

# Ortel doubles bandwidth

Bhubaneswar, Jan. 7: City-based Internet Service Provider (ISP), Ortel Communications Limited (OCL), has virtually stolen a march on the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited by doubling its broadband speed from 128 kbps to 256 kbps. The public sector telecom giant is yet to roll it out. The enhanced bandwidth would speed up surfing by 20 to 25 times.

While most ISPs in India are still planning to provide a speed of 256 kbps to end-users, Ortel has already made it

by providing a bandwidth of 256 kbps for home users and one mbps for commercial users, according B.P. Rath, vice-president, OCL.

In another development, the company has further slashed the cost of cable modem from Rs 3,000 to Rs 1,750.

The subsidised cable modem cost would increase our reach, Rath said, adding the company had taken a step closer to make high speed broadband internet service available to customers. •ENS