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# **MAIT MONTHLY DIGEST**

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## **From the Desk of the Director General**



Dear Readers,  
**Greetings!**

The month of August was a significant period for MAIT, marked by extensive engagements with key external stakeholders and a series of internal brainstorming sessions aimed at strengthening and expediting MAIT's policy initiatives.

MAIT launched a series on 'MSME Success Strategies: Identifying Roadblocks and Creating Solutions.' This series is designed to address the key challenges MSMEs face in the ICT sector and provide actionable strategies to overcome them. The first session in this series was organized on 24 August 2024 and focused on 'ZED Certification & Funding Opportunities.' We believe that these discussions will play a crucial role in helping our MSMEs navigate their growth journey.

In parallel, MAIT represented the industry in crucial meetings with notable authorities including MeitY, DPIIT, DoT, and CPCB. Concurrently, the MAIT Secretariat is actively involved in finalizing & reforming its committees and strategizing the goals & objectives for the next two years under the leadership/guidance of the newly formed Chairs and Co-Chairs.

As we reflect on our progress in August 2024 within this edition, we eagerly anticipate your continued support and engagement. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Warm regards,  
Col Suhail Zaidi (Retd)  
Director General

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## POLICY RELATED WORK

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 & Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT submitted its comments on CCTV testing to MeitY on 08 August 2024.
- MAIT filed a representation to Shri Sushil Pal, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT on 22 August 2024, requesting urgent intervention for the "Clearance of Interactive Flat Panel Display (IFPD) Parts under HSN 8473 Shipment at Mumbai and Chennai Ports".

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

- MAIT filed a representation to Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on 01 August 2024, requesting to Delink EPR Credit and Environmental Compensation (EC) Pricing and extend the timeline for input on Electronic Trading and Settlement Platform for Plastic Packaging.

### Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- MAIT filed a representation to Shri Tanmay Kumar, Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board on 12 August 2024 w.r.t. "MAIT Inputs on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Credit and Environmental Compensation (EC) Pricing".

### Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- MAIT filed a representation to Shri P K Tiwari, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards on 05 August 2024 w.r.t. "Industry recommendations on simplification of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018, with an objective of improving Ease of Doing Business".
- On 12 August 2024, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Ajay Tewari, Joint Director & Head-In-Charge - LRMD, Bureau of Indian Standards, requesting for early redressal of issues on the BIS LIMS portal for new test requests and CCL updates.



## POLICY RELATED WORK

### Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI )

- MAIT submitted its inputs on the Draft Digital Communication Policy to TRAI on 21 August 2024.

### Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) )

- MAIT filed a representation to Shri Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary–Customs, CBIC on 13 August 2024 w.r.t. Industry’s request regarding Classification of Digital LCD/Flat Panel Monitor - Admissibility of Notification Benefits - Need for Update of Comparative Chart.
- On 22 August 2024, MAIT filed a representation to Shri Anupam Prakash, Joint Secretary, CBIC on 22 August 2024, requesting urgent intervention for ‘Clearance of Interactive Flat Panel Display (IFPD) Parts under HSN 8473 Shipment at Mumbai and Chennai Ports.’



## FEEDBACK REQUESTS / CIRCULARS

- MAIT sought inputs from members on 22 August 2024 w.r.t. “Roadmap for implementation of Pan-India Cell Broadcasting”, as required by MeitY.
- On 22 August 2024, MAIT circulated the MoM of the Third Implementation Committee Meeting held on 02 August 2024 & the follow-up meeting held on 07 August 2024 amongst the members for information & reference.
- MAIT extended an invitation to its members on 20 August 2024 for NSDTS’ Training Workshop on Trusted Telecom Portal (TTP) 2.0 scheduled for 30 August 2024.
- On 16 August 2024, MAIT made an announcement & called for the nomination of members for MAIT Committees (2024-26 Term).
- MAIT extended an invitation to members on 14 August 2024 for the Recommerce Expo – The Global Business Meet scheduled to be held in Bangalore from September 03-05, 2024.
- On 14 August 2024, MAIT requested inputs from its members w.r.t. “Defining the scope of Camera Module of Mobile Phones – the issue of wrong availment of duty exemption”, as requested by MeitY.
- On 14 August 2024, MAIT sought inputs from its members w.r.t. data on Imports of Products covered under IMS, as required by MeitY.
- MAIT sought inputs from members on 12 August 2024 on the import of certain HSN codes monitored by DoT.
- MAIT requested inputs from its members on 12 August 2024 w.r.t. “Review of draft ERs of Additional Associated IP Security Product Variants, SAN Switch variants & Hypervisor ER”, as requested by TEC.
- On 12 August 2024, MAIT requested inputs from members regarding the manufacturing status of Server, Storage, and Switches, as required by MeitY.



