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Telangana second only to Kerala in Net subscriptions

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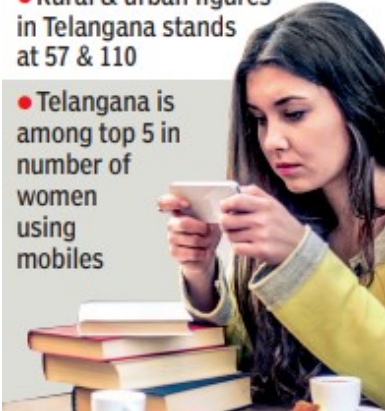


HYDERABAD: At 83 subscribers for every 100 residents, Telangana is second only to Kerala (87) in internet penetration in states in the country. Overall, internet reach in India stands at 67 for every 100 people.

According to data released recently by the Union government, only four states have more than 80 subscribers per 100 people. After Kerala and Telangana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh have also 83 internet subscribers for every 100 residents. The number stands at 67 for neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Among the states, Bihar (37) is at the bottom. National capital New Delhi (taken as a city) is an exception with more than 202 internet subscribers for every 100 people.

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- Delhi is an exception with more than 202 net subscribers
- Rural & urban figures in Telangana stands at 57 & 110
- Telangana is among top 5 in number of women using mobiles



The internet subscription details include both wireless and wired connections (landline and mobile internet), according to the report of the technical group on population projections for India and states 2011-2036.

Teledensity is one of the sub parameters used to assess the progress of states and countries towards achieving sustainable development goals (SDG).

As per the report, Telangana has 11.5 million rural subscribers compared to 20 million urban ones. While urban

areas are saturated with 110 internet connections per 100 population, rural areas are still lagging at 57.

Telangana officials said that the rapid expansion of internet in the state is the result of a very smooth policy for granting permissions to build mobile networks, including towers. The state's 5G rollout will also be relatively easy, they said.

"The ease of doing business and other frameworks we created assisted the state in having quick access to mobile network," said Jayesh Ranjan, principal secretary of IT department.

Also, in line with the high number of internet subscribers, women in Telangana rank among the top five in the country in terms of owning and using a mobile phone exclusively for their own needs.

According to data from telecom service providers (TSPs), department of telecom's (DoT) field unit and state governments as of March 2022, out of 6,44,131 villages (as on 2019) in the country, around 6,05,230 have mobile internet connectivity.

