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- ❖ **India becomes second largest wireless network in the world.**
- ❖ **10.16 million Wireless Subscribers added in March 2008.**
- ❖ **Subscribers base touched 300 million mark.**
- ❖ **Tele-density cross 26% mark.**

New Delhi, 25th April 2008:- India has become second largest wireless network in the world after China by overtaking USA, as per data available on CTIA (International Association for the Wireless Telecommunications Industry) website.

The total wireless subscribers (GSM, CDMA & WLL(F)) base stood at 261.09 million at the end of March 2008. A total of 10.16 million wireless subscribers have been added in the month of March 2008 as against 8.53 million wireless subscribers added in the month of February 2008. Circle-wise wireless subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-I.

Total 10.40 million telephone connections (Wireline and Wireless) have been added during March 2008 as compared to 8.49 million connections added in February 2008. The total number of telephone connections reaches 300.51 million at the end of March 2008 as compared to 290.11 million in February 2008. The overall tele-density is 26.22% at the end of March 2008 as against 25.31% in February 2008.

In the wireline segment, the subscriber base has increased to 39.42 million in the month of March 2008 as against 39.18 million subscribers in February 2008. Circle-wise wireline subscriber base of service providers is given at Annexure-II.

Comparison table of subscriber base for 2006-07 and 2007-08 is shown below:

	2006-07			2007-08				
	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Add. During Apr'06-Mar'07	Mar 2007	Feb 2008	Mar 2008	Add. During Mar'08	Add. During Apr'07-Mar'08
Wireless	98.78	165.11	66.33	165.11	250.93*	261.09*	10.16	95.98
Wireline	41.54	40.75	-0.79	40.75	39.18	39.42	0.24	-1.33
Total	140.32	205.86	65.54	205.86	290.11*	300.51*	10.40	94.65

* The data is tentative.

Broadband (\geq 256 Kbps download) Growth: Total Broadband subscribers base has reached 3.90 million by the end of March 2008 as compared to 3.47 million by the end of February 2008. The broadband subscriber's growth is tabulated below:

2006-07			2007-08				
Mar'06	Mar'07	Addition during Apr'06 to Mar'07	Mar'07	Jan'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Addition during Apr'07 to Mar'08
1.35	2.34	0.99	2.34	3.24*	3.47*	3.90*	1.56

* The data is tentative.

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)

Annexure -I

Sl.	Circle	Vodafone Essar		Spice		BPL Mobile		Idea		Bharti Airtel		Reliance	
		Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08
1	Andaman & Nicobar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	A.P.	2,491,374	2,601,458	-	-	-	-	3,101,905	3,252,035	5,812,166	6,062,546	3,642,607	3,791,630
3	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	849,470	901,873	854,277	928,862
4	Bihar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,159,809	4,335,371	3,554,636	3,661,747
5	Chennai	1,136,439	1,174,589	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,654,824	1,714,841	938,421	968,298
6	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Delhi	3,176,759	3,216,769	-	-	-	-	1,852,557	1,897,693	3,805,052	3,890,698	2,347,584	2,354,278
8	Gujarat	5,869,779	6,010,594	-	-	-	-	2,520,922	2,623,072	2,528,111	2,703,886	2,348,067	2,427,007
9	H.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,396	74,505	795,277	805,399	592,280	628,882
10	Haryana	1,230,207	1,282,208	-	-	-	-	931,635	980,760	1,032,656	1,052,818	825,995	859,268
11	J & K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	942,068	1,000,154	492	660
12	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Karnataka	2,743,025	2,850,346	1,586,031	1,636,551	-	-	-	-	6,670,543	6,870,678	2,409,719	2,451,992
14	Kerala	1,897,422	2,001,133	-	-	-	-	2,576,680	2,704,888	1,567,071	1,647,708	1,958,313	2,042,402
15	Kolkata	1,909,106	1,974,177	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,766,545	1,807,031	1,732,569	1,796,785
16	M.P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,025,631	3,226,230	2,665,423	2,771,600	3,949,863	4,029,363
17	Maharashtra	2,447,438	2,610,389	-	-	-	-	4,680,156	4,881,444	3,984,595	4,164,703	2,778,518	2,914,379
18	Mumbai	3,366,225	3,451,567	-	-	1,276,219	1,294,762	-	-	2,410,209	2,427,460	2,643,428	2,762,852
19	North East-I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	461,503	481,499	310,648	332,668
20	North East-II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Orissa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,591,235	1,711,632	1,335,306	1,404,663
22	Punjab	1,630,489	1,645,501	2,498,174	2,574,118	-	-	-	-	3,135,387	3,181,852	1,008,826	1,040,086
23	Rajasthan	2,800,042	2,934,598	-	-	-	-	793,812	824,805	3,636,052	3,815,628	1,664,240	1,688,601
24	T.N.	3,018,458	3,180,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,796,690	3,946,801	2,606,102	2,758,985
25	U.P.(E)	3,407,144	3,508,355	-	-	-	-	909,127	967,862	3,027,568	3,219,219	2,762,188	2,842,783
26	U.P.(W)	2,737,967	2,858,429	-	-	-	-	2,410,735	2,568,279	1,510,164	1,552,275	2,096,674	2,222,489
27	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	W.B.	2,695,198	2,825,310	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,867,756	1,919,049	1,817,596	1,884,996
	Total	42,557,072	44,126,243	4,084,205	4,210,669	1,276,219	1,294,762	22,873,556	24,001,573	59,670,174	61,984,721	44,178,349	45,793,676