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- MAIT sought inputs from its members on 09 August 2024 on draft representation on "LIMS portal issues of BIS".
- On 7 August 2024, MAIT requested inputs from its members w.r.t. ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA).
- MAIT circulated the PPT, EC Guidelines, and Excel Sheet for the Environmental Compensation Costing among members for reference on 07 August 2024, as shared by CPCB.
- On 5 August 2024, MAIT circulated the Minutes of the meeting on "R&D and IP Initiatives for the Telecom Electronics Ecosystem" held on 01 August.
- MAIT requested inputs from members for the Parliament Question on 02 August 2024, as required by MeitY.
- MAIT sought inputs from members on the "NTIPRIT Digital Communications Policy Draft" on 01 August 2024.
- On 1 August 2024, MAIT shared the updated draft representation with its members regarding the "Development of Electronic Trading and Settlement Platform for Plastic Packaging".





## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)

- MAIT represented the industry at the MeitY Meeting held on 21 August 2024 under the chairmanship of Shri Sushil Pal, Jt. Secretary to discuss the upgradation in calculation methodologies to compute local content (Domestic Value Addition) of the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) and share its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT represented the industry at MeitY's Stakeholder Consultation on the proposed "Draft Scheme for Development of Component Ecosystem" held on 23 August 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT delegation had a meeting with Ms. Asha Nangia, Sr. Director & GC, MeitY on 22 August 2024 to discuss issues relating to CCTV and the BIS certification for spares/Field Replacement Units (FRUs) that are required to be imported for support/warranty purposes for clients in India for which EOL has been declared by OEM or the third-party OEM has shut the shop.

### Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

- MAIT had a meeting with Shri R Ananth, Director-Customs on 06 August 2024 to discuss "Classification of IFPD under HSN 8471".

### Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- MAIT represented the industry at the BIS-LITD 33 meeting on "Wearable electronic devices and technologies" held on 02 August 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT had a meeting with Shri S K Dutta, Director, BIS on 07 August 2024 to discuss industry issues of certification for obsolete products and other related industry matters.

### Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)

- MAIT had a meeting with Shri Ajay Nema, DDG (TC), TEC on 13 August 2024 w.r.t. "Timeline Extension for IP Security Equipment and 5G Core Certification under MTCTE Phases 4 and 5".

## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (CPCB)

- MAIT represented the industry at the third meeting of the “Implementation Committee for Discussion on Implementation of Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022” on 02 August 2024 under the Chairmanship of Shri Tanmay Kumar, Chairman, CPCB, and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organized by CPCB on 07 August 2024 regarding the finalization of BWMR EC Guidelines and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- On 6 August 2024, MAIT represented the industry in the preliminary meeting to finalize the agenda of the steering committee meeting and presentation of the finalized guidelines on Environmental Compensation under E-waste (M) Rules, 2022
- MAIT represented the industry at the CPCB meeting of the Steering Committee under EWMR on 08 August 2024 and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.
- On 9 August 2024, MAIT represented the industry at the meeting organized by CPCB on regarding the finalization of EWMR EC Guidelines and shared its inputs on behalf of the industry.

### CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRY (CII)

- MAIT represented at the “CII Sectoral Conference on Hearables & Wearables - Fostering Export-led Competitiveness” on 07 August 2024.







## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (MIB)

- MAIT had a meeting with the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on 02 August 2024 to discuss regarding the World Audio Video & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) being organized by MIB in November 2024 in Goa.

### INVEST INDIA

- MAIT represented the industry at the closed-door stakeholder consultation on 01 August 2024 organized by Invest India to discuss SCOMET.



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Taiwan Computer Association (TCA)

- MAIT had a meeting with the Taiwan Computer Association (TCA) on 02 August 2024 to explore joint venture opportunities between Indian and Taiwanese PCB players.

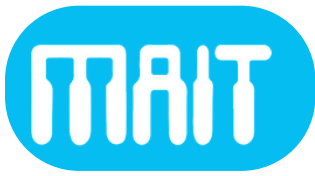
### Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

- MAIT represented at the 'Interactive Session with Secretary-MeitY' organized by FICCI on 09 August 2024.



### Further Discussion on IMS

- MAIT organized an internal meeting with the key stakeholders on 02 August 2024 to discuss the way forward on the Import Management System (IMS), post the meeting held with the Secretary, MeitY.

