

PRESS RELEASE

Over 5 million GSM Additions in January 2007

GSM Industry starts the year with a bang

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The GSM mobile industry continues to grow at a scorching pace. The All India GSM subscriber base grew from **105.4** million in December 2006 to **110.5 million in January 2007** – recording an addition of **over 5 million** during the month under review. There was an overall **growth of 4.8%** over the previous month.

Mr. T.V. Ramachandran, Director General, COAI stated that **the Indian GSM industry has witnessed an excellent start in the year 2007 and the same growth trend is expected to continue in the months to come.**

Mr. Ramachandran also stated that the exponential growth in the GSM Industry was a result of the concerted efforts of the GSM industry coupled with forward looking policies of the Government, enabling regulation and fair play for all the players.

Among all circles, **Category C circles witnessed the highest rate of growth at 5.9%**, followed by Category B circles at 5.4%.

Within the **Category C circles**, the highest growth was recorded by Assam (8.3%) followed by North East at (6.8%).

Within the **Category B circles**, Haryana recorded the highest growth at 9.1%, followed by West Bengal & Andaman & Nicobar at 7.7%.

Category A circles also witnessed a growth of 4.9% in January'07. Karnataka recorded the highest growth of 5.2% followed by Maharashtra at 4.9%.

The Metro subscribers grew by 2.8% over the previous month. Mumbai recorded the highest growth at 3.8%.

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