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Wireless Total including WLL(F)
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HFCL Infotel		Shyam Telelink		Tata Teleservices		Aircel		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,494	57,846	55,494	57,846
-	-	-	-	2,325,078	2,398,889	-	-	-	-	2,437,236	2,471,074	19,810,366	20,577,632
-	-	-	-	-	-	1,111,823	1,163,684	-	-	776,784	918,680	3,592,354	3,913,099
-	-	-	-	883,219	943,983	613,513	664,991	-	-	1,177,536	1,263,367	10,388,713	10,869,459
-	-	-	-	372,666	381,833	1,798,134	1,839,259	-	-	966,474	982,380	6,866,958	7,061,200
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	654,847	701,032	654,847	701,032
-	-	-	-	3,159,871	3,316,465	-	-	1,566,058	1,607,151	-	-	15,907,881	16,280,448
-	-	-	-	925,359	952,458	-	-	-	-	2,019,687	2,251,183	16,211,925	16,968,200
-	-	-	-	108,774	112,257	38,890	41,672	-	-	606,928	637,096	2,212,545	2,299,811
-	-	-	-	841,342	889,635	-	-	-	-	1,318,040	1,336,768	6,179,875	6,401,457
-	-	-	-	-	-	253,261	279,016	-	-	907,011	922,082	2,102,832	2,201,912
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	608,976	640,229	608,976	640,229
-	-	-	-	1,124,965	1,148,557	-	-	-	-	2,023,206	2,085,432	16,557,489	17,043,556
-	-	-	-	608,171	632,442	-	-	-	-	2,627,727	2,669,643	11,235,384	11,698,216
-	-	-	-	1,164,087	1,211,289	-	-	-	-	1,022,663	1,055,187	7,594,970	7,844,469
-	-	-	-	774,134	809,546	-	-	-	-	1,545,640	1,654,567	11,960,691	12,491,306
-	-	-	-	2,850,877	2,910,333	-	-	-	-	3,203,731	3,598,078	19,945,315	21,079,326
-	-	-	-	1,754,915	1,768,096	-	-	1,837,342	1,926,933	-	-	13,288,338	13,631,670
-	-	-	-	-	-	543,638	594,384	-	-	289,587	315,614	1,605,376	1,724,165
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	369,739	394,367	369,739	394,367
-	-	-	-	406,484	434,867	413,854	453,997	-	-	1,145,007	1,174,997	4,891,886	5,180,156
290,703	298,809	-	-	913,984	955,418	-	-	-	-	1,921,151	2,019,720	11,398,714	11,715,504
-	-	104,866	107,104	1,584,351	1,676,645	-	-	-	-	2,489,817	2,539,357	13,073,180	13,586,738
-	-	-	-	606,409	623,535	4,816,953	4,965,807	-	-	2,777,928	2,808,102	17,622,540	18,284,050
-	-	-	-	1,002,953	1,053,321	-	-	-	-	4,442,788	4,573,728	15,551,768	16,165,268
-	-	-	-	1,390,514	1,469,709	-	-	-	-	1,459,636	1,530,255	11,605,690	12,201,436
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	663,113	685,565	663,113	685,565
-	-	-	-	604,320	640,953	568,136	607,618	-	-	1,392,347	1,503,169	8,945,353	9,381,095
290,703	298,809	104,866	107,104	23,402,473	24,330,231	10,185,182	10,610,428	3,403,400	3,534,084	38,903,093	40,789,518	250,929,292	261,079,212

