

IAFI's Wi-Fi Day Celebrations and conference on Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz Wi-Fi in India

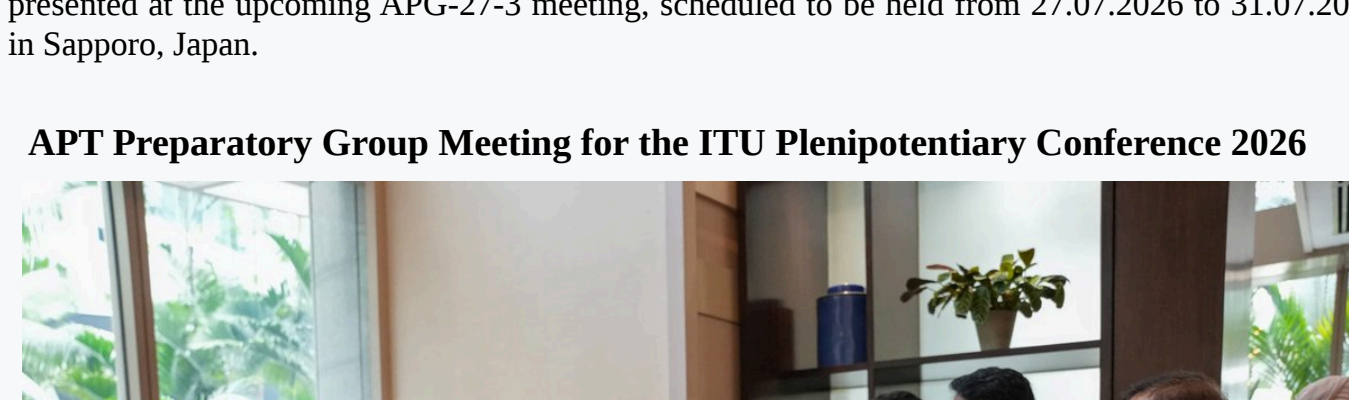


ITU-APT Foundation of India organized one-day conference on 24 th June, 2026 at Le-Meridien Hotel, New Delhi themed "Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz Wi-Fi in India: Policy, Power & Possibilities". Shri Ritu Ranjan Mishra, Member (TRAI) was the Chief Guest and Shri Anand Khare, Director General Telecom, Shri N K Bhola, Wireless Advisor to Govt. of India, Shri S T Abbas, Sr DDG & Head TEC and CMD/TEC and Ms Revathi Manneppalli, Joint Wireless Advisor were the Guest of Honour. In inaugural session, Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI welcomed all the participants and given introductory presentation and Prof. N K Goyal, President, CMAI, Chairman TEAMA and Vice Chairman IAFI delivered Vote of Thanks.

Session-1 of the conference was regarding the "Wi-Fi at a crossroads- what are the next regulatory steps on 6 GHz that will shape India's digital infrastructure for the next decade". Speakers joined the session were stalwarts from Service Providers and industry - Ms. Alka Selot Asthana, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Tata Communications; Shri Jitendra Singh, Vice Chairman, IAFI and Head Govt. Affairs, Qualcomm India; Dr. Ravi Gandhi, President, Chief Public Policy & Regulatory Officer, Reliance Jio; Shri Ajay Mehta, VP - TRAI Policy & Ops; Strategic Projects, Vodafone Idea Limited and Shri Tarun Chitkara, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Bharti Airtel. Session-2 was regarding 6 GHz Wi-Fi and IMT Co-existence and Session was chaired by Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DoT, Govt. of India; and prominent Speakers were - Prof. R. David Kolpillai, Chairman, Bharat 6G Alliance and Professor YIT Madras; Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Director General, Bharat 6G Alliance, India; Dr. Punit Rathod, Lead Technical Standards, Qualcomm, India; Shri Hiral Modi, Head of Wireless Ecosystem Engineering, Meta and Dr. Vivek Ashok Bohara, Member, TSDSI and Professor, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi. Session 3 was regarding the "6 GHz - How can India align with global best practices while addressing local realities". Session was chaired by Prof. Rajeev Shorey, Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology Surat and Key Note Presentation were given by Shri Paramjit Singh Puri, Director Membership, APAC and EMEA, Wi-Fi Alliance. Speakers were -Shri M.P.S Alawi, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC, DoT, Govt. of India; Dr. Satya N Gupta, Secretary General, IAFI; Shri Jaideep Ghosh, Group President, FyneHand and Shri Vikram Tiwathia, Senior Advisor, from COAI.

