

PRESS RELEASE

Over 5 million GSM Additions in May 2007 Subscriber Base reaches 130 million

The GSM mobile industry continues to grow at a sweltering pace. The All India GSM subscriber base grew from **125.57** million in April 2006 to **130.60 million in May 2007** – recording an addition of **over 5 million** during the month under review. There was an overall **growth of 4.02%** over the previous month.

Mr T.V. Ramachandran, Director General, COAI stated, “COAI is pleased with the growth of the GSM subscribers, which is being driven primarily by aggressive network expansions by the operators coupled with decreasing tariffs and increasing affordability.”

Among all circles, Category B circles witnessed the highest rate of growth at 4.40%. Within the Category B circles, the highest growth was recorded by the Rajasthan Circle (6.22%) followed by M.P. Circle (5.30%).

In terms of growth, Category B circles were closely followed by Category C circles, which recorded a healthy growth of 4.21% over the previous month. N.E. Circle recorded the highest growth at (6.68%) followed by Bihar at (4.37%).

Category A circles witnessed a growth of 4.05%. Amongst the Category A circles, A.P. recorded highest growth at (4.09%), followed by Maharashtra. at (4.07%).

The Metro subscribers grew by 3.04% over the previous month. Delhi recorded the highest growth at (3.93%) followed by Chennai (3.59%).

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