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Over 5 million GSM Additions in June 2007

GSM Subscriber Base reaches 136 million

The GSM mobile industry continues to grow at a scorching pace. The All India GSM subscriber base grew from **130.6 million** in May 2007 to **136 million in June 2007** – recording an addition of **5.4 million** during the month under review. There was an overall **growth of 4.12%** over the previous month.

“GSM service providers are rapidly enhancing coverage and reach of service, which is getting reflected in the healthy subscriber growth.” said **Mr. T. V. Ramachandran, Director General, COAI**

Among all circles, **Category B** circles witnessed the highest rate of growth at nearly **5.0%**. Within the Category B circles, the highest growth was recorded by the **U.P. (West) Circle at (6.5%)** closely followed by **West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Circle at (6.1%)**.

In terms of growth, Category B circles were closely followed by **Category A** circles, which recorded a healthy growth of **4.1%** over the previous month. **Tamil Nadu** Circle recorded the highest growth at **(5.3%)** followed by **Maharashtra at (4.4%)**.

Category C circles witnessed a growth of **3.2%**. Amongst the Category C circles, **Orissa** recorded highest growth at **(5.4%)**, followed by **H.P. at (3.9%)**.

The **subscribers in Metro** grew by **3.1%** over the previous month. **Kolkata** recorded the highest growth at **(4.1%)** followed by **Chennai (3.6%)**.

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