Read More: <https://www.timestoday.com/2026/06/24/unlocking-the-full-potential-of-6-ghz-wi-fi-in-india-policy-power-and-possibilities-iafi/>

National Preparatory Committee for WRC-27 (NPC) Meeting



The third meeting of the National Preparatory Committee for WRC-27 (NPC) was held under the Chairmanship of Sh. N.K. Bhola, Wireless Advisor, WPC Wing, on 25.06.2026 at 10:30 Hrs in the Spectrum Room, 6th Floor, Sanchar Bhawan. Coordinated by Shri Anu Kumar, Deputy Wireless Adviser, the meeting was conducted in a hybrid mode and continued as a marathon session for almost five hours.

During the meeting, Chairs of the Working Groups WG-1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 submitted their report regarding the multiple Agenda Items (AIs) for WRC-27: WG-1 deals with AI-1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6; WG-2 deals with AI-1.7, 1.8, 1.9 and 1.10; WG-3 deals with AI-1.11, 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14; WG-4 deals with AI-1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18 and 1.19; and WG-5 deals with AI - 2, 4, 8, 9 and 10. IAFI submitted detailed contributions covering all Agenda Items from 1.1 to 1.19 and further submitted the updated version after each WGs meeting. India's views on all Agenda Items have now been finalized. The finalized positions will be submitted to DoT HQ for approval before being presented at the upcoming APG-27-3 meeting, scheduled to be held from 27.07.2026 to 31.07.2026 in Sapporo, Japan.

APT Preparatory Group Meeting for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026



