

# THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU for your participation at the 2 unique first of its kind seminars held in Bangalore (IWCC) on 23rd July and New Delhi (SRTC) on 25th & 26th July.

Both Seminars were well attended by Delegates from India and across the Globe. The IWCC was focussed on wireless Technologies with 5G being the highlight and the SRTC - Standards Regulations, Testing and Certifications (SRTC) Seminar focused on TEC's MTCTE. Around 200 delegates attended from India, the USA, UK, Switzerland, France, South Africa, Nigeria, Korea, Japan, Taiwan Cameroon and Democratic Republic of Congo. There was also a wide presence of Indian Govt officials and Regulators. DoT, TRAI, TEC, BEE, NABL, Customs of India, CAOI, IMA, IESA, TUV, SGS, R&S, BNN-SPEAG, ART-FI & Sporton, all presented their capabilities and latest regional updates on wireless & SRTC topics.

## SRTC Highlights:

The date of the Mandatory Testing and Certification of Telecom Equipment (MTCTE) was re-iterated to be the 1st of October 2018, by Mr Shakeel Ahmad, DDG-TC of TEC. He mentioned that an online Certification Portal is under rigorous testing currently that is expected to be ready in a few weeks. This portal was demonstrated during the SRTC event and was made available for delegates to try using the Portal.

While many countries across the globe have already established such online submission certification processes, India is setting its foot into it now. Many international Standards, Testing and Certification experts presented the Regulatory Regimes of their respective countries, USA-FCC, Canada-ISED, Europe-CE-RED, China-CCC-SRRC, Taiwan-BSMI, Korea, Australia-RCM, Japan-VCCI. There were stalls setup demonstrating the latest state-of-the-art test equipment showcasing their capabilities.

Many test labs are expected to be rolled out over the next few years, for the requirements for EMC, Safety, Wireless, SAR, Telecom and Security testing. One unique aspect of the Indian requirements is mandating security and IPv6 for approval of products; this is a nod to the growing threat of cyberattacks on connected devices. The current TEC designated test labs are listed on TEC website and many more are in the process of being accredited by NABL, the forthcoming NABT and designated by TEC.

The Telecom Testing and Security Certification (TTSC) centre under the arm of DoT having taken the onus on framing the Security requirements for Telecom equipment, Mr Narendranath, DDG, DoT presented the progress of this work. A dedicated R&D facility for ITSAR (Indian Telecom Security Assurance Requirements) is being commissioned in Bangalore while a series of Industry vendor meetings are also being held in parallel to complete the Security ERs (Essential requirements). TTSC has published 2 ERs for Wireless Models and Routers while the Mobile Equipment and other Network Elements ERs shall be progressively released in the coming months.

Mr Shakeel Ahmad of TEC stated that the Government is considering a progressive roll out of MTCTE starting Oct 2018. This is relief statement to the Industry as October is fast approaching. He mentioned that MEITY has been requested to remove Mobile Handsets and POS Terminals from equipment covered under the current CRS. In relation to the WPC's ETA requirement for Telecom Radio equipment shall be submitted through MTCTE portal. Products within purview of WPC but outside MTCTE shall be handled by WPC separately. Many items are under consideration including the validity of test reports of 5 years, electronic labelling, accepting non-accredited test reports in cases where accredited labs are unavailable. THIS is a clear indication of TEC's flexible approach to ease the Industry's concerns and allow Industry to seamlessly adopt to the new regulations.

It was announced that TEC will be holding Stakeholder meetings in Bangalore and Mumbai regional offices later this year. The dates and venue are Mumbai 28.8.18 and Bengaluru 18.9.18

In summary, manufacturers in India and that of outside India who plan on selling in India need to brace for the changes. Laboratories that currently work in this ecosystem need to understand and manage the change. The Indian government has the onerous task of birthing the procedures to make the market to function well. In any case, considerable investment is on the horizon, driven by the fast pace of technology and the hunger for devices that connect our world.

The event organized by C-PRAV certifications was purely Technical with abundance of information and knowledge transfer between various stakeholders. The highlight of the event was networking opportunity over 2 days between the Indian and International Industry experts.

The event catalogue, Photo Gallery and details of the event can be found at [www.SRTCINDIA.in](http://www.SRTCINDIA.in)

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