

Send SMS your EPIC number to BSNL number and get polling booth information



The Hindu Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Kumar addressing the media at the Secretariat on Wednesday. Photo: V. Ganesan

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If a voter, through short messaging system (SMS), sends the details of his or her Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number to a designated phone number of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), he or she will get the details of the polling station concerned.

This facility will be made available to electors of Tamil Nadu for the first time during the Lok Sabha elections, which will take place on April 24, according to Praveen Kumar, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

Mr Praveen Kumar told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that the BSNL number would be publicised in a few days. The database of electoral roll had been linked with the BSNL server and software developed for the purpose of disseminating information on polling stations.

The facility had a provision for State-wide search.

This meant that a voter, anywhere in the State, had to send a message to the BSNL number, indicating his or her EPIC number whereas, in some States, one had the number of one's Assembly constituency too.

In some States, private service providers had been roped in while, in some others, the services of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) had been used.

Though the State Elections Department initially approached the NIC, the latter had expressed its inability.

Enrolment

Addressing a press conference, Mr. Praveen Kumar said eligible persons could still apply for inclusion of their names in the electoral roll up to 10 days before the last date for filing nominations. This meant that they could apply till March 25 as the last date for filing nominations would be April 5.

In every Assembly segment of a Lok Sabha constituency, one flying squad and one static surveillance team would function in a batch to maintain purity of election and curb illegal expenditure of money. There would be three batches in a day.

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[BSNL to intro Unlimited Broadband Plan for Rs.795, Compare with Combo existing unlimited 950](#)

March 4, 2014

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) today announced to introduce one more standalone broadband plans BBG ULD 795 for its landline subscribers across the country starting from 10 March, 2014.

At present there is only one standalone plan BBG275 (previously it was BBG250) which is basically a limited usage plan and offers 1GB of data usage at 2Mbps speed.

The new standalone plan BBG ULD 795 is an unlimited data usage plan but with FUP at 8GB i.e. users can use 8GB data at speed of 2Mbps and thereafter speed will be throttled to 512Kbps till the end of your monthly billing cycle.

BSNL have one more unlimited broadband plan BB Home Combo 950 which is for home users only while the new unlimited plan BB ULD 795 would be for all users, whether home or commercial.

Let us have a look on all the features of both broadband plans as below

Nomenclature	BB Home Combo ULD 950	BB ULD 795
Bandwidth (Download Speed)	Upto 4 Mbps till 8 GB, 512 Kbps beyond 8 GB	Upto 2 Mbps till 8 GB, 512 Kbps beyond 8 GB
Applicability	Home only	All users
Monthly Charges (Rs)	950	795
Annual Payment Option (Rs) [11 x FMC]	10450	8745
Two Years Payment Option (Rs) [21 x FMC]	19950	16695
Three Years Payment Option (Rs) [30 x FMC]	28500	23850
Download/Upload Limit (MB/ GB) per month	Unlimited	Unlimited
Additional Usage Charges/MB beyond free download/upload limit (Rs)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Night Unlimited (0200-0800 Hrs)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Free E-mail IDs/Space (Per E-mail ID)	1/5 MB	2/5 MB
Static IP Address (On written Request)	NA	NA
Security Deposit	One Month charges	One Month charges
Minimum Hire Period	One Month	One Month
Telephone fixed monthly charges in Rs	NIL	NIL
Free Calls(with in BSNL n/w)	400*	As per existing plan of landline connections
MCU Charges/ pulse in Rs. (to BSNL n/w after Free Calls)	1	
MCU Charges/ pulse in Rs. (to Other Network)	1.2	

Let us have a look on all the features of both broadband plans as below

If we include FMC of landline connection (Rs 195 for urban area) to the new unlimited broadband plan, then total monthly bill would be Rs 990 (for urban subscribers) which is more than BB Home Combo 950 plan.