The 4th Meeting of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-4) was held from 15 to 19 June 2026 at Hotel Grand Hyatt, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting was organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and hosted by Malaysia's Ministry of Communication. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President, IAFI participated in the meeting physically. The meeting was officially opened by Datuk Abdul Halim Hamzah, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Communications, Malaysia. In his address, he emphasized the importance of telecommunications-building to ensure the ITU remains responsive to rapid advancements in the ICT and telecommunications sectors.

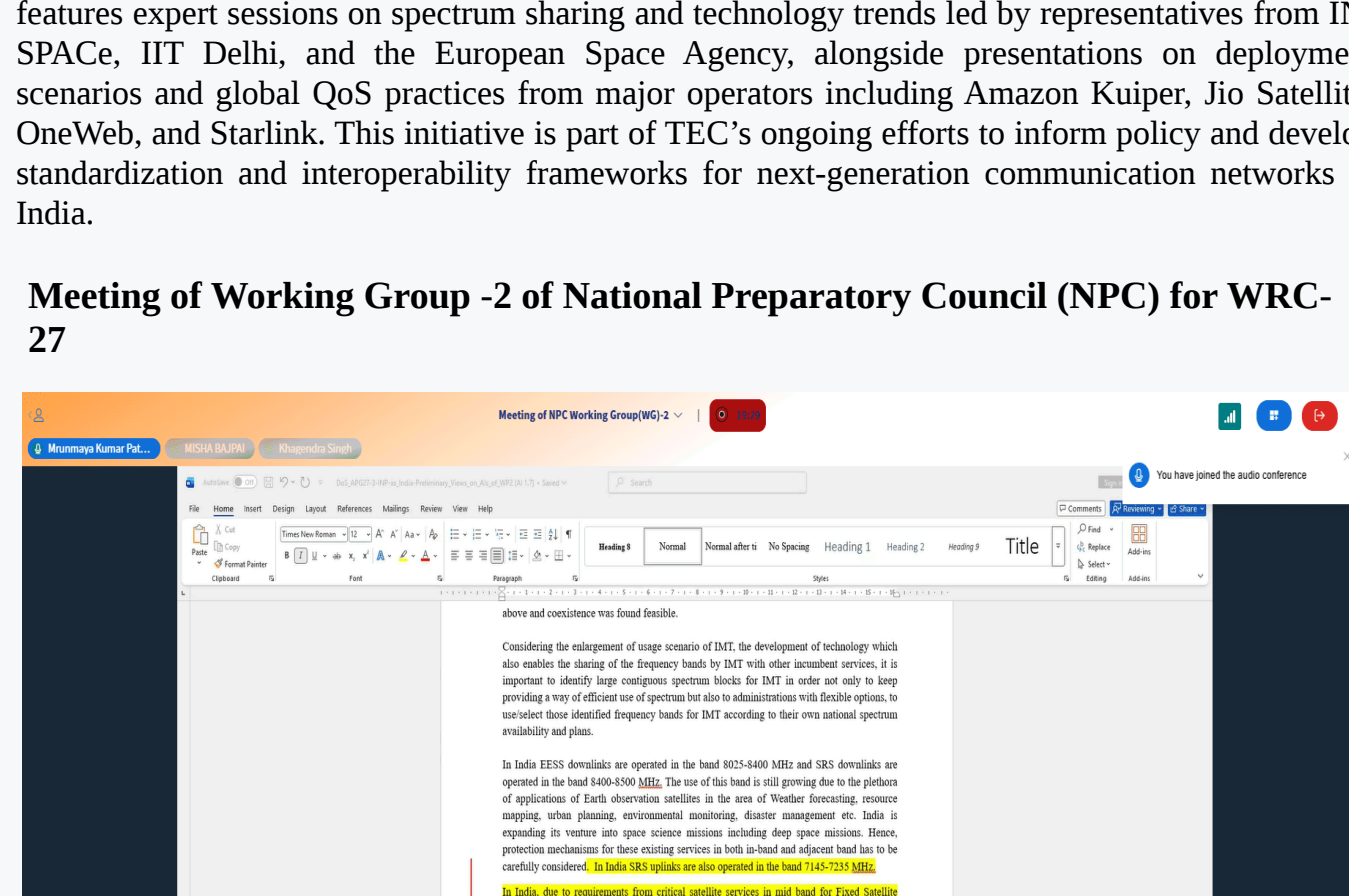
The primary objective of the meeting was to coordinate regional activities and consolidate the Asia-Pacific region's interests ahead of the overarching ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26), which is scheduled to take place in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 27 November 2026. The key activities includes - Analyzing contributions submitted by APT member states and reviewing Issue Papers prepared by the APT Working Groups, Developing Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) and overarching APT Views on strategic issues. The progress made in Kuala Lumpur will be carried forward to the 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group (APT PP26-5), which is scheduled to be hosted in Brisbane, Australia, from 24 to 28 August 2026. This subsequent meeting will focus on finalizing the PACPs before they are officially submitted as the Asia-Pacific region's common proposals for Doha. These proposals will eventually be endorsed as the APT Common Proposals (ACPs) for submission to the ITU.

