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In future Broadband to develop on wireline technologies

Bhopal, May 17: State-owned telecom operator Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited's (BSNL) Chief General Manager (Madhya Pradesh Circle) Narendra Kumar Yadav today said that future development of broadband would take place on wireline technologies.

"The development of broadband would be possible in future on wireline technologies because of spectrum shortage. Presently, the spectrum available is enough for transmission of voice but not data," Mr Yadav told reporters here.

He was speaking on the occasion of the World Telecom Day that was celebrated by the BSNL's Madhya Pradesh Circle. The theme for the day was 'Broadband for sustainable development.

"BSNL's teledensity is overall good in the country. It is in a position to emerge as a major player in this regard. The operator aims at tapping this potential," Mr Yadav said.

He said that BSNL's state circle has achieved seven per cent growth this year. This included 22 per cent growth in broadband sector.

Replying to a query over network-related problems, Mr Yadav said the company is planning to procure equipment directly from vendor. Fresh equipments would arrive in a few months and network problems would begin waning from December.

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CAG asks DoT's to reply by June on telecom circle mergers In its draft report CAG on 'Hasty Merger of Chennai metro and Tamil Nadu telecom circles' CAG alleged that the merger resulted in "undue benefits" to telecom operators and denied similar facilities to crores of subscribers in

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Also read: DoT issues letter of intent for unified licence to Airtel Later, plans for merger of Uttar Pradesh West and East were also taken up. In 2005, only Chennai was merged with Tamil Nadu. The CAG said there was no reason in the records for leaving out other states from the plan and hence crores of subscribers were bereft of the same benefit subscribers Tamil Nadu got. The DoT allowed telecom licences of companies operating, at that time in Chennai and Tamil Nadu, Airtel and Aircel, to merge without additional fee.

The licences of these companies also got extended to the later date of any of the two licences getting merged. "The estimated financial implications due to non-auctioning of spectrum in 900 Mhz (12.4 Mhz of Chennai metro) in February 2014 is about Rs 2,400 crore," the CAG report said. When contacted, Airtel declined to comment. No immediate comments could be obtained received from Aircel. The CAG had said that the DoT on its own

fixed entry fee for telecom licence in Tamil Nadu circle at Rs 233 crore, which were issued along with spectrum, without determining market rate and taking views of concerned authorities. It also said that the issue was pointed to out to DoT in March but its reply is still awaited

Broadcom's new chip brings support for all wireless charging standards

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We know what is the situation with so called 'Standards' these days. So, there are 3 standards for wireless charging of devices; Alliance for Wireless Power (A4WP), Power Matters Alliance (PMA) and Wireless Power Consortium (WPC). For the first time, there is a PMU chip that supports all these wireless charging standards. This means that any phone, tablet or other device fitted with **Broadcom BCM59350 PMU** chip will support all the wireless charging accessories. This will be a relief to consumers who would want to make use of wireless charging for their devices.



This new PMU chip form Broadcom has 88 percent AC to DC efficiency and a Boost Mode which ensures charging with 50 percent less voltage. It also supports 7.5 watts of power for faster charging of devices as opposed to 5 watts of power on older chargers. Although, Broadcom hasn't yet announced any partners who will be using this chip in their devices or chargers.

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Exclusive: BSNL To Offer 80% Discount on 3G Data Card, Will Now Cost Rs 700 for 14.4 Mbps Data Card

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BSNL has announced the launch of exciting bonanza scheme by offering high speed

3G USB Data Cards of 7.2 Mbps and 14.4 Mbps at Rs 400 and Rs 700

to customers on purchase of longer validity prepaid data plan voucher DPV (Data Plan Voucher) -3299.

BSNL has launched yearly prepaid Data Plan vouchers DPV-3299, DPV-2299 and DPV-1251 to the customers as a regular tariff some time back which offers more data with less money. Now, in order to offer more 3G Data services to its customers, BSNL has decided to launch new special discount scheme again by reducing 80% from existing price Rs.2000 for 7.2 Mbps 3G Data Card to discounted price at Rs. 400 and also 72% on 14.4 Mbps to a discounted price at Rs. 700 to customers on purchase of longer validity prepaid Data Plan Voucher DPV-3299 as follows:

SI.No	Particulars	Rates of 3G Data Cards (Dongles)	
1	Type of Card	7.2 Mbps	14.4 Mbps
2	Original Price	Rs.2000	Rs.2500
3	On Purchase of 3G Data Plan Voucher (DPV), Discounted rates of 3G Dongle		
	DPV - 3299	Rs. 400	Rs. 700
	DPV - 2299	Rs. 800	Rs. 1100
	DPV - 1251	Rs. 1200	Rs. 1500

After consuming of data in Data Plan voucher (DPV), customer has to charge with same DPV or has a flexible option to change the plan according to their choice.

The Offer will be effective from 1st June 2014 to 29th August 2014.

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11 Reasons To Bring Back Landlines

While some are saying that landlines will become <u>as obsolete as horse-and-buggy travel</u>, we say that there really is no time better than now to embrace home phones. Yep, I'm siding with your mother and grandmother on this one. While a home phone can't replace a cell phone (for the obvious reason that you can't take them with you everywhere), it's something you should use at home. Here's why:

1. It can save your ass in an emergency.



If the power goes out, your phone will still work. You won't have to do what I did after Superstorm Sandy knocked out my power for over a week, which was travel nearly a state over to find a working outlet to recharge my phone.

2. No weird health concerns.

Though research is still ongoing (and hotly debated), there are concerns **that cell phones might have a connection to anything from <u>cancer</u> to <u>anxiety</u>.**

3. You can hear everyone much better.



I strongly believe that there's a deadzone specifically over my apartment.

4. Your connection doesn't suddenly drop off mid-sentence.

See also: Personal deadzone.

5. You're probably paying for it anyway. I once tried to get rid of my landline in an attempt to decrease my cable bill. Without it, the bill

was actually higher. Like Grandmas everywhere, I'm of the opinion that if you're paying for it, you might as well use it.

6. Old-school phones look really cool.



No doubt about it.

7. You can focus a little bit more on the conversation.



Or, you can actually have a conversation instead of relaying everything in text form.

8. No one can make you upgrade your home phone.



If you want to keep your embarrassingly old cell phone, your cell provider will seemingly do everything in their power to make sure that you eventually upgrade. Conformity is your only option.

9. You can slam down the receiver when angry.



Pressing "end call" doesn't produce the same feelings of satisfaction.

10. You'll get a better night's sleep.

Having a phone by your bed is an invitation to check your damn email right before you go to sleep, which is a surefire way not to go to sleep.

11. You can't accidentally butt-dial anyone.



It's happened to every single one of us, usually at the worst times. (But if this vintage photo is any indication, I suppose you could cat-dial someone.)

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