

**Broadband India Forum Announces Ms. Alka Asthana as Vice President
– Marks a Decade of Impact and the 18th AGM of the IPTV Society**

New Delhi, 02 December 2025 – Broadband India Forum (registered as the IPTV Society), India's leading independent think-tank for telecommunication, digital communications and emerging technologies, on the occasion of its 18th Annual General Meeting held on 25 November 2025 announced the appointment of **Ms. Alka Selot Asthana**, Global Head – Regulatory, **Tata Communications Limited**, as the new **Vice President of BIF**.

Her appointment comes at a pivotal moment for BIF, as the organisation celebrated **10 transformative years** of policy leadership, advocacy, and thought leadership in India's broadband and digital-infrastructure ecosystem.

BIF's President **Shri T.V. Ramachandran** welcomed Ms. Asthana's induction into the leadership, noting that her extensive regulatory expertise and experience across global communication systems as a powerful addition to the BIF's Leadership. Ms. Selot brings over 30 years of leadership across the telecommunications sector. Mr. TV Ramachandran noted that she will significantly strengthen BIF's mission of enabling a future-ready, innovation-driven broadband ecosystem for India.

Ms. Alka Asthana joins the BIF leadership team comprising:

- **Ms. Aruna Sundararajan IAS (Retd.)**, Chairperson – BIF
- **Mr. T. V. Ramachandran**, President – BIF
- **Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal**, Vice President – BIF
- **Dr. S. N. Gupta**, Treasurer – BIF

Speaking on her appointment, Ms. Asthana expressed her gratitude for the opportunity, noting that BIF's mission is "close to her heart" and its leadership "truly inspiring." She added that she looks forward to working with the Forum to advance its goals and strengthen its role as a leading industry think tank.

The AGM also reflected on BIF's decade-long journey from championing public Wi-Fi, satellite broadband reforms, future-ready spectrum policy, digital inclusion frameworks, AI governance, and critical infrastructure resiliency, to fostering multistakeholder collaboration across industry, academia, global institutions, and government.

The Post AGM Celebrations featured an inspiring keynote address by **Shri Amitabh Kant**, G20 Sherpa, Government of India, who underscored broadband as a transformative engine of opportunity and highlighted India's world-leading digital public infrastructure. Drawing from his experiences and India's decade of digital progress, he emphasized the urgent need to move from broadband availability to broadband excellence, supported by multi-technology connectivity, resilient infrastructure, indigenous innovation, and strong cybersecurity. His forward-looking guidance on expanding fiber, leveraging 5G and satellite broadband,

strengthening device affordability and digital literacy, and building secure, future-ready networks offered invaluable direction for India's next decade of digital advancement, resonating deeply with BIF's mission.

As BIF enters its second decade, the organisation reaffirmed its commitment to a technology-neutral, pro-innovation, and pro-competition policy environment that drives India toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

About Broadband India Forum: Broadband India Forum (BIF) is an independent policy forum and knowledge-based think-tank that works for the development and enhancement of the entire broadband & broadcasting ecosystem in a holistic, technology - neutral and service-neutral manner. BIF has established itself as a thought leader and a credible and effective voice, to help propel the nation to achieve the country's ambitious vision of creating a Digital India. To achieve this, BIF works to promote the rapid development of policies, to facilitate affordable and high-speed ubiquitous broadband throughout the country.