IAFI Condemns Vandalism at ITU Headquarters



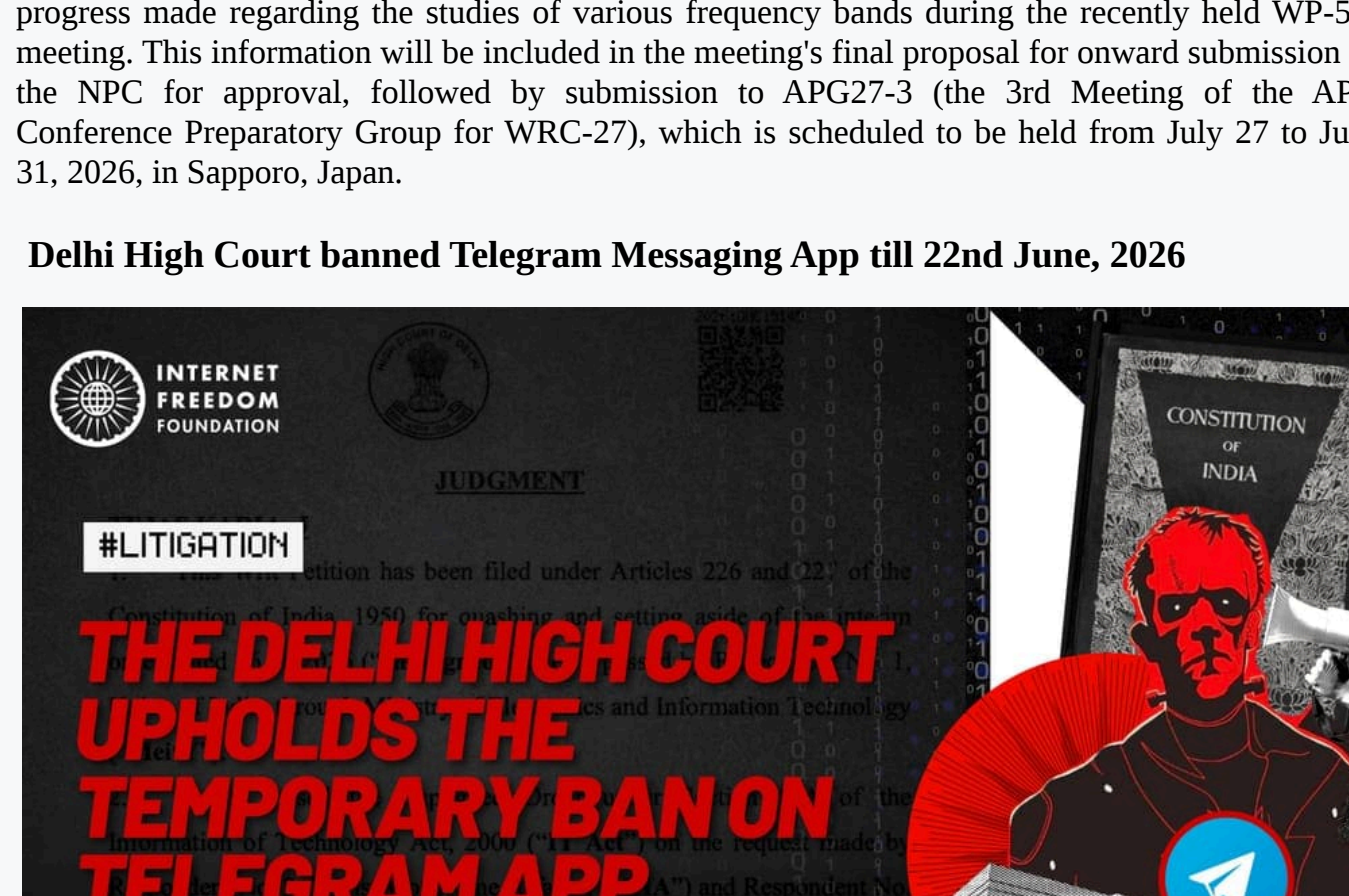
The ITU-APT Foundation of India (IAFI) expresses its deep concern over the damage caused to the headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva during the recent demonstrations in the city. The IAFI has issued a formal statement strongly condemning recent acts of violence and vandalism that damaged the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) headquarters in Geneva during city-wide demonstrations. Highlighting the ITU's 160-year legacy as a cornerstone for global telecommunications collaboration and digital transformation, IAFI emphasized that while peaceful expression is a fundamental value, it must never compromise public safety or international institutions. Speaking on behalf of the Indian ICT and radio communication community, IAFI expressed solidarity with the ITU Secretary-General and staff, noting with relief that no serious injuries were reported, and reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to supporting the ITU's critical mission of fostering global digital connectivity.

