

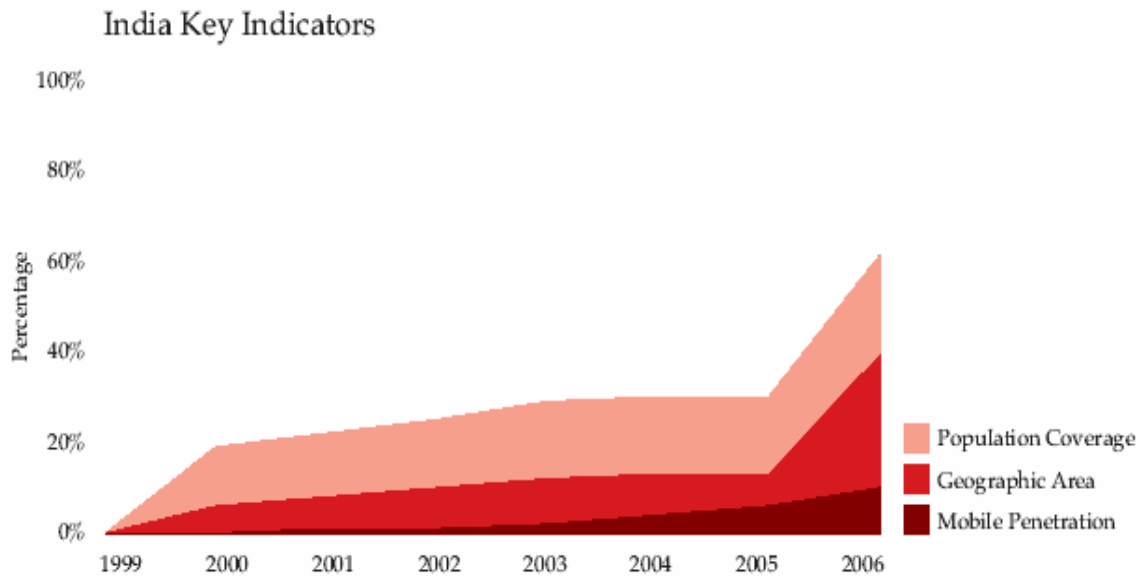


Doubling of Population Coverage and Trebling of Geographical Coverage over last 12 to 18 months

The population coverage of GSM service in India in the last twelve to eighteen months has doubled from 30% to 60%.

The geographical coverage has increased at even faster pace and has risen three fold – that is, from 13% to 39%.

This has been a remarkable achievement in light of the fact that over the earlier five years, from 2000 to year 2005, there was very limited growth in population and geographic coverage, as shown below:



(Source : GSMA/ intelecon, data till July 06)

The population and geographic coverage would have increased even further in the recent months as the GSM industry has witnessed record breaking subscriber additions in the last three consecutive months (Aug 06 to Oct 06).

The subscriber additions were 4.2 million on August 06, a record which was broken by 4.4 million subscriber additions in Sept. 06. This record was again broken in the month of October 06, with the GSM subscriber additions being even higher at 4.7 million

A large factor in achieving this growth has been the industry confidence arising from forward looking policies of the government, enabling regulation and fair play for all players.