkya Jari Chandra Wagh; Mr. Bharat Bhatia; Mr. Harshan Vazhakkunnam Vasudevan; Dr. Sendil Kumar Devar; Mr. Jitendra Singh; Mr. S Chenthil Nathan; Ms. Priyanka Choubey; Mr. Vijayaraj Jayaprakash; Mr. Sachin Kumar. Shri Bharat Bhatia is the Chairman of the editorial committee of APG. The outcomes of APG27-3 will play an important role in shaping regional proposals for WRC-27.

IAFI Contribution on the 6G Golden Band



IAFI, together with the Bharat 6G Alliance, submitted an information paper to APG27-3 on the proposed 6G Golden Band (6 425–8 400 MHz). The contribution highlights India's vision for 6G, encourages regional collaboration within APT, and promotes harmonised spectrum planning to support future 6G deployment. The paper is intended to stimulate early technical and regulatory discussions without prejudging future ITU-R or national spectrum decisions.

TRAI Open House on Public Wi-Fi



TRAI will hold an Open House Discussion on 29 July 2026 on the 'Proliferation of Public Wi- Fi Networks in India'. Following extensive stakeholder submissions, the discussion will examine measures to accelerate deployment of public Wi-Fi while improving affordability, accessibility and service quality. IAFI has submitted detailed comments and will actively participate in the consultation.

Last Week Highlights

IAFI participated in the first National Working Party-6 meeting and presented a proposal on the use of IoT-enabled terrestrial broadcasting systems for disaster warning in rural, remote and hilly areas. India is expected to submit the proposal to the upcoming ITU-R WP6A meeting. [Read More](#)

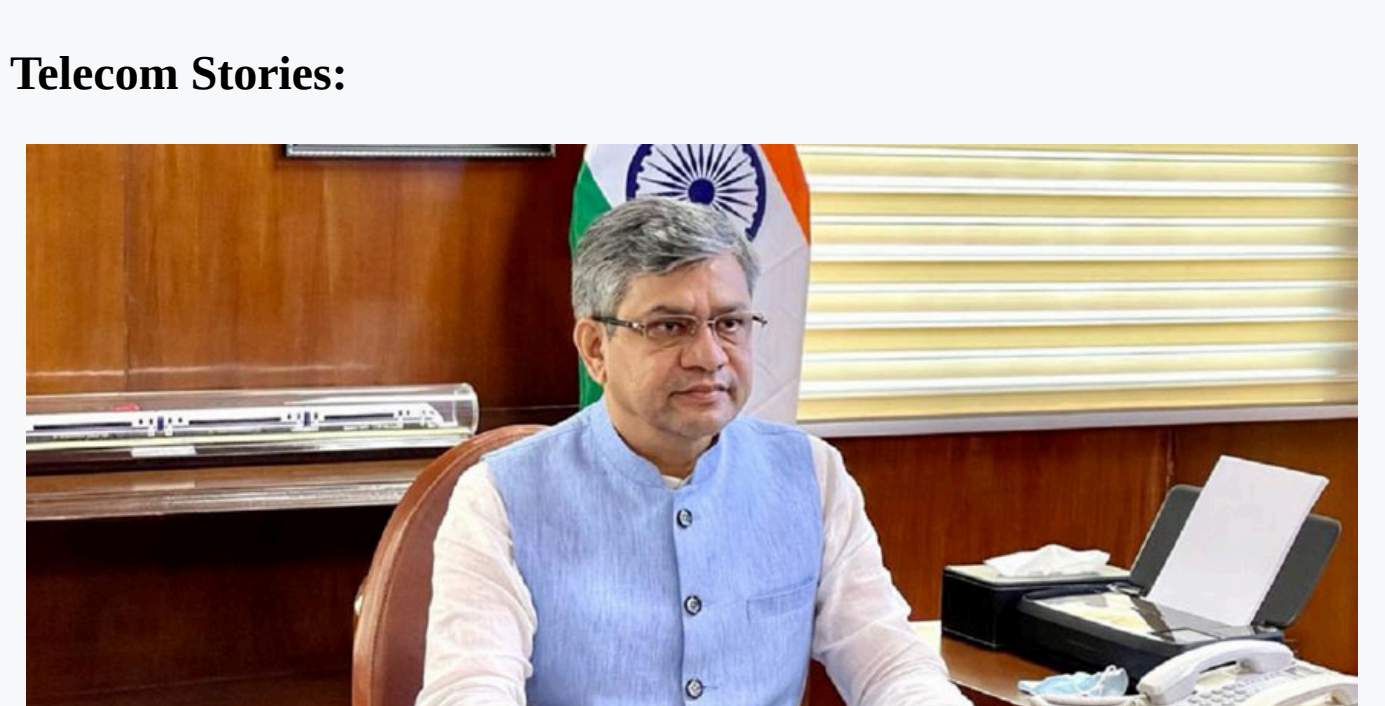
IAFI submitted detailed comments and recommendations to DoT on the draft Telecommunications (Spectrum Assignment by Administrative Process) Rules, 2026, following consultations with industry experts and members. [Read More](#)

Reliance Jio's proposed 1,600-satellite Low Earth Orbit (LEO) constellation has reportedly received a positive technical assessment from IN-SPACe, representing an important milestone towards establishing India's first indigenous NGSO satellite network. [Read More](#)

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
APT: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)	27th - 31st July 2026	17th July 2026
APT: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-5)	24th - 28th August 2026	14th August 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7B (WP 7B) - Space radiocommunication applications	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7C (WP 7C) - Remote sensing systems	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 7D (WP 7D) - Radio astronomy	14th - 24th September 2026	02nd September 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 5D (WP 5D) - IMT Systems	28th Sep - 08th Oct 2026	16th September 2026

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The government has identified 20 indigenous sovereign AI model proposals for support under the IndiaAI Mission, comprising 12 large language models (LLMs) and eight small language models (SLMs), Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw informed Parliament.

“The Government of India is supporting Indian startups and institutions to develop large language models. Twenty indigenous sovereign model proposals have been identified for support, comprising 12 LLMs and eight SLMs,” the minister said.



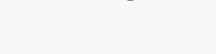
The Government has taken key steps to strengthen telecommunications and digital communication infrastructure including expansion of 5G, enhancement of mobile networks and broadband connectivity in rural and remote areas as follows:

Launch of centralized Right of Way (RoW) portal on May 14, 2022, thus facilitating the streamlining of the RoW permissions for the deployment of telecom infrastructure viz. optical fiber cable (OFC) laying and telecom tower installation.



India is on track to get its first homegrown low-Earth orbit satellite constellation, after space regulator IN-SPACe cleared Reliance Jio's proposal to deploy about 1,600 satellites as “technically sound,” according to government officials aware of the matter. The evaluation, conducted jointly with ISRO and the Wireless Planning and Coordination wing of the Department of Telecommunications, opens the door for the government to back Jio's push for international orbital slots, a step that could end India's reliance on foreign satellite operators for space-based broadband.

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