TEC organized a Webinar on Advanced Satellite Communication Technologies



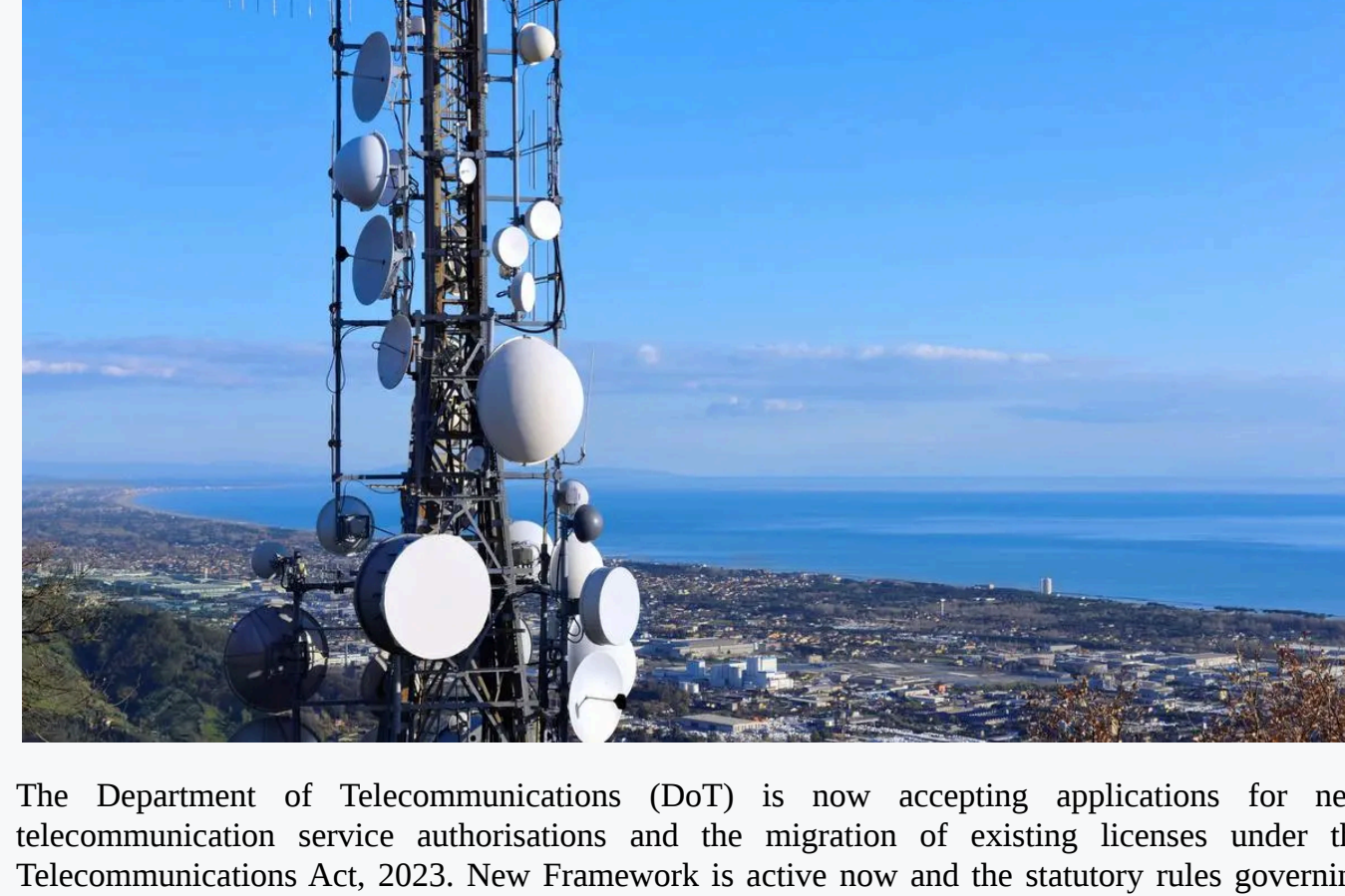
The Radio Division of the Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) organized a half-day workshop on "Advanced Satellite Communication Technologies and Service Quality Benchmarking" on June 18, 2026, at Manak Bhawan, TEC, New Delhi. Event was chaired by Shri S.T.Ashok, Sr DDG and Head TEC and coordinated by the DDC, (Radio), TEC. The event aims to bring together key industry stakeholders, policymakers, and academia to explore emerging developments in Non- Terrestrial Networks (NTN), satellite-enabled 5G/6G systems, QoS/QoE benchmarking methodologies, and the integration of satellite and terrestrial networks. The agenda features expert sessions on spectrum sharing and technology trends led by representatives from IN-SPACE, IIT Delhi, and the European Space Agency, alongside presentations on deployment scenarios and global QoS practices from major operators including Amazon Kuiper, Jio Satellite, OneWeb, and Starlink. This initiative is part of TEC's ongoing efforts to inform policy and develop standardization and interoperability frameworks for next-generation communication networks in India.

Meeting of Working Group -2 of National Preparatory Council (NPC) for WRC-27



The second meeting of Working Group-2 (WG-2) of the National Preparatory Committee (NPC) for WRC-27 was held on June 17, 2026, in a hybrid format. The meeting was chaired by Shri Gulab Chand, Joint Wireless Advisor, WPC Wing. Shri Bharat Bhatia, President of IAFI, joined the meeting virtually from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he is attending the APT Plenipotentiary Preparatory Meeting (APT PP26-4). Many IAFI members also joined the meeting virtually. Shri M.K. Pattanah, JWA, WPC Wing, also participated in the discussion. The main aim of the meeting was to finalize the proposals to be submitted for WRC-27 regarding Agenda Items 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, and 1.10, and to develop India's common preliminary views for these items. IAFI submitted detailed views on all four Agenda Items (1.7 to 1.10), which were discussed and deliberated upon in detail. Shri Gulab Chand, Chair of the meeting, requested Shri Bharat Bhatia to provide updates on the progress made regarding the studies of various frequency bands during the recently held WP-5D meeting. This information will be included in the meeting's final proposal for onward submission to the NPC for approval, followed by submission to APG27-3 the 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27, which is scheduled to be held from July 27 to July 31, 2026, in Sapporo, Japan.

