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I. [SUBSCRIBER FIGURES – JANUARY 2012](#)

- ❖ **Total Telephone Subscriber Base reaches 936.12 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Subscription reaches 903.73 Million**
- ❖ **Wireless Tele-density reaches 74.89**
- ❖ **9.88 Million Wireless Subscriber added**
- ❖ **Broadband subscriber number reaches 13.42 million**
- ❖ **Tele-density reaches 77.57%**

Sourec: TRAI

II. [TRAI DIRECTIONS / NOTIFICATION / CONSULTATION PAPER/ LETTERS](#)

- A. On 21st February 2012, TRAI issued a notification regarding Consumer Protection Regulation (Second Amendment) extending time period for implementation of "Telecom Consumer Protection Regulation 2012" to 75 days from 45 days..
- B. On 6th February 2012, TRAI has issued a Consultation Paper on 'Review of Policy of Forbearance in Telecom Tariff' and sought stakeholders comments by 24th February, 2012 and counter comments by 2nd March 2012. Later TRAI has extended the last date for submission of written comments by stakeholder as 10th March 2012 and for counter comments as 17th March 2012.
- C. On 3rd February 2012, TRAI has sought inputs of stakeholders for the pre-consultation on Allocation of spectrum in 2G band in 22 service areas by auction as per the requirement of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. TRAI has requested the stakeholders to submit their inputs by 15th February 2012.
- D. On 1st February 2012, TRAI intimated the Association regarding a Training Workshop being organized by TRAI along with ITU on "Converged IP Network technologies" from 15-17 February, 2012 at BSNL Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi aiming to build skill



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amongst policy makers, regulators and service providers.

III. TRAI MEETINGS

- A. TRAI Regional Workshop on Consumer Education in Telecommunication for Southern Region was held on 27th February 2012 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- B. TRAI Workshop on "Implementation of Green Technologies in Telecom Sector" was held on 22nd February 2012 at BSNL Bhawan.
- C. TRAI ITU Training Workshop on "Converged IP Network technologies" was held on 15-17 February 2012 at BSNL Bhawan.
- D. TRAI Regional Workshop on Consumer Education in Telecommunication for Western Region was held on 16th February 2012 at Goa.
- E. On 3rd February an industry meeting was held with Chairman TRAI and other concerned officials in connection with TRAI's Telecom Consumers Protection Regulations, 2011.

IV. DOT LETTERS

- A. On 22nd February 2012, DOT vide letter no. 10-02/2012/AS-III/Monitoring/LBS/5/52 requested the Telecom Service Providers to submit the Half Yearly Compliance on Location Bases Services to DOT by 29th February 2012.
- B. On 17th February 2012, DOT vide letter No. 19-22/2011/S-II(Pt) issued a letter in response to the Joint Industry letter in reply to DOT's clarification to various queries raised by Industry Association w.r.t DoT's License Amendment on Security dated May 31, 2011 regarding security related concerns.

DOT letter states that the issues have already been considered while issuing amendment of 31st May 2011 and the time line mentioned in the said amendment may be adhered and complied with.

- C. On 15th February 2012 DOT vide letter No.12-2/2012-IP intimated the Association regarding investment opportunities for telecom services in Papua New Guinea.
- D. On 15th February 2012, DOT placed on their website Verbatim of Round Table Conference Chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Communications and IT with Infrastructure Providers held on 30th January 2012.
- E. On 8th February 2012, DOT through an email sought information on urgent basis regarding latest status of setting up of Wireless Local Loop (WLL) system in North-East regions.
- F. On 8th February 2012, DOT vide letter no. 20-11/2011-SII requested the Telecom Service Providers to submit the list of Blackberry Enterprise Services (BES) being provided by them in their respective service area.

V. DOT MEETINGS

- A. A meeting under the Chairmanship of Wireless Advisor in connection with constitution of National Working Group for the next study cycle of ITU-R Study Group was held on 27th February 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- B. 3rd meeting of Oversight Committee on India IPv6 Task Force was held on 23rd February 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. First Steering Committee Meeting on India Telecom 2012 was held on 21st February 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- D. The First meeting of the National Working Group 17 dealing with 'ICT Security' was held on 10th February 2012 in TEC.
- E. DCC Committee meeting of Mobile Division was held on 10th February 2012 in TEC.
- F. The Second meeting of the IPv6 Network security Working Group was held on 3rd February 2012 in Sanchar Bhawan.



