

TRAI Hosts Workshop to Improve Quality of Audit in DAS Ecosystem

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) today organised a workshop for the training of empanelled audit firms for Digital Addressable Systems (DAS) audit. Held at TRAI Headquarters in New Delhi, the workshop marks a significant step in reinforcing regulatory compliance and advancing transparency across the television broadcasting distribution ecosystem.

With a total of 43 TRAI-empanelled auditors and broadcasting industry stakeholders, the day-long workshop provided a platform for auditors and other stakeholders to share their observations, learnings, and experiences during audit processes.

As per Regulations, all distributors of television channels are mandated to undergo an annual audit of their Subscriber Management Systems (SMS), Conditional Access Systems (CAS), and other related systems by a TRAI-empanelled auditor or M/s BECIL. Non-compliance may lead to the imposition of financial disincentives.

“TRAI's objective is to create a fair and equitable environment for all the stakeholders. Our regulatory measures aim to maintain a balanced approach among diverse stakeholders, while keeping the consumers at the forefront,” said Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti, Chairman, TRAI.

He added, “The audit, by empanelled auditors, is necessary to ensure that the systems deployed by a DPO conform to the technical requirements as prescribed. Empanelled auditors must function not merely as technical reviewers but as guardians in enforcing transparency, accuracy, and accountability.”

The workshop was convened following industry requests made to the Authority for periodic training of auditors on audit processes and procedures, and for improving the quality of audit reports by aligning audit outcomes with technical and commercial requirements. Sessions featured expert presentations by BECIL, audit firms, and other industry stakeholders.

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