



Press Release

VIL starts upgrading 3G users to Vi GIGAnet 4G

- **Massive spectrum refarming enables increased 4G bandwidth and capacity**
- **VIL's 3G customers to get superior network experience with faster 4G data speeds on Vi GIGAnet network**
- **Enterprise IoT applications to be offered on 4G**

Mumbai, 27th September 2020: With its network integration nearing completion, Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) has started upgrading its 3G users to 4G in key markets. The company has substantially enhanced 4G capacity by consolidating the Vodafone and Idea networks and deployment of latest technologies enabling it to refarm large chunks of 3G spectrum to 4G.

VIL will now be able to offer faster 4G data speeds to its 3G users on the Vi GIGAnet network. The company's enterprise customers currently using 3G based services will be upgraded to 4G and 4G based IoT applications and services, in a phased manner.

While the company will continue to offer basic voice services to its 2G users, 3G data users will gradually be upgraded to 4G in a phased manner across all markets. VIL has started informing its customers in the markets where refarming is getting completed.

According to **Ravinder Takkar, MD&CEO, Vodafone Idea Limited**, "With highest quantum of spectrum in the country and large part of it already refarmed for 4G, VIL is now best placed to upgrade our 2G/3G users to high speed 4G data services. As our integration nears completion, we have already expanded our 4G coverage to 1 Bn Indian population who can now avail faster data services pan-India. We believe our latest move will further catalyse the digital revolution in the country."

VIL has refarmed the most efficient 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2100 MHz spectrum bands to create more capacity on its 4G network. This along with spectrum consolidation, TDD and massive MIMO, DSR, and small cell deployment has significantly improved 4G coverage and capacity.

Deployment of L900 technology in many markets is already enabling Vi customers to experience enhanced 4G coverage indoors.



VIL was the first telco to trial Dynamic Spectrum Refarming (DSR) and has now completed the world's largest DSR deployment which has helped it enhance network efficiency and experience by substantially increasing capacity and speed. The technology enables dynamic sharing of spectrum across different technologies and automatically changes spectrum allocation, in line with evolving spectrum usage.

To switch to the high speed 4G GIGAnet network, 3G users will need to upgrade to Vi 4G SIM card and 4G smartphone. The company offers a range of bundled offers to upgrade to 4G and is currently running "Happy Surprises" on its Vi app and www.MyVi.in website. 3G users who are unable to take a new SIM card and/or 4G device can continue using 2G services.

VIL is ranked as the fastest 4G network in many circles including Delhi and Mumbai metros. It is ranked #1 or #2 for at least one of its two erstwhile brands in 22 circles on 4G speeds in Jun-20 as per 3rd party reports.

About Vodafone Idea Limited

Vodafone Idea Limited is an Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group partnership. It is India's leading telecom service provider. The Company provides pan India Voice and Data services across 2G, 3G and 4G platform. With the large spectrum portfolio to support the growing demand for data and voice, the company is committed to deliver delightful customer experiences and contribute towards creating a truly 'Digital India' by enabling millions of citizens to connect and build a better tomorrow. The Company is developing infrastructure to introduce newer and smarter technologies, making both retail and enterprise customers future ready with innovative offerings, conveniently accessible through an ecosystem of digital channels as well as extensive on-ground presence. The Company is listed on National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in India.

The company offers products and services to its customers in India under the TM Brand name "Vi".

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