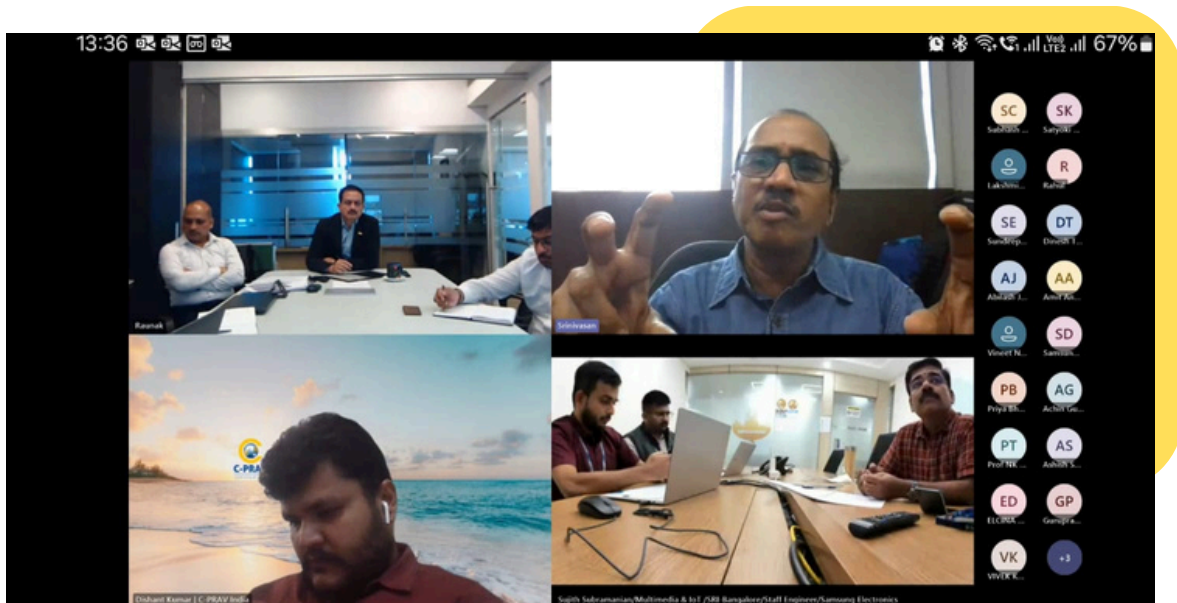


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### MAIT brainstorming session on "R&D and IP Initiatives for the Telecom Electronics Ecosystem"

MAIT conducted a highly productive brainstorming session on "R&D and IP Initiatives for the Telecom Electronics Ecosystem" on 01 August 2024, following the creation of the Stakeholders Advisory Committees (SAC) on the Telecom Electronics Ecosystem by Hon'ble MoC, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia. This session brought together representatives from across the industry and various associations, fostering a vibrant exchange of diverse ideas and showcasing the depth of expertise and innovative thinking within the sector. The insights gained from this session are expected to significantly contribute to the enhancement of the Indian telecom manufacturing sector. This initiative is crucial for India's ambitions to integrate into the Global Value Chains (GVC). The Honourable Minister's focus on boosting the telecom electronics ecosystem aligns with the government's broader vision of technological advancement and self-reliance. By fostering research and development, along with intellectual property initiatives, India can position itself as a key player in the global market.

MAIT, along with other members of SAC, will compile the inputs from all stakeholders and present the industry's perspective to the government in the near future.





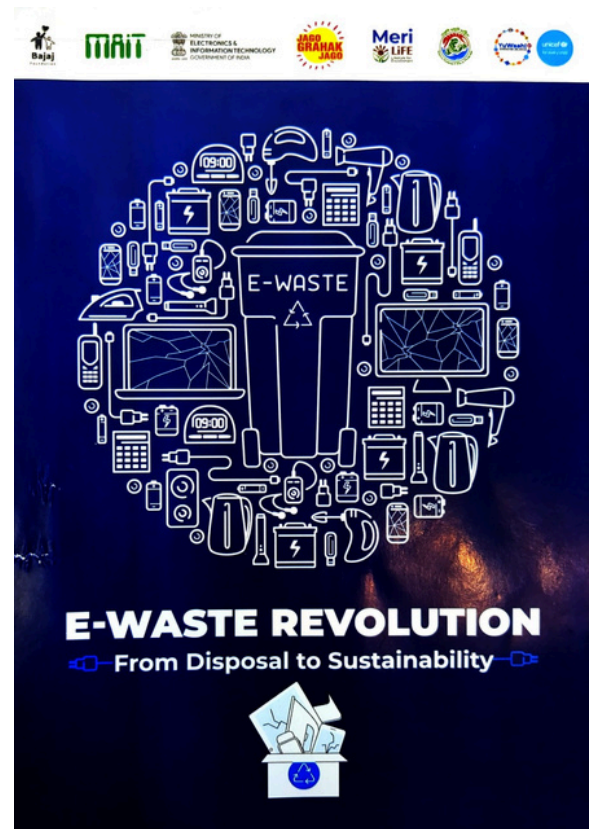


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### MAIT E-Waste Awareness campaign in collaboration with UNICEF and Bajaj Foundation