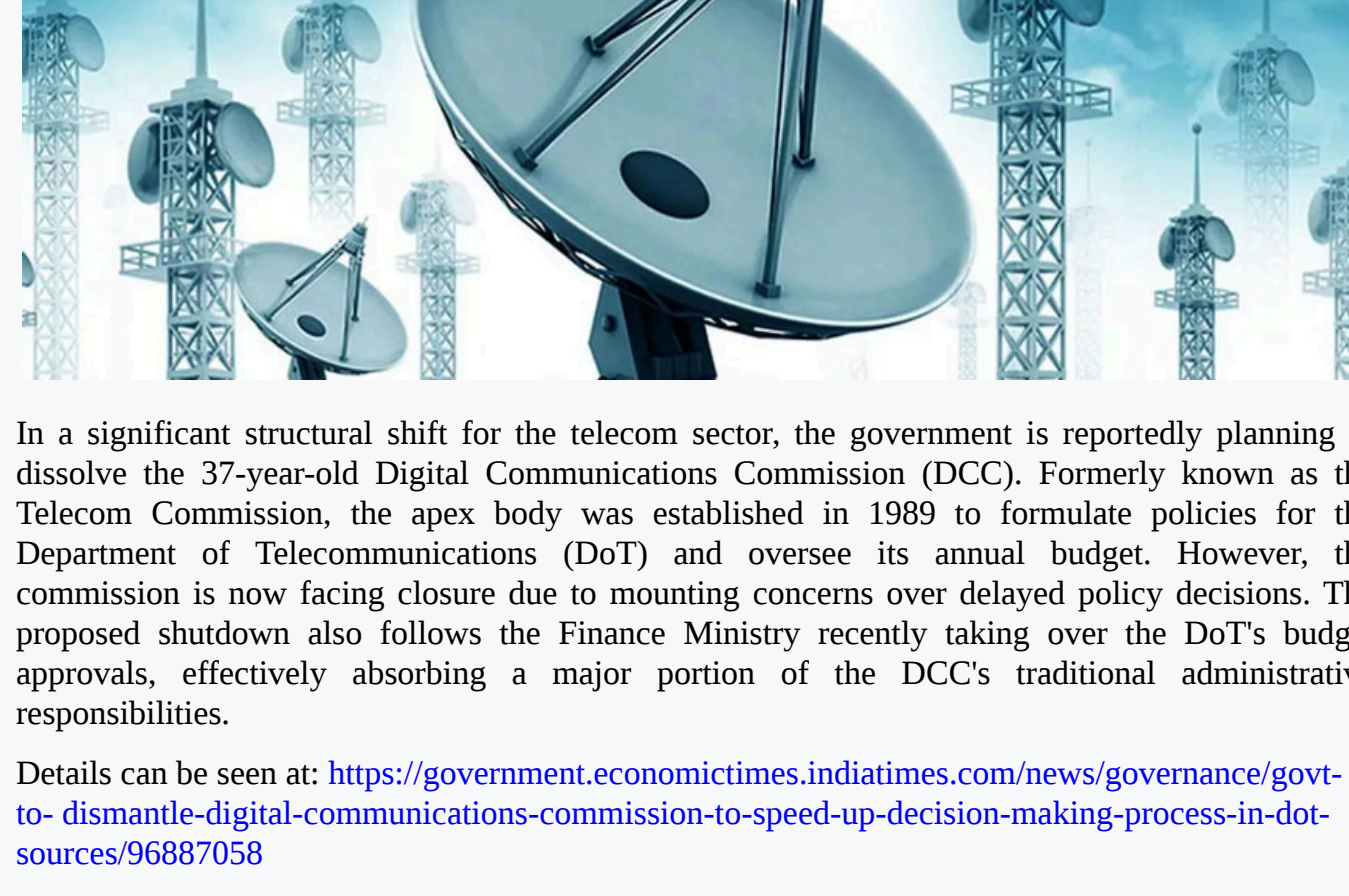
Delhi High Court banned Telegram Messaging App till 22nd June, 2026



Delhi High Court rejected an appeal filed by the messaging app Telegram against the temporary nationwide ban imposed by the Indian government. The temporary block was initiated to prevent organized cheating and paper leaks ahead of the highly sensitive National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) medical re-examination scheduled for June 21, 2026. At the request of the National Testing Agency (NTA), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) invoked emergency powers under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act. The government ordered internet service providers to block access to Telegram in India for a limited period (until June 22, 2026) and directed the platform to disable its message-editing feature for existing messages until June 30.