The download speed offered in new BB ULD 795 is 2Mbps only while in BB Home Combo 950 plan is 4Mbps. **New plan offers free calls as per yours existing landline connections which is 50 MCU calls in a month while BB Home Combo 950 plan offer your 400 free MCU calls.**

Hence home users would prefer only BB Home Combo 950 plan

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Jharkhand & Bihar Maybe Backward, But They Produce the Most Employable Engineers- Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh in bottom: Study

February 3, 2014 · Bihar & Jharkhand are some of the most backward states in the country. But here's the good news. The two states, along with Delhi, Punjab and Uttarakhand produced the most number of employable engineers, making up the top 25% of an employability study published recently.

States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh continue to lurk in the bottom 25 percentile bin, given the sheer number of engineering colleges, said the The National Employability Report Engineer Graduates 2014

SOFTWARE ENGINEER – IT SERVICES	2013*
Top 25 Percentile	Bihar+Jharkhand Delhi Punjab Uttarakhand
75 to 50 Percentile	Gujarat Madhya Pradesh Maharashtra West Bengal
50 to 25 Percentile	Haryana Karnataka Orissa Rajasthan
Bottom 25 Percentile	Andhra Pradesh Chhattisgarh Kerala Tamil Nadu Uttar Pradesh

States with the highest number of colleges show the lowest percent employability, said the report by Aspiring Minds, an employability solutions company. The report was based on a sample of more than 1.2 lakh engineering students from over 520 engineering colleges.

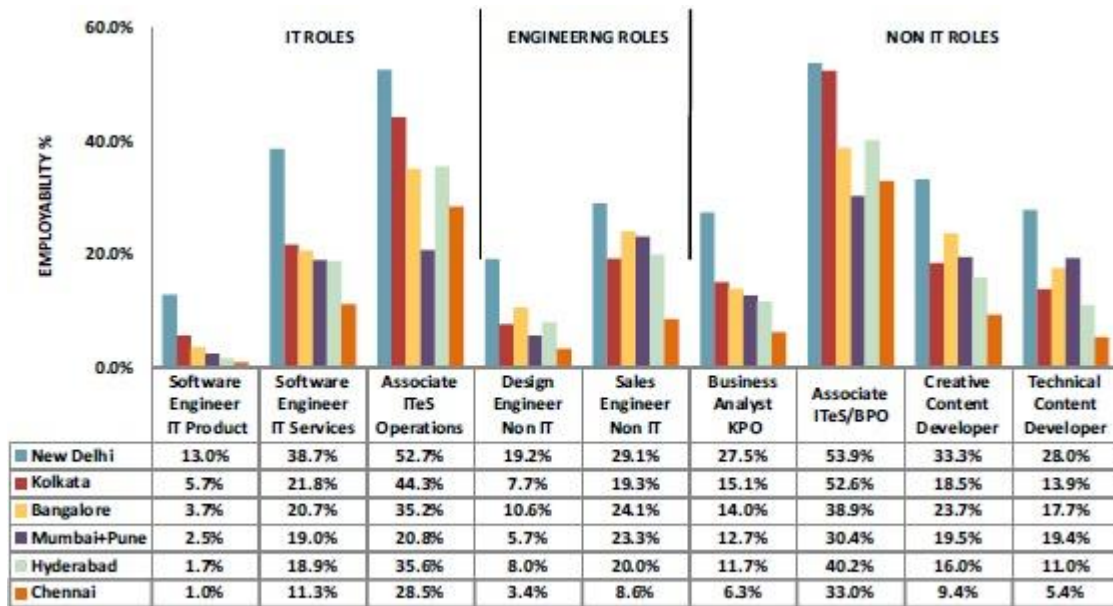


Figure 6: Employability Percentage in different Metro cities

In general, colleges in metros produce more employable candidates due to better exposure and education. According to the report, percentage wise, Delhi based colleges produced consistently better graduates for IT, engineering and Non IT roles as compared to other metros. Kolkata and Bangalore followed.

For an IT product role, 13% of Delhi engineers were found employable with Kolkata & Bangalore trailing behind at 5.7% and 3.7% respectively.

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