Wireline Subscriber Base

Annexure-II

Sl. No	Circle	Bharti Airtel Ltd.		Reliance Communications		HFCL infotel		Shyam Telesink		Tata Teleservices		MTNL		BSNL		State-wise Total	
		Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08	Feb'08	Mar'08
		1	Andaman Nicobar													25,047	24,856
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	57,957	61,173	65,073	68,015					121,035	122,453			2,467,379	2,459,235	2,711,444	2,710,876
3	Assam													432,159	430,310	432,159	430,310
4	BIHAR			1,220	1,348					4,007	4,369			967,132	972,623	972,359	978,340
5	CHENNAI	269,372	270,631	70,253	70,965					24,089	23,894			1,001,572	1,010,059	1,365,286	1,375,549
6	Chhatisgarh	60,101	60,303											257,603	258,605	317,704	318,908
7	DELHI - NCR	709,183	716,755	100,988	106,156					23,314	23,313	1,563,513	1,576,918			2,396,998	2,423,142
8	GUJARAT	22,542	23,055	87,605	90,203					34,814	35,279			2,129,384	2,128,219	2,274,345	2,276,756
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH			2,818	3,217					390	390			415,651	413,908	418,859	417,515
10	HARYANA	20,890	20,961	7,473	7,875					1,812	1,992			909,235	923,438	939,410	954,266
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR			1	1									259,675	259,484	259,676	259,485
12	Jharkhand													444,082	446,461	444,082	446,461
13	KARNATAK A	358,499	365,957	79,045	81,617					80,691	81,628			2,305,864	2,314,581	2,824,099	2,843,783
14	KERALA	37,095	38,917	40,592	44,006					3,370	3,656			3,583,107	3,586,119	3,664,164	3,672,698
15	KOLKATA	36,422	39,071	59,912	62,212					11,856	12,470			1,339,965	1,374,363	1,448,155	1,488,116
16	MADHYA PRADESH	238,013	238,093	24,680	25,441					1,285	1,119			1,205,242	1,208,622	1,469,220	1,473,275
17	MAHARASH TRA	29,411	31,099	53,198	55,485					87,156	91,913			3,465,194	3,464,144	3,634,959	3,642,641
18	MUMBAI	141,804	150,692	118,201	124,095					301,865	308,870	2,029,920	2,101,452			2,591,790	2,685,109
19	North East-I													207,586	212,255	207,586	212,255
20	North East-II													129,442	130,019	129,442	130,019
21	ORISSA			3,475	3,722					865	1,192			766,190	768,243	770,530	773,157
22	PUNJAB	62,676	63,436	42,356	43,480	149,485	147,595			3,805	4,512			1,438,327	1,425,306	1,696,649	1,684,329
23	RAJASTHAN	19,384	20,786	13,218	14,609					157,868	157,456			1,562,778	1,563,591	1,753,616	1,757,037
24	TAMIL NADU	133,684	134,060	28,201	28,932					2,213	2,318			2,348,869	2,336,847	2,512,967	2,502,157
25	UP (EAST)	25,498	26,171	29,557	30,641					813	1,295			1,451,324	1,454,315	1,507,192	1,512,422
26	UP (WEST)	21,961	22,186	6,867	7,344					751	1,444			939,616	944,506	969,195	975,480
27	Uttaranchal													323,434	324,484	323,434	324,484
28	WEST BENGAL			4,162	4,605					221	229			1,120,084	1,117,703	1,124,467	1,122,537
	Operator-wise Total	2,244,492	2,283,326	838,895	873,969	149,485	147,595	157,868	157,456	704,720	722,951	3,593,433	3,678,370	31,495,941	31,552,296	39,184,834	39,415,963