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Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman TRAI delivered the keynote address at the India Space Congress 2024, organized by the Satcom Industry Association India at New Delhi on 26th June 2024.

Consultations

(1) TRAI released a Consultation Paper (CP) on “Revision of National Numbering Plan” on 6th June 2024

In 2003, the DoT revised the NNP to support 750 million connections. However, with 1,199.28 million subscribers as of 31st March 2024, numbering resources are now becoming a constrained resource. The DoT vide its reference dated 29th September 2022 has sought recommendations from TRAI to address the current and future constraints on numbering resources due to rapid growth. In the above context, TRAI released a Consultation Paper on “Revision of National Numbering Plan” on 6th June 2024 seeking comments from the stakeholders. The last date for comments was 4th July 2024 and for counter-comments was 18th July 2024.



https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/CP_06062024.pdf

(2) TRAI released a Consultation Paper on “The Issues Related to Critical Services in the M2M Sector, and Transfer of Ownership of M2M SIMs'.” on 24th June 2024

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), through a reference dated 01st January 2024, requested TRAI to provide reconsidered recommendations, on - (a) Identification of Critical Services in the M2M Sector. (b) Transfer of Ownership of M2M SIMs.

In this regard, a Consultation Paper on “**The Issues Related to Critical Services in the M2M Sector, and Transfer of Ownership of M2M SIMs'.**” was released on 24th June 2024 seeking comments from stakeholders. Written comments on the issues raised in the Consultation Paper are invited from the stakeholders by 22nd July 2024 and counter-comments by 05th August 2024.



https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/CP_24062024_0.pdf

Recommendations

(1) TRAI released Recommendations on "Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024" on 20th June 2024

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), vide its letter dated 13th July 2023 requested TRAI to provide its considered inputs under Section 11 of the TRAI Act, 1997 for the formulation of National Broadcasting Policy.

In this regard, TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on 'Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024' on 2nd April 2024 for soliciting comments and counter-comments of stakeholders. In response, 42 stakeholders including service providers, organizations, industry associations, consumer advocacy groups and a few individuals submitted their comments. An Open House Discussion on the Consultation Paper was held on 15th May 2024 through virtual mode.

Based on the reference received from MIB, stakeholders feedback and on its own analysis, TRAI released its recommendations on 'Inputs for formulation of National Broadcasting Policy-2024' wherein the Authority has recommended the Preamble, Vision, Mission, Goals and Strategies for the formulation of the National Broadcasting Policy 2024.

Recommendations aim to foster a competitive, affordable and ubiquitous ecosystem for sustained growth of the Broadcasting sector, catering to the diverse needs of consumers that facilitates quality content creation, promotes democratic values and cultural diversity, enables inclusivity and literacy, attracts investments, safeguards intellectual property, develops resilient indigenous infrastructure, adopts emerging technologies, generates employment and drives socio-economic development through innovation and collaboration for strengthening India's soft image and positioning 'Brand India' globally.

Detailed key recommendations can be accessed from the following link or QR code.

https://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/Recommendations_20062024_0.pdf



Open House Discussion

Open House Discussion (OHD) on Consultation Paper on " Regulation on Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity in Buildings or Areas" held on 18.06.2024.

TRAI conducted an Open House Discussion (OHD) on 18th June 2024 on the Consultation Paper on "Regulation on Rating Framework for Digital Connectivity in Buildings or Areas" through video conferencing.

Some video grabs of the said OHD are attached below:



Seminar

Seminar on "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development" at Sonipat (Haryana) on 20th June 2024

TRAI regional office, Jaipur organized a Seminar on "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development" at Sonipat (Haryana). Shri S.S. Chandak, Advisor TRAI RO Jaipur in his welcome address informed about the importance of achieving SDGs specified by the United Nations through Digital Innovation.

Shri Mahendra Srivastava, Secretary TRAI in his keynote address informed about the curbing of UCC through Digital Innovation such as AI & Generative AI.

Shri V. Raghunandan, Former-Secretary TRAI in his inaugural address emphasized Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality in higher education which allow students to practice and learn within a safe environment, free from the risks of the real world. Students can make mistakes without facing the costs and practice making choices with different outcomes. He also interacted with the Professors/ Lecturers from various Polytechnic & Engg. Colleges using emerging technologies for the benefit of the students.

Sh. Abhay Savargaonkar, CTO & Head of Alliance- Global Sales Cloud and Network Services, Nokia delivered a lecture/presentation on the topic "*Role of Telecom in Sustainability*" wherein he pointed at the importance of telecom in various sectors such as agriculture, education, health, management of e-waste etc., especially the role of precision farming, which may lead to conservation of water and enhancement of agricultural productivity.

Sh. Vikas Aggarwal, Director, Wadhvani Center for Government Digital Transformation (WGDT) delivered the lecture on "*Emerging Technologies for Sustainable Development*" through videos on the subject matter and precautions to be taken while using emerging technologies.

Sh. Pulak Rijhwani, Founder and CEO of Opsight AI Pvt. Ltd. delivered a lecture on "*Role of AI in Manufacturing Sector*" wherein he emphasized about the use of AI in manufacturing sector through use cases.

Sh. Arun Agrawal, DDG (Satellite & Sustainability), DoT HQ New Delhi delivered a lecture on "*Sustainability and Circular Economy in Telecom Sector*" wherein he informed that a circular economy for the telecom sector is one in which resources are kept in use for as long as possible, and waste is minimized or eliminated.

Sh. R.R. Yadav, Director, Bihar LSA delivered a lecture on Case study on 3A's (Availability, Accessibility, Affordability) for Digital Infrastructure wherein through his research work he presented a case study to demonstrate about the importance of spread of telecom services in rural areas

Sh. R. R. Meena, Joint Advisor TRAI RO Jaipur presented the vote of thanks and the seminar concluded on a positive note.