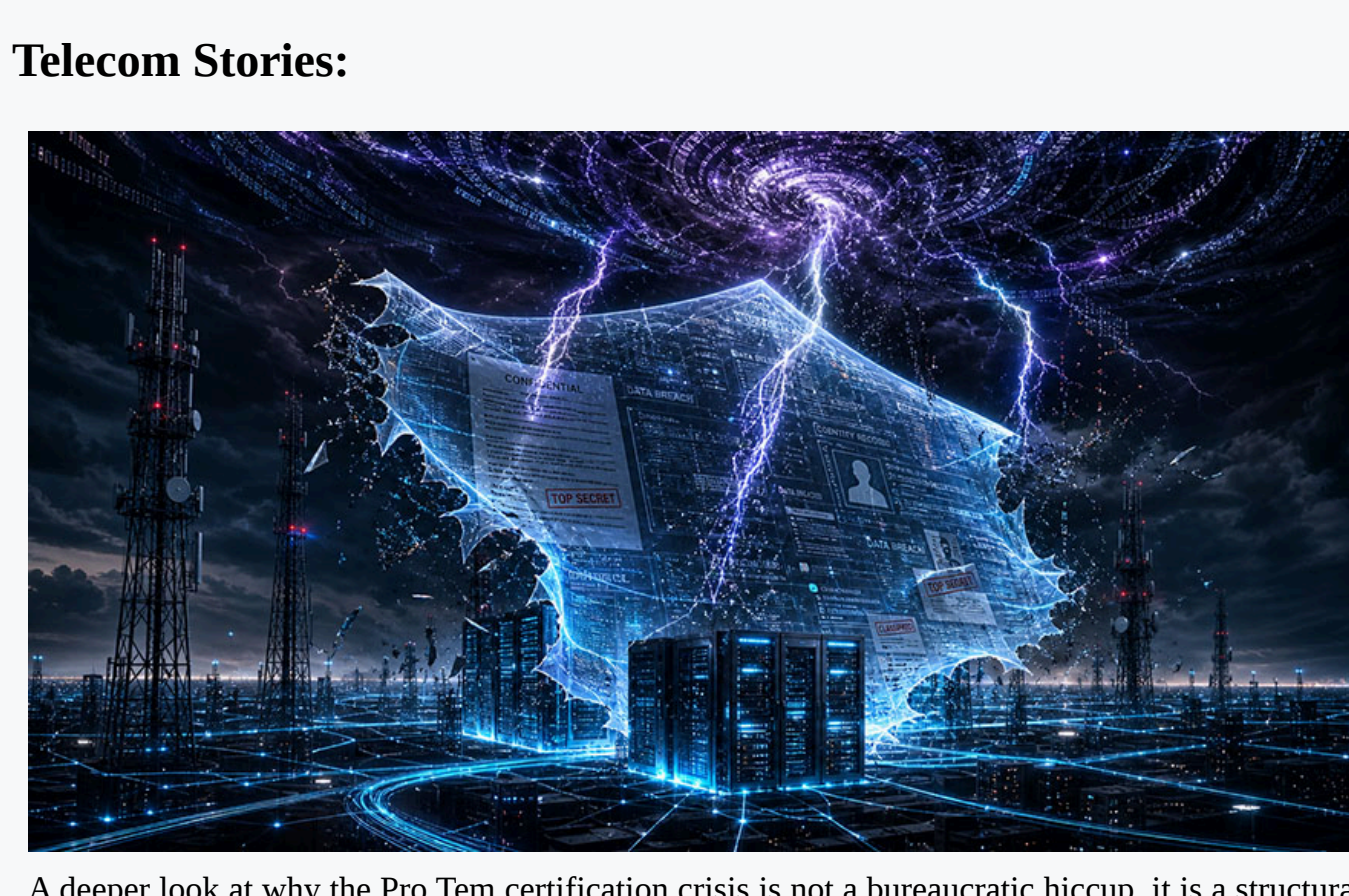
As per the assessment made by the Indian Cyber Crime Investigation Centre, the Telegram's architecture and privacy features have made it a preferred hub for cybercriminals, fraud networks, and exam cheating rackets. As pe the Telegram's privacy policy, deleting an account permanently wipes all stored data and media, so severely hinders investigations into the exam leaks. Delhi High Court dismissed Telegram's petition and upheld the government's order.