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VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 27th February 2012, AUSPI submitted the copy of study carried out by it on the incidence of Taxes and Levies in Telecom sector to TRAI.
- B. On 22nd February 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI in continuation to the views submitted vide AUSPI letter dated 15th February 2012 on Pre-consultation paper on Allocation of spectrum in 2G band in 22 service areas by Auction.
- C. On 22nd February 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MoC&IT on Retrospective charging of spectrum beyond the contracted amount of 6.2 MHz of GSM spectrum. AUSPI requested Hon'ble MoC&IT that:-
 - a. Decision taken by the Full Telecom Commission in its meeting held on 26th December, 2011 in respect of charging of excess spectrum should be implemented.
 - b. Any decision taken contrary to the recommendations of Full Telecom Commission dated 26th December, 2011 will lead to loss of more than Rs.20,000 crores to the Government Exchequer besides being illegal, creating inequality and non-level playing field.
- D. On 15th February 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to the TRAI's Pre-Consultation on "Allocation of Spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction" to TRAI.
- E. On 10th February 2012, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI on the draft "The Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations 2012".
- F. On 6th February 2012, AUSPI submitted a letter to Chairman, TRAI regarding Consumer Protection Regulation subsequent to the meeting with TRAI Chairman on 3rd February, 2012.

VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTERS

- A. On 28th February 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Hon'ble MoC&IT requesting to conduct Round Table Discussion regarding EMF exposure issues due to Radio Communications.
- B. On 10th February 2012, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to Chairman, TRAI in connection with TRAI Direction on the Tariff Publication dated January 16, 2012.

The Industry Associations requested the Authority to review (i) Para 7 (iv) of the Directions dated 16th January 2012 and allow the Service Providers to continue to communicate details of the tariff plans as provided under paras 7 (i) to (iii) and (ii) the Consumer Protection Regulation dated 6th January 2012 to publish their tariff plans in newspapers as per their market needs and requirements, rather than mandate implementation as the new direction under 7 (iv).

VIII. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 28th February 2012, ACT submitted a letter to DDG (TERM) on issue of disruption on PCO/STD/ISD services at Surat.

IX. OTHER IMPORTANT LETTERS

- A. On 29th February 2012, a communication bearing No. 7/6/2012-BO II has received from Ministry of Finance intimating that Government of India has constituted a Group to work-out roadmap for facilitating Payment through Mobile Phones under the Chairmanship of Shri Alok Nigam, Joint Secretary (BO) with AUSPI as one of the members.
- B. On 17th February 2012, a communication bearing no. AAI/SR/NOC/GEN has received from Airport Authority of India stating that submission of application for tower mast site clearance pertaining to the Southern region be directly submitted to Regional NOC Cell, RHQ, Southern region. This is with reference to the



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decentralization policy of AAI for issuing site clearance. The letter also states that Online submission of application through NOCAS quoting NOCAS id is now mandatory

X. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETINGS

- i. AUSPI meeting was held on 24th February 2012 to frame views on TRAI's Draft Guidelines for Unified Licence/Class Licence and Migration of Existing Licences.
- ii. AUSPI meeting to discuss the guidelines & reply to be filed in Avishek Goenka PIL - Subscriber Verification was held on 9th January 2012.
- iii. AUSPI meeting was held on 16th February 2012 to frame views on TRAI's Draft Guidelines for Unified Licence/Class Licence and Migration of Existing Licences at AUSPI.
- iv. AUSPI meeting was held on 15th February 2012 to frame AUSPI response to TRAI's Pre-Consultation on "Allocation of Spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction" at AUSPI.
- v. AUSPI meeting to discuss Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgement on 2G was held on 9th February 2012 at AUSPI.
- vi. AUSPI Meeting with Consultant KPMG was held on 9th February 2012 in connection with report on taxes applicable on telecom sector.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) A Joint Industry meeting to discuss submitting status report to DOT on LBS Compliance was held on 28th February 2012 at AUSPI.
- II) A Joint Industry Meeting the Sub-Committee on Emergency Services was held on 23rd February 2012 at COAI.
- III) A Joint Industry meeting to discuss TRAI's "Consumer Protection Regulation-2012" was held on 2nd February 2012 at COAI.

C. OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

- I) FICCI Communication & Digital Economy Committee Meeting was held on 29th February 2012 at FICCI.
- II) Sectoral Performance & Annual Review Meeting by DGFT was held on 24th February 2012 at Yojana Bhawan.
- III) ASSOCHAM Communication Committee Meeting to discuss TRAI Pre Consultation Paper on "Allocation of Spectrum in 2G band in 22 Service Areas by auction" was held on 24th February 2012 at ASSOCHAM House.
- IV) Second Meeting of the CII Sub-Committee on Spectrum & Licensing was held on 24th February 2012 at CII.
- V) ISPAI conference APRICOT 2012 was held from 21st February 2012 to 2nd March 2012.
- VI) 91st AGM of ASSOCHAM was held on 21st February 2012 at Hotel Oberoi.
- VII) Second Meeting of the CII National Committee on Telecom & Broadband was held on 21st February 2012 at CII.
- VIII) DIT's Water Hackathon Workshop - Mobile Applications in the Development Sector was held on 21st February 2012 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- IX) TDSAT Seminar on "Regulatory Framework and Dispute Resolution in Telecom, Broadcasting and Cable Services Sectors" was held on 18th February 2012 at Goa.
- X) PTC INDIA FOUNDATION 18th Annual Conference 'Connecting India through Fibre and Radio' was held on 10th February 2012 at ASSOCHAM House.
- XI) ASSOCHAM Health Conference on "Ensuring Ensuring Public Health and Safety in the Mobile Industry" was held on 8th February 2012 at Hotel Leela Palace.
- XII) ASSOCHAM One day Workshop on "Testing & Compliance for EMF in the Mobile Industry"

was held on 7th February 2012 at Hotel Taj Mansingh.

XIII) Workshop on Aadhar Enabled Service Delivery by UIDAI was held on 7th February 2012 at Vigyan Bhawan.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **19th March 2012:** First Meeting of FICCI Sub-Committee on Broadband and Internet Access at FICCI.
- II) **19th March 2012:** CII's Union Budget 2012-13 An Interactive Session with Mr. R.S. Gujral, Secretary (Finance & Revenue), Ministry of Finance at Hotel Oberoi.
- III) **22nd March 2012:** TRAI Meeting to discuss issues related to collection of data of Internet and Broadband from UAS/CMTS/ISP/BSO in the new format.
- IV) **27th March 2012 (likely):** Round Table Conference by Hon'ble MoC&IT regarding EMF exposure issues due to Radio Communications.
- V) **2nd – 4th April 2012:** ITU-TRAI International Training Programme with focus on "Regulating Broadband in the Era of Convergence" at Hyderabad.

XII. TELECOM BYTES

✂ 200M INDIANS HAVE NO TV, PHONE OR RADIO

One-sixth of the country, or 200 million Indians, don't possess most basic assets like a transistor or television set, phone, vehicle of any kind or a computer. In three states Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and MP— close to a third of the households own none of these assets – says House listing and Housing Census.






Just one third of rural households own a TV set, while more than 75% of urban households own one. TV penetration is highest in Delhi (88%), followed by Tamil Nadu (87%), Punjab,

Chandigarh and Puducherry. Bihar has by far the lowest TV penetration of any state, at just 15%. 2011 is the first year the Census is counting mobile and landline use separately, and the numbers show that telephony in India is overwhelmingly about cellphones.

63% of households owned a phone, 53% owned a mobile phone only and another 6% owned both a landline and a mobile phone. Over half of rural households and three quarters of urban households now own a mobile phone. East and North-east India have low telephone density, with Chhattisgarh and Orissa being the country's worst. Delhi, Chandigarh, Goa, Lakshadweep and Kerala all have a tele-density close to 90%.

About 20% of urban households and 5% of rural households own a computer or laptop. Just 1% of rural households own a computer with internet, and 8% of urban households. Chandigarh, Delhi and Goa are the only states or union territories with household internet penetration above 10%; it is under 1% in Bihar.

WHO DOESN'T OWN WHAT

	Total	Rural	Urban
 Households without a phone (mobile or landline)	36.8	45.7	18.0
 Households without a television	52.8	66.6	23.3
 Households without a computer (or laptop)	90.6	94.9	81.3
 Households without a 2-wheeler	79.0	85.7	64.8
 Households with no radio, TV, phone, computer, bicycle, bike/car	17.8	22.9	7.0

All figures in % Source: Census 2011

Source: The House listing and Housing Census 2011

✂ Governance Not Our Job Alone: Survey

The Economic Survey 2011-12 says that civil society and citizens play a key role in fostering economic growth. It says, "Honesty, punctuality, the propensity to keep promises, the attitude towards corruption are matters shaped in great part by norms and social beliefs and the behaviour patterns can become habitual. Moreover, in a democracy like India, what can be done by government depends in great measure on how ordinary people think and what people believe in."

Source: The Economic Survey 2011-12

✍ **SONIFICATIONS** – is the use of Non Speech audio to convey information. It can convey information, which could lead to a computer user interface as revolutionary as the graphical interface was 30 years ago.



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