Children are the flagbearers of tomorrow. Equipping them with knowledge about e-waste empowers them to make informed choices and drive positive environmental impact. Cultivating e-waste awareness in children is crucial for a sustainable tomorrow. By understanding its harm, they can become eco-conscious agents of change. Early exposure to the environmental and health dangers of e-waste is essential for nurturing responsible digital citizens. Teaching children about recycling and proper disposal not only protects our planet but also inspires innovative solutions for a greener future.

In this connection, as part of its ongoing E-Waste Awareness campaign, MAIT is organizing workshops in different schools in Delhi NCR in collaboration with UNICEF and the Bajaj Foundation.

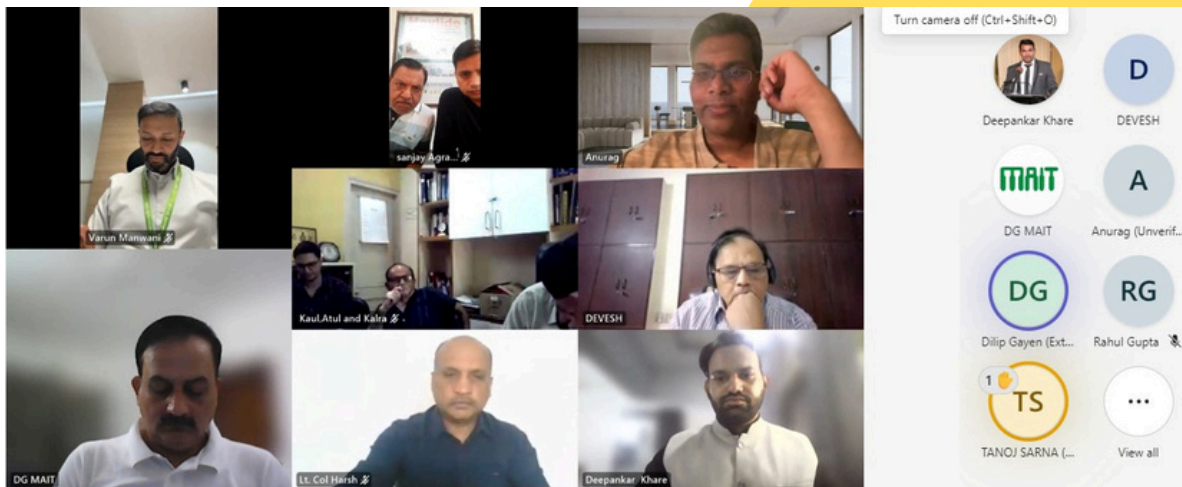




## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### First Session in MAIT's MSME Success Strategies Series

In MAIT's continued efforts to support the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector of our nation, MAIT launched a series of interactive sessions titled "MSME Success Strategies: Identifying Roadblocks and Creating Solutions." This series was designed to address the key challenges faced by MSMEs in the ICT sector and provide actionable strategies to overcome them. The first session in this series was held on 24 August 2024, focusing on "ZED Certification & Funding Opportunities." The objective was to provide our members with valuable insights into the Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) scheme and various funding options available to MSMEs. We believe that these discussions will play a crucial role in helping MSMEs navigate their growth journey.



### Internal meeting regarding ambiguity in carrier/non-carrier ethernet switches

MAIT organized an internal meeting with key stakeholders on 20 August 2024 to discuss regarding ambiguity in carrier/non-carrier ethernet switches.



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Debriefing for CPCB EWM Steering Committee meeting

MAIT organized a debriefing call for its members on 09 August 2024 regarding the CPCB's EWMR Steering Committee meeting held on 08 August 2024.

### Debriefing for CPCB BWM Implementation Committee meeting

- MAIT organized a debriefing call for its members on 5 August 2024 regarding the CPCB BWMR Implementation Committee Meeting held on 2 August 2024.
- On 8 August 2024, MAIT organized a debriefing call for its members on the follow-up of the CPCB's BWMR Implementation Committee meeting held on 07 August 2024.

### Internal Prep Meeting for MeitY Stakeholder Consultation on Proposed Draft Scheme for Development of Component Ecosystem

MAIT organized an internal preparatory meeting on 22 August 2024 with key stakeholders for MeitY's Stakeholder Consultation on the proposed draft Scheme for Development of Component Ecosystem scheduled for 23 August 2024.

## GOVT. NOTIFICATIONS – WHATS NEW!



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