



From the Desk of the Director General

Dear Readers,
Greetings!



We are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of the 41st MAIT AGM and the first GC Meeting for the term 2024-26. We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Amrit Jiwan as President, and Mr. Sanjay Lodha and Ms. Bhawna Agarwal as Vice Presidents. Their leadership is poised to drive MAIT to new heights, fostering innovation and growth within our industry.

Over the past month, MAIT has continued to demonstrate its dynamism and commitment to advancing the interests of the industry through impactful engagements and initiatives. We have actively engaged with MeitY on Market Surveillance and represented the industry in critical discussions on fostering an R&D ecosystem, identifying critical sectors under IPEF, and contributing to the National Policy on Electronics 2024. Our involvement in the Expert Review Committee (ERC) highlights our dedication to promoting resource efficiency and a circular economy in electronic waste recycling.

MAIT has also addressed key issues with TEC, BIS, and MIB, focusing on the Country of Origin (COO) labelling on brand packaging and advocating for local manufacturing in the TV broadcasting sector. Our collaboration with NSCS on the implementation of NSDTS underscores our commitment to national security and technological advancement. In partnership with Deloitte, we organized a webinar on recent developments in the Indian tax landscape, providing valuable insights to our members.

Furthermore, we have made significant strides in advancing the MAIT Study on developing a component ecosystem for mobiles and have also collaborated with UNICEF on an E-Waste collection drive, emphasizing our commitment to sustainability and social responsibility.

As we embark on this new term, we are grateful for the guidance and contributions of the previous GC and look forward to building on their legacy. Together, with the new GC and our dedicated members, we are confident in our ability to navigate the challenges ahead and seize the opportunities to drive our industry forward.

Welcome to the new term of 2024-26. We look forward to your continued support and active participation.

Warm regards,

Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)
Director General, MAIT

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41st MAIT AGM and 1st MAIT GC Meeting 2024-26



MAIT successfully organised its 41st MAIT AGM and the 1st GC Meeting of newly elected members for the term 2024-26 at Hotel Pullman, Aero City, New Delhi.

Mr. Amrit Jiwan, General Counsel & Director, Company Secretary, Canon India Pvt Ltd was elected as President and Mr. Sanjay Lodha, Chairman & Managing Director, Netweb Technologies, and Ms. Bhawna Agarwal, Country Head - Strategy & Growth, Hewlett Packard Enterprise were elected as Vice Presidents for the 2024-26 term.

Shri Rajkumar Rishi, VP & MD - CSB, India, Dell International Services India Pvt Ltd, the immediate past president and now President Emeritus of MAIT will continue to enrich our organization with his invaluable experience. Additionally, the MAIT family will benefit from the support of Mr. Nitin Kunkolienker, our former President-Emeritus.

MAIT remains dedicated to advancing India's IT, Telecom, Mobile phone, and allied electronics hardware industries, and we look forward to a successful term under this distinguished leadership team.





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During the last fortnight MAIT was deeply engaged in getting to know problems being faced by the Electronics Industry and taking these up with the appropriate Government departments for resolution. While MAIT has undertaken a large number of initiatives during this period, some of the key issues that were taken up by the association are listed below:

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT comments on NPE 2024 submitted to MeitY on 24 June' 24.
- On 20 June' 24, MAIT submitted its pre-budget recommendations to MeitY ahead of the announcement of the Union Budget 2024-25.
- MAIT filed a representation to Shri Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, on 27 June' 24. In the representation, MAIT requested the Ministry to provide guidelines for the initiation of the Import Management System (IMS) application for the renewal period starting from 01 Oct' 24.

Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)

- On 07 June' 24, MAIT filed a representation filed to Ms. Nidhi Khare, Secretary, DoCA, requesting the QR Code related exemptions granted under the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Amendment) Rules, 2023.

Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

- On 18 June' 24, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Ashok Kumar Jain, Dy. Director General, Investment Promotion Cell, Department of Telecommunications on 18 June' 24, requesting to allow digital display of information related to SAR value and safety precautions as a permanent provision.
- MAIT reached out to Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications on 27 June' 24, with a representation regarding the industry's concerns on the stringent timelines for security certification of telecom products under ComSeC.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- On 21 June' 24, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Tanmay Kumar, Chairman, requesting for time extension till 30th September 2024 to file the Annual Returns for FY 23-24 under PWMR & EWMR and FY22-23 & FY 23-24 under BWMR due to the various challenges faced by the industry.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

- Representation filed to Ms. Leena Nandan, Secretary, MoEF&CC on 18 June' 24 regarding industry's feedback on the Office Memorandum (OM) No. CP-27/2/2022-WM-I-HO-CPCB-HO dated May 28, 2024.





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- MAIT shared the minutes of the first meeting of the Expert Review Committee (ERC) for the project titled "Informal Sector Capacity Building Upgradation with Formation of Recycling Clusters under MSME Scheme and Enabling Technology for Recovery of Resources from Electronic Waste thereby Promoting Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy" with members on 28 June' 24 for their information and reference.
- On 28 June' 24, MAIT shared the TRAI Consultation Paper on the issues related to Critical Services in the M2M Sector and Transfer of Ownership of M2M SIMs with its members for inputs.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 28 June' 24 regarding BIS Portal issues.
- On 26 June' 24, MAIT sought inputs from its members on 26 June' 24 regarding the digital display of SAR value.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 25 June' 24 on the proposed list of Mobile Components to evaluate proposals received from the research agencies.
- On 20 June' 24, MAIT sought inputs from its members regarding the draft representation regarding the "Request for extension for filing Annual Returns under BWMR and EWMR".
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 20 June' 24 on the draft study paper on "Opportunities for AI in Communication Networks".
- On 19 June' 24, MAIT sought confirmations from its members for the MAIT-TCA B2B matchmaking event scheduled for 09 July' 24.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 14 June' 24 regarding the clarification from MIB for the Self-Declaration Certificate (SDC) on advertisements.
- On 14 June' 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members regarding MAIT's Pre-Budget Recommendations on Direct Tax & Indirect Tax.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 14 June' 24 regarding the constitution of the "Expert Review Committee" by MeitY for the project titled 'Informal Sector Capacity Building Upgradation with Formation of Recycling Clusters under MSME Scheme and Enabling Technology for Recovery of Resources from Electronic Waste'.
- On 14 June' 24, MAIT requested inputs from its members for the Proposed IT/ITeS Policy 2024-29 of Chhattisgarh.
- MAIT extended an invitation to its members on 14 June' 24 for the MAIT-TCA B2B matchmaking event scheduled for 09 July' 24.
- MAIT sought inputs from its members regarding the National Policy on Electronics-2024 on 12 June' 24.

- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 07 June' 24 for IPEF Pillar-II Supply Chain Resilience Sectors/Key Goods, as required by MeitY.
- On 06 June' 24, MAIT shared an update on Right to Repair (R2R) with its members.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 04 June' 24 for the MeitY meeting to discuss the identification of critical sectors and key goods under the IPEF Pillar-II Supply Chain Resilience.
- On 03 June' 24, MAIT sought inputs from its members regarding the "Updated Data on ERSO" to be submitted to MeitY.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 03 June' 24 regarding issues on the Panic Button feature in mobile handsets.
- MAIT requested inputs from members on 03 June' 24 for the upcoming '18th Meeting of the All India Customs Consultative Group (CCG).'