Events

- Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman TRAI delivered the keynote address at the India Space Congress 2024 organized by the Satcom Industry Association India at New Delhi on 26th June 2024.



- Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI led the International Yoga Day 2024 celebrations at TRAI HQ. Officers and staff of TRAI HQ and ROs participated in the event in hybrid mode on 21st June 2024.



Miscellaneous Activities

- TRAI released the updated list of Panel of Auditors to carry out the audit of Digital Addressable Systems (DAS) on 14th June 2024, vide which extension of empanelment have been granted to eight auditors for the period of two years to carry out the audit of DAS. The total number of auditors empaneled by TRAI to carry out the audit of DAS as on 30th June 2024 is 52.
- C-DOT, in continuation to the subject “Indigenously developed Set Top Box (STB)” organized an event to demonstrate indigenously developed STB, CAS, SMS and IPTV solutions on 25th June 2024 in its campus in Electronics City Phase-I, Bengaluru. The purpose of the demonstration was to give insights to the MSOs about the functioning of indigenously developed Set-Top-Box, CAS, SMS and IPTV solutions to make them understand/evaluate their potential applications/utility.
- Two Audit agencies have been engaged for Audit and assessment of PMR of QoS w.e.f Q.E. June 2024.

S. No.	Name of company	Regional Offices/ Zone
1.	M/s TUV SÜD South Asia Pvt. Ltd	RO Bengaluru, RO Bhopal, RO Hyderabad & RO Jaipur Zone.
2.	M/s Hindustan Thompson Associates Pvt. Ltd.	RO Delhi Zone & RO Kolkata Zone

- In its ongoing effort to mitigate the issue of Unsolicited Commercial Communication (UCC), Direction dated 24th June 2024 regarding enhancing user-friendliness of registration of UCC complaints, Preferences and Consents through Mobile Apps and Web portals of Access Providers under TCCCPR, 2018, TRAI has mandated Access Providers to enhance their Mobile Apps and Web portals to make them more user-friendly for registration of UCC complaint and settings of preference.
- In furtherance of its efforts to strengthen monitoring mechanisms for UCC, Direction dated 24th June 2024 regarding submission of Performance Monitoring Report to the Authority under the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018 has been issued. To have more granular monitoring, all Access Providers have been directed to submit PMRs monthly, as opposed to the previous quarterly reporting cycle.
- On 14th March 2024, TRAI issued the Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Ninth amendment) Regulations, 2024, which came into force on 1st July 2024. The amendment regulations are aimed at curbing the porting of mobile numbers by way of fraudulent SIM swap/replacement by unscrupulous elements. Through these amended regulations, an additional criterion for the rejection of the request for allocation of a Unique Porting Code (UPC) has been introduced. Specifically, a UPC shall not be allocated if the request for the UPC has been made before the expiry of seven days from the date of SIM swap/replacement.

Telecom Subscriptions

Telecom Subscription Data as on 31st May 2024

Particulars	Wireless	Wireline	Total
Urban Telephone subscribers (Million)	634.10	31.78	665.89
Rural Telephone subscribers (Million)	534.85	2.95	537.80
Total Telephone subscribers (Million)	1168.95	34.73	1203.69
Overall Tele-density (%)	83.40	2.48	85.87
Share of Urban Subscription (%)	54.25	91.51	55.32
Share of Rural Subscription (%)	45.75	8.49	44.68
No. of Broadband Subscribers (Million)	893.83	41.31	935.13

Active wireless subscribers on the date of Peak VLR in May 2024 were 1059.73 million.

In May 2024, 12 million subscriber requests were made for MNP. By the end of May 2024, a total of 985.60 million consumers availed the MNP facility since its implementation.

Consumer Outreach Programs

TRAI conducted Special Consumer Outreach Programmes (SCOPs)/ Consumer Outreach Programme (COPs) for different sections of the society as under:

S. No.	Place	Date
1	Dehradun (Uttarakhand) by TRAI RO, Bhopal	5 th June 2024
2	Dharmanagar (Tripura) by TRAI RO, Kolkata	06 th June 2024
3	Jhajjar (Haryana) by TRAI RO, Jaipur	07 th June 2024
4	Narsinghpur (Madhya Pradesh) by TRAI RO, Bhopal	12 th June 2024
5	Kolhapur (Maharashtra) by TRAI RO, Bengaluru	13 th June 2024
6	Nongtalang West Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya) by TRAI RO, Kolkata	27 th June 2024
7.	Mancherial (Telangana) by TRAI RO, Hyderabad	27 th June 2024
8.	Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh) by TRAI RO, Bhopal	28 th June 2024

Photo Gallery



TRAI Regional Office Bhopal conducted a COP at Dehradun (Uttarakhand) on 5th June 2024



TRAI Regional Office Kolkata conducted a COP at Dharmanagar (Tripura) on 06th June 2024



**TRAI Regional Office Jaipur conducted a COP at Jhajjar (Haryana)
on 7th June 2024**



**TRAI Regional Office Bhopal conducted a COP at Narsinghpur (Madhya Pradesh)
on 12th June 2024**



TRAI Regional Office Bengaluru conducted a COP at Kolhapur (Maharashtra) on 13th June 2024



TRAI Regional Office Kolkata conducted a COP at Nongtalang West Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya) on 27th June 2024



TRAI Regional Office Hyderabad conducted a COP at Mancherial (Telangana) on 27th June 2024



TRAI Regional Office Bhopal has conducted a COP at Mahasamund (Chhattisgarh) on 28th June 2024

Full details of the Directions/Orders/Consultation Paper/Report, Subscription Data, etc. mentioned in this newsletter are available on TRAI website

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