

India's Satellite Communications Eco-system at the Cusp of Huge Transformation in the Era of 5G and IoT: Ms. Aruna Sundararajan

- **BIF believes that a fundamental re-think is required on India's SatCom policy in light of emerging requirements**
- **Pegs the investment potential for the SatCom sector in India at US\$100 Billion**
- **BIF showcases potential of Satcom to ensure 'Broadband for All' at India Satcom 2018**
- **To accelerate achievement of Digital India & provide new innovative broadband services**

New Delhi, November 21, 2018: Broadband India Forum (BIF), today held its Fourth International Annual Satcom Summit 'India SatCom-2018', in New Delhi. The event was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Telecom Secretary and Chairman, Digital Communications Commission, Govt. of India. Senior officials from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) also graced the occasion. The event was attended by other leading Industry experts from India and abroad and other members of Satcom and Broadband fraternity.



CXO Roundtable

The Summit delved on various issues including the sector's efforts to deliver connectivity and Broadband to the remote and difficult to access parts of the country, satellite mobility, inflight connectivity, new technologies and innovations, etc. The conference also deliberated on economic potential and ease of doing business issues in Satcom and Broadcasting sector in India to find out the way forward for

Broadband India Forum (BIF) has been working for the cause of proliferation of broadband and sees immense potential in the use of satellite as a medium for broadband and for acceleration of the government's Digital India program. One of its Core beliefs is that India needs to tap the true potential of satellite communications, not just by gainfully exploiting the spare satellite capacities over the visible Indian arc



Lighting the Lamp

deployment of Satellite communications technologies. The conference also reflected on drivers for Next Generation Satcom applications and services and satellite broadcasting in a converged



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but also through pro-active and pro-industry space policy.

About Broadband India Forum

Broadband India Forum (BIF) functions as a policy forum and think-tank that works for the development & enhancement of the entire broadband ecosystem in a holistic technology-neutral and service-neutral manner. BIF seeks to be a thought leader

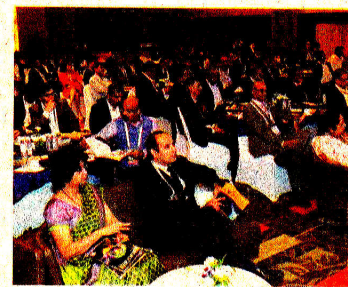
era. A CXO Roundtable with Senior DoT officials was also organized on Nov 20, 2018, which was attended by more than 50 industry professionals.

ICRIER made a presentation, which is a preview of an in-depth research study being carried on Tapping the Potential of Satcom Sector for Inclusive Economic Growth. The findings of the Presentation during the event highlighted the economic value and potential that Satcom has for India given its current and new applications. The presentation also highlighted the benefits of open skies versus restricted skies, the regulatory framework across different countries using scoring parameters. It also threw interesting

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 promote affordable and high-speed ubiquitous broadband throughout the country.

Registered as IPTV Society, its brand - BIF was formed in October 2015

comparison of Satellite Bandwidth prices between India & rest of the world besides Bandwidth prices between Satellite mode & Terrestrial mode. Besides, the presentation covered review of stakeholder consultations



Audience

and examines the role of VSAT players, Satellite Bandwidth providers, Government, DTH players, etc.

The Event was attended by senior Government dignitaries from the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), ISRO, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), C-DOT, BSNL and other leading Government and Private Technology stakeholders including leading industry experts from the satellite communications industry-both within India and abroad.

and is a fairly nascent but dedicated Forum with participation from all stake holders, including Technology Providers, Telecom Operators, Internet Service Providers, Value-Added Service Providers, Satellite Operators and service providers, MSO, startups and professional entities as well as seasoned Industry professionals who are familiar with different technologies, operations, regulations and policies.