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Engagements with MeitY



- On 05 June' 24, a MAIT delegation called on Ms. Asha Nangia, Senior Director & GC, MeitY, on 05 June' 24 to discuss about the Ministry's 'Market Surveillance' initiative.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by MeitY on 07 June' 24 regarding creating R&D ecosystem and incorporating the same in National Policy on Electronics 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by MeitY on 06 June' 24 under the chairpersonship of Shri Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary regarding identification of critical sectors and key goods under the IPEF Pillar-II Supply Chain Resilience and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Secretary, MeitY on 27 June' 24 to discuss the recommendations regarding the Union Budget 2024-25.
- On 20 June' 24, MAIT represented the industry at the First Meeting of the Expert Review Committee (ERC) on 20 June 2024 for the Project titled "Informal Sector Capacity Building Upgradation with Formation of Recycling Clusters under MSME Scheme and Enabling Technology for Recovery of Resources from Electronic Waste thereby Promoting Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy".
- MAIT had a courtesy meeting with Shri Abhishek Singh, Addl. Secretary, MeitY on 19 June' 24.





Engagement with Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)

MAIT represented the industry at the MATCOF meeting on 24 June' 24 of Mobile Technologies Division and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

Engagement with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- MAIT had a meeting with Ms. Chitra Gupta, DDG, BIS on 24 June' 24 to discuss the Country of Origin (COO) issue on the brand packaging.
- MAIT represented the industry at the BIS webinar on "Artificial Intelligence – Standardization Landscape" held on 21 June' 24.

MAIT's Pre-Budget Recommendations Meeting in association with Deloitte

MAIT in association with Deloitte successfully organised a meeting on 13 June' 24 to capture industry's current needs and priorities for the upcoming Union Budget 2024-25.

MAIT-Deloitte Webinar on Navigating the Evolving Tax Landscape



MAIT in association with Deloitte India successfully organised a comprehensive Webinar designed to shed light on the recent developments in the Indian Tax landscape on 19 June' 24.

Meeting with UNICEF on E-Waste Collection Drive

MAIT had a virtual meeting with the UNICEF Team on 20 June' 24 regarding a mass E-Waste collection drive.





MAIT Connects Getac Technology & Indian EMS Players



On 26 June' 24, MAIT hosted an interactive session namely Getac Visit to India - Exploring opportunities with EMS Players. The objective of the session was to connecting Getac Technology Corporation, a Taiwanese leader in rugged computing solutions, with potential partners in India's Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) sector. Getac and EMS companies operating in India explored various areas of collaboration at the MAIT session.

Engagement with MIB

On 21 June' 24, MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by the MIB on 21 June' 24 to discuss TRAI's recommendations on Promoting Local Manufacturing in the Television Broadcasting Sector.

Engagement with National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCCS)

MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organised by NSCS with the industry associations regarding implementation of National Security Directive on Telecom Sector (NSDTS) on 20 June' 24 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

Meeting with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)

On MEA, initiation, MAIT had a meeting with its key officials on 18 June' 24 regarding Imports of Electronics/ICT Hardware.





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GOVT. NOTIFICATIONS - WHATS NEW!



[CBIC Circular No.06/2024-Customs dated 07 June 2024 reg. Customs duty on Display Assembly of a cellular mobile phone.](#)

MAIT in MEDIA!



INDUSTRY WATCH

A WISHLIST FOR THE INDIAN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

The hardware apex industry body presented its recommendations to GoI on Indian Electronics Industry urging to make India an integral part of Global Value Chains (GVCs).



MAIT India's apex industry body comprising HE, Telecom, and Electronics Hardware, presented its recommendations to GoI on Indian Electronics Industry urging making India an integral part of Global Value Chains (GVCs). "The advent of Worldwide Value Chains and the Government of India FDI and Make in India scheme has led to a notable increase in the country's worldwide trade, especially in the electronics and ICT sectors. At MAIT we believe that for India to successfully integrate into global supply chains, regulatory customisation that encourage global leaders to invest and allow local companies to participate are essential," said Rajkumar Rishi, President-MAIT.

