

Cheaper modems bring cheer among Net users

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Bhubaneswar: Here is some good news for Net users in the twin city. Within a year of the launch of DOC-SIS 2.0 - an international non-proprietary standard started by Ortel Communications Ltd last year to improve cable Net facilities - the prices of cable modems have come down sharply. What was costing around Rs 20,000 about a couple of years ago is now available for Rs 3,000, industry sources said here on Monday.

The downslide in prices is said to have been possible because of the boom in telecom scenario across the country. OCL bosses see the development as a "much-needed fillip" for expanding cable Net operations. According to a release, the decrease in prices will enable more people to access the Internet without having a telephone line, simply by fixing a cable modem at the customers' end with the existing hybrid fibre coaxial cable network of SkyView. OCL vice-president B P Rath observed: "Now we are in a position to make Internet available to mid-income households."

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