Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators 2025-26

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News

On **5 October 2026** the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**, under the **Ministry of Communications**, released '**The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators 2025-26**', with data as on **31 March 2026**.

Key facts

Telephone subscribers	**1,330.58 million** (+10.81%)
Tele-density	**93.26%** (urban 151.47%, rural 60.46%)
Internet subscribers	**1,092.79 million**; broadband 1,065.88 million
Internet per 100 people	76.59
Data use per wireless user	**25.51 GB a month**
ARPU (wireless)	**₹180.73 a month**
Revenue per GB of data	₹8.02 (down 10.59%)

Background

- **Market share: Reliance Jio 39.41%, Bharti Airtel 37.04%**, then Vodafone Idea and **BSNL (7.55%)**.
- **Delhi** has the highest tele-density (**206.90%**); **Himachal Pradesh** has the highest rural tele-density.

- **TRAI** was set up on **20 February 1997** under the **TRAI Act, 1997**; HQ New Delhi. The **TDSAT** (appellate tribunal) came by a **2000** amendment.
- The **Telecommunications Act, 2023** replaced the **Indian Telegraph Act, 1885**.
- **Tele-density** = telephone connections per 100 people.

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu's tele-density (108.48%) is well above the national average. Chennai is linked to the world by several **submarine cables**, including the **Chennai–Andaman & Nicobar Islands cable (2020)**. **Puducherry's** tele-density is 77.31%.

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