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SatCom 2021

MAINSTREAMING
SATCOM FOR ACCELERATING
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India SatCom 2021, is the 7th edition of Broadband India Forum's annual flagship event, considered as the country's oldest, most reputed and most comprehensive platform for deliberations on all critical policy, regulatory and technology related aspects pertaining to the satellite communications ecosystem. India SatCom 2021 will have participation from all vital stakeholder groups, including relevant Ministries and Departments of the Government, concerned Space Agencies, Technology solutions providers, allied sector representatives, and from the leading global and national players in the satcom vertical.

Post the immense success of its previous editions, India SatCom 2021, with the theme - 'Mainstreaming Satcom for Accelerating Digital India', will explore various technological solutions, business models and other critical policy and regulatory measures needed to bring Satcom into the mainstream, reduce cost, improve ease of doing business, and bring about



more collaboration between the private and public sector, to enhance growth along with investment opportunities in this vital domain.

India Satcom 2021 offers you a unique opportunity to meet with the key decision makers and business leaders driving the development in bringing satellite communications to the mainstream in India.



- Learn about the Role of Satellites in the Communications
 Broadcasting Ecosystem of India
- Talk to the Key Government Policy Makers on Policy Formulations, Regulatory Interventions and Policy Implementation Guidelines
- Attend Knowledge Sessions which deliberate and formulate strategies related to overall theme of the event
 Mainstreaming Satcom for accelerating Digital India and participate in technical sessions on:
 - Modern Satcom Technologies & Consumer Benefits
 - Complementary Role of Satcom to help achieve Broadband for All

What are the Opportunities for you?

- Unique networking opportunities/interactions with top Government officials, Policy makers and decision makers, Business Leaders and Senior Executives from the world's major satellite operators, manufacturers and equipment providers.
- Create awareness within the Government at all levels regarding importance of the role of Satcom in providing broadband pan India, including rural broadband.
- Get access to key decision makers in the Government on matters related to policy, regulation and business opportunities in Satellite Communications.
- Attend panel discussions on Market Growth, Policy & Regulatory Issues, Role of Satcom in Digital India, Ease of Doing Business, Satcom Mobility & other related topics.
- Participate in the process of implementing Satcom reforms emanating out of Hon'ble FM's announcement of liberalization of Space Activities (May16th, 2020)



Who can attend?

- Satellite Operators
- Satellite Manufacturers
- Broadband Service Providers
- Internet Service Providers
- ❖ VSAT Manufacturers & Distributors
- Value-added service Providers
- User Organisations (Banks, Oil & Gas, Defence Security Forces, etc.)
- DTH Service Providers
- Government Representatives
- Spectrum & Regulatory Experts
- Start-ups and innovators
- Attorneys & Consultants
- Telecom Service Providers
- Broadcasters

Glimpses of India 5ATCOM 2020



BIF's flagship annual India SatCom 2020 Conference was organised successfully on 24-25 November 2020, with over 500 participants/viewers across the Digital and Social Media platforms over the two days. Prominent participants in the 2-day event included Dr. K. Sivan, Chairman, ISRO & Secretary, Department of Space as the Chief Guest; with Shri K. Ramchand, Member (T), Ministry of Communications; Shri G. Narayanan, CMD, New Space India Ltd.; and Ms. Gita Krishnankutty, DIT, British High Commission; as Special Guests of Honour. Other speakers and esteemed participants included Shri SK Gupta, Secretary, TRAI; Shri UK Srivastava, Sr. DDG & Head, TEC; Dr. (Ms.) Archana Goyal Gulati, Joint Secretary, Communications, NITI Aayog; Shri R Shakya, DDG (Satellite), DoT; Shri Radhakrishnan D, Executive Director, NSIL; besides leading industry stalwarts and experts from Nelco, Hughes, Inmarsat, Telesat, SES, Methera, etc.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS OF INDIA SATCOM-2020

- Satellite communications is a capitalintensive industry with long business cycles. Policy should support investments, both from domestic players and global players with promise for long-term market access along with ease-of-doing-business.
- A clearly defined FDI regime would help global satellite operators to invest in India with the right structure and control. It is recommended that FDI be allowed for upto 74% by way of automatic route for commercial purposes, and upto 26% in the strategic or security domains by way of FIFP approval.
- India should adopt a technology-neutral approach such that Geo-Stationary Orbit (GSO) based satellites, as well as the new-age constellations of the Non-GSOs (NGSO) are equally promoted, as also any new technologies in this field.
- Private companies should be allowed to operate satellites, so long as they use any orbital slot duly registered by the ITU and have successfully completed the prescribed coordination procedure through the administration of a third country.
- India should endeavour to enhance its spectrum under the ITU rules, and the process for doing this should be made easy and transparent and in accordance with adherence to the Radio Regulations Board, ITU.
- IN-SPACe to provide Authorizations to private companies wanting to operate satellites over India, through a light-touch regulatory policy. The proposed Authorization should be automatic, pursuant to an online application and online registration within a definite time frame.
- The term of the Authorization should be at least for 10 years, considering the long business cycles in satellite systems.
- The policy should strive to make the delivery of Satellite Communications services to the end-users more competitive. Importantly, it should ensure that current services are not affected in any way. Besides, the end-user community should be empowered to evaluate, negotiate and enter into commercial contracts with the Authorized Satellite providers directly.



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