Robust Cybersecurity Strategy for New India

"As more companies think about investing in India manufacturing, we predict faster growth in output, capacity, and the overall economic size of the entire industry priorities listed in MAIT's Industry Recommendations for MAIT and related ministries is developing a robust cybersecurity strategy for the new India. India has a great opportunity to dominate global manufacturing thanks to India Government's robust and stable policies and a friendly business environment," he further added.

Atul Kumar, VP-MAIT, said: "India has made significant strides in improving the Ease of Doing Business (EDB) over last few years; however, there are certain challenges viz. tax enforcement and related compliance. A preferable landscape of compliance, regulation, and tariffs with an

uncertainty multiplicity in the backdrop of a thriving business environment. When businesses have the certainty about their compliance obligations and transparency, it helps in streamlining the business operations & fosters a climate of confidence. By prioritizing certainty towards compliance requirement especially tax compliances the Government can lay the groundwork for a more vibrant and dynamic industry landscape".

MAIT in its recommendations, presented Ministry/Department wise suggestions, including those for the PMU, MSME, MNC, MSME, Tech, MSME, CPEC, AEC, NDCS, & NSDF.

Demand for Two New PLC Schemes

Key suggestions included launch of at least 2 new PLC schemes by DEITY - one for Components and another for Hardware/Modules. These schemes will help in developing manufacturing competency and encourage domestic champions in segments such as components and sub-assemblies to enable capacity, large scale capacity for production, attract opportunities for new investments and provide an impetus to domestic value addition.

Cybersecurity Legislation

The suggestion on alignment of India's Cybersecurity legislation with key international partners' legislation or regulatory frameworks was made considering it will support the creation of more trusted and secure international cyber security supply chains and collective security. MAIT suggested cybersecurity principles of Secure by Design and Secure by Default to be adopted by India.

MAIT requested DEITY to support industry



RAJKUMAR RISHI
PRESIDENT-MAIT

"AT MAIT, WE BELIEVE THAT FOR INDIA TO SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATE INTO GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS, REGULATORY CUSTOMIZATION THAT ENCOURAGE GLOBAL LEADERS TO INVEST AND ALLOW LOCAL COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE ARE ESSENTIAL,"

through facilitation of FDI. Other suggestions in MAIT were pertaining to SEZ, SCOD/IEE, GMR, SES Reimbursements, & AEO to PCB. **Tariff Reforms**

MAIT suggested MoI to consider Tariff Reforms to create competitiveness, large scale manufacturing and exports from India. Other suggestions to MoI were regarding HSN Code Classification, & Ease of Renewal in Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certifications.

Complete Digitalisation of Labeling Requirements

MAIT is of the view of adoption of digitaliza-

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Telecom Gear Cos Seek 2-Year Extension for Security Testing of Customers' WiFi

Industry fears July 1 enforcement date is unrealistic MAIT

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New Delhi: Telecom gear makers have pushed back on the July 1 deadline for mandatory security testing of WiFi customer premises equipment (CPE) and IP routers, demanding an extension of a minimum of two years and requesting the government to levy security certification on a voluntary basis for now.

They have highlighted that there are only three labs accredited by the National Centre for Communication Security (NCCS) to perform security testing on WiFi CPE. Due to the limited labs, the cost of security testing is very high (₹60 lakh per model), the Manufacturer's Association of Information Technology (MAIT) said in a submission to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

The earlier extension comes after the DoT in December 2022 extended the start date for accepting applications from July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024, after extending to July



1, 2024 for models that have not undergone mandatory testing and certification of telecom equipment (MTCCE) certification, and October 1, 2024 for models that have already got MTCCE certification.

MAIT said that as per NCCS procedure, the time required for security testing and certification is 6-7 months, which is further accentuated by activities such as contractual agreement time, hardware availability, location for equipment and manpower resource availability, increasing the time frame to 10-11 months. "Under such circumstances, industry fears the July 1, 2024 enforcement date is very aggressive and unrealistic toward MAIT said.

The industry body has also highlighted several ambiguities in the Indian Telecom

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