

Ortel Upbeat Following Crash In Cable Modem Prices

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Ortel Communication Ltd, the country's first Internet Service Provider (ISP) company, is quite upbeat about its business since the price of DOCSIS 2.0 has come down drastically.

"Internet connection density is likely to increase as the price of Data Over Cable System Interface Standard (DOCSIS) has crashed," said the Bhubaneswar-based ISP's vice-president, BP Rath.

He said that now even lower middle-class computer users could afford to have Internet connections.

The DOCSIS 2.0 is a cable modem used for Internet connections. The price of the modem has come down from a high of Rs 20,000 a year ago to Rs 3000 now.

Ortel, which owns Skyview, the largest cable television network in Orissa, is the only ISP in the state which provides internet through cable television network.

It has worked out special packages with subsidies on cable modem to increase Internet connection density in its operational zones. ♦