DoT Launches Online Portal for Telecom Authorisations & License Migration



The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is now accepting applications for the telecommunication service authorisations and the migration of existing licenses under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. New Framework is active now and the statutory rules governing both fresh authorisations and the migration of legacy licenses were officially notified on June 23, 2026. To streamline the process, all applications are being handled online through the newly operational Telecom e-Services Portal. This rollout officially concludes the suspension of new applications for Unified Licenses, VNOs, and other registrations, which had been on hold since November 10, 2025, pending this new framework.

Government considers winding up Digital Communications Commission



In a significant structural shift for the telecom sector, the government is reportedly planning to dissolve the 37-year-old Digital Communications Commission (DCC). Formerly known as the Telecom Commission, the apex body was established in 1989 to formulate policies for the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and oversee its annual budget. However, the commission is now facing closure due to mounting concerns over delayed policy decisions. The proposed shutdown also follows the Finance Ministry recently taking over the DoT's budget approvals, effectively absorbing a major portion of the DCC's traditional administrative responsibilities.

Details can be seen at: <https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/governance/govt-to-dismantle-digital-communications-commission-to-speed-up-decision-making-process-in-dot-sources/96887058>

Important Meeting that IAFI will attend

Meeting	Dates	Submission Dates
ITU-T SG13 - Future Networks and Emerging Network Technologies	23rd June - 2nd July 2026	01st June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP-4A) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for FSS and BSS	29th - 30th June 2026	07th June 2026
ITU-R: Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	29th June - 3rd July 2026	07th June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4A (WP-4A) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for FSS and BSS	6th - 10th July 2026	24th June 2026
ITU-R: Working Party 4C (WP-4C) - Efficient Orbit/Spectrum Utilization for MSS and RDS	6th - 10th July 2026	24th June 2026
IAFI: The 3rd Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group for WRC-27 (APG27-3)	27th - 31st July 2026	17th July 2026
IAFI: The 5th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (APT PP26-5)	24th - 28th August 2026	14th August 2026

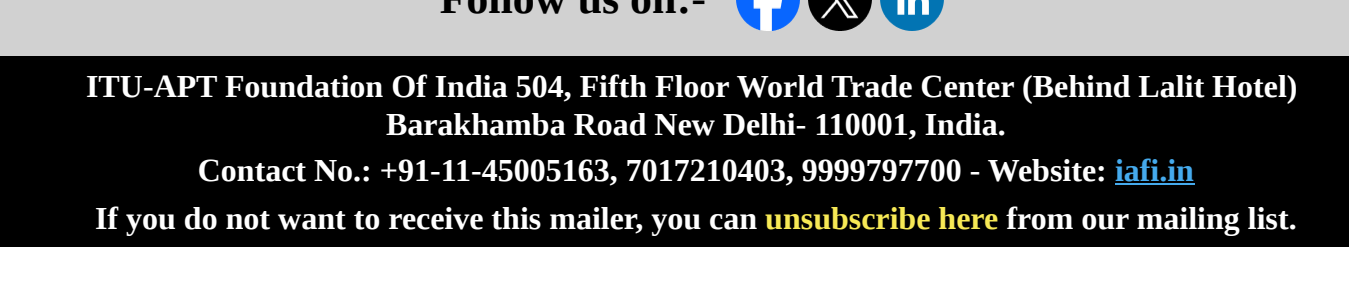
Telecom Stories:



A deeper look at why the Pro Tem certification crisis is not a bureaucratic hiccup, it is a structural vulnerability at the heart of Digital India

When Nokia, Ericsson, Cisco, and Ciena executives sat across the table from Department of Telecommunications officials last week, the conversation appeared, on the surface, to be a routine compliance dispute. Vendors wanted clarity on a self-declaration requirement. The government promised guidelines. Minutes were taken. Everyone went home.

But beneath that composed, procedural exchange lies a far more unsettling truth, one that should disturb every Indian citizen whose bank transactions, hospital records, power grids, and emergency services are racing toward a 5G-dependent future: India may have built a national security framework for its most critical digital infrastructure on a foundation of certified fiction.



The Department of Telecommunications has decided to retain the existing pricing framework for backhaul spectrum, rejecting the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRA) proposal to reduce charges by up to 55 percent. The move comes as a setback for telecom operators seeking relief amid rising network costs.

TRA had recommended a shift to a uniform pricing model, proposing a charge of 0.1 percent of adjusted gross revenue (AGR) per carrier. This would have replaced the current slab-based system, under which operators pay progressively higher fees as they add more backhaul carriers.

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